



**1. AAPI CAUCUS - OCT 12**

- Upcoming Events:
  - Date is set for event with Christine Chen from APIAVote - November 12/13
  - Set a date for an event with Eunice Cho from the ACLU in DC - December 2nd, 9am EST
- Upcoming Speakers - no fixed date:
  - Spoke with Eric Salcedo from the DNC AAPI Caucus - Interested in working together and doing a listening event with us. Currently looking to see if he can find data on AAPI voters abroad.
- Held a Steering Committee meeting on October 7th.
- Set a date to send our monthly newsletters for the rest of the year - on the 10th of each month
- Sent out the October monthly newsletter
- Work in progress:
  - Spoke with Randi from DA Canada and Jazz from the GBC

**2. BLACK CAUCUS - OCT 12**

- Zoom meeting with Erin Watson discussion and sharing strategies of the GBC in the AP-Region
- Reach out via email to actress and LGBTIQ+-advocate, Michaela Jaé Rodriguez -POSE, as a guest panelist for Dec. 1st. GBC event.
- Reach out to GLAAD Award recipient, HIV & Transactivist Tatiana Williams as a guest panelist for Dec. 1st. GBC event. Tatiana has already answered with a positive reply. Next step: setting up a meeting.
- Reach out to my private contact, HRH Prince Seeiso of Lesotho, Co-founder together with His Highness Harry Duke of Sussex - as a guest panelist for Dec. 1st. GBC event.
- Reach out to my private contact with His Highness Harry Duke of Sussex & Meghan Markle - as a guest panelists for Dec. 1st. GBC event.
- Reach out to my private contact on staffers, Michelle Obama, as a guest panelist for Dec. 1st. GBC event.
- The Communications Deputy Evelyn Riera is now also the Engagement Team Lead
- Reach out to the New Georgia Project
- Attended the DNC Town Hall meeting
- Meeting with FAWCO President Emily van Eerten, who shown interest in the past The Long Shadow event. Unfortunately not a collaboration opportunity due to FAWCO being non-partisan. But shared the contact details of TIBA and Francis Causey film maker.
- Meeting with the GBC Press / Media Relations Team and discussing strategy.
- Meeting with Emily (AAPI Caucus) sharing issue agendas with each other and brainstorming on an event-week in November.
- Meeting with Karen discussing the new GBC website.
- Attended the AAPI Bystander event to evaluate if an event like this would be of interest.
- Emily (AAPI) and I are talking with Randy (DA Canada) about possibilities of outreach assistance



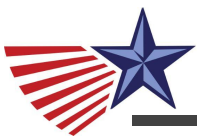
- Representatives from Undocublack answered my inquiry from the previous week -> moving forward planning an event.
- Meeting with Khary (South Africa) sharing ideas and experiences.
- Weekly catch up meeting with GBC Vice James
- James had the interview conducted by BLM South Korea on the topic of voting rights. This is being edited and also provided with the GBC.
- James passed his quizzes and is now posting to sandbox.
- James is talking to a new addition to the Poet Laureate Circle.
- James reached out to Mrs. Sheila Lee Jackson (Texas) from the congressional Black Caucus.

### 3. DISABILITY CAUCUS

- Established team leads for event planning
- Lissette and Max - volunteer kick-off on October 30 at 9 am ET
- Allyssa and Elizabeth - Election Watch November 2 - time tbd
- Marnie & Denise - Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities- December 3 - panel with rep from each Caucus
- Denise - Allies - time and date tbd - probably February
- Held event planning meeting on September 29
- Submitted event form on Wikki for October 30 event
- Re-wrote volunteer invitation letter and requested link for event to incorporate - sent to Karen for distribution (or may go to Lissette)
- Attended EMEA conference and three members joined panel
- On barriers to voting for people with disabilities
- Began research on available technology for persons with disabilities participating in meeting
- Identified need for project leader for "how to improved DA" for persons with disabilities
- Identified need for Vice Chair, Secretary and GOTV leader - will
  - Keep eyes open for candidates for these spots during volunteer event
- Wrote to Americas and AP RVPs to request addition to their mailing lists as well as a brief conversation at some future date that is convenient
- Developed list of potential "significant dates" for social media campaign and possible events
- Initiated outreach for December 3 event by contacting Karen F to add to agenda on next caucuses meeting
- Identified additional media recommendation to be included with our "Crip Camp" recommendation - "Inspiration Porn" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxrS7-I\\_sMQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxrS7-I_sMQ)

### 4. HISPANIC CAUCUS REPORT

- Issues/Themes:
  - Hispanic Heritage month (Sep 15th - Oct 15th)
  - Social media activity (on TW/FB/IG) to highlight DA Hispanic Leaders and US Hispanic/Latinx unsung heroes
  - Translation of GOTV content to support efforts in Mexico and the rest of Latin America to reach out to dual citizens.
  - Translated so far: CA recall page, the VA and NJ elections ones, as well as the donations page.
  - Slack channel set up for translators, GOTV leaders and those who may have requests for translation <https://demsabroad.slack.com/archives/C02E2DHL6UV>
  - Steering Committee - preparing email to ask for expressions of interest. Aiming to announce Steering Committee by end of October



- Eventos en Español
  - Upcoming Legislation
    - Reconciliation bill - immigration reform blocked for now
    - American Families United Act
    - Upcoming meetings of the Caucus
    - Looking to set up meeting with DA Mexico's leadership, as well as the leaders of the country chapters
  - Trying to reach
    - Long Beach's Mayor, Robert Garcia to talk to us about Hispanic Heritage and the vote of Latinos and other minorities. Getting some help but if someone has a direct contact that'd be very useful.
  - Asks for Global
    - Global Social Media - please continue promoting Hispanic Heritage month events and activities, please retweet/like/share our posts
    - Global Excom/DNC members - could we be put in touch with the DNC's Hispanic Caucus. Is it possible to somehow reach out and meet leaders of Hispanic Caucuses in other states?
- 5. YOUTH CAUCUS- OCT 12**
- The Steering Committee had its first meeting on October 8th. Each member introduced him or herself, later followed by two ice breakers. Next Steering Committee meeting is on October 14th to discuss and amend the Terms of Reference.
- 6. PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS- OCT 12**
- During the past week, we have continued to build our team; discussed collaboration with other DA caucuses, task forces, etc.; hosted our monthly meeting on October 9th (45 rsvps with approximately 30 participants), and communicated with Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) leadership. At our monthly meeting on October 9th, we formally began work on our Terms of Reference review, communications development, as well as our event/collaboration and issue/candidate advocacy initiatives. We also have begun work on our October newsletter and intend to submit it on October 13th or 14th for dissemination on October 15th. We have scheduled "next-steps" meetings for October 16th and the Book Club meeting for October 25th. We have tentatively scheduled our 7th Biden-Harris Progress Report for October 28th.
    - Issues/Themes
      - DA foreign policy discussion
      - Federal minimum wage increase to at least \$15
      - Green New Deal (collaboration with DA ECCC Formation Crew)
      - Medicare for All (collaboration with Medicare Portability Task Force)
      - Reparations (in collaboration with Reparations Task Force)
      - Student Debt Relief (in collaboration with organizers of the DA [Sallie Mae Not](#) event and filmmakers)
      - Other core issues of the Congressional Progressive Caucus
    - Is there upcoming legislation that is key for your caucus?
      - Dual-track infrastructure legislation
      - Freedom to Vote Act
    - Speakers you are pursuing
      - We have reached out to the Congressional Progressive Caucus with a speaker invitation and are pursuing options.
      - We are reaching out to the authors of books featured in our book club.



- We also are collaborating with other caucuses, task forces, etc. to recruit speakers.
- What events/themes/information are you working on for your members that have not yet been posted on the website?
  - “Next-Steps” meetings on October 16th (in development)
  - Progress Report #7 on October 28th (in development)
  - We are eager to intensify DA discussion about the significance of issue advocacy for getting out the vote.
- Global Asks
  - **We would like to work with the design team to generate designs for our monthly meetings and “Monthly Mondays for Your Progressive Minds” (formerly Book Club)**
  - We look forward to new opportunities for WebEx and NationBuilder training.
  - We would like to integrate our caucus communications development with global communications development.
  - We are interested in participating in the work foreseen by Resolution Three.
  - We are interested in participating in the ongoing discussion about DA U.S. foreign policy discourse.

## 7. LGBTQ CAUCUS

- We are also looking at a NJ-focused event featuring two LGBT candidates, one for the house the other for the Senate. We are happy to cosponsor the event with the Hispanic Caucus featuring Roberto Garcia. Our newsletter was sent out the first week in October, and features a focus on National Coming Out day, which is October 11. Other upcoming dates include November 20 which is the Transgender Day of Remembrance and December 1 which is World AIDS Day. We are brainstorming about possible events—even social media campaigns—for those dates. Our call for candidates for the Steering Committee in the last newsletter has gone unheeded, so we are actively looking for someone in AP to join. Finally, we would like to recommend an “Intercaucus Book Club” reading : Kimberlé Crenshaw has just published a collection of her most important essays, called, appropriately “On Intersectionality” We suggest at a minimum that the extended leadership of all the caucuses consider reading this together.

## 8. VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES CAUCUS - OCT 12

### VETERAN DEPORTATION - OCT 12

- **Meetings**
  - **Veteran Deportation:** None
  - **VMF:** Communications team meeting planned 14 Oct. 0200 ICT, Steering Committee meeting planning 17 October 0400 ICT, newsletter team meetings planned Oct. 14 & 21 2100 ICT
- **Collaboration Items**
  - **AAPI and Hispanic Caucuses:** We are planning to jointly co-host another immigration event with the AAPI and Hispanic Caucuses. I believe the planning is being primarily completed by Emily Lines.
  - **Veteran Deportation Committee, DA Mexico, Repatriate Our Patriots (outside group):** DA Mexico general membership (with invitations to other Latin American country members) meeting presentation about Veteran Deportation in Latin America 21 Feb.



- **Women's Caucus:** Mike will be asking Rep. Frankel a question about overseas GI Bill benefits at the Women's Caucus panel on 13 Oct.
  - **NOTE:** I would like to give a special thank you to the GWC for connecting me with Rep. Frankel's staffer and for letting me ask this question -- Rep. Frankel is on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and thus far we have only been able to schedule a single meeting with a staffer whose rep is on the committee.
- **Events**
  - **Events in planning phase:**
    - **VMF:** Possible event about post-Afghanistan resiliency, sharing our stories, and giving members a chance to discuss in a safe setting -- probably not recorded, set up similarly to the 9/11 event hosted by DACN.
    - **Veteran Deportation:** Second (third?) part of veteran deportation series tentatively planned for December, possibly discuss family separations and such -- point person: Erin Watson
- **Action Items**
  - **Recruiting:** Hoping to get more responses from the recruiting post -- no one has applied for anything so far.
  - **Advocacy:** I am trying to focus on one or two issues at a time so we don't burn out our volunteers and leaders.
    - **Veteran Deportation advocacy:** We have been primarily focused on the GI Bill issue.
    - **GI Bill and overseas universities advocacy:** Possible legislative fix, lots of "we will talk to the VA" from staffers
      - Meeting with Rep. Stansbury (D-NM-1) staffer 9/29
      - Meeting with Sen. Menendez (D-NJ) staffer 10/1
      - Meeting with Rep. Sherrill (D-NJ-11) staffer 10/1
      - Meeting with Rep. Kim (R-CA-39) staffer 10/5
      - Meeting with Rep. Gallego (D-AZ-7) staffer 10/5
      - Meeting with Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ-3) staffer 10/6
      - Meeting with Rep. Herrell (R-NM-2) staffer 10/7
      - **Meeting with Student Veterans of America veterans organization 10/7**
        - The most effective meeting thus far. This organization had a lot of really excellent information for us, and we were able to help them with what we've discovered so far as well. Hoping to build a relationship if we can.
      - Meeting with Rep. Veasley (D-TX-33) staffer 10/8
      - Meeting with a third affected veteran in Norway 10/12
      - Planned meeting with Rep. Lamalfa (R-CA-1) staffer 10/12
      - Planned meeting with Sen. Padilla (D-CA) staffer 10/13
      - Planned meeting with Sen. Ossoff (D-GA) staffer 10/15
      - Planned meeting with Rep. Krishnamoorthi (D-IL-8) staffer 10/15
      - Planned meeting with Sen. Schatz (D-HI) staffer 10/18
      - Planned meeting with Rep. Buck (R-CO-4) staffer 10/19
      - Planned meeting with Rep. Murphy (D-FL-7) staffer 10/20
      - Planned meeting with Rep. Spartz (R-IN-5) staffer 10/21
      - Planned meeting with Rep. Hinson (R-IA-1) staffer 10/22
      - **Planned meeting with Speaker Pelosi (D-CA-12) staffer 10/22**



- **Post-Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell benefits issues** → still considering how to advocate on this issue.
- **Discharge upgrades** → Ties in with DADT, but also touches on wrongful discharges related to TBI, PTSD, and other similar issues
- **Burn pits, toxic exposure, Camp Lejeune, etc** → Still considering how to advocate on this issue.

## 9. WOMENS CAUCUS

- General:
  - Developing job description for GWC vice chair
  - Framing Project: Assembling a team to develop a toolkit/event-in-the-box for local groups (talking points, role-plays, Do/Don't, Sample Dialogues, clips, links etc.) as well as a webinar series, panel discussions etc. on the topic. Considering using the "Kitchen Table" format from last season as a model. Looking for partners! Contact Ann!
- Outreach and Development Project:
  - Sent survey to all CC Chairs/vice chairs to identify their women's caucus contact people.
  - Meet & Greets for all CCWC leaders planned by region.
  - Setting up a mentoring program for new leaders.
  - Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative:
    - Hosted webinar with Harvard Business School Professor Rosabeth Moss Kanter on Equity and Diversity in Leadership
    - Hosted 13 October Webinar with FL-21 Congresswoman Lois Frankel
- Reproductive Justice Team:
  - Sponsored Women's Health Protection week, with toolkit, call and tweet storm, graphics, etc. (Passed house, on to Senate)
  - GWC Comms Team
  - October Newsletter went out on the 1st.
  - Prepared a toolkit for all DA members to use (virtually and in-person) with graphics etc. for the October 2nd Women's march to Defend our Reproductive Rights.
  - Promoting sister marches in UK, Germany, Spain
- Feminist Literature Club:
  - Sponsoring a month-long festival beginning October 1st. Highlights include a writer's workshop, film screening, and an expert webinar on Simone de Beauvoir
- Violence Against Women team:
  - Teaming up with the "Pathways to Safety" organization on a November webinar to mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against women
  - Ongoing "Women Safe Abroad" research project to gather information that will help American women overseas who are victims of violent situations.
- Women and Climate Action Team
  - Working with global group on formation of Climate Council