

On Sunday, September 20, 2020, Reading Rd was turned into “The Road to Justice and Freedom.” The 513 Impact Coalition galvanized individuals to participate and promote voter engagement with in the African-American Community. Members of The Divine Nine, along with other non-profit groups, participated in and promoted a community voter engagement activity.

Our volunteers braved the pandemic to bring together all member of our community by standing outside and registering voters for the upcoming election. Participants held up-signs displaying the words: “Your Vote Matters” and “Honk & Wave”. From Martin Luther King Dr to Seymour Ave our voices were heard, and those individuals who volunteered not solely representing their frat or sorority, but all who value our rights as Americans to speak out and cast a vote. The organizations that participated are: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and Zeta Phi Beta Fraternity. And, the other Non-Profit Organizations included: (NCNW), National Council of Negro Women, (TLOD), Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., The Shriner’s Sinai Temple #59 and The Tried Stone New Beginnings Church.

Those faithful members: Arc of the Covenant Praise Dancers, Lera Battle, Tina Bayne, Kevin Bennett, Regina Burrell, Janel Chriss, Charlene Craig, Ronita Dean, Latisha Douglass-Glynn, Shirley Dunham, Emma Hubble, Michelle Hurley, David Finney, David Fowler, Fran Jackson, Shareef Jones, Dara Kendall, Lisa Lackey, Tim Lyman, Chandra Mathews-Smith, Angelita Moreno, Reginald Murray IP, Jerry Maxey, PJ Ratliff, Gwen Robinson, Debra Rogers, Vanessa Slater, Wink Sweat Jr., and Darren Thigpen.

Zeta Phi Beta members: Denese Benn, Kelly Brown, Ricki Brown, Patrice Cathey, Tiana Christman, Patricia Colvin, Shayla Cothran, Ronita Dean, LaTonya Jennings, Abbie Lang, Dot Parker McCray, Raynal Moore, Rosanna Nelson, LaToya Smith, LaTonya Springs, Doris Stokes, Michelle Sweat, Kristen Taylor, Martine Walker, Patricia Waller, Falicia Whitcher, Marquita Wright.

The 513 Impact Coalition is a 501c(4), a Non Profit Political Action Committee, whose sole purpose is to improve civic awareness and voter engagement among disaffected Black voters. The 513 Impact Coalition also sponsors “Soul Saturdays” in which participants are treated to a soul food meal and socially conscious speakers. Poets, political candidates, and civic leaders speak freely and candidly to you about your concerns. The venues are chosen to heighten civic engagement within the black community. Speakers have included: Commissioner Alicia Reese, State Senator Cecil Thomas and Judge Fanon Rucker, and Spoken Word Poet. JRAB. Entertainment is provided by Element. Come out and empower yourself and the black community.