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Civility Localized Newsletter

Welcome back to the Civility Localized Newsletter.

In honor of Indigenous People's Day which was celebrated on October 10th, we'd like to begin by acknowledging that Civility Localized is headquartered on unceded Indigenous Land in what is now known as Charlotte, NC. We give deference to the original stewards of this land, the [Catawba](#), Sugeree, Cheraw, Wateree, and Waxhaw People, and we support all land-back and Indigenous Sovereignty movements.

As the midterm elections approach, Indigenous Rights and democratic processes remain important focal points of our civil discourse. In this issue, we provide more information on how to become an Election Worker to support democratic elections in 2022, updates from our latest community engagement consulting client, and information for Charlotte-based artists.

Thank you for being here.

In service,

Elizabeth Flemister

“WHEN I DARE TO BE POWERFUL, TO USE MY STRENGTH IN THE SERVICE OF MY VISION, THEN IT BECOMES LESS AND LESS IMPORTANT WHETHER I AM AFRAID.”

*Audre
Lorde*

Client News:



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Seek Community Input In Superintendent Search

All CMS stakeholders are invited to participate in Community Engagement efforts to collect community input as the CMS School Board prepares to launch its search for a new superintendent of schools in January 2023.

- Take the Survey by November 18th
- Attend a Listening Session
- Learn more and get involved at:
www.PublicInput.com/CMSCommunityEngagement

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Attend a
Listening Session

Lend your voice to the search for Charlotte Mecklenburg School's next superintendent

October 18 - Virtual
October 27 - In-Person at Allegra Westbrooks Regional Library

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CMSCOMMUNITYENGAGEMENT**

Participate in the CMS Superintendent Search Today

In the News: CMS seeks wider engagement with public input on superintendent search (The Charlotte Post)

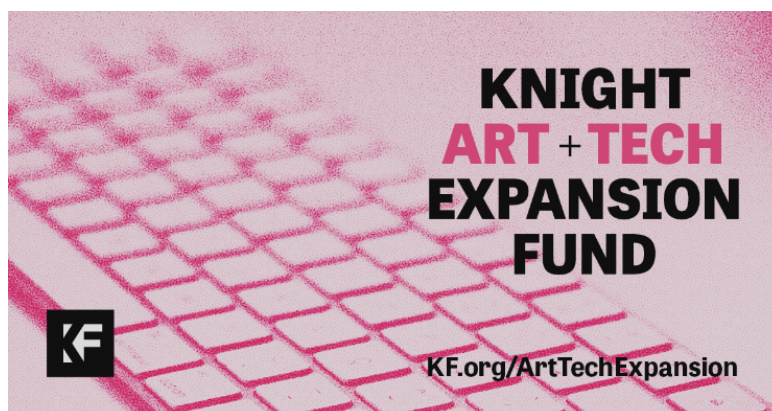
Have you seen our [recent coverage](#) of the CMS Community Engagement efforts. Thank you to multiple media outlets that covered this important work from various angles. Most recently, [The Charlotte Post](#) illuminated some very early observations we're seeing in our survey response:

" Although it's still early in the process, Edwards said white participants made up over 60% of the survey responses. She feels the firm can be more intentional about the communities it reaches out to, and the outreach, alongside the difference of voices heard, could be influencing the participation disparity.

Preliminary reports of where survey responses are coming from show higher response numbers in Center City and southeast Charlotte, including Myers Park and Ballantyne. So far, there hasn't been as much interaction in north and east Charlotte, both of which, according to the American Community Survey, have significant Black populations."

Thank you Asheebo Rojas for listening and communicating this need for greater inclusion of voices from Charlotte's diverse community. We want to ensure that this process is both transparent and representative of our school system. As a community member of Civility Localized, we encourage you to share this opportunity far and wide. Please share the survey with communities of color and help us connect with those we may not have been connected with yet, including non-profit service providers, parents who care deeply, educators and young people. Reach us at hello@civilitylocalized.com.

[Read the Full Article](#)



Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund

***APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
FROM OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER
28 AT 11:59 P.M. ET.***

INNOVATION FOR CREATION

Digital integration in the arts allows artists and arts organizations to reach broader audiences and strengthen ties with communities. **The Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund** seeks to support Charlotte artists and arts organizations by equipping them to carry out their work in an interconnected world in ways that engage audiences in innovative ways.

Funding decisions for the **Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund** will be made based on the applicants' demonstrated capacity to use technology to increase the impact and reach of their work.

Apply for the Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund



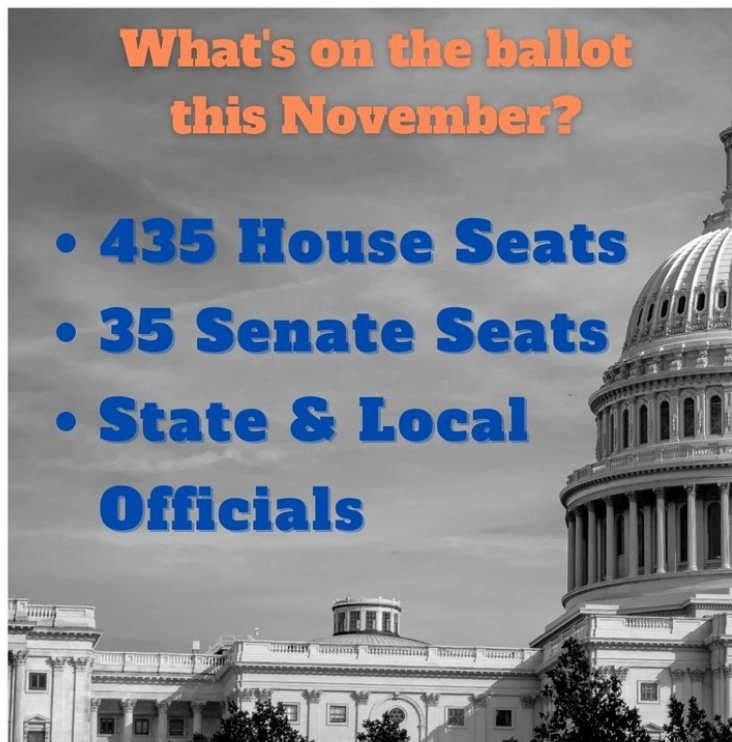
Midterm Elections Approach

We already know you care about elections. You've registered yourself and encouraged your friends, you've checked your registration, and updated it as needed. But have you ever considered serving as an Election Worker?

On November 8, 2022, nationwide midterm elections take place. All 435 House seats, 35 Senators, and countless state and local officials are up for election. Having enough election workers is essential to ensuring **accessible** and **equitable** voting experiences everywhere.

Here's a brief overview of what Election Workers do:

- Staff polling places during early voting and on Election Day
- Set up and close down the voting enclosure
- Check-in voters and issue ballots
- Assist voters upon request



To learn more about serving as an Election Worker this year, visit the [North Carolina State Board of Elections](#) Website. Election Workers are Democracy Heroes! They are the ones who make elections work. Thank you for being an engaged citizen, and for considering this important role.

Become an Election Worker in North Carolina



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