# There is a New Formula to Win Policy

Victories and Electoral Majorities
While Building Independent Political Power to Advance
Racial and Economic Justice in Solidly Red Indiana



**THE RECIPE** Organize year-round to engage people on the issues that matter to them. Equip them with RESEARCH-TESTED NARRATIVES and a BOLD ISSUE AGENDA. Reach out to Young People, women and People of Color, the new electorate who can tip the scales — if we talk to them.

**FLIPPING** TO VOTE and INNING ELECTIONS RECT CONTA

# **WHAT WE DID**

Trained 1,325 volunteers

Canvassed 445,198 Hoosiers

Held **29,913** live conversations

### THE IMPACT Our conversations INCREASED **VOTER TURNOUT:**

- African-Americans by 21%
- Latinos by 14%
- Women by 21%
- Youth by 7%

**2018 ELECTORAL** 

HIGHLIGHT

PROGRAM RESULTS

(Act Indiana universe compared with control group)

# In Five Targeted Districts, Act Indiana Dramatically **Closes Margin of Victory Within Two Voting Cycles**

NEGATIVE NUMBERS = # OF PERCENTAGE POINTS BY WHICH TARGETED CANDIDATE LOST POSITIVE NUMBERS = # OF PERCENTAGE POINTS BY WHICH TARGETED CANDIDATE WON

THE VICTORY

the General Assembly.

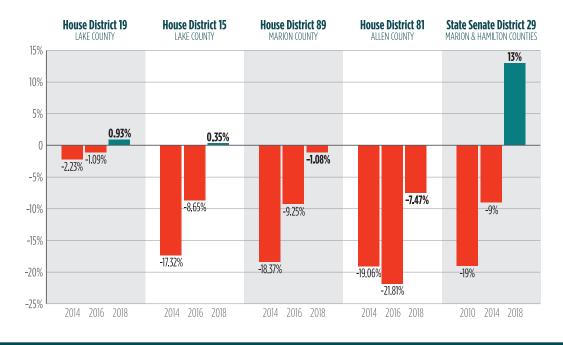
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GAY MAN (J.D. Ford) and FIRST ASIAN AND

supremacist and sent INDIANA'S FIRST OPENLY

YOUNGEST LEGISLATOR ever (Chris Chyung) to

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# THE FAMILIES FIRST **VOTING BLOCK**

**52,438** people of color, women and youth

2% of Indiana's vote share 1/3 of the victory margin of any statewide race

# **ELECTION VICTORIES**



(At left) State Senator J.D. Ford, District 29 (Below, from left) House Representatives Chris Chyong, District 15 Lisa Beck, District 19

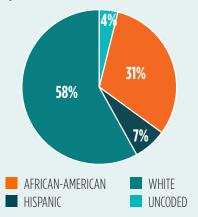




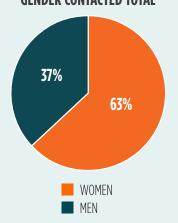
**Relational Organizing Works!** The Analyst Institute field-tested our relational organizing program in 2016. Our method outperformed every tactic they tested that year — by large margins.

# **FAMILIES FIRST VOTER UNIVERSE**

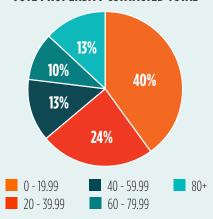
#### RACE/ETHNICITY CONTACTED ON DOORSTEPS



#### **GENDER CONTACTED TOTAL**



#### **VOTE PROPENSITY CONTACTED TOTAL**



# **ELECTORAL MUSCLE = VICTORIES**

Between elections, we used our growing clout to win policy victories, like:

- The NATION'S MOST PROGRESSIVE TRANSIT TAX. which triumphed at the ballot box by an astounding 19 percentage points
- A CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM PLAN that diverted \$580 million from jail to treatment and reduced recidivism by more than 10 percent.



# **GOALS FOR 2020**

The path to progressive governance starts in 2020. Flip six to eight seats in Indiana's House of Representatives to end the GOP super-majority and disrupt redistricting in 2021. ✓ Increase turnout of voters of color in Lake and Marion counties by 15 percent.

# **OUR STRATEGY: TURN NON-VOTERS INTO VOTERS**

Our approach is unique — and successful! While most will focus on those who have voted before, we focus on non-voters.

• INDEPENDENT POLITICAL POWER. Refine our power map, and design campaigns to target the structural foundations of racial and economic inequalities:



The corporate control of both parties.

- ADVANCE POLICIES THAT UNIFY INDIANA **RESIDENTS**: Restorative Justice, Caring Economy, Fair Democracy, Healthcare for All — No Exceptions
- CHANGE THE CONVERSATION. Deploy empirically tested race-class narrative to build cross-racial solidarity. Equip our partners to articulate this worldview whenever they participate in public discourse.
- GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP. Year-round organizing to build lasting relationships across race, faith and place in six tipping-point counties.
- INTEGRATED VOTER ENGAGEMENT. Targeted and coordinated large-scale, face-toface contact all year.
- **CANDIDATE PIPELINE.** Train and support compelling candidates to win elections, then drive progressive policy and structural change once in office

# **PARTNERS**

Act Indiana provides a table for convening the state's 501(c)(4) organizations. Our growing network of organizations is aligned around a long-term road map to build governing power for racial and economic justice over the next 10 years. Act Indiana anchors national movement leadership with partners:

COMMUNITY CHANGE ACTION • DEMOS ACTION • FAITH IN ACTION FUND • HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA NOW! • LABOR FOR OUR REVOLUTION • MOVEMENT VOTER PROJECT

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 SEIU: INDIANA AND ILLINOIS
 STUDENT POWER
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 WORKING FAMILIES PARTY