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

VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

1. PUBLIC ISSUES FORUMS:

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

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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

http://www.lwvnashville.org/files/nguide_cand_forum.pdf

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.

NAACP: http://www.naacp.org/

League of Women Voters: http://www.lwv.org/

Additional Resources:
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/osagi/wps/publication/Chapter5.htm

VPHP: Five (5) Areas of Program Execution:

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

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

November 2013 Election Cycle:
Mayoral Elections in U.S.; for details by state use this link:
http://www.usmayors.org/elections/displayelections2013listing.asp
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.

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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

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As Provided for in House Bill No. 9, Extraordinary Session 1935.

Joe Brooks

Sheriff & Tax Collector, Lincoln County, Miss.

By D. S.

LAWRENCE-GREENWOOD 71315

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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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& Bro. Michael McCoy – bromichaelmccoy06@gmail.com
Seeking 2 college brothers to add to committee

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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.

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

***3. Region:**

4. Event:

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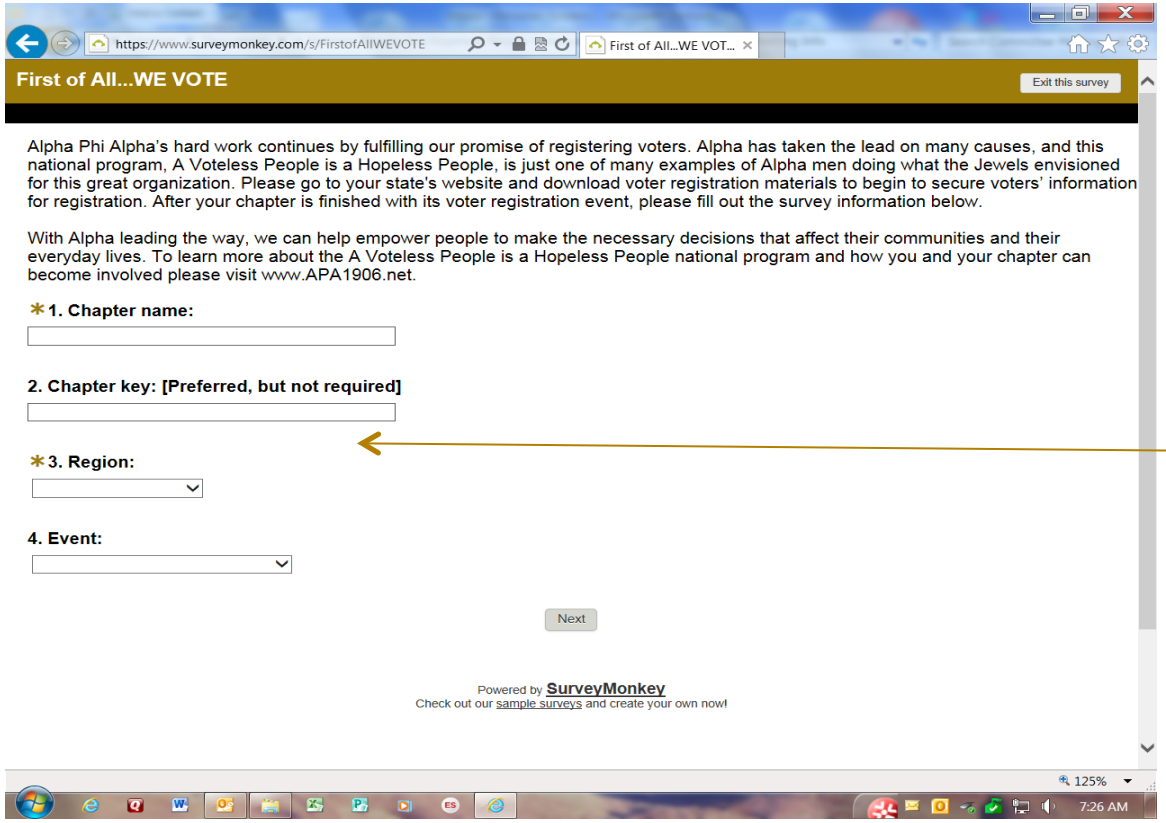

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- Voter Education
- Voter Registration Drive
- Alpha Day at State Capitols
- Get Out the Vote

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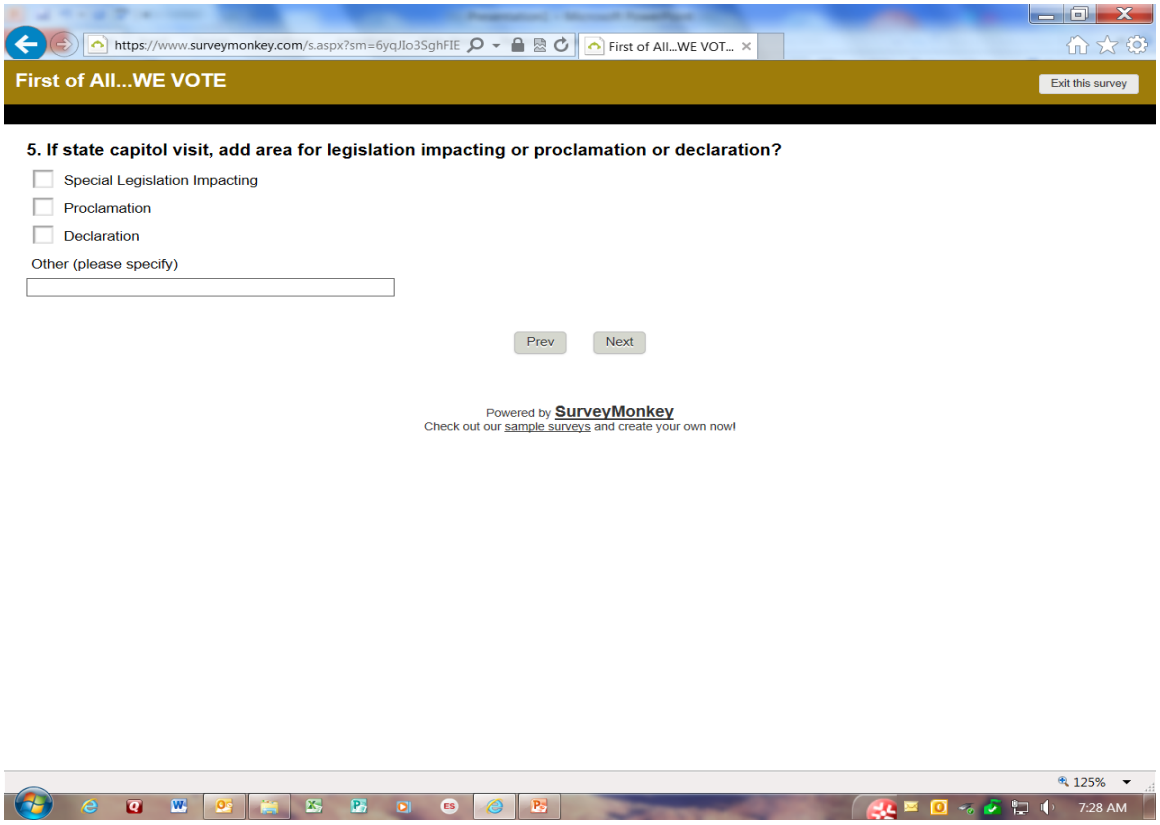

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***6. Event date:**

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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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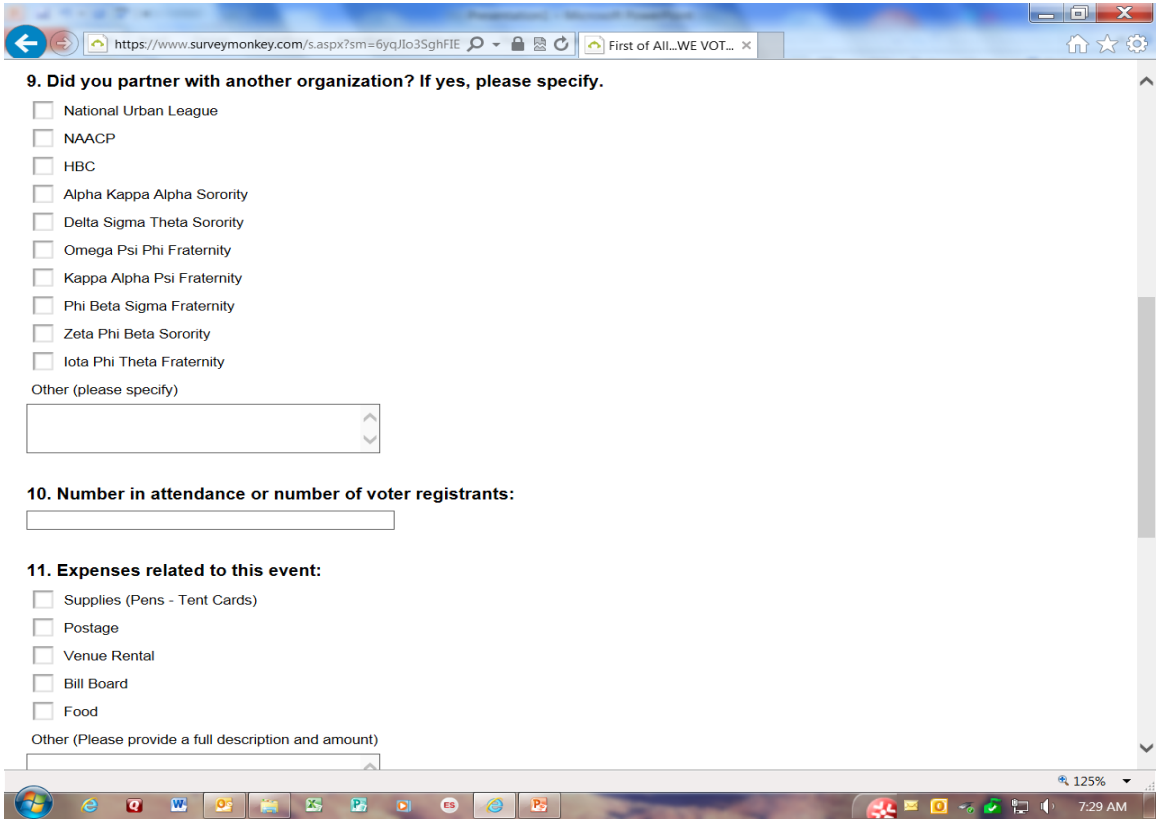

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10. Number in attendance or number of voter registrants:

11. Expenses related to this event:

- [ ] Supplies (Pens - Tent Cards)
- [ ] Postage
- [ ] Venue Rental
- [ ] Bill Board
- [ ] Food

Other (Please provide a full description and amount)

12. What was the total cost of the above expenses?

***13. News article and high resolution photo(s) submitted to the A Voteless People is a Hopeless People for the Sphinx Magazine? All submissions can be sent to VPHP@apa1906.net.**

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

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Voter Registration Requirements

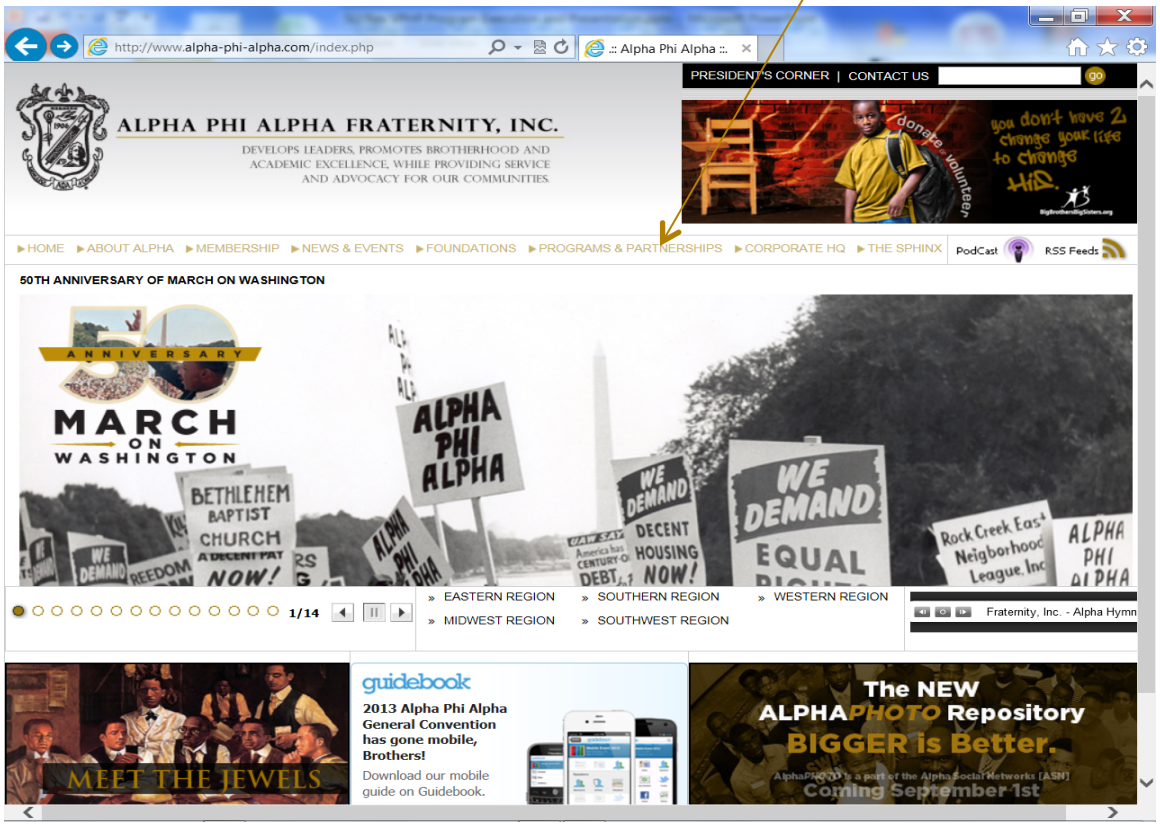
BY STATES

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



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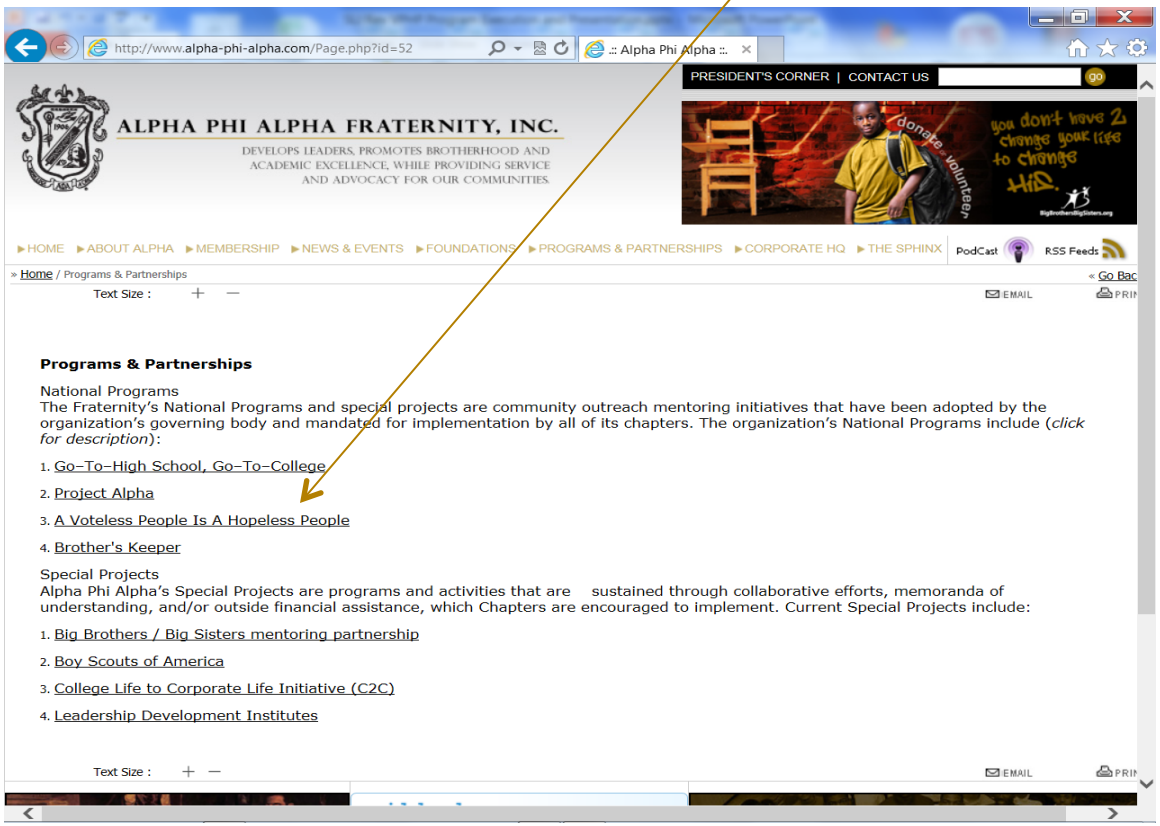

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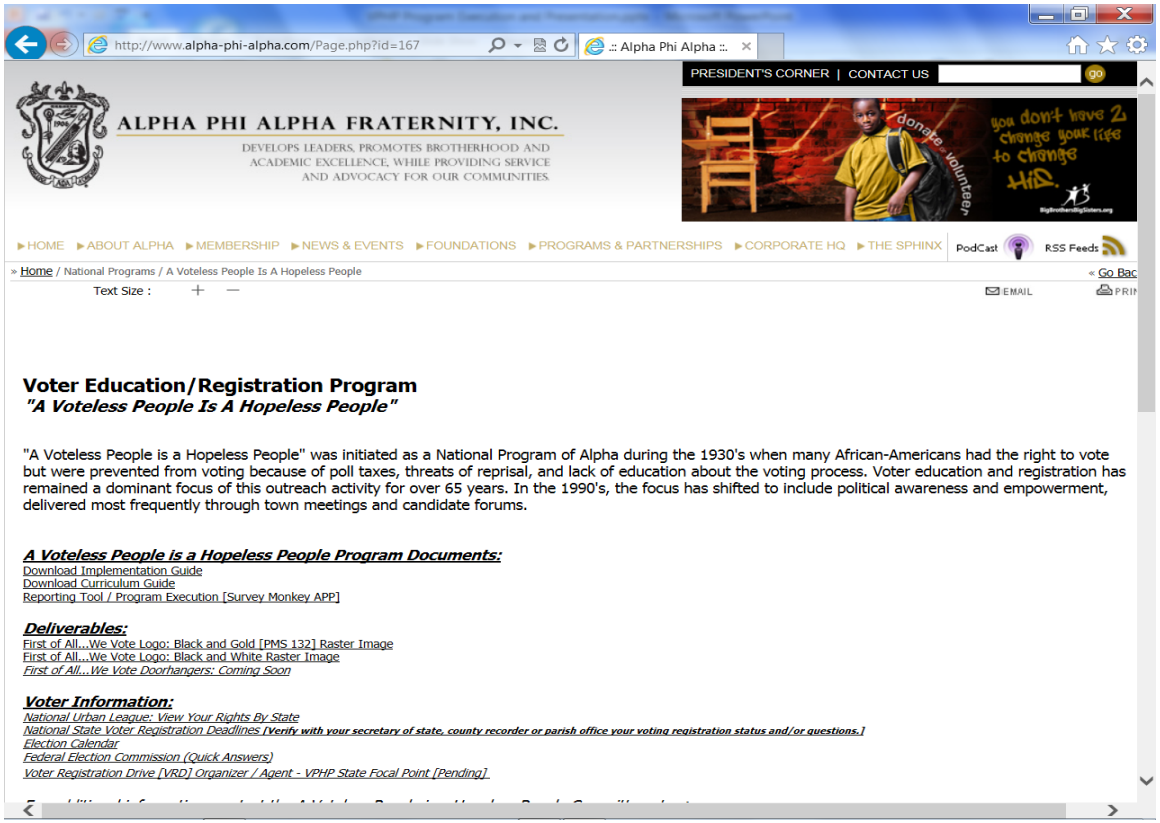

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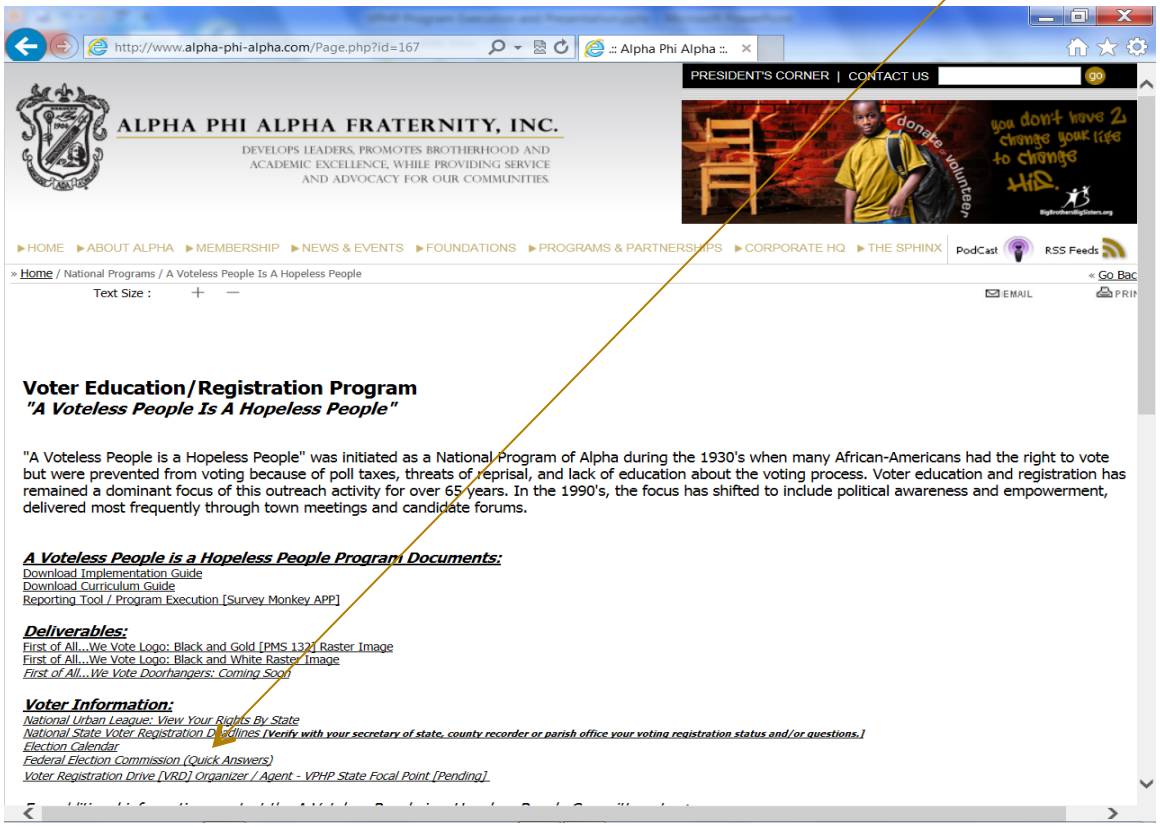

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SCROLL DOWN THE PAGE TO THE BLUE MAP OF THE US & CLICK ON THE MAP

NUL: View Your Rights By State

MOVE YOUR CURSOR OVER THE MAP TO SELECT YOUR DESIRED STATE

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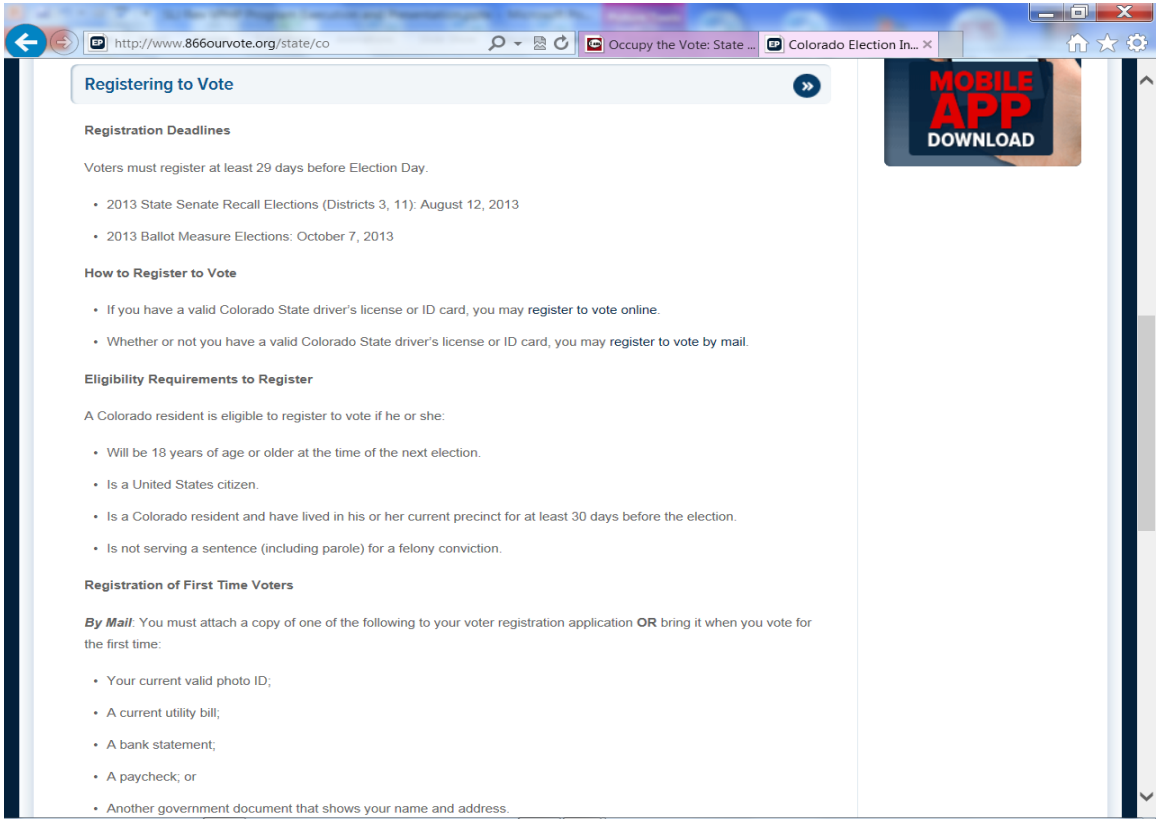
YOUR SELECTED STATE WILL KNOW LIST MULTIPLE DROP DOWN BOXES OF ELECTION INFORMATION – SELECT >> FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

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



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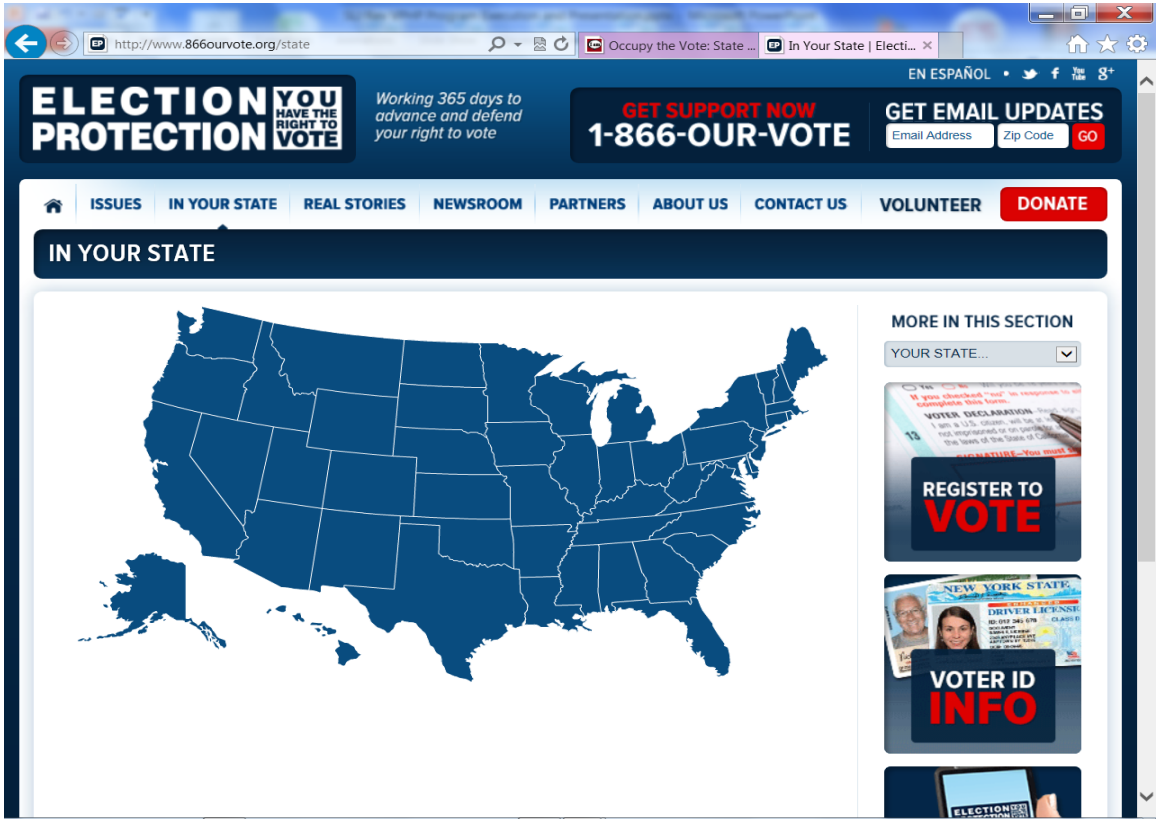

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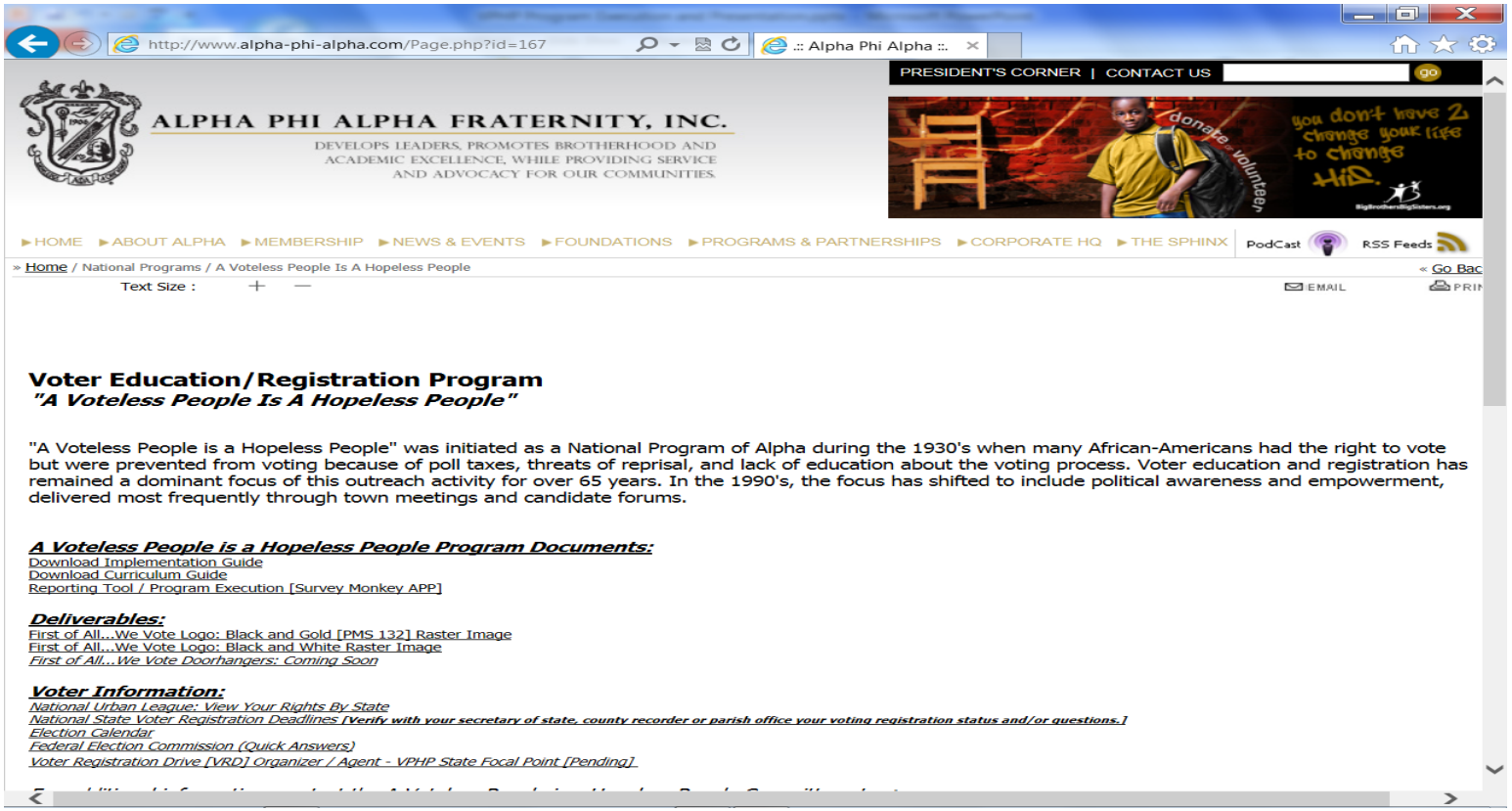

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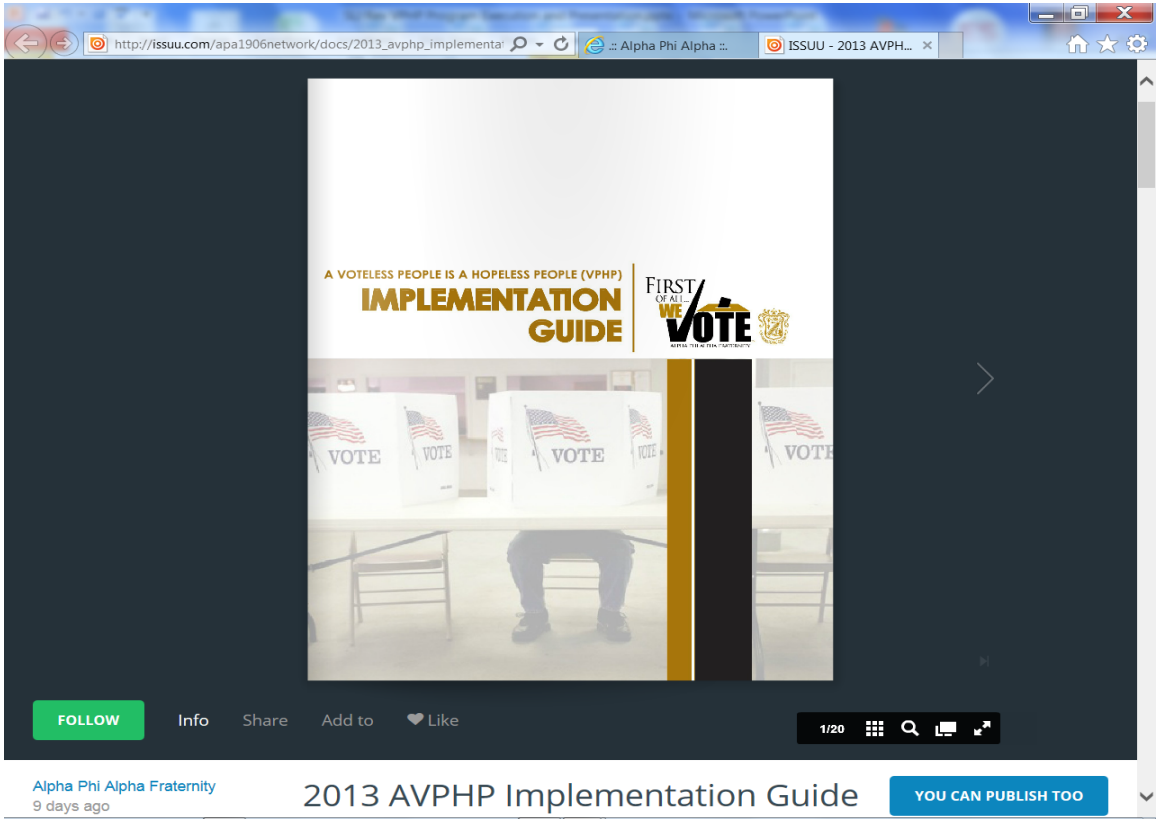

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