



*N.C. NAACP President Rev. William Barber II, center, surrounded by Democracy N.C. Director Bob Hall, left, and the Rev. Anthony Spearman, right, announces an 80-day voter engagement campaign from now until the March 15, 2016 primaries.*

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**Voters**

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Bob Hall, the executive director of the nonpartisan Democracy North Carolina, told reporters that the mass voter engagement campaign had four key components — voter education, voter registration, voter protection and voter mobilization.

Over the next two weeks, county boards of elections are being encouraged to devise “strong early voting plans with evening and weekends,” Hall said, adding that just in case the federal courts uphold the restrictive North

Carolina voter photo ID law, Democracy North Carolina is working to help those who don’t have government-issued identification in time for the primaries, when it will be first required.

“You must vote,” Hall said to applause from supporters present. “You must push back and show your resistance to any effort to make voting harder. We will educate, and we will register voters.”

Hall added that his organizations will deploy volunteers to polling places across the state to make sure that the public’s right to vote is not impeded. They will also document whom is being harmed by the voter ID law.

“And we’ll take that evidence into court,” Hall vowed. “We will engage over 3,000 churches and faith centers in the largest ‘Souls to the Polls’ campaign this state has ever seen.”

There were representatives of the NC Council of Churches and various Christian denominations; the Jewish community and Islamic faith, in addition to the Latino community who announced their endorsement of the mass voter registration campaign.

“If they could build fusion coalitions in the 1800s, we can build them in the 20th century,” Rev. Barber said. “We will not be divided.”

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