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THE PUSHBACK VOTER ENGAGEMENT SOCIAL ACTION GUIDE

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ABOUT THE FILM: The first of two Latinas to represent Texas in Congress, **Veronica Escobar**, and the only African-American woman to run for city council in Austin in 2018, **Natasha Harper-Madison**, lead a diverse group of progressive voices across Texas as they fight decades of institutional racism and policies of discrimination along the border. The battle over immigrant rights, land seizures to build the border wall, and the troubled racial history of the state form the backdrop to a film that explores how a place once known for its reactionary politics is becoming more liberal, more diverse — and more at risk for violent conflict.

Film Website: www.thepushbackfilm.com

Facebook: @ThePushbackFilm

Twitter: @ThePushbackFilm

Instagram: @ThePushbackFilm

Trailer on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/pushbackfilm>

Hashtags: #thepushbackfilm #Election2020 #VoteForChange

ABOUT OUR CAMPAIGN: *THE PUSHBACK* national engagement campaign encourages you to get involved this election season. With a historic vote on the horizon, *THE PUSHBACK* tells the story of everyday Americans getting involved in the issues that affect their families and communities - people just like you sparking change in cities and towns all over their state. This guide and the campaign aim to spark dialogue and action in communities across the country. To inform this effort, *THE PUSHBACK* campaign has compiled information, resources and actions to increase awareness about key issues related to voter engagement and participation. Ready to get started? Let's go!

ON YOUR MARK - INFORMATION & ACTIVATION:

- Register to Vote – It only takes **two minutes!** (Vote.org) [MORE](#)
- Confirm Your Voter Registration Status – (National Association of Secretaries of State) [MORE](#)
- VOTE411 – Your one-stop shop for election information (League of Women Voters) [MORE](#)
- Know Your Voting Rights (ACLU) [MORE](#)
- Tips on Early & Mail In Voting (National Association of Secretaries of State) [MORE](#)
- Research local, state and national political candidates (Vote Smart) [MORE](#)
- Commit to making Texas competitive this election season (Battleground Texas) [MORE](#)

GET SET AND GO - BE THE CHANGE WE NEED:

- Host a Virtual Voter Registration Event (Rock the Vote) [MORE](#)
- Apply to Be a Voting Squad Captain (When We All Vote) [MORE](#)
- Volunteer to Phone Bank (Swing Left) [MORE](#)
- Host a Listening Party (Vote With Love) [MORE](#)
- Adopt a State (Vote Save America) [MORE](#)
- Write Congress to Expand Voting Access (ACLU) [MORE](#)
- Virtual Phone Bank with Beto (Powered by People) [MORE](#)

ACTION:

Once you have voted, whether by mail, drop-off, or in person, post your heroic deed to social media — you do not have to reveal for whom you voted, just share your voting story, urge your friends and family to vote, and take a bow.

Use these hashtags to make your posts more visible:

#2020Election #BlueWave2020 #ElectionYear #PoweredxPeople #ProgressNow #RepresentationMatters #Vote2020 #VoteForChange

REFLECT:

THE PUSHBACK - Discussion Questions

Use these questions for thoughtful reflection on the film and the various social issues highlighted. This collection of reflection questions can be useful in a variety of settings: on your own as journal prompts, with your family around the dining room table, with small groups of students, or even in virtual rooms with friends across the country.

What was your perception of Texas before watching *THE PUSHBACK*? How have your views shifted after watching the film?

What inspiration do you take from the characters in *THE PUSHBACK*? What resonates with you in the challenges and triumphs in your own community?

How can the stories highlighted in *THE PUSHBACK* inform future generations?

How does the legacy of racism in the US shape our present day experiences?

How has the conversation around immigration shifted in your lifetime? What do you attribute this change to?

How has the discussion about the wall in *THE PUSHBACK* changed or sharpened your perspective of immigration and borders?

Many people have been left out of the US political system historically, why do you think that is? What can we do at the community level to address this disparity?

How do you feel about the current system of voting? In your opinion, what would make it better? How can you contribute to civic voting actions in your community, especially around the upcoming election?

What can we do as a society to increase political involvement from our citizens?

What will be your unique way of getting involved with our democracy? What resources are you aware of to help you in this effort?

Use these

This engagement guide has been designed to look like an actual ballot; it is not. Only your state and local governments can provide you with an actual ballot. Use the information in this guide to register to vote and obtain an actual ballot from your state or county to use in the election. PLEASE VOTE.