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Action Annapolis Teams Up with Local Artists and Youth for #GoVoteAnnapolis

ANNAPOLIS, MD: Action Annapolis in partnership with Maryland Hall’s ArtReach Program and Annapolis artist/activist Comacell Brown, Jr., is developing a video project, **#GoVoteAnnapolis**, which will feature interviews with candidates running to serve on the Annapolis City Council. These videos will be posted in early September and distributed throughout the city leading up to the September 21 primary city elections.

Action Annapolis is focused on engaging voters and on expanding the voting base, especially in communities that are often underrepresented and tend to have the lowest voter turnout.

Action Annapolis is not only focused on voters getting to know their candidates better—what their priorities are and how they intend to address them—but is also interested in helping Annapolitans learn what voters in neighboring communities are most concerned about.

“We know that the more involved people are with the elections, the more likely they will be to advocate for their and their community’s needs. For many, the local elections seem far removed from the realities of their daily lives. Our hope is that we can help convey to every Annapolitan that they have the power to influence campaigns, candidates and policy,” says Sonia Feldman, spokesperson for Action Annapolis.

The process of creating these videos is a significant collaborative effort, bringing together volunteers from various local groups, including filmmakers working with Ken Starkes, head of ArtReach’s Hood2Good initiative which engages young adults in community projects.

Maryland Hall’s Outreach Coordinator Laura Brino says, “We hope that these videos will provide greater understanding of who our neighbors are and what the conditions of their lives are. By getting to know our candidates and where they stand on important city issues, we can make informed decisions about who can best

advocate for us. The Maryland Hall ArtReach team is particularly interested in bringing young voters in to the process and showcasing the storytelling talents of our local youth.”

Donations to help support the work of the artists and help finance this important initiative can be made at GoFundMe.com/GoVoteAnnapolis

Follow along with this Action Annapolis initiative via the #GoVoteAnnapolis hashtag on social media. Residents are encouraged to share their own voices by tagging their own posts about the local elections with #GoVoteAnnapolis.

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About Action Annapolis: Action Annapolis is a non-partisan, all-volunteer organization that seeks to engage and inform voters in Greater Annapolis by providing events and information about local candidates and issues.

About Maryland Hall: Dedicated to Art for All, Maryland Hall is the region’s cultural core, convening and engaging all people in arts experiences that strengthen community. Serving 100,000 people each year, Maryland Hall educates, enriches and enhances lives through performances in our newly-renovated theatre, exhibitions in several galleries, education classes and workshops for all ages, and outreach programs that bring the arts to underserved students and our community. Maryland Hall is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts, and a grant from the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County. Additional support comes from sponsors and individual donors. Maryland Hall is located in Annapolis, Maryland.