



## Mission and Goals

A proposed strategy on how to achieve the mission of Democrats Abroad

### OUR MISSION



DACN exists to serve Americans living abroad by assisting with voter registration, and by creating a platform to become involved in U.S. domestic politics.

We strive to keep citizens informed of their rights.

Our online voter registration tool is

### VOTEFROMABROAD.ORG

The site makes it easy to request a ballot and vote absentee from any place on the planet.

## Meet the Team

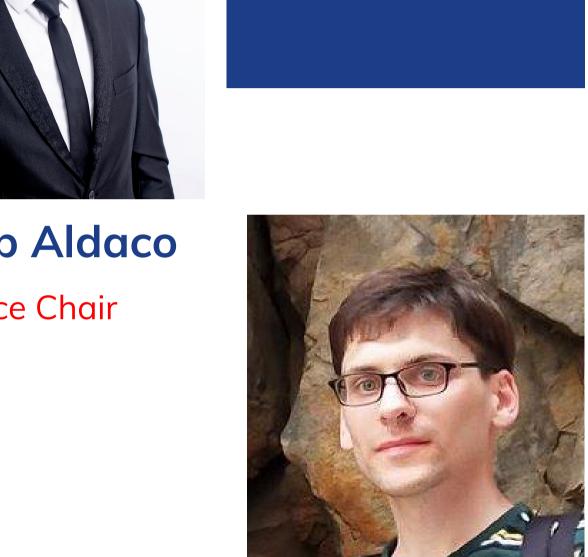




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## UPCOMING FEDERAL & STATE ELECTIONS

### **OHIO**

Special federal elections for Congressional seats

CD-11 <u>and</u> CD-15

Elections will be conducted simultaneously

Primary: August 3

General: November 2



### **TEXAS**

Runoff for special federal election for CD-6

**Runoff Election - July 27** 

### **FLORIDA**

Special Federal election for CD-20

Primary - November 2 General - January 11, 2022

### **NEW JERSEY**

**State Elections** 

**General Election - November 2** 

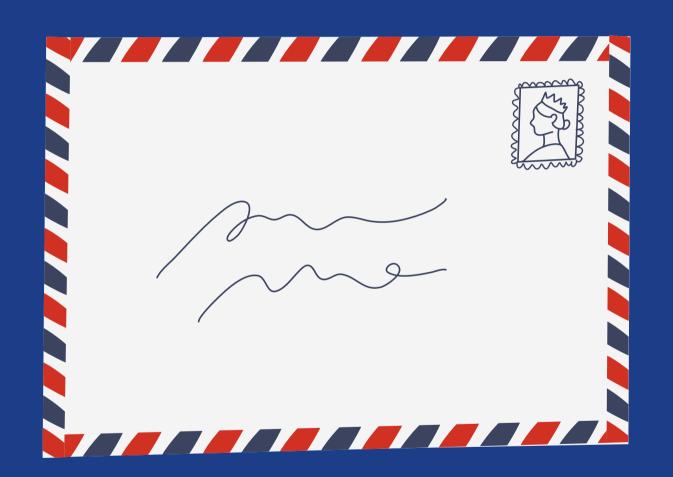
### **VIRGINIA**

**State Elections** 

**General Election - November 2** 

### DEAR JOE







## YELLEN ABOUT TAXES



Democrats Abroad has a task force dedicated to tax law and how it impacts Americans living abroad. An excerpt from a recent letter to Janet Yellen, the new Secretary of the Treasury:



"As Democrats, we strongly believe in the importance of preventing tax evasion and financial crime. However, the policies put in place to achieve these laudable goals have often been designed in a way that causes serious harm to ordinary U.S. citizens living abroad. As a direct result of policies like the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), we are often denied ordinary banking services in the places we live. We are frequently removed from joint accounts we share, putting our financial security in serious jeopardy, and denied employment, promotions, and business partnerships when roles involve signature authority over business accounts in foreign financial institutions."

https://www.democratsabroad.org/open letter to secretary yellen

### ASIA PACIFIC REGION



Nicholas Gordon

AP Regional Chair

## CAUCUS CAUCUS CAUCUS



### **AAPI CAUCUS**

Chaired by Elizabeth Blackbourn





### BLACK CAUCUS

Chaired by Dr. Kymmberli Sparkles Stowe **LGBTQI+ CAUCUS** 

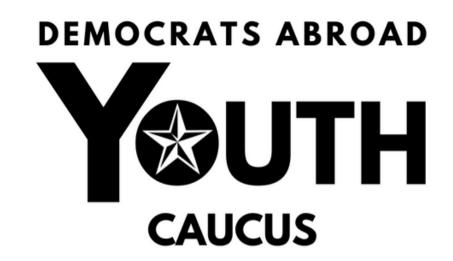
Chaired by Eric Ripple





### **WOMEN'S CAUCUS**

Chaired by Elaine Chow



### PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

Chaired by Jacob Aldaco



#### **YOUTH CAUCUS**

Chaired by Elizabeth Blackbourn

#### **HISPANIC CAUCUS**

Chaired by Anthony Gonzales



#### **BOOK CLUB**

Run by members interested in learning and discussing ways to become better activists and allies



## ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE CHANGE CREW

DACN members are working with international members to become recognized as a global caucus

## VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES CAUCUS

A caucus at the global level, DACN is looking for members to launch a caucus here in China

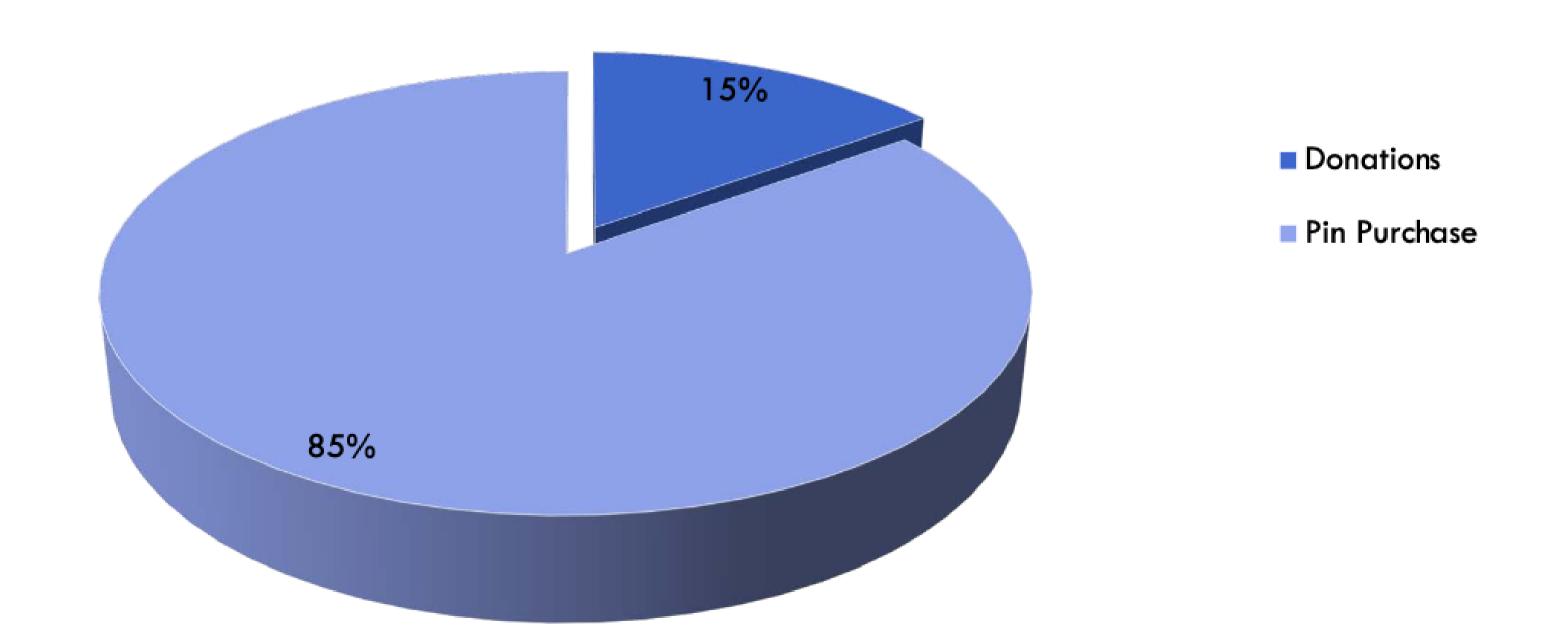
## Financial Goals

Fundraising for DACN and DA Global



## Progress Report

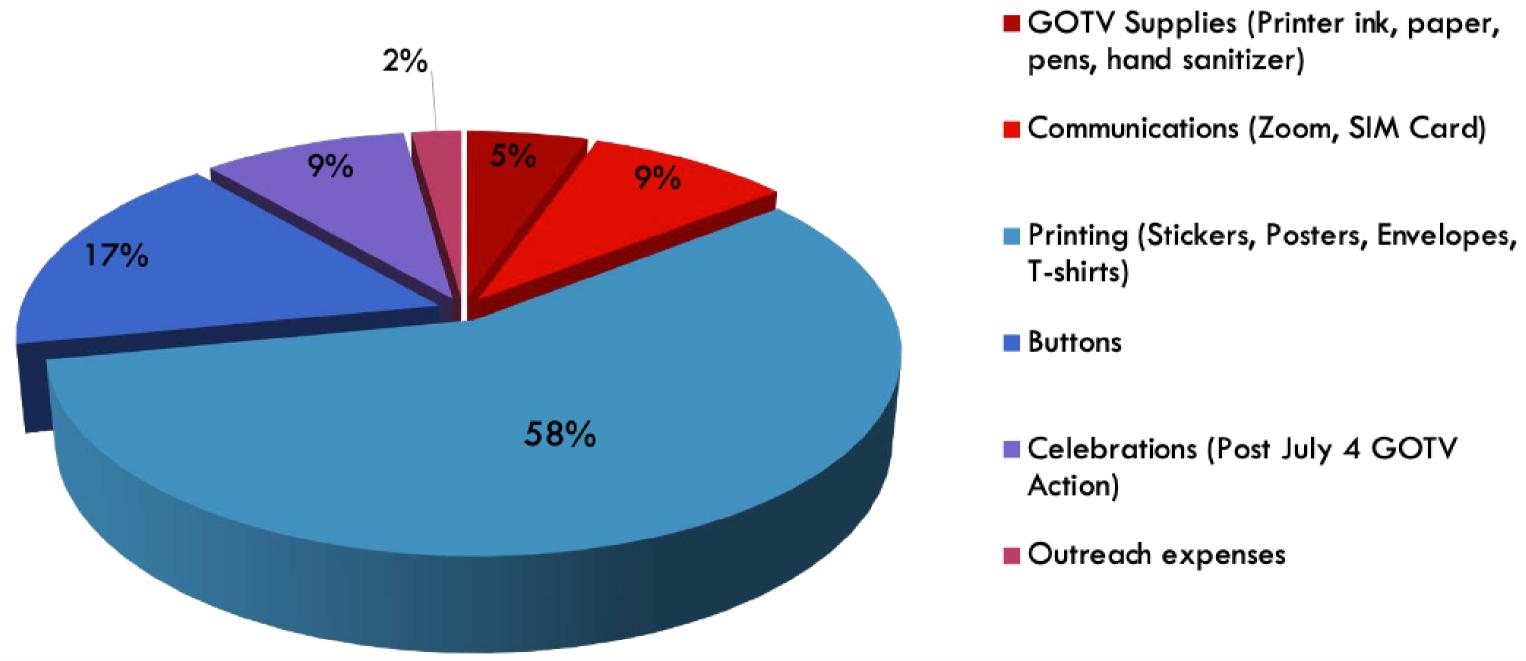
Revenues Breakdown JUN 2020 - MAY 2021





### **DACN FUNDS**

### Expenditure Breakdown JUN 2020 - MAY 2021



## Future Roadmap

Where we see DACN growth financing voting efforts

2021

PREP FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS & MIDTERMS

2022

**MIDTERMS** 

2023

PREP FOR
GUBERNATORIAL &
CONGRESSIONAL
ELECTIONS



### What now?



## Membership is growing

As membership grows, DACN needs to channel ideas and encourage activism to achieve Democratic goals



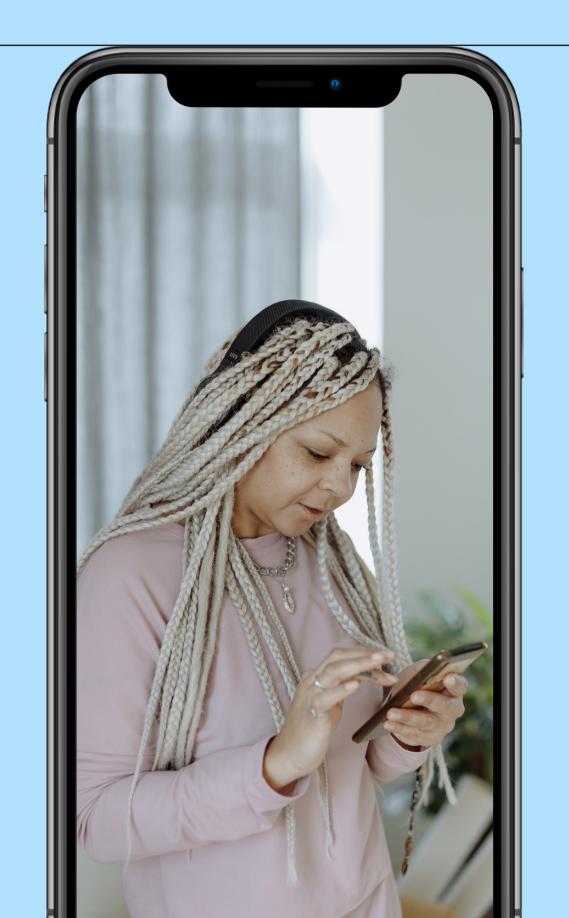
### Technology linked

Social media connect us at all times, finding the best outlet to reach members is vital to voter success



## Voting efficiency

Members require a simple and easy way to control the flow of information regarding registration and voting absentee



## 2021 Content Strategy Planning

Communications & IT







WeChat connects members across all of China.

Our current chat groups include Beijing, Guangzhou, Jiangnan, Kunming, Shanghai, and Shenzhen.

We aim to increase outreach in existing and new areas!

### BYLAWS COMMITTEE







Jacob Aldaco

DACN Vice Chair

Cory Stroik

DACN Secretary

Aaron Kruse
Former DACN Chair
& Global Bylaws
Committee Member

### DPCA



#### **VOTING REPRESENTATIVES**

 When a Country Committee is incompliance, they have voting representatives at meetings of the global body (DPCA).



### **COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

 The DPCA has compliance requirements Country Committees to become established, as well as to maintain their voting representatives.



#### **ALLOCATION OF VOTES**

 The DPCA allocates votes to Country Committees based on the annual membership certification and is recalculated in odd-numbered years.



#### **DPCA MEETINGS**

 The DPCA meets both virtually and inperson. Attendees can apply for travel funds.

### EVENT HOSTING

Event Form	
Name of Event	
Caucus	All events should be either: - Election-related (USA or DA) - Led by a specific Caucus (or co-led by Caucuses)
Date & Time	MM/DD – XX:XX to XX:XX
Fees or Deals?	Please enter any entrance admission fees required or drink/food deals on offer
Location Address	China-based address, only English needed Livestream/Webex links
Event Copy	What are we doing? Get together? Movie Screening? Phonebanking? Mailing?  Why? Current events hook? Everyone needs to know something? Just for funsies?
Materials Requests	Do you need a banner? Postcards? Flyers?
Main Point Person	Name/WeChat ID (won't be published) The person who Elaine will be bothering for photos & recaps after the event

Ask a DA Comms member to help select a date. Please try to submit information two weeks to 30 days prior to an event.

Fill out an event form

Get the form edited and approved

DACN will publish your event on the DACN events page, and assist with posting on social media

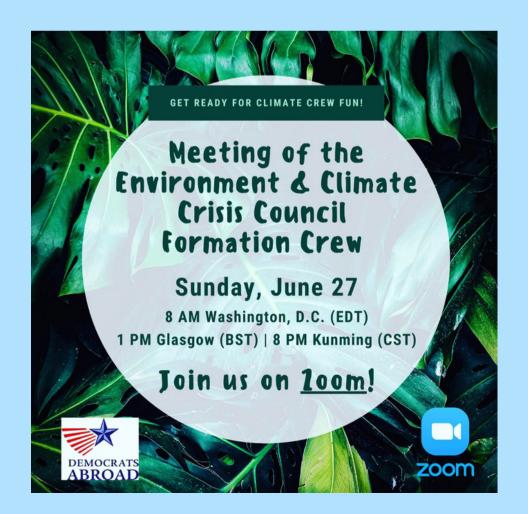
https://www.democratsabroad.org/cn\_events



# LET'S GET TOGETHER



















## WE'LL MEET AGAIN



## LET'S GET TO WORK!

