



Carson Connected, Inc.

An Organization of Volunteers Devoted to Nurturing Our Communities!



Keeping Our Community Connected and Providing Assistance with Issues that Matter to Us!

[Sign up to receive our EMAIL UPDATES](#)

**We need to keep our whole community connected and informed.
Please forward this email.**

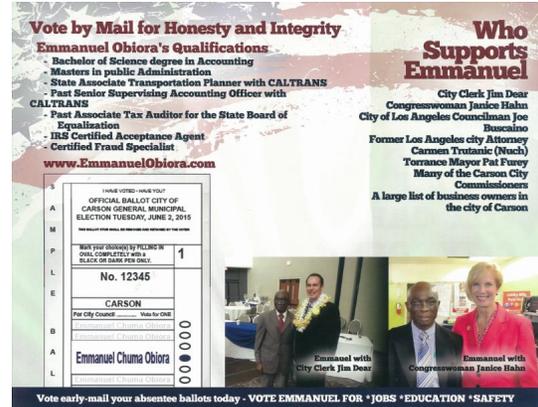
You can access past emails on our blog at carsoncaconnected.org/blog
You can do a word search to pull up articles about a particular subject.

Voter Suppression Tactics in Carson

It has been 50 years since the historic march led by John Lewis, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights activists from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama, protesting voting restrictions used against African-Americans who wanted to exercise their right to vote. It was only a few months later, on August 6, 1965, when President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Voting Rights Act to end all barriers to political participation for racial and ethnic minorities, once and for all.

While a great deal of progress has been made over the years, On June 2nd, we faced a new challenge in Carson that we did not think could happen in our lifetime.

What is happening here in Carson is a sweeping effort to disempower and disenfranchise people of color, poor people, disabled people, young people and elderly people on one end of the City the North. We were outraged when we received reports of what this City Clerk did; there were complaints he shut down two of the highest voting precincts in the City of Carson. He moved one to a place where it was reported to not be ADA Compliant it had high stairs that seniors could not walk up. The other was placed on the campus 346 acres Cal State Dominguez Hills. The signs were small and the location hard to find. We are also concerned about our city clerk not appearing impartial when he appeared on camping mailers, or attended campaign kickoffs. His brother reportedly ran a campaign for a candidate that the city clerk supported in this race. This does not give the appearance of impartiality.



In democratic societies like the United States, the voting process is a means by which citizens hold their government accountable, conflicts are channeled into resolutions and power transfers peacefully. Our system of representative government works only when honest ballots are not diluted by fraudulent ballots. When elections become corrupted, democracy becomes threatened.

We feel our Civil Rights have been violated.

In the City of Carson we have over 50,000 registered voters but in most elections less than 12,000 cast a ballot and in this election less than 10,000 ballots cast. Voters are turned off, disappointed and don't think their vote makes a difference. Therefore, it is very important that we as citizens show up at the city clerks' office when the mail in ballots are being counted to assure transparency and fairness.



Excerpt from 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaking about voting rights at Texas Southern University.

[Link to complete speech](#)

Reported civil rights violations that often occur

- Someone threatens a voter with physical or economic harm unless the voter casts his ballot in a particular way;
- Someone tries to prevent qualified voters from getting to the polls in an election;
- A scheme to prevent minorities from voting.

Common Voter Suppression Tactics

CHANGE OF POLLING LOCATION AND HOURS

Polling places are assigned at the time of voter registration, and those locations are the only places voters can cast an in-person ballot on Election Day. Changes in polling places and voting times are more likely an attempt to frustrate voters into going home without voting.

INTIMIDATION

In the past, mailers with ominous messages have appeared in neighborhoods, "observers" have threatened to challenge the eligibility of certain voters or employers have told workers that voting a certain way could cost them their jobs. All are scare tactics.

ARREST THREATS

Polling places do not have access to voters' criminal records. Anything that says you can be arrested for showing up to vote if you have unpaid parking tickets, outstanding arrest warrants or a criminal record is untrue, activists say.

There are only three states where felony convictions can lead to a permanent loss of voting rights: Kentucky, Florida and Iowa, according to Project Vote. Everywhere else, former criminals can eventually get their voting rights restored, so check your state's laws. In addition, all states require conviction, so ongoing cases have no effect on the right to cast a ballot.

NO Drilling in Populated Areas

Petition to Regulate the Oil Industry

We the undersigned, call for immediate action by the Obama Administration, U.S. Congress, California State Legislature, and local government officials to put into effect the following regulations for the oil industry to protect communities and residents.

- All new activity must be developed and maintained in unpopulated areas.
- Existing wells in populated areas will cease all fracking, acidizing, and any well stimulation.
- In areas where this is unavoidable, all affected residents will be bought out or compensated anticipated loss in property value and industry related damages that may occur.
- The oil company must maintain a bond in the event of an emergency to correct ALL damages to the community and residents.

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas PRINTABLE Petition](#)

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas ONLINE Petition](#)

Carson Connected, Inc.
P.O. Box 5503, Carson, CA 90749 310 885-5860
Email: cc@carsonCAconnected.org www.carsonCAconnected.org