30 MINUTE POWER UP TO DEFEND THE VOTE

WHO, WHAT, HOW

10/29/26



Strike Ready Corps

Prepare for sustained action to fight authoritarianism

Organize your neighborhood, workplace, or community group into a "BLOCK"

Learn more on 11/5 at our Sustained Action Training

For today's call:

- We are discussing activities protected by the 1st amendment of the Constitution
- Do not record or screenshot this training. You will receive the slides via email
- This is a training, GD is not helping you plan action you take
- We're committed to strategic nonviolence
- Engage in good faith - we will remove those who exhibit a pattern of disruptive behavior, disrespect others, or are consistently off-topic

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Goals:

By the end of this training you will:

- **Understand key post election stages**
- **Know who you are getting trusted information from**
- **Know what people you are mobilizing and how**
- **Know where you are going to mobilize and what you'll do**





ELECTION STAGES: ELECTION DAY TO CERTIFICATION DAY

ELECTION STAGES TIMELINE

Pre Election

GOTV: make sure people can vote, such as:

- **Combat disinformation around voting**
- **Fights over polling locations/ballot boxes**
- **Threats of ICE,**
- **And more**

Election Day

Make sure people vote, such as:

- **Election Holiday**
- **GOTV**
- **Respond to threats (ICE, National Guard, and more)**

Post Election

***Stay Ready* during Election Counting, Certification, & Seating**

- **Watch for and respond to emergent threats at each phase of the post election process**

Today — **11/3/26** — **1/3/27**

POST ELECTION STAGES

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Election Counting

A few of the many things to watch for, including:

- Falsified DOJ Reports ("elections insecure")
- Seizing ballots
- Whatever narrative emerges to frame election

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Certification

A few of the many things to watch for, including:

- Local precincts refuse to certify
- Growing pressure for states to deny certification process

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Seating

A few of the many things to watch for, including:

- Removal of clerk
- Emergent threats

Plus at every stage: threats of insurrection act, election officials arrested, election sabotage from corporations (e.g. Meta incident with No Kings).



ELECTION DEFENSE & ACTION WORKSHEET

Detroit 2020 showed us what it can look like to enforce the election

Two Republicans on the Wayne County Board of Canvassers voted to block certification of Detroit's results, citing discrepancies of a few dozen votes out of hundreds of thousands cast. **Had this held, Detroit's votes would not have been counted.**



Word spread immediately through pre-existing organizing networks and folks responded rapidly. Hundreds of residents flooded the Zoom public comment session — so many that the meeting capacity had to be expanded past 300 — and gave testimony for hours. **The board reversed course and certified unanimously**.

But it wasn't over. Trump and RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel called the two canvassers personally, pressuring them not to sign the certification document. The canvassers left the room and never returned to sign **but their walkout had no legal effect**.

When Michigan's results went to the state board for certification in Lansing six days later, **residents drove a caravan around the Capitol** honking horns and carrying signs urging the board to certify. **The state certified.**

Ready to act quickly, strategically, and powerfully no matter what happens



Election Defense Worksheet

- The following worksheet includes journal questions to support your own planning process
  - Who are you getting trusted information from from?
  - Who are you mobilizing with?
  - What are you doing and where?
  - What do you need to do to participate in three days of No Work, No School, No Shopping, aka a social strike?
- It also includes a place to distill your answers into actionable steps in one pager you can print out
- We will go through the questions together, you'll have 2-minutes to answer each question

IF WE'RE IN AN ALL IN MOMENT, I KNOW:

1. **My trusted national messengers are** _Strike Ready__, __No Kings_, & _May Day Strong_.
   My trusted local messengers are _RR threads__, ___JVP___, & ____FR_____.

   I will find out what they're saying by ____Text_____, _____Email blast_____ *(e.g. checking social media accounts or website, or signing up for email or text alerts)*

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2. **I will reach out to** __My dinner club___, ___my affinity group____, ___my family chat__, __MAP__, & _____. *(e.g. text threads, email lists, individuals, affinity groups)*

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3. If a red line is crossed, and there's no other more specific call to action from my trusted messengers, **I will go to** __where votes are counted__ at __9:00____ (am / pm), on the DAY OF / AFTER *(circle one)* the incident.

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4. **To sustain** No Work / No School / No Shopping for 3+ days, I need:
   Physical resources to have on hand (e.g. stored food): __Meds for Doggo_, __easy to prep food__, _____.
   Support from others (e.g. childcare, rides, pet care): __collective meals__, _daily phone calls with friend_, _2 minutes of alone time_.

1. Who are you listening to?

Consider:

- What organizations/people do you trust?
- Where do you get trustworthy information on calls to action?
- Are you able to get information directly?
- Where are you getting information locally/nationally?

2. Who do you mobilize? Who do you tell?

Consider:

- Who is your core group? What networks are each of you a part of?
- How many people in your networks can you mobilize and how?
- What is your rapid response plan/network?
- What connections have you made with local election workers and other grassroots networks?

3. Where are you going and what do you do?

Consider:

- Anticipated threats to your area
- Special/unique locations in your location
- Where are votes counted in your county
- How far from your state's capital are you?
- Your plan to get to strategic locations
- Other action preparation as needed

4. What do you need to do to participate in three days of No Work, No School, No Shopping and support others to join you? What will you do if it goes for longer than three days?

Consider:

- What physical resources do you need to prepare in advance (money, food, water, medicine)?
- What mutual aid is available in your context?
- What roles need to be filled?
- What pre-existing networks or relationships can be leveraged?

Who is going to finish and print out the last page to put somewhere you can quickly reference?



RESOURCES, NEXT STEPS & CLOSING



Additional Resources

- Freedom Trainer's Election Defense Scenarios to support folks prep
- Look Loud Election Defense Visual Strategy to support narrative and visual strategy
- Post Election Power Up Toolkit



Come to our 11/5 Sustained Action Training

- We are offering a 30 minute sustained action training on 11/5
- Two times, same content in each (just like today)
- Link in chat, and follow up email
- Who are you inviting?



Next Steps

- Finish your Election ALL IN MOMENT Worksheet
- Print out your distilled 1-pager, or screenshot and put it as your background



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