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**LDF Urges Cobb County, Georgia to Maintain Early Voting Locations for Upcoming Runoff**

Today, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), All Voting is Local, Georgia, Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund (SPLC), Georgia NAACP, Black Voters Matter, and Georgia American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU-GA) sent a letter to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration expressing concern about early voting accessibility for the upcoming January 5, 2021, runoff election.

Cobb County election officials recently announced they would be eliminating over half of the county's early voting locations. These polling closures would disproportionately burden voters of color as many of these locations are in Black and Latinx communities.

The letter stressed the critical importance of early voting accessibility, provided mapped data to demonstrate the severe harm the closures would have on the county's communities of color, and urged the county to keep all its early voting locations open for the upcoming runoff election.

Read the letter to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration [here](#).

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