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HOST SITES ANNOUNCED FOR SITES TRAVELING “VOICES & VOTES” EXHIBITION

(Camden, NJ) – The New Jersey Council for the Humanities announces the New Jersey locations for the 2022 Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibition *Voices & Votes: Democracy in America*. The traveling exhibit will be on display at six sites from April to December 2022. From revolution and suffrage, to civil rights and casting ballots, the exhibit will explore a variety of concepts related to democracy in America. *Voices & Votes: Democracy in America* will be on display at:

- Rowan College at Burlington County in Mount Laurel, April and May 2022
- Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, May and June 2022
- Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing, July and August 2022
- Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, August and September 2022
- Union County College, in Cranford October and November 2022
- Middlesex College in Edison, November and December 2022

Exact exhibition dates will be announced in early 2022. Chosen through a competitive application process, the six institutions will host the exhibit for approximately 4 weeks and provide additional democracy-related local programming while the exhibition is on display at their location. While *Voices & Votes: Democracy in America* tours New Jersey, NJCH will host interactive programs throughout every county in the state that will complement the content in the exhibition.

“We are excited to be able to bring the Smithsonian Institution’s traveling MoMS exhibition to the Garden State again,” said Executive Director Carin Berkowitz, Ph.D. “*Voices & Votes: Democracy in America* will serve as a springboard for discussion about the history of democracy from a national viewpoint, while our host sites and program partners will create opportunities for participants to explore a more local perspectives. We are looking forward to working alongside these esteemed educational institutions to foster conversations among both their students and the residents of their communities about our systems of government.”

The *Voices & Votes: Democracy in America* traveling exhibit will build on the momentum of the “Democracy Conversation Project” (DCP), a Council effort that was kicked off in early 2021. Developed with a cohort comprised of eight community colleges and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, NJCH worked to bring opportunities for New Jersey

communities to participate in exploratory conversations about democracy and civic engagement.

The SITES MoMS program is only available to state humanities councils. NJCH has hosted Museum on Main Street traveling exhibits previously, including the 2019-2020 exhibition, *Water/Ways*. To learn more about the SITES MoMS program, visit <https://museumonmainstreet.org/>.

About the New Jersey Council for the Humanities

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities is a nonprofit state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. NJCH harnesses the power of the humanities to strengthen our pluralistic society. We envision a New Jersey that delights in diversity, appreciates that there are no easy answers, and finds joy and understanding in the humanities. We work statewide with cultural and community organizations to bring dynamic programming to the local level.

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