

MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Welcome

Attendance

Board Reports

Membership Verification

GOTV Training

GPP Updates

DPCA Meeting Info

Event Planning

Motions and New Business



Bylaws

DACN Bylaws





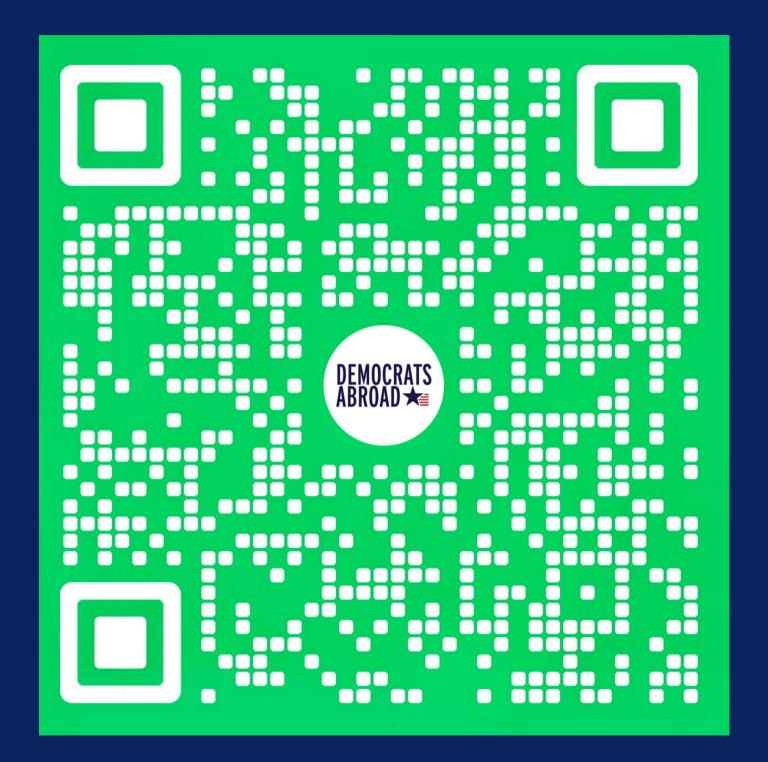
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DPCA & DACN News & Events





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CHAIR REPORT & REQUESTS

OCTOBER 2023

- GOTV, Election Day 2023, curing
- Meetings with volunteers interested in filling vacancy and participating in other ways
- WI Team meetings
- State Team meetings
- Women's Caucus Organizing
- ECCC Team meeting on COP28
- Financial Compliance Committee & Subcommittee reports, meetings
- DPCA Extraordinary Meeting November 12
- Global meetings <u>archived</u>
- Regional meetings archived
- Sharing content on DACN social media and WeChat
- WeChat group organizing
- Membership Verification and database entry to begin
- November Newsletter and photo collection help requested
- Voter Assistance Event Planning 2024
- David Pepper *live*!!!
- Guangzhou and Shanghai event preparations
- January 15th event preparations
- GPP event preparations
- Holiday event preparations



NATIVE AMERICAN Heritage Month

What does Native November mean to you? Why is it important to be involved in your community?

"November is really the culmination of our green corn way of life. Harvests are complete, prime hunting is underway, and preparations for the cold season has begun. It's a very active time of year and a time where the spirit of togetherness and thankfulness define this part of our annual cycle.

This is why participation is important because our communal way of life was never designed to continue on any path alone."



Run for Delegate and Join Democrats Abroad in Chicago for the DNC Convention in August!



DEMOCRATIC WINS

WISCONSIN

Democrats flipped control of the state Supreme Court

OHIO

Constitutional amendment ensuring access to abortion

CONNECTICUT

Democrats won key mayoral races

RHODE ISLAND

Gabe Amo won open House seat

NEW JERSEY

Democrats picked up state Assembly seats

VIRGINIA

Democrats won full control of state legislature

KENTUCKY

Gov. Andy Beshear won reelection

PENNSYLVANIA

Daniel McCaffery elected to state Supreme Court

PHILADELPHIA

Cherelle Parker elected mayor











ELECTION 2023

Gabe Amo wins seat to U.S. House from Rhode Island

He becomes the state's first elected Black representative to Congress.



MICHAEL FEGGANS VIRGINIA HD-97





Congratulations

VICTORY VICTORY **VICTORY VICTORY** VICT VICT VICTOR , VICTORY VICTORY VICTORY

Mayor Regina Romero

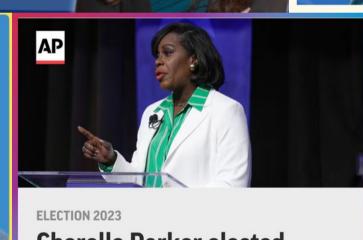
2023 Election Historic Wins

RUE LANDAU

The first out LGBTQIA+ city council member for the city of Philadelphia



2023 Municipal Election WINNER! First Selectman Farfield CT DEMS



Cherelle Parker elected mayor of Philadelphia

Parker, a Democrat, is the first woman to serve in the role.



Results are constantly updated Refresh &

--Select Race--

Wed Nov 8 - 0:05am

Portage Co. - Kent Council Ward 4

100% of Precincts reporting

Christopher 83%



Congrats

Sen. Aaron Rouse

Virgina Senate - District 22



Ohioans voted YES on Issue 1, locking the right to abortion in the state constitution!

This marks a huge win for reproductive freedom!



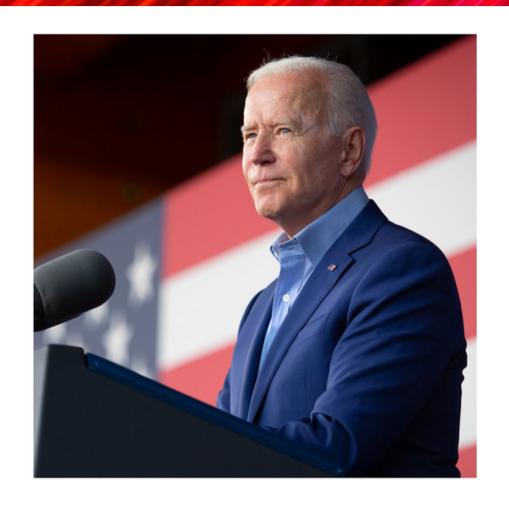
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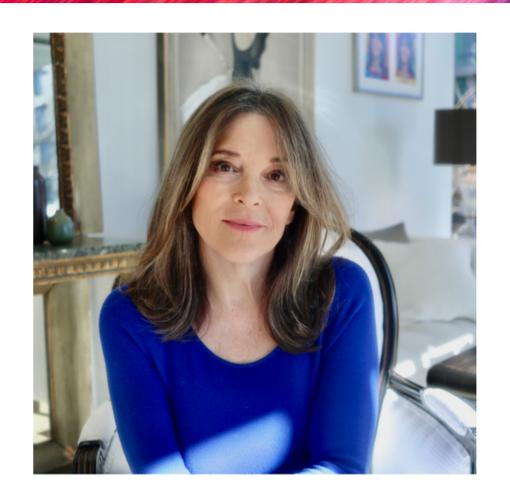
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Virgina Senate - District 13

Reproductive Freedom for All Endorsed







Joe Biden

Marianne Williamson

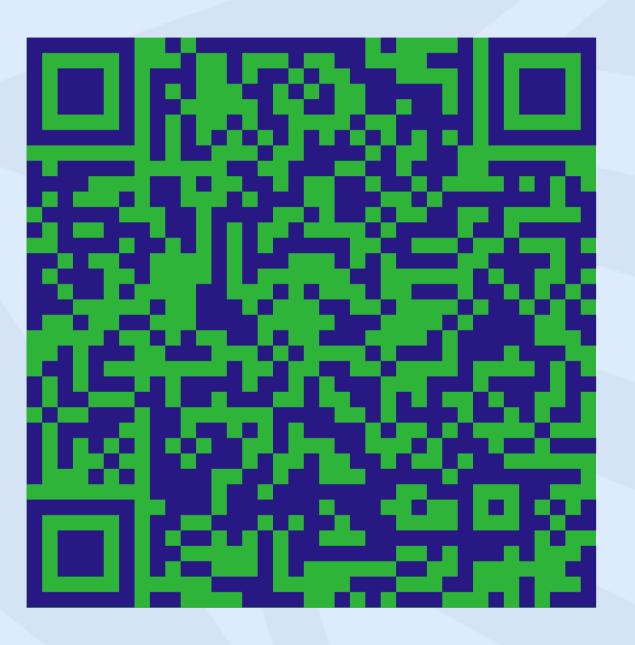
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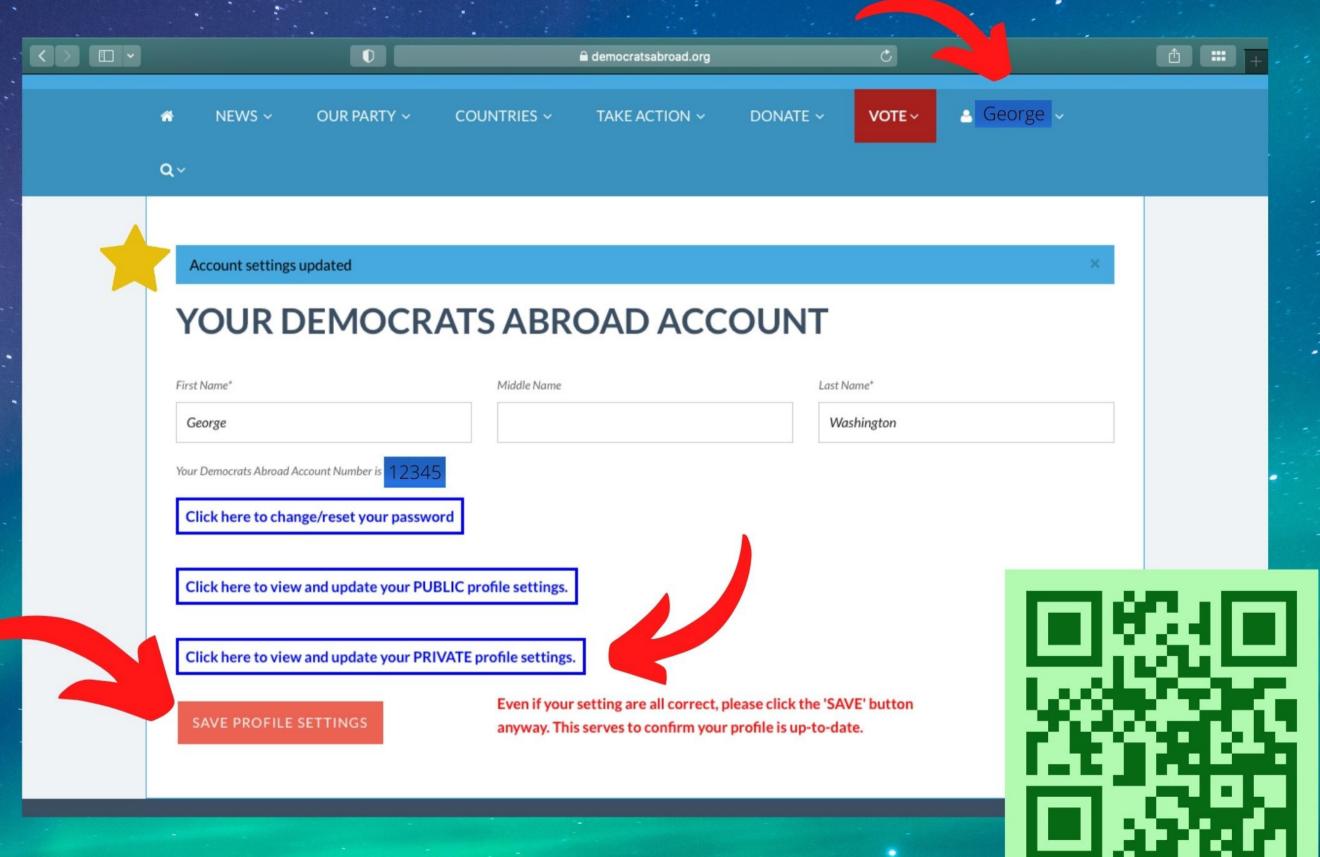
The Wiki

DPCA & DACN Repository











DEMOCRATS ABROAD

China

Total Raised 2022:

Total Raised 2023:

\$133.09

\$50.10

Total Spent 2022:

\$0.00

Total Spent 2023:

\$-52.88

Total Country Balance

\$130.31





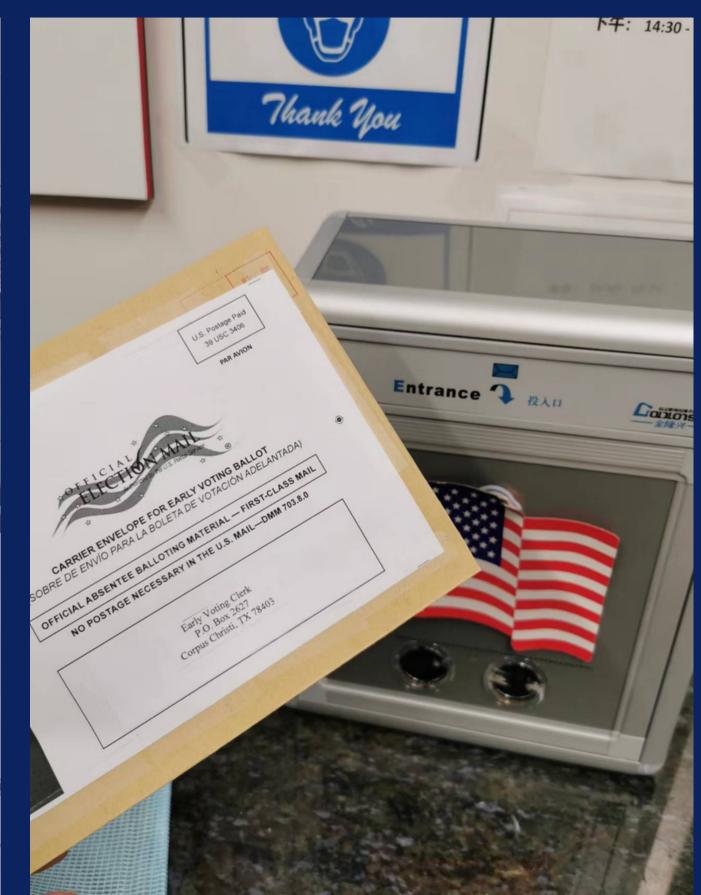
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Vote from Abroad org

Absentee ballots for US citizens

Request a ballot Vote by mail Shape the future





ORGANIZING AHEAD

November

David Pepper. Live events in SH & GZ. Election Results Chat Party. Giving Tuesday drive. Member verification. Comms Collabs. News, Newsletter.

December

Membership
verification. Call
for volunteers.
Launch events in 5
cities. End of year
newsletter.
Register certain
states (early
primaries).

Review

Evaluate 2023 results, goal set, look to primaries, GPP and generals. CELEBRATE!

January

Voter registration
2023!
ABC Event.
Final Membership
Verification
GPP event prep in
venues

February

Voter registration
2023! BHM!
Finalize GPP
vendors,
purchases &
comms.



Intro to the Global Presidential Primary (GPP)

Democrats Abroad

Sept 23, 2023



The Global Presidential Primary (GPP)

The Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary (GPP) will run from March 5 to March 12, 2024 at voting centers around the world to help select the next Democratic presidential candidate.

Democrats Abroad will send delegates to the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in August 2024 who reflect the results of our primary. These delegates are elected at our regional and global conventions next year.

- Voters must meet the following criteria to participate in our primary
 - Reside abroad and be a U.S. Citizen
 - Be a member of Democrats Abroad
 - Be 18 as of November 5, 2024
 - Not have voted, or plan to vote, in any other 2024 state presidential primary
- Besides in person voting, voters abroad may also vote by downloading a ballot and emailing, faxing, or postal mailing it to Democrats Abroad from February 13, 2024 through March 12, 2024.

Global Presidential Primary (GPP)
our party-run primary that allows
Democrats Abroad members living
outside the United States to
participate in the Democratic
Presidential candidate nomination
process.



GPP in 2020 - Facts & Figures

- Voters in 180 countries successfully cast their ballots
- 39,984 voters participated in the primary
- Voting took place at more than 230 voting centers across our country committees
 - List of 2020 voting centers
- The majority of voting events were held on Super Tuesday and the next weekend
- Voters cast their ballots in person, by email, fax, and postal mail
 - 2020 totals by ballot type

The GPP and Your Committee

- Volunteer engagement and training opportunity
- Biggest membership growth opportunity each 4 year cycle
- Community building
 - Members love voting in person and hearing their results
 - Members really appreciate the chance to impact the DA Platform
- Strengthens our brand through media
 - Biggest press moments of the cycle
- Your turnout impacts your regional and global convention vote

Democrats Abroad 2024 GPP Timeline

Nov 10, 2023 Delegate workshops roll out

Dec 31 Country Committee (CC) Voting Center info due

Jan 3, 2024 Last day for Presidential candidate GPP sign up

Feb 13 Ballots on DA site for download

March 5 - 12 DA Global Presidential Primary (GPP) week

March 12 Latest date to email or fax a ballot or postmark a mail-in ballot

March 17 Deadline for mail-in ballots to be received by Committees or RVC

March 26 Delegate filing period begins

Apr 15 CC Elector certification deadline

Apr 19 Delegate filing deadline

Apr 26 Approved delegate list due from campaigns

May 25 AP Regional Convention (online)

May 26 EMEA Regional Convention (online)

May 30 Americas Regional Conventions (in Costa Rica and online)

May 31-June 1 Global Convention (in Costa Rica and online)

August 19-22 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL

Voting Center 2023 Decisions

Country Committee info due Dec 31, 2023

- Voting Center(s) location, dates and times
- Voting Center manager name
- Name & address of local person who will send out mail-in ballots
- Name & address for local mail-in ballot deliveries
- Waiver requests

How to submit CC voting center info

Via form, email or postal mail [gpp@democratsabroad.org]

Voting Center Requirements/Suggestions

Required

- In-compliant country or transnational committees must run at least one (1) voting center
- Voting Centers must be run in a building that is not a private home

Suggested

- Chapters of in-compliant country or transnational committees are encouraged to set up at least one (1) voting center
- Country committees in formation as well as out-of-compliance committees are encouraged to set up at least one (1) voting center
- Not in a country committee? Consider running a Ballot Assistance Event!
 (2020 info here as a reference, but not a guideline)

Considerations for Choosing a Voting Center

- Location: Safety, public transportation, centrality, recognizability
- Timing: Ensure space is available at least an hour before and after voting
 - Triple confirm time and date, recommended in writing
- Size: Consider voter numbers <u>review past attendance as a guideline</u>
- Space needs: Voting area, ballot box, info stand, registration, etc (see sample voting center layout)
- Space options: Ask now if you can decorate ahead of the event
- Connection: Look for good internet connection + electricity
- Context: Bars are off limits for some voter populations, be mindful of your voters
- Insurance: Check if venue requires insurance policy/rider
- Accessibility: See next slide for accessibility reminders

Voting Center

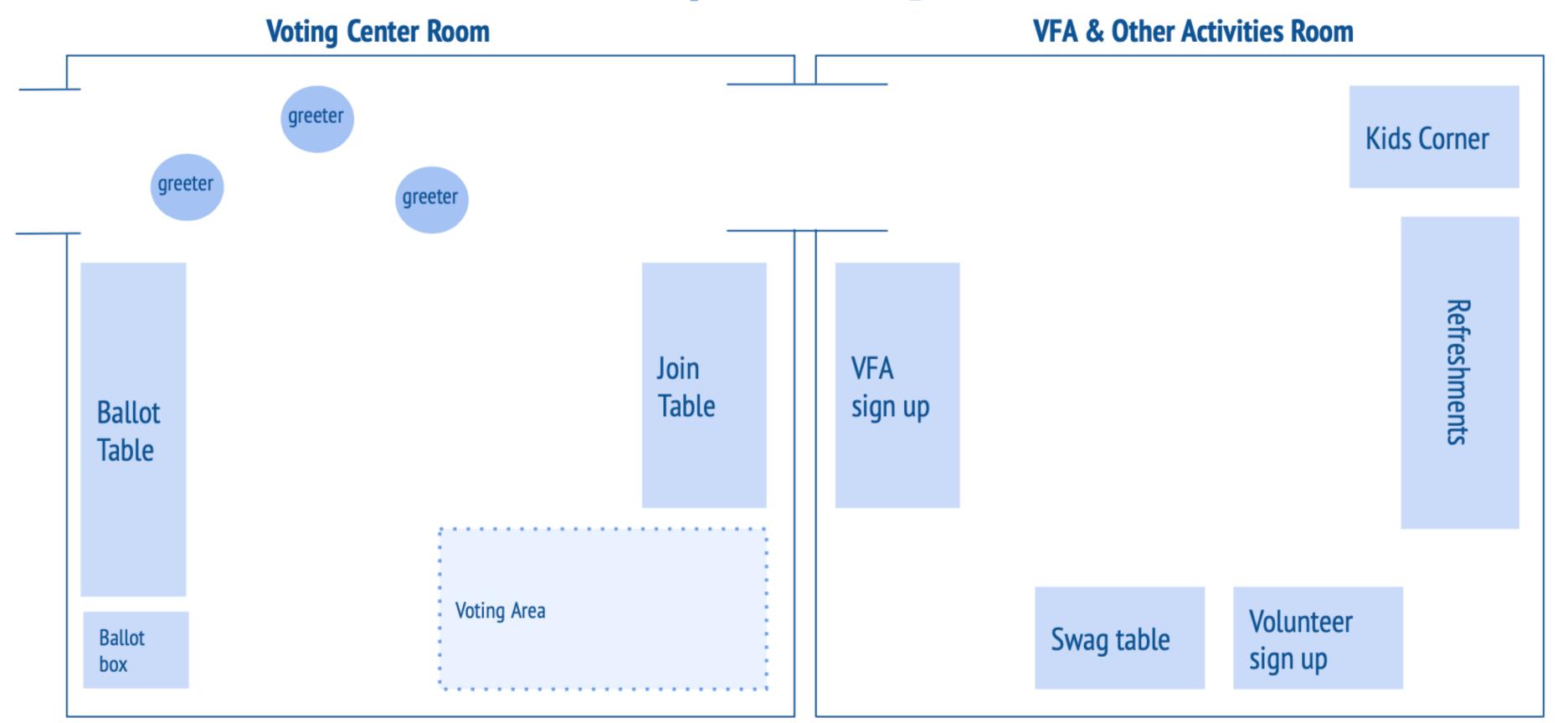
official voting location for in-person voting, must be declared by Dec 31, 2023; includes ballot collection and tabulation; must be publicly accessible; must be publicized

Voting Center Accessibility Considerations*

- Handicapped parking spaces available (if applicable)?
- Easy access to public transportation?
- Venue open for voting over several hours (or days) to accommodate all DA voters?
- Venue has a disabled-friendly restroom(s)?
- Venue has a "family-friendly" restroom(s) such as having a baby-changing station?
- Take into consideration the amount of stairs, lack of elevator, sufficient ramp, etc. for elderly and disabled DA voters?
- Venue has a sufficient number of seats available for guests who may need a rest?
- Venue has sufficient lighting for DA voters to accurately read all the voting materials?
- Are there appropriate emergency exit procedures for DA voters with a disability (such as those in a wheelchair)?
- Venue have a First-Aid kit and defibrillator available?
- Is there drinking water available for older/dehydrated DA voters (especially if in a hot climate)?
- If it is raining/snowing during GPP hours, is there a "Caution: Wet Floor" and/or mop available to quickly clean up slippery floors?

^{*}Notes from 2020 Affirmative Action Committee

A Bird's Eye View of a Sample Voting Center



^{*}Google Slides work well for a fast sketch

GPP Costs and Contracts

- Expected Costs
 - In-person balloting materials
 - Decorations and swag
 - Voting center venue rental (if applicable)
 - Postal costs for shipping tabulated ballots to Int'l Chair
 - Advertisement (if any)
 - Vote-by-mail printing and delivery costs
- Budgets differ by committee
 - Review numbers from previous voting centers (either your own or comparably sized committee)
- Costs associated with each committee's voting center(s) must be paid by the committee
- Contracts must be signed in coordination with the Global Executive Committee

Voting Center Manager Responsibilities

- Opens and closes voting at the center
- Makes sure Voting Center rules are followed
- Responsible for the safety of ballots during voting & until posted to Int'l Chair
- Keeps tally of ballots each day; makes note of challenges and provisional ballots
- Ensure ballots are accurately tabulated
- Sends ballots to Int'l Chair w/ tabulation + other details
- Reports results to Int'l Chair or designees by phone & email immediately after tabulation
- Organizes and manages volunteers to help with the Voting Center
- If applicable, contacts embassy or local police to notify them of expected large crowds, other safety concerns

Voting Center Manager

responsible for maintaining voting center rules and guidelines and managing a voting center during the GPP

Other Volunteer Roles at the Voting Center

- Greeter (traffic controller)
- Voter registration assistant (join Democrats Abroad!)
- Voter verification assistants (2-3, checks membership & whether voted remotely)
- Ballot distributor and logger
- Ballot box watcher
- Dedicated adviser to resolve questions and disputes regarding the rules
- VFA assistant for registering to vote in the U.S.
- General voter help (including remote voting and interest in being a delegate)
- Media coordinator
- Tellers for vote tallying after close of voting

Depending on voter numbers, one volunteer may fulfill multiple roles.

Numbers of volunteers needed for tellers, etc increase with number of expected voters. All roles are suggestions only, with the exception of the **teller** positions, which are **required roles**

Status of the Delegate Selection Plan (DSP)

Democratic National Committee (DNC) Review

- DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee reviewed on Sept. 14 (see video)
- DSP declared conditionally compliant
- DSP currently being edited to take into account comments (due Oct 20)

Highlights of DNC comments

- Primary use of RCV to be removed
- Single vote proportional system used instead

Delegate Selection Plan (DSP)

- outlines the rules and procedures that Democrats Abroad follows in order to participate in the Democratic primary process and select delegates to attend the Democratic National Convention

What to Look for Next

- Wiki page in progress: https://wiki.democratsabroad.org/GPP2024
- Brief Guide for Delegate Candidates
- A "Guide for Voting Center Managers"
 - Voting Center Rules
 - Voting Center Planning + Set Up
 - Publicity
 - Campaign Observers + Media Management
 - Order of Play on Voting Center Day
- Online workshops run regionally for Voting Center Managers
- Volunteer role descriptions
- Voting Center forms & documents including ballots, tabulation forms, ballot logs, etc.
- "Ballot Assistance Event Guide"

Glossary

Ballot Assistance Event non-official voting event designed to assist voters in remote voting; no ballot collection or tabulation

Global Presidential Primary (GPP) our party-run primary that allows Democrats Abroad members living outside the United States to participate in the Democratic Presidential candidate nomination process

<u>Democratic National Committee (DNC)</u> organization within the Democratic Party responsible for supporting US Democratic Party candidates. Also responsible for organizing the Democratic National Convention every four years

Democratic National Convention (DNC) presidential nomination convention held every four years to officially nominate a Democratic candidate for President of the United States and define the Democratic party platform. Delegates attend from the 50 states, plus DC, the territories, and Democrats Abroad

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Kevin Xin







* Can't make it? Look for another Wednesday evening social in December!











VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



JOIN SU Our Volunteers are the heartbeat of change, breathing life into dreams and transforming our country and our world.





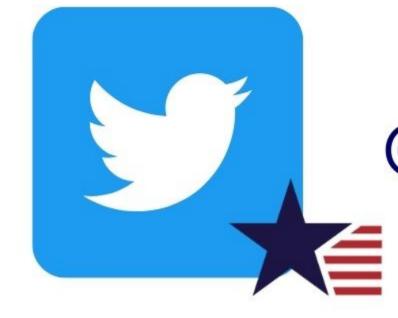
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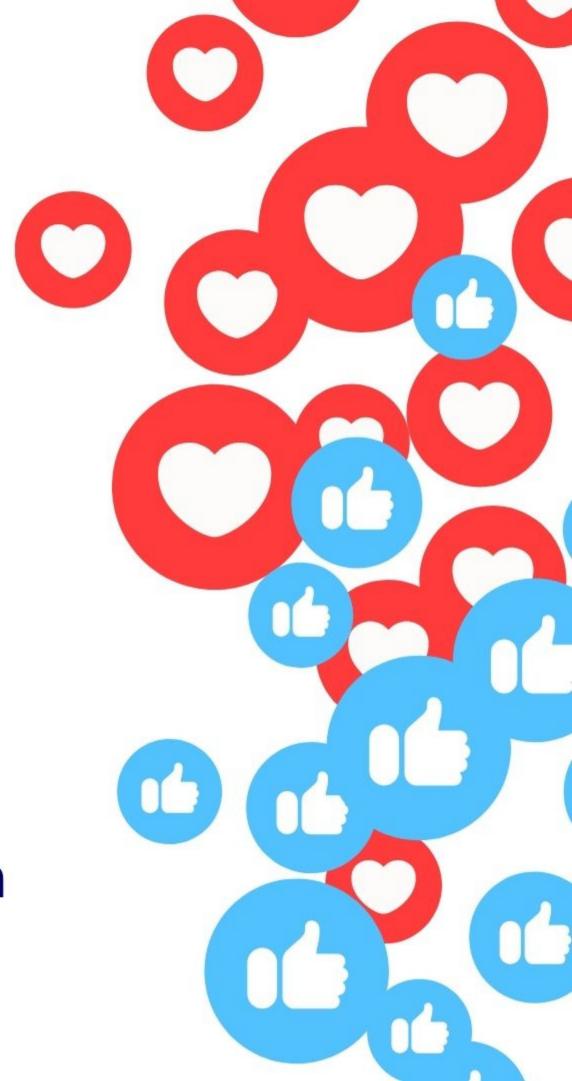


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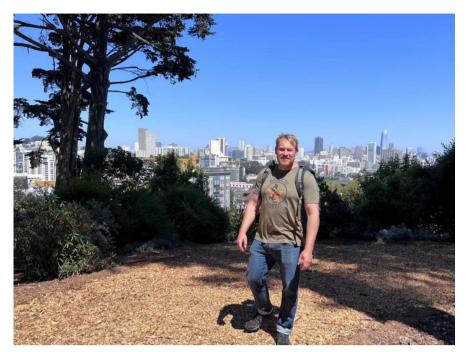


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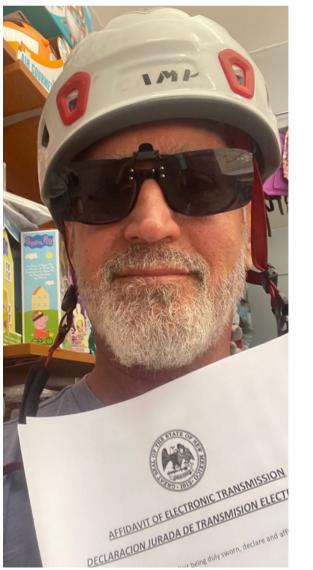




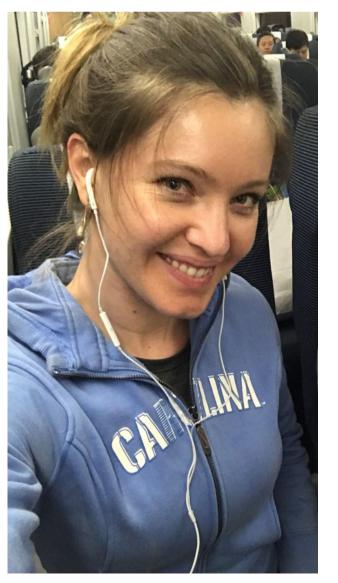














AMERICANOS EN EL EXTRANJERO



¿QUIEREN SABER CÓMO VOTAR EN LAS ELECCIONES DEL 2024?





CURE

Vote from Abroad org

Absentee ballots for US citizens

















































