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## 2017 Mayoral and City Council Election

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Black Lives, Black Poverty and Black Votes Matter

### **2017 Mayoral and City Council Election**

In 2008 North Omaha 62% of the registered voters, actually voted, that % is called voter turnout. In 2012 the turnout was 55%. In 2016, in spite of repeated warning from this column and elsewhere that unless we voted, candidate Trump could win and that could be disastrous to urban communities like north Omaha. Well we voted at a dismal 47% and candidate Trump has become the President of the USA. Now in less than 60 days since becoming President, there have been cuts in federal programs that our community needs, dumb immigration policies, foreign policies that could bring us into serious war(s), health care for millions in jeopardy and more. cx

We are constantly ignoring the importance of our vote and assuming the results will be different, that's called insanity. Our small vote in 2016 was insane. What should we do in 2017?

If you voted in 2016 vote in 2017. If you did not vote, get it right this time and vote!!!

The message is simple:

1. Realize that this election may be one the most important of your lifetime, don't intellectualize, just vote. Vote for your and your community's best interest.
2. Vote early, have a ballot sent to your house. Call us for an application, 402-575-0144
3. Vote all of the Ballot. From top to bottom.
4. If you are an ex-felon and you have been off paper and out of prison for two years or more, you can register and vote
5. If you need a ride to the polls, voter assistance or have questions call 402-575-0144
6. If you need to register or to obtain an application for early voting, we will deliver the items to you, call 402-575-0144
7. Recognize that Black Votes Matter and North Omaha Votes Matter.
8. If you want to volunteer to help get the north Omaha vote out and/or provide rides to other voters, come visit the Black Votes Matter office at 2518 N. 24<sup>th</sup> (3 doors north of the Love Jazz and Art Center)
9. Primary Election Day, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ride to the Polls 402-575-0144

Request a ride

Volunteer to drive

If you have questions, call

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