ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY
A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE (VPHP)
NATIONAL COMMITTEE
PROGRAM EXECUTION & PRESENTATION GUIDE
Things to keep in mind.

BASIC IDEAS.

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Strategic Coordinating Committees in Support of the Fraternity’s “Fighting on the Ice” Vision

- A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People (VPHP)
- Commission on Racial Justice
- Committee on Public Policy
- World Policy Council

The following presentation will focus on the strategic direction of the VPHP Committee and the call to action of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and community involvement.
Fight on the Ice

“WE MUST FIGHT ‘TIL HELL FREEZES OVER AND THEN FIGHT ON THE ICE.”
– JEWEL VERTNER WOODSON TANDY, DECEMBER 1937

“Alpha Phi Alpha will always continue to advocate and serve when called upon. Our communities need us! Our children need us! Also we need to rely on each other! It’s our duty to demonstrate our relevance if we expect to retain the same level of interest from our supporters, our partners, our communities, and ourselves. We must combat the external forces that continue to question and challenge our existence. Whatever confronts us, we must remain a visible, viable, and socially responsible leader to our stakeholders as we exercise the collective and stabilized strength of our membership.”

– General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Mark S. Tillman
VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

1. Public Issues Forums
2. Candidate Forums and/or Debate Watch
3. Voter and Civic Education
4. Voter Registration Drives
5. Get Out the Vote Programs
Provide an opportunity for community members to participate in a problem-identification and problem-solving session. Citizens discuss issues that are impacting their communities and develop a plan to resolve the problem, i.e., health care, crime, low-performing schools, etc.

Consider using this link or establish your own method to conduct Public Issues Forums: Source the Community Tool Box

http://ctb.ku.edu/en/tablecontents/sub_section_main_1021.aspx
VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

2. CANDIDATE FORUMS AND/OR DEBATE WATCH:

Engage your chapter(s) and the community in the political process by hosting public candidate forums and or Debate Watch, and have discussion groups after the debate.

“Candidates either have or will learn to respect groups that are trying to ensure voters get involved in greater numbers and with greater insight.”

Consider using this link or establish your own method to conduct Candidate Forums Source: Neighborhood Guide to Organizing a Candidate Forum

VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

3. VOTER EDUCATION:

Voter education involves providing information on who is eligible to vote; where and how to register; how electors can check the voter lists to ensure they have been duly included; what type of elections are being held; where, when, and how to vote; who the candidates are; and how to file complaints.

Chapter(s) may want to partner with the following organizations to develop Voter Education programs in their communities.


VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

*(Dependent on election cycle but should be done year-round)*

**November 2013 Election Cycle:**
Gubernatorial Elections New Jersey and Virginia

**November 2014 Election Cycle:**
Class II - 33 U.S. Senate Seats / All 435 U.S. House of Representatives Seats / 36 Gubernatorial / Mayoral Elections

**November 2015 Election Cycle:**
Gubernatorial Elections, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi

**November 2016 Election Cycle:**
Presidential, Class III 34 U.S. Senate Seats / All 435 U.S. House of Representatives Seats / 11 Gubernatorial
VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

4. VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

See additional file for Voter Registration Information, with details by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. regions and dates. Located at National Program Documents Voteless / Hopeless: Master Record Voter Registration All Regions Listing by State.
VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

4. VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

• Voting Disenfranchisement 2012: Restrictive and Arbitrary Voter Registration Practices: Voter ID Laws and limited access to voting hours.

• As voter registration requirements vary by state, please ensure you are aware of your individual state’s voter registration requirements.
Voting Disenfranchisement 1880–1965: Violence, Fraud, Poll Tax, Literacy Test
VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

5. GET OUT THE VOTE PROGRAMS:

Get Out the Vote Programs:
Depending on your community or state if mailing in ballot or early voting is allowed, or voter registration on the day of election, we must get voters to the polls. Ensure your chapter(s) have a strategy to ensure voters VOTE.

Consider using this link or establish your own method to conduct Get Out the Vote Programs: Government research, Yale University

http://gotv.research.yale.edu/?q=node/58
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Seeking 2 college brothers to add to committee

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Seeking 1 alumni and 2 college brothers to add to committee

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Western Region:
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Reporting Your Events

First of All We Vote Data Collection Tool:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FirstofAllWEVOTE
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FIRST OF ALL WE VOTE DATA COLLECTION TOOL:

First of All... WE VOTE

Alpha Phi Alpha's hard work continues by fulfilling our promise of registering voters. Alpha has taken the lead on many causes, and this national program, A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, is just one of many examples of Alpha men doing what the Jewels envisioned for this great organization. Please go to your state's website and download voter registration materials to begin to secure voters' information for registration. After your chapter is finished with its voter registration event, please fill out the survey information below.

With Alpha leading the way, we can help empower people to make the necessary decisions that affect their communities and their everyday lives. To learn more about the A Voteless People is a Hopeless People national program and how you and your chapter can become involved please visit www.APA1906.net.

1. Chapter name:

2. Chapter key: [Preferred, but not required]

3. Region:

4. Event:

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When a down arrow is shown this will allow you to choose from specific information. Just click on the information you want and it will populate the box with your response.
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1. Chapter name:

2. Chapter key: [Preferred, but not required]

3. Region:
   - Eastern Region
   - Midwestern Region
   - Southern Region
   - Southwestern Region
   - Western Region

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3. Region:

4. Event:
- Public Issues Forum
- Candidate Forum or Debate Watch
- Voter Education
- Voter Registration Drive
- Alpha Day at State Capitol
- Get Out the Vote

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6. Event date:

7. Please provide the contact information of the brother coordinating the event:
   - Name:
   - City/Town:
   - State: -- select state --
   - ZIP:
   - Email Address:

8. Please provide the event location:
   - Name:
   - Address:
   - Address 2:
   - City/Town:
   - State: -- select state --
   - ZIP:

9. Did you partner with another organization? If yes, please specify.
   - National Urban League
   - NAACP
   - HBC
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9. Did you partner with another organization? If yes, please specify.
   - National Urban League
   - NAACP
   - HBC
   - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
   - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
   - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
   - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
   - Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
   - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
   - Iota Phi Theta Fraternity
   - Other (please specify)

10. Number in attendance or number of voter registrants:

11. Expenses related to this event:
   - Supplies (Pens - Tent Cards)
   - Postage
   - Venue Rental
   - Bill Board
   - Food
   - Other (Please provide a full description and amount)
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FIRST OF ALL WE VOTE DATA COLLECTION TOOL:

Once completed Select Done.
Voter Registration Requirements

BY STATES

The following section pertains to how to navigate the AVPHP Home Page and use the National Urban League (NUL): View Your Rights By State link. The NUL link will allow you to select by state voting information.

Due to changing legislation in each state relative to voter registration laws, always check with your secretary of state or state voter registration department for current voting registration requirements.
From the Fraternity Home Page
CLICK ON: PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS
Click on A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People
The Home Page for AVPHP

Voter Education/Registration Program
"A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People"

"A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" was initiated as a National Program of Alpha during the 1930's when many African-Americans had the right to vote but were prevented from voting because of poll taxes, threats of reprisal, and lack of education about the voting process. Voter education and registration has remained a dominant focus of this outreach activity for over 65 years. In the 1990's, the focus has shifted to include political awareness and empowerment, delivered most frequently through town meetings and candidate forums.

A Voteless People is a Hopeless People Program Documents:
- Download Implementation Guide
- Download Curriculum Guide
- Report on TED Program Execution [Survey Monkey]

Deliverables:
- First of All - We Vote Logic: Black and Gold [PPT 132] Raster Image
- First of All - We Vote Logic: Black and White raster Image
- First of All - Hi Vote Downtown: Coming Soon

Voter Information:
- National Voter League: View Your Rights By State
- National Voter Registration Deadlines: Check your state’s election website for registration deadlines.
- Election Calendar:
  - Federal Election Commission (Quick Answers)
  - Voter Registration Drive (VRD) Organizer / Agent - AVPH State Focal Point [Pending]
Select the link National Urban League
NUL: View Your Rights By State

View Your Rights By State

Voter Suppression Can Take Many Forms!

What Are the Voting Requirements in My State?
NUL: View Your Rights By State

SCROLL DOWN THE PAGE TO THE BLUE MAP OF THE US & CLICK ON THE MAP
NUL: View Your Rights By State

MOVE YOUR CURSOR OVER THE MAP TO SELECT YOUR DESIRED STATE
NUL: View Your Rights By State

YOUR SELECTED STATE WILL KNOW LIST MULTIPLE DROP DOWN BOXES OF ELECTION INFORMATION – SELECT >> FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION
NUL: View Your Rights By State
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHEN YOU CAN VOTE
NUL: View Your Rights By State
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTERING TO VOTE
NUL: View Your Rights By State

TO RETURN TO US MAP CLICK ON “IN YOUR STATE”
NUL: View Your Rights By State

YOU MAY VIEW OTHER STATES OR EXIT
The Home Page for AVPHP

ADDITIONAL LINKS AND INFORMATION
The Home Page for AVPHP
IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE (REVISED 2013)
Notes: