



# 2022 MID-YEAR REPORT

## ACTION IN MONTGOMERY

### 2022 CANDIDATE FORUMS

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This spring, hundreds of AIM leaders won specific commitments on universal Pre-K, expanded mental and dental health, affordable housing and transportation from candidates for county office. These issues and campaign leaders came out of months of listening sessions with 1500 people in our community.



It was great to see people from all walks of life claiming collective leadership for our democracy. These candidate actions were just the first step in our strategy to govern *with* elected officials after the elections!

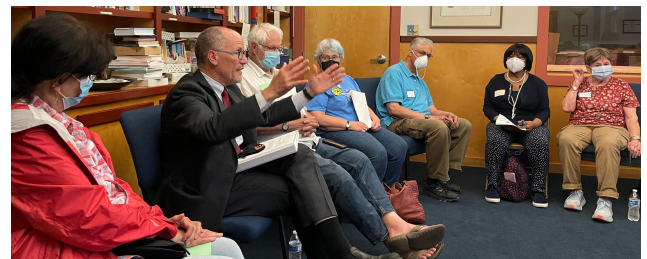
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### EXPANDING STATEWIDE

AIM and our sister organizations are known for winning significant change that makes a real difference in thousands of people's lives. We are expanding our impact by launching statewide campaigns on education, housing, police reform, climate, and the generational racial wealth gap.



We believe in being active participants in our democracy, and we aspire to push our state to be a leader in the country on these issues. In June, hundreds of our leaders led actions with top candidates for Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General. We hope you can join us this fall for further actions with the candidates before the November election!



**"DEMOCRACY = PEOPLE.** We live in a time when our democracy is particularly fragile, when people are on edge. Together, we are building **PEOPLE POWER** and stepping up to build and organize at this new level of power, action, and change." **-Pastor Zangai Peabody, Harvest Intercontinental Church**



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### POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY



AIM leaders were instrumental in winning improvements to Montgomery County's newly formed Police Accountability Board. AIM leaders sent dozens of letters to ask for compensation for board members, less restrictive requirements to serve on the board, funding for full-time board staff, and ensuring the board reflects the diversity of the county.

AIM leaders build real power for real change in their communities. Residents of Cider Mill Apartments struggled with health and safety issues caused by negligent maintenance and damaged roofs. After months of organizing, Cider Mill leaders and their neighbors won a commitment in July from the county to promptly begin long-needed roof repairs—holding officials accountable to their duty to provide safe and dignified housing for all residents.

### ROOF REPAIRS AT CIDER MILL



**"THROUGH AIM, WE'VE LEARNED HOW TO DO LISTENING CAMPAIGNS.** Before, we were talking *at* our families and we had a really narrow focus about how we were trying to support them. We didn't realize it, but it was a deficit view. As we listened, **WE SAW THE STRENGTHS THAT OUR FAMILIES HAD**—not only what they could bring to our individual teachers but what they could bring to our building and our **SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**"

**-Dr. Daman Harris, Principal of Wheaton Woods Elementary School**

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