

National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)
Voter Education Project (VEP)
Report #1

1. Voter registration

- (a) NCNW-VEP - San Antonio, Texas 78203
609 So. Walters St.
- (b) Reporting Period - August 3 - 20, 1976
- (c) Target area covered - Eastside San Antonio
- (d) Methods used to register
 - 1. canvassers set up stations at senior citizen centers.
 - 2. Distributed additional registration cards issued for neighbors, etc. not registered.
 - 3. Designated team began collating and reproducing expired and current voter registration data from county election resources.
 - 4. Canvassers began one-on-one contacts with leadership (churches, social, civic, organizations and lodges etc.) of community organizations for meeting schedules to register and distribute registration cards.
- (e) Number persons approach - 20 organizations (membership 7,500 includes tri-ethnic population) and 150 individuals
- ✓(f) Number persons registered - 87.
- (g) No persons were denied registration
- (h) Problems encountered - Lack of funds, time wasted in canvass efforts (door-to-door) where citizens are already registered, resulting in lag in enthusiasm and apathy by volunteers. This was corrected to a degree upon receiving current list of registered voters and the expired registration list.
- (j) Sample of materials attached.

2. Citizenship Education et al

- (a) NCNW - VEP San Antonio, Texas
- (b) Period covered August 3 - 20, 1976
- (c) Nature of activities conducted and results
 - 1. Speakers bureau was established to meet with organized groups of community to discuss importance of the franchise; necessity of registering; type of election pending; citizenship responsibility in democratic government. 20 groups scheduled and received speakers 5 and 5 canvassers team.

- Response to discussions showed voters and potential voters to be uninformed on State regulations. Continuing voter education programs needed. 87 persons were registered during sessions 2 volunteers for VEP were recruited.
2. Eastside Voter Registration Workshop Orientation for all groups working in registration efforts coordination with City Wide Voter Registration Campaign.
Provided all latest available materials, break-out of precinct lists
Review of State regulations - Established deadlines for presidential election
Minimized duplication of effort. Divided (turf) city into working areas according to capabilities of workers
Provided encouragement, incentive and support for workers.
- (d) Materials used depended on preparation and skill of leadership. Samples of handouts used are attached. Materials pertained to State regulations, discrimination of blacks, non-use and mis use of the ballots and consequences.
- (e) Col Roy W. Burley, U.S. Army Retired. Human Resources Manag't, Pol. Sc. Specialists; active in political civic and social activity; has served as both staff and consultant to elected officials.
3. 2. Mrs. Nancy S. Bohman, City of San Antonio Project Director; Social Scientist; past organizer and developer of Project FREE; active in social, civic, cultural activities, chairperson UNCF.
3. Dr. C.W. Norris, retired, Dean Emeritus, St. Philip's College; Social Scientist; active in civic historic and educational activities.
4. Mrs. Alicia Martinez, City of San Antonio employee; Past President, Economic Opportunities Development Corporation; currently president elect, Mexican American Unity Council; Member Mexican American Coalition; active in Catholic activities and civic organizations.
5. Mrs. Beatrice Clay, President NCNW, has a long history of political activity; an early advocate against Texas poll tax; active in religious, and civic endeavors.
6. Mrs. Athelene Steele, student of municipal management, worker of vote in past voter registration efforts.
- (f) Cooperation from both political parties; County Assessor Collectors Office on registration lists and information and materials for registration; Support and cooperation from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Eastside Neighborhood Development Corp. and City of San Antonio Department of Human Resources which encouraged registration of program participants.
- (g) Number of persons directly or indirectly involved or benefitting would include the population of San Antonio 850,000.

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Report 2

1. Voter Registration

- (a) NCNW - VEP - San Antonio, Texas 78203
609 S. Walters St.
- (b) Reporting Period - August 23 - September 3, 1976
- (c) Target area 0 Eastside San Antonio
- (d) Methods used to register
 - 1. Canvassers continued one-on-one contacts with leadership of community organizations
 - 2. Door-to-Door Canvassing
 - 3. Continued senior citizen stations
- (e) Number of persons approached - 50 organizations (membership, 25,000 includes tri-ethnic population as well as students at St. Philip's College) and 757 individuals
- (f) Number of persons registered - 301
- (g) No persons were denied registration
- (h) Problems: Lack of funds
- (i) N/A
- (j) See previous report

2. Citizenship Education et al

- (a) NCNW - VEP - San Antonio, Texas 78203
609 S. Walters St.
- (b) Reporting Period 0 August 23 - September 3, 1976
- (c) Nature of activity and results
 - 1. Radio/TV spots on voter registration
 - Comments on spots were favorable. Used elected officials, noted political leaders. Ex. Mrs. Lou Nelle Sutton, recently elected to complete the term of her husband, the late G.J. Sutton, Texas House of Representatives
 - 2. Speakers Bureau to include St. Philips College
 - Momentum of voter registration effect picked up.
 - Workers more enthusiastic
 - More positive response (301 registered this period).
- (d) Names and backgrounds of specialists (see Report 1)
- (e) Cooperation (see Report 1) plus Black Student Union, St. Philip's College
- (f) Number of persons directly or indirectly involved in or benefitting from the program (see Report 1).

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Report #3

1. Voter Registration
 - (a) NCNW - VEP San Antonio, Texas 78203
609 S. Walters St.
 - (b) Reporting period - September 5 - 17, 1976
 - (c) Target area - San Antonio near south and westside.
 - (d) Methods used to register
 - Telephone contact team - utilizing expired lists and followup
 - Continued canvassers stations at senior citizens centers
 - Continued canvassers one-on-one contacts with leadership of community organizations
 - Door-to-door canvass
 - Use of volunteer deputy registrars
 - Radio spot announcements, handouts
 - (e) Number of persons approached 50 organizations (membership 8,700 plus 919 individuals).
 - ✓ (f) Number of persons registered 371
 - (g) No persons were denied registration.
 - (h) Problems' Late notice of VEP funds availability and spread to reward persons involved.
 - (i)
 - (j) See previous copy
2. Citizenship education, et al
 - (a) NCNW - VEP San Antonio, Texas 78203
 - (b) Reporting period September 5 - 17, 1976
 - (c) Nature of activity
 1. Speakers Bureau to include St. Philip's College
 - Well received by new community groups
 - Enthusiasm spreading and apathy expressed lessened.
 - More general comment on participating in voting
 - Make contact with 18 year olds and positive response to include canvassers. Registered 371.
 2. Radio and TV Spots on Voter Registration
 - Good comments
 - Spread base to other recognize community leaders, councilman, NAACP reps, Black Chamber of Commerce reps;
 - (e) Names of specialist include Lou Nelle Sutton, Rev. Claude Black, S.L. Deckard, Roy Burley, Wendell Carrington.

All of these persons are respected, known leaders in political, social, civic circles. Their experience covers over a quarter of a century.

- (f) To general cooperation St. Philip's College and Black Student Union is added
- (g) Number of persons directly or indirectly involved in or benefitting from the program would encompass City of San Antonio 850,000.

National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)
Voter Education Program (VEP)
Report #4

1. Voter Registration

- (a) NCNW - VEP San Antonio, Texas 78203; 609 S. Walters St.
- (b) Reporting Period September 18 - October 1, 1976
- (c) Target Area Covered - San Antonio
- (d) Methods used to register
 - Telephone contact team utilizing expired registration lists and follow-up
 - Canvass stations at churches, shopping centers, handouts.
 - One-on-one contacts St. Philips and College organizations meetings.
 - Door-to-door canvass, handouts
 - Use of volunteer deputy registrars
 - Spot announcements
 - Mail outs registration cards and hand outs, 250
- (e) Number of persons approached - 30 organizations (membership 5,500 and 2,050 individuals
Grand Totals: mailouts, 500; organizations, 150; membership 46,700; individuals 3,876.
- (f) Number of persons registered 766. (Grand Total 1,525)
- (g) No persons were denied registration.
- (h) Problems, non unusual other than the pressure of meeting the presidential election deadline
- (i)
- (j) See previous report

2. Citizenship Education, et al

- (a) NCNW - VEP San Antonio, Texas
- (b) Reporting period September 18 - October 1, 1976
- (c) Nature of activity
 - 1. Speakers bureau operated September 18-23, complete scheduled commitments in order to concentrate on door-to-door canvassing.
 - More rhetoric from audience
 - Increase in overall registration effort -766 registered during period.
 - Door-to-door tasks easier - comments, "I heard at school someone would come by." "Yes, I know about it, I'll sign up."
 - 2. Radio and TV spots continued September 18 - October 1. This also helped account for accelerated door-to-door activity.
 - 3. Mailouts, "Vote" and "Issues", 500 (copies - See first report).

-Response good! Several people phoned to request more handouts.

-Additional volunteers recruited

- (d) Sample materials in previous report
- (e) Specialist identified in previous reports.
- (f) Cooperation as listed previously continued.
- (g) The number of persons directly or indirectly involved in or benefiting from the program would include the population of San Antonio, 850,000.

National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)
Voter Education Program (VEP)
Report #5

2. Citizenship Education

- (a) NCNW - VEP San Antonio, Texas 78203, 609 S. Walters St.
- (b) Reporting Period October 4 - 15, 1976
- (c) Nature of activities and results
 - 1. Sample Ballots for the November 2 Presidential Election were distributed for posting to 25 senior citizen centers; to 20 public locations such as washateria's public schools, St. Philip's College and churches.
 - 2. Miniature voting machines (2) are being demonstrated by NCNW team and volunteers at senior citizen centers and at 2 multi service centers.
 - 3. 5 Discussions (560 persons) of Sample Ballot and Amendments on the ballot were held.
- (d) Miniature voting machine and Sample Ballot. Sample ballot attached.
- (e) Specialists were not used. NCNW Team identified previously (Bohman, Clay, Martinez, Steele) plus Roscoe Blevins, Ms. Johnnie Carey and Mrs. Lorraine Whittier participated in the activity.
- (f) Cooperation was from County Assessors Office for sample ballots and State Representative Sutton's Office for miniature voting machines.
- (g) The number of persons directly or indirectly involved in or benefiting from the program, 8,000 (3,000 senior citizens plus 5,000 in schools and other public buildings).