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Grass-roots group turns out to encourage voters

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A grass-roots group walked northeast Omaha neighborhoods Saturday to encourage people to vote on Tuesday.

Thirty members of Omaha Together One Community, a collection of church, neighborhood group and school representatives, used "Now is the time" as their rallying cry.

They drew the phrase from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said 46 years ago: "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy."

The organization distributed a flier that indicated how District 2 City Council candidates Frank Brown and Ben Gray and mayoral candidates Hal Daub and Jim Suttle stand on various issues.

The issues included neighborhood revitalization, police-community relations, economic security and other topics.

OTOC doesn't endorse candidates.

"We want the citizens to be informed and to vote," said Cindy Sauer, an organizer of the event.

Omaha voters will elect a mayor and seven City Council members on Tuesday. Douglas County election officials have predicted a 31 percent turnout.

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