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**ACLU: Lawrence, Kansas Will Host National Kickoff of New “Let People Vote” Campaign**

**OVERLAND PARK, KS ---** On Sunday, October 1, People Power, the grassroots mobilization arm of the American Civil Liberties Union, will launch its new national campaign, Let People Vote, at the Lied Center from Lawrence, Kansas.

Slated to be one of the biggest grassroots campaigns in the ACLU’s 97 year history, Let People Vote will mobilize citizens across the country to organize within their communities to protect—and expand—the right to vote.

The Lawrence event will be livestreamed to tens of thousands of people at watch parties across the country and will feature commentary from top ACLU experts and national leadership, including Faiz Shakir, National Political Director, and Dale Ho, Director of the ACLU’s Voting Rights Project. It will also feature a panel discussion on President Trump’s controversial Presidential Commission on Election Integrity, as well as the unveiling of a national action plan to mobilize people across the country to fight on behalf of the fundamental right to vote.

Immediately following the national launch of Let People Vote, the ACLU of Kansas, in partnership with other local organizations focused on civic engagement issues, will launch a statewide coalition and mobilization plan to increase citizen participation and strengthen civic health in Kansas.

Doors open at the Lied Center at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 1, for a community celebration with free food and entertainment. Members of the media must arrive no later than 6:15 P.M. in advance of the start of the program at 6:30. Additional logistical instructions will be provided next week.

Due to heightened interest in the Wichita metro area, the ACLU of Kansas will host a watch party of the livestream of the campaign launch at Parsnipity Cafe, located at 301 N. Main St. Suite 150. Doors for the Wichita watch party will open at 5:45 P.M.

Members of the public who wish to RSVP for the Let People Vote watch party in Wichita should RSVP at: [https://go.peoplepower.org/event/voting\\_rights/9689?source=map&akid=](https://go.peoplepower.org/event/voting_rights/9689?source=map&akid=)

Members of the public who wish to RSVP for the Let People Vote launch in Lawrence should RSVP at: [https://go.peoplepower.org/event/voting\\_rights/9399](https://go.peoplepower.org/event/voting_rights/9399)

Members of the media who wish to RSVP for the Let People Vote launch in Lawrence should RSVP to Amie Young at [ayoung@aclukansas.org](mailto:ayoung@aclukansas.org) or 913-490-4105 by 12:00 PM CT on September 29, 2017.

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