VoteRiders Launches Voter ID Clinic Campaign in Houston, TX
National effort to assure that no American citizen is
disenfranchised for lack of proper ID

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VoteRiders, a non-partisan, non-profit organization, announces the
launch of the national VoteRiders Voter ID Clinic Campaign on
September 21 in Houston, TX. Voter ID Clinics in other locations with
government-issued photo ID laws throughout the U.S. start in January
of next year.

Knowing that millions of potential voters may be disenfranchised by
the increasing number of stringent voter ID laws, VoteRiders Founder
and President, Kathleen Unger, decided to create the resources to
organize and train local volunteers to help citizens secure the
documents their state requires. “Rarely is it ‘simple’ for anyone to get
legal records,” Unger explains. “Who among us hasn’t had a frustrating
experience with bureaucracy?”

VoteRiders provides to its partners, free-of-charge, a downloadable
Clinic-in-a-Box™ - Training Documents, Training Videos, Marketing
Tools and Guidelines for navigating the bureaucratic thicket - as well
as marketing support.

The Supreme Court decision in June that effectively gutted the Voting
Rights Act unleashed a series of restrictive legislation in multiple
states. Texas’ attorney general declared the immediate enforcement of
his state’s voter ID law two hours after the Court’s ruling was
announced.

VoteRiders’ local non-partisan non-profit partners are hosting the
Houston Voter ID Clinic to assist voters in time to cast their ballots in
the November municipal and constitutional elections there. "We
encourage voters to register for the Voter ID Clinic by calling 888-557-
5150 or completing our online registration form at
www.etvtedfund.org,” said Sondra Haltom, Executive Director of
Empower The Vote Texas Education Fund. Texas Civic
Engagement Table, which supports collaborative civic participation in
traditionally disenfranchised communities, "is grateful that VoteRiders
has provided a complete template that enables us to bypass an
enormous learning curve with efficient, effective help to voters," said
Lesley Ramsey, Executive Director.
Unger expressed her appreciation that "VoteRiders' Texas partners are so knowledgeable, committed and rooted in the community. I am confident that our Voter ID Clinics will be a huge relief to voters who need to track down birth certificates, change-of-name certificates (such as marriage records) and replacement social security cards," said Unger. "This can be complicated, time consuming and expensive – especially for those with no official birth certificate because their vital papers were destroyed or they were delivered by midwife. Importantly, VoteRiders will also track the real costs of these laws."

VoteRiders Voter ID Clinics are being planned to start next year in other states with government-issued photo ID laws in place now or very likely within the next few years: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Please visit www.voteriders.com for more information.

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