# PROGRESSIVE STRATEGY SUMMIT

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# **OUR TEAM**



# WELCOME

### TO OUR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY:

Thank you for joining us for our Progressive Strategy Summit 2019 - Building Power for the Rest of Us!

We are coming together because we believe that even in the midst of a constitutional crisis, there is nothing more powerful than people power. We know that real change won't come to Washington unless and until we listen to people fighting in Shakopee, Minnesota for Amazon to accommodate workers observing Ramadan, in Kansas City, Missouri for fair, safe and affordable housing, and in Orlando, Florida for living wages.

That's why this Summit includes grassroots activists from all across our great nation, national advocates and strategists, and representatives from the over 100 member-strong Congressional Progressive Caucus. It's unique to have a caucus co-chaired by a union member, Congressman Mark Pocan, and a grassroots organizer, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal. We'll hear from people fighting for change on the front lines and people fighting for change in the halls of Congress.

We'll kick off with a town hall cosponsored by She the People and the Progressive Caucus Action Fund in which women of color grassroots leaders will come together with women of color leaders in Congress to discuss the work ahead to achieve racial, gender, economic, health, LGBTQ and climate justice. We'll give awards to outstanding progressive grassroots champions and lawmakers. And we'll keep rolling from there into important discussions about saving our democracy, building a powerful labor movement, listening to black voters, what it takes to win, and so much more.

Amidst staggering levels of corruption in Washington, we have a bold, thriving, ascendant progressive movement that puts people over profits. Since coming on board in January, I've been inspired by so many amazing organizers, activists, thinkers, and lawmakers. I believe this movement is what will save our nation and our planet.

Our progressive movement is built person by person, relationship by relationship, friendship by friendship. While you're here, I hope you take the time to meet someone new. And, if you don't know them yet, please introduce yourself to our fantastic team! We're eager to get to know you! Thank you for being here, and thank you for your support. We look forward to hearing your ideas and plans to build power for the rest of us!

In solidarity,

Liz Watson

**Executive Director** 

Congressional Progressive Caucus Center

Progressive Caucus Action Fund

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# **AGENDA AT A GLANCE**

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	Tell Your Story, Change the World: Communications Workshop	Bunker Hill Hyatt Regency
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6:00-7:30 PM	Watch Party: Uncovered: Health Care Conversations with Ady Barkan	Regency Ballroom Hyatt Regency

# MAP: COLUMBUS CLUB, UNION STATION

# TOWN HALL LOCATION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM

Women of Color Lead the Way: Building Power on the Ground and in Congress will be located at the Columbus Club Room in Union Station (Metro and Amtrak), a short walk or shuttle bus ride from

the Hyatt Regency.

If you did not reserve a ticket, seats are not guaranteed.

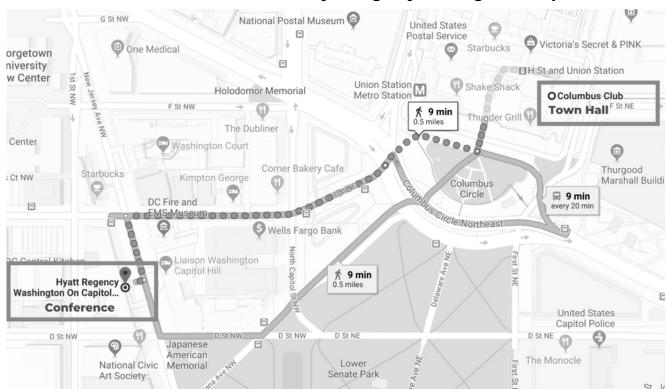
Our Welcome & Awards Gala on Thursday evening, as well as all events on Friday, will take place at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.



A shuttle will run between Union Station and the Hyatt Regency Thursday 2:30 - 6:30 PM.



### Columbus Club at Union Station to Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill



# **MAP: HYATT REGENCY**

### LOCATION

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill is conveniently located two blocks from the U.S. Capitol and convenient to many of DC's most popular historic, cultural, dining, and entertainment venues.

## LOBBY LEVEL **ROOM KEY** Registration Area Thursday, October 24 Beginning at 4:00 PM Friday, October 25 Beginning at 7:30 AM Regency Ballroom Thursday, October 24 7:00-9:00 PM Welcome & Awards Gala Friday, October 25 8:00 AM-2:30 PM, 4-7:30 PM All Events Columbia Foyer Friday, October 25 6:30-7:30 AM BALLROOM LEVEL Yoga with Reggie Hubbard 2:30-4:00 PM BREAKOUT: Who We Are: Countering White Nationalism, Xenophobia... Columbia A Friday, October 25 2:30-4:00 PM BREAKOUT: From the Shop Floor to the House Floor

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BREAKOUT: Leading with our Values: Progressive Foreign Policy

## Congressional B

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BREAKOUT: Health Care and Reproductive Justice

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Friday, October 25

2:30-4:00 PM

BREAKOUT: Tell Your Story, Change the World: Communications Workshop

# **WHILE YOU ARE HERE**

### **BATHROOMS**

While the hotel has chosen to label its bathrooms for women and men, you are welcome to use any bathroom in which you feel comfortable.

### **BREASTFEEDING**

If you are breastfeeding, please feel free to feed your baby at any point during the Summit. If you would like some privacy, we are providing an on-site breastfeeding room in the Concord Room on Friday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Translation has been made available for those who requested it in advance, and we have planned our physical space to be as accessible as possible.

If there is something we can do to make the summit more accessible for you, please let us know and we'll do our best to make it happen. Volunteers are available at the registration desk to assist.

### **FOOD**

We will be providing a full buffet during the Gala on Thursday night, as well as breakfast, lunch and happy hour appetizers on Friday. Below are some suggestions of high-road restaurants near the hotel courtesy of our friends and partners at the Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC).

- Calabash Tea & Tonic, 1847 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1.6 miles
- CAVA, Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002, .4 miles
- CAVA, 707 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001, .8 miles
- Chaia Tacos Chinatown, 615 I St NW, Washington, DC 20001, .7 miles
- Eaton DC, 1201 K St NW, Washington, DC 20005, 1.2 miles
- The Queen Vic, 1206 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002, 1.4 miles
- Toli Moli, 1309 5th St NE, Washington, DC 20002, 1.6 miles

### What is a "High-Road" Restaurant?

ROC works with employers to promote sustainable best practices that positively impact industry employees' wages and working conditions through Restaurant Industry Roundtables.

ROC's Diner's Guide App showcases food establishments that take the "high road" to profitability, providing livable wages, paid time off, racial equity, an environment free of sexual harassment, and opportunities for advancement.



### **About ROC United**

The Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC United) engages people who work in the industry, employers and consumers to ensure all people who work in restaurants can achieve financial independence and improve their quality of life.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Union Station (Metro and Amtrak)

- 3 blocks/9 min. walk
- A shuttle bus will run between Union Station and the Hyatt Regency on Thursday from 2:30 - 6:30 PM

Reagan National Airport

- 3.5 miles/15 min. drive/30 min. transit Washington Dulles International Airport
- 24 miles/45 min. drive/1.5 hrs. transit BWI Airport
- 27 miles/53 min. drive/ 60 min. train

# **COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES**

### CREATING A RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE SUMMIT EXPERIENCE

We want to provide a respectful and inclusive environment for summit participants. We ask all participants to behave and act respectfully toward each other, and we welcome all participants regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, nationality, ethnicity, religion, age, physical limitation, mental disability, language, family status, immigration status, or economic status.

### We will not accept:

- Personal attacks or put-downs;
- Hostility, threats, violence or harassment; or
- Racist, sexist, xenophobic, homophobic, transphobic, ableist, ageist, or otherwise discriminatory language or behavior.

We do not tolerate harassment of Summit participants in any form. Sexual language and imagery is not appropriate for any summit venue, including talks, workshops, parties, Twitter and other online media. Participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled without a refund at the sole discretion of the Summit organizers.

### **Wear Your Badge at All Times**

Wearing your badge at all times helps us maintain security and safety for all participants. You will be asked to leave if you do not have your badge. If you lose your badge, please visit the registration table to obtain a temporary replacement badge.

### **Reporting and Complaint Procedure**

If you need to report an incident, inappropriate behavior or harassment, please find a staff member as soon as you safely can. You can reach our onsite security team by texting/calling (845) 625-3725.

### **Notice of Filming and Photography**

When you enter the Progressive Strategy Summit, you enter an area where photography and audio and video recording may occur. This is a reminder that when you registered for our summit, you signed a Photo and Video Release Form. That release is included here:

I hereby grant the CPC Center, PCAF and affiliated partners and media permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video or other digital media ("photo") in any and all of its publication, including web-based publications and video, without payment or other consideration.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 **Progressive Caucus Action Fund Session**

3:30-5:30 PM, Union Station, Columbus Club - Doors open at 3:00 PM

### Town Hall: Women of Color Lead the Way: Building Power on the Ground and in Congress Co-hosted by She the People & PCAF

Join the Progressive Caucus Action Fund and She the People for a first-of-its-kind town hall comoderated by Aimee Allison, founder of She the People and Versha Sharma, Managing Editor and Senior Corespondent with NowThis, our exclusive media partner. Reps. Deb Haaland, Pramila Jayapal, Barbara Lee, and Ilhan Omar will join women of color leading progressive movements from across the country to discuss the need for a bold progressive agenda in 2020.



🚐 A shuttle will run between Union Station and the Hyatt Regency Thursday 2:30 - 6:30 PM. 🚆



### **Congressional Progressive Caucus Center Session**

7:00-9:00 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom - Doors open at 6:30 PM

### Welcome & Awards Gala

Celebrating our progressive champions and the movements that sustain us

### **Welcome Remarks**

Liz Watson, Executive Director, CPC Center Reps. Mark Pocan and Pramila Jayapal, Co-Chairs, Congressional Progressive Caucus

### Game Changer Award: Fight for \$15 and a Union

Presented by Rep. Donald Norcross

Terrence Wise, Fight for \$15 and a Union

Executive Vice President Valarie Long, Service Employees International Union

### **Grassroots Champion Award: Border Network for Human Rights**

Presented by Rep. Veronica Escobar

Fernando Garcia, Border Network for Human Rights

## In Memoriam: **Chairman Elijah Cummings House Oversight Committee**

Remembrances by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Rep. Barbara Lee

### Panel: Highlights from the People's House

Moderated by Robert Weissman, Public Citizen Reps. Katherine Clark, Yvette Clarke, David Cicilline & Rashida Tlaib

### Keynote Speaker: Alicia Garza, Founder, Black Futures Lab

Introduced by Maria Moreno, Restaurants Opportunities Center United

### **Meet the CPC Center Team**

Introduced by Liz Watson, Executive Director, CPC Center

Drinks, DJ, and Fun

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 Progressive Caucus Action Fund Sessions

6:30-7:30 AM, Hyatt Regency, Columbia Foyer

### Yoga with Reggie Hubbard, MoveOn

Reggie Hubbard is a recovering political activist who discovered yoga at the suggestion of a great friend for stress reduction and to try something new. His classes will leave you feeling lighter and more grounded with an enduring sense of calm. His classes are available to students of all levels, the only requirement is to have an open, curious mind, and a sense of humor.

Breakfast will be available in the Regency Foyer beginning at 7:30 AM and will end promptly at 8:30 AM.

All programming 8:00-8:55 AM is closed to press and off the record.

8:00-8:05 AM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Welcome Remarks**

Liz Watson, PCAF Executive Director

8:05-8:45 AM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Breakfast Presentations: Battle-Tested Messages**

Can't-miss polling and battle-tested messaging on key progressive priorities.

Moderator: Yvette Simpson, Democracy for America

Speakers: Mehrdad Azemun, People's Action; Nicole Brener-Schmitz, NBSstrategies; Kristin Ford, NARAL Pro Choice America; Adam Green, Progressive Change Institute; Celinda Lake, Lake Research Partners; Tiffany Muller, End Citizens United

8:45-8:55 AM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Stop Apologizing & Start Winning**

Insights from Rachel Bitecofer, Ph.D., Wason Center for Public Policy, Christopher Newport University, the pollster who most accurately predicted the 2018 election.

8:55-9:05 AM

**BREAK** 

### **Congressional Progressive Caucus Center Sessions**

9:05-10:10 AM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### Breakfast: Wake Up, Shake Up! Ten Big Ideas

A rapid-fire series of presentations from leading progressive thinkers, leaders, and activists. This session features innovative policies that can make a real difference for millions across the nation and the world.

Introduction: Robert Borosage, CPC Center Board Chair

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Congressional Progressive Caucus Center Sessions** 

Moderator: Sarah Anderson, Institute for Policy Studies

Speakers: Afua Atta-Mensah, Community Voices Heard; Frank Clemente, Americans for Tax Fairness; Sakira Cook, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Indi Dutta-Gupta, Georgetown Center on Poverty & Inequality; David Madland, Center for American Progress; Ashik Siddique, Institute for Policy Studies; Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute; Saket Soni, Guestworkers Alliance; Amy Traub, Demos; Todd Tucker, Roosevelt Institute

10:10-10:50 AM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### Panel: Victories & Lessons from the 116th Congress

Congressional, grassroots, labor, and policy leaders reflect on the 116th Congress, the change the movement is fighting for, and the battles ahead.

Moderator: Dorian T. Warren, Community Change

Panelists: Rep. Mark Pocan, CPC Co-Chair; Emily Chatterjee, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center; Liz Shuler, AFL-CIO

10:50-11:00 AM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Winning Climate Justice**

Dr. Mustafa Ali addresses the climate crisis, its roots in environmental racism, and the path forward.

11:00-11:10 AM

### **BREAK**

11:10-11:15 AM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### Reining in Private Equity

Hear a first hand account of how private equity profits by bankrupting companies and destroying jobs, and what the Stop Wall Street Looting Act would do to change that.

Speakers: Lisa Donner, Americans for Financial Reform; Teria Moore-Berry, United for Respect

11:15 AM-12:05 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Panel: Building Worker Power**

Journalist Steven Greenhouse, author of *Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present and Future of American Labor*, shares his insights and moderates a discussion on the American labor movement.

Moderator: Steven Greenhouse, Journalist and Author

Speakers: Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison; Thea Lee, Economic Policy Institute; President Christopher M. Shelton, Communications Workers of America; President Randi Weingarten, American Federation of Teachers

Lunch will be available in the Regency A Foyer beginning at 11:30 AM and will end promptly at 12:30 PM.

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 Progressive Caucus Action Fund Sessions

12:05-12:35 PM

### **LUNCH BREAK**

12:35-12:40 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Women Organizing, Women Winning**

Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, Executive Director/CEO & Co-Founder of MomsRising, on the rise of women advocating for change, winning, and running for office.

12:40-1:25 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Lunch Panel: Building Progressive Power in Hard Places**

From organizing in the South, to the rise of new indigenous-led movements, to rebuilding in red districts, we will share strategies for developing a multiracial, powerful progressive movement everywhere.

Moderator: Liz Watson, CPC Center Executive Director

Panelists: President Lily Eskelsen Garcia, National Education Association; Judith LeBlanc, Native Organizers Alliance; Kate Hess Pace, Hoosier Action

1:25-1:35 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### Building a Progressive Agenda from the Ground Up: Organizing in the Halls of Congress

Ai-jen Poo, Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance, on bringing the demands of a grassroots movement to Congress and the first-ever national Domestic Workers Bill of Rights.

1:35-2:05 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### Panel: Centering Black Communities in the Progressive Movement

LaTosha Brown, co-founder of Black Voters Matter Fund, leads a conversation on the importance of black leadership in the progressive movement, building black power and winning black-led policy change.

Moderator: LaTosha Brown, Black Voters Matter Fund

Panelists: Rahna Epting, MoveOn; Rev. Starsky Wilson, Deaconess Foundation; Nsé Ufot, New Georgia Project

2:05-2:15 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### Fighting for Our Democracy

Join Rep. Jamie Raskin and Ezra Levin, co-founder of Indivisible and author of the forthcoming book We Are Indivisible: A Blueprint for Democracy After Trump, as they discuss corruption, impeachment and the structural and systemic reforms that we need to make our democracy work for everyone.

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTINUED Progressive Caucus Action Fund Sessions

2:15-2:20 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Building Toward a Governing Moment**

Tom Perriello of the Open Society Foundations will charge us with coming together behind a plan to win real progressive change in Congress.

2:20-2:30 PM

### **BREAK**

All Work Session Breakouts, except Democratic Attorneys General Protecting the Progressive Agenda During the Trump Era, are closed to press and off the record.

2:30-4:00 PM

#### **Work Session Breakouts**

# Health Care and Reproductive Justice: From Defending Access to Guaranteeing Care

Progressives have successfully shifted the debate around health care over the last decade. More Americans see health care as a basic right, support a woman's right to choose, and oppose Big Pharma profits at the expense of patients. The challenge now is to translate general support for our values into legislative victories on Medicare for All, reproductive rights, and prescription drug affordability. In this session, we will work across campaigns to strategize on how we come together effectively and cohesively as a progressive movement to guarantee quality, comprehensive health care for every American.

Moderator: Jennifer Epps-Addison, Center for Popular Democracy

Featuring: Rep. Pramila Jayapal, CPC Co-Chair; Gretchen Borchelt, National Women's Law Center; Kristy Fogle, MMS, PA-C, Maryland Progressive Healthcare Coalition; Ysie Garcia, Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Heather Irons, Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Jen Kimmich, Business for Medicare for All; Destiny Lopez, All\* Above All; Sameena Mustafa, Jane Addams Senior Caucus; Sara Outterson, Center for Reproductive Rights; Jessi Leigh Swenson, National Partnership for Women & Families; Amirah Sequeira, National Nurses United; Shaunna Thomas, UltraViolet; Sanjeev Sriram, MD, MPH, Social Security Works; Robert Weissman, Public Citizen; Jennifer Wells, West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition

Room: Congressional B

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTINUED Progressive Caucus Action Fund Sessions

Work Session Breakouts continued

## From the Shop Floor to the House Floor: Bringing Lessons from the Picket Lines into Policy Debates

A hallmark of the progressive movement is a belief that the experiences and needs of working people should animate our policy and politics. This session will bring together organizers, policy makers, labor leaders, advocates, and activists to discuss our shared goals of rebalancing our economy to achieve racial, gender, and economic justice. Bank workers from Santander and Wells Fargo, women working at Walmart, warehouse workers at Amazon, federal contract workers, and striking UAW workers will describe their campaign goals. Special guest members of Congress and national policy leaders will have the opportunity to describe the change they're fighting for in Washington and recent progress building worker power through legislative campaigns. Some of the questions that may be addressed include: How do we achieve better alignment between policy in Washington and people organizing on the front lines? What are the gaps in existing legislation that need to be filled to support working people in a rapidly changing economy? What are the steps we need to take to rein in corporate power, beyond traditional labor legislation? How does the legislation currently on offer build worker power and achieve racial, economic and gender justice?

Room: Columbia A

Moderator: Dorian Warren, Community Change

Featuring: Rep. Donald Norcross; Rep. Mark Pocan, CPC Co-Chair; Rep. Mark Takano; Randy Bryce; Emily Chatterjee, Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights; Jaya Chatterjee, Service Employees International Union; Judy Conti, National Employment Law Project; Andrea Dehlendorf, United for Respect; Vasudha Desikan United for Respect; Jasmine Dixon, United for Respect; Richard Eidlin, American Sustainable Business Council; Joseph Geevarghese, Our Revolution; Terrysa Guerra, United for Respect; Desiree Hoffman, United Automobile Workers; Shane Larson, Communications Workers of America; David Madland, Center for American Progress; Emily Martin, National Women's Law Center; Michelle McGrain, National Partnership from Women & Families; Guled Mohamad, United for Respect; Josh Nassar, United Automobile Workers; Jackie Parncutt, United Auto Workers, General Motors worker; Dania Rajendra, United for Respect; Larriese Reeves, Santander Bank worker; Alex Ross, Wells Fargo worker; Bill Samuel, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations; Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute



# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTINUED Progressive Caucus Action Fund Afternoon Sessions

Work Session Breakouts continued

### **Build Better: Climate Justice, Equity and Infrastructure**

This work session explores community-led infrastructure policy to address the climate crisis, invest in communities on the front lines of environmental racism, and build family-sustaining union jobs for the next generation.

Moderator: Jessica Eckdish, BlueGreen Alliance

Featuring: Rep. Deb Haaland; Rep. Mike Levin; Sen. Gustavo Petro, Senate of the Republic of Colombia; Celeste Arredondo-Peterson, Texas Organizing Project; Jon Barton, Service Employees International Union; Ben Beachy, Sierra Club Ben Beachy, Sierra Club; Jane Fonda, Actress & Activist; Judith LeBlanc, Native Organizers Alliance; Mary Metzmeier, Communities United for Action (CUFA); Collette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy; Liz Schuster, Food and Water Watch; Ann Shikany, Natural Resources Defense Council; Jeff Soth, International Union of Operating Engineers; Kerene Tayloe, WE ACT for Environmental Justice; Elder Donell Raglin, Communities United for Action; Anthony Rogers-Wright, Climate Justice Alliance; Evan Weber, Sunrise Movement

### **Leading with our Values: Progressive Foreign Policy**

As the U.S. approaches two decades in Afghanistan, nuclear weapons treaties expire, and we face global challenges from the refugee crisis to climate change, progressives need a clear vision for foreign policy. In this session, we will discuss the principles of a progressive foreign policy and then translate those principles into specific legislative fights on defense spending, war powers, and use of diplomacy.

Moderator: Katrina vanden Heuvel, The Nation

Featuring: Rep. Ro Khanna; Rep. Ilhan Omar; Rep. Nydia Velázquez; Andrew Albertson, Foreign Policy for America; Bashar Azzeh, Palestine National Council; Toby Chow, People's Action; William Hartung, Center for International Policy; Lindsay Koshgarian, Institute for Policy Studies; Stephen Miles, Win Without War; Fida Nara, Mahapach-Taghrir; Trita Parsi, Quincy Institute; Yael Patir, J Street; Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University; Yifat Susskind, MADRE; Cecili Thompson Williams, Beyond the Bomb; Mark Weisbrot, Center for Economic and Policy Research; James Zogby, Arab American Institute, Our Revolution

Room: Columbia C

Room: Congressional A

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTINUED Progressive Caucus Action Fund Afternoon Sessions

### Work Session Breakouts continued

### **Rebalancing Our Democracy**

Repressive voting laws. Redistricting. Dark money. Democracy is under attack. Join us as we discuss efforts to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and we place the people's interests ahead of special interests.

Room: Concord

Room: Columbia Foyer

Room: Bunker Hill

Moderator: Deirdre Schifeling, Democracy for All 2021

Featuring: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee; Rep. Jamie Raskin; Ashley Allison, Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights; Lisa Cylar Barrett, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; Lisa Gilbert, Public Citizen; Meagan Hatcher-Mays, Indivisible; Bret Healy, Four Directions; Daniel Schuman, Demand Progress; Bo Shuff, DC Vote; Anisha Singh, Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Laura Williamson, Demos

### Who We Are: Countering White Nationalism, Xenophobia and the Trump Administration's Attacks on Immigrant Communities

History will judge us by how we respond to family separation, the Muslim Ban, mass raids on immigrant communities, the criminalization of asylum-seekers and refugees, and a staggering rise in hate crimes. The progressive movement must respond to these crises with an unequivocal and unwavering demand for an end to these human rights abuses, while simultaneously putting forward a vision for a compassionate, just immigration policy. Together, we will take a deep dive on messaging that works on immigration in the midst of a 2020 campaign where Trump and his extremist supporters are trying to weaponize the issue. Then, we will explore a pro-active agenda on immigration and ending white nationalist violence.

Moderator: Avideh Moussavian, National Immigration Law Center

Featuring: Rep. Yvette Clarke; Rep. Jimmy Gomez; Sanaa Abrar, United We Dream; Heidi Altman, National Immigrant Justice Center; Mehrdad Azemun, People's Action; Amy Fischer, Detention Watch Network; Jennifer Johnson, Southern Border Communities Coalition; Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block, Bend the Arc Jewish Action; Jess Morales Rocketto, Families Belong Together; Carmen Orozco-Acosta, Community Change; Mireya Reith, Arkansas United; Adrian Reyna, United We Dream; Scott Simpson, Muslim Advocates; Mary Small, Indivisible

### Tell Your Story, Change the World: Communications Workshop

Sometimes facts, statistics, and logic just aren't enough to change minds. We win when we can convey complex ideas, simply, and from the heart. Join us for an interactive training and workshop on story-telling, changing the narrative and improving your communications skills. Bring your toughest communications challenges!

Trainers: Reggie Hubbard, MoveOn; Roger Wolfson, Writers Action Group

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 CONTINUED Progressive Caucus Action Fund Afternoon Sessions

Work Session Breakouts continued

## Democratic Attorneys General Protecting the Progressive Agenda During the Trump Era

Room: Lexington

With Congress stuck in partisan gridlock and a President who clearly hasn't read the Constitution, Democratic Attorneys General are on the front lines effectively protecting the progressive agenda. Together, Democratic AGs are leading the resistance on issues ranging from criminal justice reform to immigration to labor rights. Holding bad actors accountable is the name of the game—and Democratic AGs are WINNING in court. This previously under-the-radar office is front and center—and there are critical races ahead in 2019 and 2020. Take it right from the source! This panel brings together leaders and partners from the most diverse coalition of Democratic AGs in history to talk about how they are working together like never before to protect progress and defend our most vulnerable communities.

Speakers: Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison; Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings; Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh

4:00-4:10 PM

**BREAK** 

4:10-4:30 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Closing Remarks**

Speakers: Alan Barber and Matt Hayward, PCAF; Jane Fonda, Actress and Activist; Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison

4:30-6:00 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### **Networking Happy Hour**

Join us for light refreshments and cash bar to connect and relax.

6:00-7:30 PM, Hyatt Regency, Regency A Ballroom

### Watch Party: Uncovered: Health Care Conversations with Ady Barkan

Join Center for Popular Democracy Action and the Be a Hero Fund to watch Ady Barkan's inspiring and deeply personal video series. Top presidential candidates sat down with Ady in his home for a personal deep dive on one of the most critical issues this election: health care. Each episode is 10 minutes long and features stories from Americans who have had personal experiences with our unjust health care system.

# MEET THE TEAM



### Liz Watson, Executive Director

Liz comes to the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center after having served as the Labor Policy Director and Chief Labor Counsel on the House Education and Labor Committee, the Executive Director of the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality, and the Director of the Workplace Justice Program at the National Women's Law Center. In 2018, she was the Democratic nominee for Congress in her home district of IN-09 and ran a bold, progressive, grassroots campaign. Liz is a graduate of Carleton College and Georgetown University Law Center.



#### Alan Barber, Policy Director

At the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center, Alan leads the policy team and the Center's Policy and Research Council, a coalition of think tanks, advocates and experts dedicated to strengthening the progressive movement. Prior to joining the CPC Center, he supported communications and policy efforts at the Center for Economic and Policy Research on a wide range of economic issues. He was a proud member and former president of IFPTE Local 70, the "Union for Non Profit Workers". He earned degrees in Government and Psychology from Georgetown University and lives in Washington, DC with his wife and daughter.



#### Laura Collins, Digital Outreach Associate

Launching politically progressive digital initiatives has developed into a habit for Laura. Since 2016, Laura successfully convened a National Organization for Women chapter in Monroe County, Indiana, in which she used her digital skills to quickly grow its membership; served as the Liz for Indiana congressional campaign's Digital Content Producer, launching the campaign website, social media accounts, and designed all media for each digital marketing campaign; and served as the first Digital Communications Specialist for the City of Bloomington, Indiana. She earned her degree in Communications from Indiana University Bloomington.



#### John Cook, Chief Operating Officer

John comes to the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center after over a decade as the director of finance and administration for the Economic Policy Institute, where he was responsible for accounting, finance, IT, business operations, compliance and human resources. John was previously the business manager at Community Action Partnership, where he secured the award of and implemented a complete association management system and technology refresh. He has an M.B.A. in Accounting and Economics from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in History and English from the University of Richmond.



### Matt Hayward, Legislative Affairs Director

Matt comes to the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center with a wealth of experience in the House and Senate. Most recently, he served as Rep. Jan Schakowsky's Legislative Director and Floor Assistant. Prior to that, he worked as a legislative staffer for Sen. Al Franken and research assistant at the Federal Reserve Board. He got his start on Capitol Hill as an intern for Rep. Keith Ellison while studying at the University of Minnesota. In 2018, he finished traveling to all 50 states.



### Karam Johal, Development Associate

Karam comes to the Center from a California political consulting and fundraising firm, where she worked with the Treasurer and Controller, state legislators, and the Women's Caucus. She began her activist career canvassing for Grassroots Campaigns, where she became the Assistant Canvass Director, leading a team of 20-30 to fundraise for voting rights and LGBTQ equality. In 2016 she became the top Voter Registration Organizer for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California and continued as their Manager of Executive Services and Board Liaison. She holds a Bachelors' in Women's Studies from UC Irvine and a Master's in Public Administration from USC.



### Hebah Kassem, Organizing Associate

Hebah Kassem joins the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center with diverse experience in community & grassroots organizing, political strategy and health equity. Prior to joining the CPC Center, she supported the political and legislative efforts at Emgage, a national civic engagement organization dedicated to empowering Muslim Americans. She also held leadership roles on numerous progressive campaigns. Previously, she focused on evaluating health policies and providing services to eliminate disparities aimed to achieve health equity for diverse communities. She holds a MPH from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a B.S. from the University of Michigan.



#### Jessica Juarez Scruggs, Communications Director

Jessica comes to the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center with more than a decade of experience in political communications, organizing and progressive policy. Most recently, she served as Interim Policy and Legislative Director for People's Action Institute, a grassroots network active in 30 states that fights for racial, economic and gender justice on issues including healthcare, housing justice, the climate crisis, fighting toxic contamination, mass liberation and consumer protection. She has a Masters in Political Communication from American University and a Bachelor's in public policy and political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



#### Amber Singh, Office Manager & Executive Assistant

Amber Singh joins the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center from SMYAL, an organization dedicated to providing housing and support services to homeless LGBTQ youth. Amber is a recent graduate of George Washington University where she dual majored in Political Science and Gender and Sexuality Studies. Amber was an activist on her college campus on issues ranging from sexual violence prevention to improving wages and working conditions for hourly workers at GW.

# MEET OUR LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS

This year, the CPC Center launched a Legislative Fellowship Program that placed six talented, young progressives in congressional offices to learn about policymaking. Our Fellows come from diverse backgrounds and bring serious dedication to the progressive movement.



Alex Campbell, Labor Fellow
Placed with Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02)

Alex spent seven years in the research department at SEIU Local 32BJ. He recently completed a year of postgraduate studies at the Universidad Nacional de San Martin in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Jacob Glick, Democracy Reform Fellow Placed with Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD-08)

Jacob is a 2018 graduate of Harvard Law School and was working at a New York law firm before he began his Fellowship. During his undergraduate and law school studies, he worked with public defenders, the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General, and Protect Democracy.



Kate Gould, Foreign Policy Fellow Placed with Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17)

Kate gained over a decade of foreign policy advocacy experience in her work at the Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL). Most recently, she served as Legislative Director for Middle East Policy, leading FCNL's efforts to end the war in Yemen and preserve the Iran Nuclear Agreement.



Anthony Hanna, Education Fellow Placed with Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA-11)

Anthony most recently worked as a Campaign Associate at the Center for American Progress Action Fund covering education, among other issues. Inspired by his own experience, he is dedicated to improving educational opportunities for English learners.



Stephanie Kang, Health Care Fellow Placed with Rep. Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)

Stephanie is currently completing her doctorate at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She brings an impressive background in community and global health settings to her Fellowship.



### Alumnus: Samira Damavandi, Women's Rights Fellow

Samira completed her Master's in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Oxford and spent years researching women's participation in social and political movements. After gaining Hill experience through the Legislative Fellowship Program, she accepted a permanent position as a Legislative Assistant in the office of Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13).

Check progressive caucus center.org/legislative-fellowship for future Fellowship opportunities.

# **CONGRESSIONAL SPECIAL GUESTS**





### Afua Atta-Mensah, Community Voices Heard

Afua Atta-Mensah is the Executive Director of Community Voices Heard (CVH). CVH is a member-led, multi-racial organization principally comprised of women of color and low-income families across New York State. CVH tackles tough issues and builds power to secure racial, social and economic justice for all New Yorkers. Founded in 1994 by welfare recipients in New York City working to fight unjust welfare policies, we have since expanded our organization to include working on multiple issues throughout New York State. Our core organizing issues include fighting for a just social safety net, good jobs and access to them, truly affordable housing, sustainable and resilient communities, and a participatory democracy.



### Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, National Wildlife Federation

A renowned thought leader, international speaker, policy maker, community liaison, trainer, and facilitator, Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali serves as the Vice President of Environmental Justice, Climate, and Community Revitalization for the National Wildlife Federation. He is also the founder of Revitalization Strategies, a business focused on moving our most vulnerable communities from "surviving to thriving." Before joining the National Wildlife Federation, Mustafa was the senior vice president for the Hip Hop Caucus, a national non-profit and non-partisan organization that connects the hip-hop community to the civic process. Prior to the Hip Hop Caucus, Mustafa worked for 24 years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



#### Aimee Allison, She The People

Aimee Allison is the founder and president of She the People, the national network elevating the political voice and power of women of color. By bringing together the nation's top women of color candidates, strategists, and movement leaders, Ms. Allison is one of the primary architects for the electoral successes in 2018 that made it the "year of women of color in politics."



#### Sarah Anderson, Institute for Policy Studies

Sarah Anderson directs the Global Economy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies and is a co-editor of the IPS web site Inequality.org. Sarah's research covers a wide range of international and domestic economic issues, including inequality, Wall Street reform, CEO pay, taxes, labor, and international trade and investment. Sarah is a well-known expert on executive compensation, as the lead author of more than 20 annual "Executive Excess" reports that have received extensive media coverage.



### Mehrdad Azemun, People's Action

Mehrdad Azemun has nearly 20 years of experience running electoral and legislative campaigns with grassroots leaders at the local, state, and national level. His roots are in the immigrants rights movement and community organizing. He is Senior Strategist for People's Action, an economic and racial justice organization working in 30 states, and is helping lead their Deep Canvass on immigration. He has run the grassroots organizing operations for 2 different national immigration reform campaigns. Mehrdad is an immigrant from Iran.



### Dr. Rachel Bitecofer, Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University

Rachel Bitecofer is an election forecaster and analyst whose work is featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, The New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today, Politico, The Hill, and Salon. She is the assistant director of the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University, where she teaches classes on political behavior, campaigns, elections, and political analysis. Her forecasting model, known as the Negative Partisanship Model, accurately predicted Democrats' 40 seat gain in the House months before Election Day and Lawrence O'Donnell introduced his Last Word audience to her 2020 forecast by saying it "changed the way he thought about the presidential election."



### Robert Borosage, CPC Center Board Chair

Robert Borosage is the founder and co-director of the Campaign for America's Future and president of its sister Institute for America's Future. A contributing editor to the Nation Magazine, his articles have appeared in the Washington Post, New York Times, American Prospect, Los Angeles Times and elsewhere. He has formerly served as the founder and director of the Center for National Security Studies, the director of the Institute of Policy Studies and the Campaign for New Priorities. He now serves as chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center. He is a graduate of Yale Law School.



### Nicole Brener-Schmitz, NBS Stategies

Nicole Brener-Schmitz began her political career as a part of EMILY's List Campaign Corp, sent out to run a state senate race in Oregon. Following that she worked on the Hill for her hometown Congressman, Brian Baird. In 2008, Nicole began at International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union as an Election Project Coordinator, eventually becoming the Political Director. There, she developed and executed the political goals of the union, fighting for American working families to have equal pay, fair trade, pension protections, safe workplaces, and collective bargaining. Most recently she was the National Political Director of NARAL. Currently Nicole has her own consultancy, NBS Strategies. Over her career as a consultant, she worked for several organizations, including the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, EMILY's List, End Citizens United, Communication Workers of America, Sierra Club, and Citizens Trade Campaign. Nicole is a 2006 graduate of Whitman College.



#### LaTosha Brown, Black Voters Matter Fund

LaTosha Brown is an award winning southern organizer, political strategist, thought leader and jazz singer. She is co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund and the BVM Capacity Building Institute. She is a current Resident Fellow of Harvard's Institute of Politics and board member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center. She has over 25 years of organizing experience around social justice, political empowerment and expanding democracy.



### Emily Chatterjee, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Emily Chatterjee is senior counsel at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund. She leads the economic security team at The Leadership Conference and also serves as an expert on legislative strategy on a wide range of policy issues, including democracy reform. Ms. Chatterjee previously worked at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS), and as an associate at the law firm Heller Ehrman LLP, where she was a member of the Antitrust & Trade Regulation and Complex Commercial Litigation Groups. Ms. Chatterjee is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and Brown University.



#### Frank Clemente, American's For Tax Fairness

Frank Clemente founded and has been the executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness since 2012. Previously, he was campaign manager for the Strengthen Social Security Campaign; managed a health care campaign for the Communications Workers of America in support of the Affordable Care Act; was issue campaigns director at the Change to Win Labor Federation; was director of Public Citizen's Congress Watch; served as senior policy advisor to the U.S. House Committee on Government Operations; and was issues director for Jesse Jackson's 1988 presidential campaian.



### Sakira Cook, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Sakira Cook is director of the justice reform program of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund. At The Leadership Conference and The Education Fund, Cook leads the development of the justice reform programs policy agenda and coordinates the programs communications, organizing, and policy advocacy strategies for a broad coalition of civil and human rights groups. Cook is also engaged in human rights advocacy at the United Nations and with the federal government, including promoting the U.S. ratification of important human rights treaties, monitoring domestic implementation of U.S. human rights commitments under the Universal Periodic Review, Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and International Covenant on Civil Politial Rights, and advancing the established goals and outcomes of the International Decade for People of African Descent.



### Lisa Donner, Americans for Financial Reform

Lisa Donner is the Executive Director of Americans for Financial Reform (AFR) and the AFR Education Fund, coalitions including more than 200 national, state, and local groups working together to change a financial system that undermines economic and racial justice, rather than contributing to it. Earlier, Lisa was the Executive Director of the Half in Ten campaign; the co-director of the Center for Working Families, where she developed and promoted policy on fair taxes, work and family, and green jobs; and a community and labor organizer and strategist, including many years of work fighting predatory lending.



### Indivar Dutta-Gupta, Georgetown Center on Poverty & Inequality

Indivar Dutta-Gupta is Co-Executive Director at the Georgetown Center on Poverty & Inequality where he leads work to develop and advance ideas for reducing domestic poverty and economic inequality, with particular attention to gender and racial equity. Indivar also serves on the boards of directors for the National Academy of Social Insurance and Indivisible Civics (501c3). He has previously worked at the Center for American Progress, U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.



#### Jessica Eckdish, BlueGreen Alliance

Jessica Eckdish is the Legislative Director with the BlueGreen Alliance, where she directs BGA's legislative, policy, and partnerships efforts in Washington, D.C. Her portfolio includes climate, energy, and infrastructure issues. Jessica joined the BlueGreen Alliance from the Sierra Club, where, as Washington Representative, she managed the Club's legislative and administrative advocacy to secure and defend strong public health protections. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations from UC Santa Barbara and a Master of Arts in Global Environmental Policy from the School of International Service at American University.



### Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison

Keith Ellison was sworn in as Minnesota's 30th attorney general on January 7, 2019. As the People's Lawyer, Attorney General Ellison's job is to help Minnesotans afford their lives and live with dignity, safety, and respect. From 2007 to 2019, Keith Ellison represented Minnesota's 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he championed consumer, worker, environmental, and civil- and human-rights protections for Minnesotans. He served for 12 years on the House Financial Services Committee, where he helped oversee the financial services industry, the housing industry, and Wall Street, among others. While in Congress, he founded the Congressional Antitrust Caucus and the Congressional Consumer Justice Caucus. He also served as co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, which he helped build to more than 100 members. Before being elected to Congress, Attorney General Ellison served four years in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Prior to entering elective office, he spent 16 years as an attorney specializing in civil-rights and defense law, including five years as executive director of the Legal Rights Center.



#### Jennifer Epps-Addison, Center for Popular Democracy

Jennifer Epps-Addison serves as the President and Co-Executive Director of the Center for Popular Democracy and CPD Action's network of 49 partner organizations in 33 states. As President, Jennifer leads CPD's racial justice campaigns, and works closely with its network of local affiliates. Jennifer boasts over 15 years of community organizing experience, advancing systems-change campaigns for economic and racial justice. Prior to joining CPD, Epps-Addison was the Chief Program Officer for the Liberty Hill Foundation, a social justice foundation in Los Angeles that funds grassroots community organizing campaigns for social change.



#### Rahna Epting, MoveOn

Rahna Epting is the Executive Director of MoveOn, the member-led grassroots progressive organization working to make this country a place where everyone can thrive. Rahna leads both MoveOn Civic Action, which works to advance progressive policies and social change, and MoveOn Political Action, which works to elect candidates who are committed to standing up for an inclusive, progressive agenda. Rahna has led issue and electoral campaigning at MoveOn in the Chief of Program and Election Program Managing Director roles. Previously, she served as Chief of Staff at Every Voice, where she managed state and national campaigns to make democracy work for everyone.



### President Lily Eskelsen Garcia, National Education Association

Lily Eskelsen García is president of the National Education Association, the nation's largest labor union. Lily began her career in education as a school lunch lady and now leads a professional association of three million educators. She is the first Latina to lead the NEA and one of the country's most influential Hispanic educators. Prior to assuming the top post, Lily served two terms as NEA Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Her new role is an extension of her teaching days in Utah. She was named Utah Teacher of the Year in 1989 after nine years in the classroom. She also worked with homeless children and gifted children; as a mentor for student teachers; and as a peer assistance team leader at Orchard Elementary School in the suburbs of Salt Lake City.



#### Jane Fonda, Actress & Activist

Jane Fonda is an actress and activist who has starred in the acclaimed films Klute and Coming Home, winning Oscars for both. Off screen, she was a civil rights and anti-war activist. She founded The GA Campaign for Adolescent Power & Potential in 1995. Fonda has long been known for activism and advocacy on environmental issues, human rights, and the empowerment of women and girls. In 2004, she helped found the Women's Media Center with Gloria Steinem and Robin Morgan and is on the board. She also sits on the board of Homeboy Industries, a non-profit dedicated to supporting people who were previously gang-involved or incarcerated, as well as the board of V-Day: Until The Violence Stops, a global effort to stop violence against women.



### Kristin Ford, NARAL Pro-Choice America

Kristin Ford is National Communications Director at NARAL Pro-Choice America. She is a seasoned political strategist and communications and digital advocacy professional who previously served as Senior Advisor to Public Private Strategies and founded Full Scale Strategies, a consulting firm offering sawy messaging, political analysis, organizational development, and project management services to progressive organizations and candidates. Kristin previously served as Vice President for Communications at The Impact Project, National Communications Director at the Alliance for Safety and Justice, and Deputy Communications Director and Speechwriter for then-Attorney General Kamala Harris. She holds a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and lives in Arlington, Virginia with her family.



### Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh

Brian Frosh was elected as Maryland's 46th Attorney General in November 2014, and has been committed to serving as the "people's lawyer" ever since, applying the law to improve lives and bring fairness, equality, and justice to all Marylanders. As Attorney General, Frosh has been able to use his position to proactively help consumers and deny special interests and big corporations the opportunity to prey on working people. He has stood up for young people and seniors, taking initiative to protect both vulnerable populations from fraud and abuse. Frosh has been a leader in getting assault weapons and other dangerous firearms taken out of circulation. He is also focused on expanding educational and economic opportunities and supporting effective rehabilitation and prisoner reentry programs.



### Fernando Garcia, Border Network for Human Rights

Fernando Garcia is the Founding Director of the Border Network for Human Rights (BNHR). Garcia was born in Mexico City and studied archeology and journalism at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM). His early life, education, and migration would serve as the foundations for BNHR. BNHR has its beginnings in 1998, when the Border Rights Coalition (the predecessor of BNHR) in El Paso and the Law Enforcement Monitoring Project were formed. Since then, BNHR has spent the last 21 years fighting for human rights in the border region through its unique community approach. Garcia has successfully directed border campaigns focusing on human rights, including border enforcement accountability, which has resulted, and can be seen reflected in, HR 2203.



### Alicia Garza, Black Futures Lab

Alicia Garza founded the Black Futures Lab to make Black communities powerful in politics. In 2018, the Black Futures Lab conducted the largest survey of Black communities in over 150 years. Alicia believes that Black communities deserve what all communities deserve -- to be powerful in every aspect of their lives. An innovator, strategist, organizer, and cheeseburger enthusiast, she is the co-creator of #Black LivesMatter and the Black Lives Matter Global Network, an international organizing project to end state violence and oppression against Black people. The Black Lives Matter Global Network now has 40 chapters in 4 countries. Alicia serves as the Strategy & Partnerships Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance, the nation's premier voice for millions of domestic workers in the United States. She is also the co-founder of Supermajority, a new home for women's activism. She shares her thoughts on the women transforming power in Marie Claire magazine every month. Her forthcoming book, tentatively titled How to Turn a Hashtag Into a Movement will be published in 2020, and she warns you - hashtags don't start movements. People do.



#### Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center

Ms. Goss Graves has served in numerous roles at the National Women's Law Center for more than a decade and has a distinguished track record working across a broad set of issues central to women's lives - including income security, health and reproductive rights, education access, and workplace justice. Ms. Goss Graves is currently overseeing the Center's administration of the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund, which connects those who experience sexual misconduct in the workplace or in trying to advance their careers with legal and public relations assistance. Prior to becoming CEO and President, she served as the Center's Senior Vice President for Program, where she led the organization's broad program agenda. Prior to that, as the Center's Vice President for Education and Employment, she led the Center's anti-discrimination initiatives.



### Adam Green, Progressive Change Institute

Adam Green, Co-Founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee (PCCC) and the Progressive Change Institute (c3). Previously, he worked as Director of Strategic Campaigns and Civic Communications Director for MoveOn.org, served as the Democratic National Committee's press secretary in Oregon for the 2004 presidential campaign, communications director for the New Jersey Democratic Party in 2003, and press secretary for the top winning Democratic U.S. Senate race of 2002. He has a law degree from the University of Virginia and is a frequent contributor on both MSNBC and CNN.



#### Steven Greenhouse, Author & Journalist

Steven Greenhouse was a reporter for The New York Times for 31 years and spent his last 19 years there as its labor and workplace reporter before retiring from there in late 2014. Before covering labor, he served as a Times economics reporter in Chicago, Paris, and Washington, D.C. His new book, Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor, was published in August and examines the rise of unions and how they helped build a fairer, more democratic America, while also exploring strategies - like the #RedforEd teacher strikes and the Fight for \$15 -- that show how to re-empower America's workers and strengthen the nation's unions.



### Katrina vanden Heuvel, The Nation

Katrina vanden Heuvel is editorial director and publisher of The Nation, America's leading source of progressive politics and culture. She served as editor of the magazine from 1995 to 2019. A frequent commentator on U.S. and international politics for ABC, MSNBC, CNN, and PBS, her articles have appeared in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times and The Boston Globe, and she writes a weekly column for The Washington Post.



#### Reggie Hubbard, MoveOn

Reggie Hubbard is a recovering political activist who discovered yoga at the suggestion of a great friend for stress reduction and to try something new. His teaching and personal practices have given him tremendous equanimity and clarity, an essential ingredient to his success at MoveOn working as head of the DC operation with a focus on Capitol Hill during the height of the resistance to the Trump Administration. His classes will leave you feeling lighter and more grounded with an enduring sense of calm. His classes are available to students of all levels, the only requirement is to have an open, curious mind and a sense of humor.



#### Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings

Attorney General Kathy Jennings serves as Delaware's 46th Attorney General. Previously, Kathy served as Chief Administrative Officer of New Castle County. During that time Kathy concurrently served as the County's Public Safety Director, overseeing the New Castle County Police Department, Paramedics and 911 Communications. As State Prosecutor, Kathy successfully sought legislation to end mandatory life sentences for people convicted of drug crimes and to restore driving privileges for people with drug convictions to enable them to work. Kathy worked with others to form the Crime Strategies Unit, whose focus is to engage with communities hardest hit by violent crime to solve problems and restore trust. Kathy also formulated Delaware's model policy for police worn body cameras and to provide Narcan to police agencies statewide. As Delaware's Attorney General, Kathy Jennings is focused on making the justice system fair and equal for everyone and combating the opioid epidemic.



#### Celinda Lake, Lake Research Partners

Celinda Lake is the President of Lake Research Partners, and one of the Democratic Party's leading political strategists, serving as tactician and senior advisor to the national party committees, dozens of Democratic incumbents, and challengers at all levels of the electoral process. Celinda and her firm have worked for a number of institutions including the DNC, the Democratic Governor's Association, Next Generation, AFL-CIO, SEIU, AFSCME, NEA, AFT, IAFF, Sierra Club, EcoAmerica, Planned Parenthood, Human Rights Campaign, EMILY's List, the Kaiser Family Foundation and The RWJ Foundation. Celinda is one of the nation's foremost experts on electing women candidates and on framing issues to women voters.



#### Judith LeBlanc, Native Organizers Alliance

Judith LeBlanc is a member of the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma and director of the Native Organizers Alliance (NOA), a national Native training and organizing network. NOA builds relationships with tribes, traditional societies and grassroots community groups in key Native communities and reservations through Native community organizing training and strategic campaign planning. She is currently partnering with the, the Brave Heart Society, a tradional women's society and the Yankton Sioux Tribe on a project to reestablish the inherent, and legal right of the Yankton and other tribes in the Missouri River Basin to regain co-management of the bio-region. She is a chair board member of IllumiNative, chair of the board of NDN, and a 2019 Roddenberry Fellow.



#### Thea Lee, Economic Policy Institute

As President of EPI, Thea Lee is expanding EPI's reach through engagement with the states and with progressive organizers. Before EPI, Thea was at AFL-CIO, where she built a long track record of conducting rigorous economic research, overseeing an ambitious policy agenda, and helping steer a large organization through change. Lee has spent her career advocating on behalf of working families in national policy debates on issues such as wage inequality, workers' rights, and fair trade. Lee has been a voice for workers in testimony before congressional committees and in television appearances-including on PBS News Hour, Good Morning America, NPR's All Things Considered and Marketplace, Fox Business, and the PBS documentary Commanding Heights. She has also served on the State Department Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy, the Export-Import Bank Advisory Committee, and the Board of Directors of the National Bureau of Economic Research, among others.



### Ezra Levin, Indivisible

Ezra Levin is a co-founder and co-Executive Director of the Indivisible Project. Previously, Ezra worked as a poverty policy wonk and advocate, most recently as the Associate Director of Federal Policy at Prosperity Now. He was Deputy Policy Director for Congressman Lloyd Doggett and an AmeriCorps VISTA in the Homeless Services Division of the San Jose Housing Department. He holds a bachelor's degree from Carleton College and a master's in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.



### Valarie Long, Service Employees International Union

Valarie Long is an International Executive Vice President of the Service Employees International Union. She leads the Property Services Division which represents more than 386,000 janitors, security officers, airport workers, food service, light manufacturing, laundry and maintenance workers throughout North America. Long brings more than 30 years of organizing and leadership development experience to her role. From organizing her own worksite to being one of the pioneers in the model of organizing citywide master agreements to win better wages, benefits, working conditions and full-time hours for a largely Latino, immigrant and subcontracted workforce as part of the Justice for Janitors campaign, she understands the importance of working people standing together to win.



#### David Madland, Center for American Progress

David Madland is a senior fellow and the senior adviser to the American Worker Project at the Center for American Progress. He has been called "one of the nation's wisest young scholars" by Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne Jr. Madland is the author of Hollowed Out: Why the Economy Doesn't Work without a Strong Middle Class, which was published by the University of California Press.



### Teria Moore-Berry, United for Respect

Teria Moore-Berry, United for Respect Leader and former Toys 'R' Us employee from Ypsilanti, MI, lost her job in 2018 when the company was driven to bankruptcy by Wall Street private equity firms. Working in retail hasn't been easy for Teria: she's experienced earning less than coworkers, forced to work through illness and pain because lack of healthcare, and was without a driver's license for a long time because she couldn't afford the fees or take time from work for the driver's test. Teria is now fighting alongside other retail working families to hold Wall Street accountable and fight for an economy that works for everyone.



### Maria Moreno, Restaurant Opportunities Centers United

Maria Moreno is a San Francisco Bay Area transplant, previously undocumented immigrant and activist. She was born in Venezuela, raised in Miami, and has lived all over the US. She has been working in the restaurant industry for nine years and as an advocate in the labor movement for three.



#### Avideh Moussavian, National Immigration Law Center

Avideh Moussavian's advocacy at NILC focuses on reducing the vulnerability of low-income immigrants to deportation on account of their race, class, or gender. She has previously worked on immigration reform advocacy and state and local enforcement issues at the New York Immigration Coalition and directly represented immigrant victims of gender-based violence at Sanctuary for Families in New York City, including those in detention. She has served on the board of Families for Freedom, an anti-deportation community organizing network in New York City, and as a visiting professional with the Office of Public Counsel for Defense at the International Criminal Court. She holds a juris doctor from Boston University School of Law and a bachelor of arts from Columbia University.



#### Tiffany Muller, End Citizens United

Tiffany Muller has helped grow End Citizens United (ECU) from a start-up into a nationwide organization with more than 4 million members and 500,000 grassroots donors. The group has elevated the issue of reform as a national priority and spearheaded the movement among candidates to forgo corporate PAC money. Last cycle, under Tiffany's leadership, ECU helped elect 58 new Democrats to the House of Representatives and paved the way for the introduction and House passage of the For the People Act - the most comprehensive anti-corruption and reform legislation in a generation.



#### Kate Hess Pace, Hoosier Action

Kate Hess Pace is the Founding Director of Hoosier Action. Hoosier Action envisions an Indiana where everyday Hoosiers have the power to shape and connect our communities around the issues and values that matter to us. Prior to moving back home, Hess Pace worked as an organizer at ISAIAH in Minnesota for eight years. She lives in New Albany, Indiana where her great-grandmother ran the town bar until 1965.



### Tom Perriello, Open Society Foundations

Tom Perriello is Executive Director of Open Society-U.S., which supports efforts to advance equality, fairness, and justice with a focus on marginalized communities in the US. Previously, Perriello served as CEO of the Center for American Progress Action, a cofounder of Avaaz.org and FaithfulAmerica.org, and an advisor to the Reverend James Forbes' Prophetic Justice Principles and the International Center for Transitional Justice. As a member of Congress (VA-05), Perriello supported landmark legislation, including the Affordable Care Act, the DREAM Act, and climate and stimulus legislation. In his 2017 Virginia governor campaign, he advanced policies addressing racial wealth inequality, reproductive health, resurgent monopolies, and corruption. He served in the Obama Administration as special representative for the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review and as U.S. special envoy to the African Great Lakes Region.



### Ai-jen Poo, National Domestic Workers Alliance

Ai-jen Poo is an award-winning organizer, social innovator, author, and a leading voice in the women's movement. She is the Executive Director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, Co-Director of Carring Across Generations, Co-Founder of SuperMajority and Trustee of the Ford Foundation. Ai-jen is a nationally recognized expert on elder and family care, the future of work, gender equality, immigration, narrative change, and grassroots organizing. She is the author of the celebrated book, The Age of Dignity: Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America. Follow her at @aijenpoo.



### Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, MomsRising

Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner is executive director, CEO and co-founder of MomsRising, the on-the-ground and online grassroots organization of more than a million people, and president of the MomsRising Education Fund. She is a highly respected grassroots organizer and public policy expert with more than two decades of successful experience engaging the public on a range of critically important economic security, gender and maternal justice, health, immigration, criminal justice, and other issues. Rowe-Finkbeiner is also an award-winning author who has published three books and numerous articles; a sought-after public speaker who is often quoted in the media; and host of the radio program "Breaking Through (Powered by MomsRising)." Before starting MomsRising, she was a political director, policy analyst, and political strategy consultant for non-profit organizations and foundations.



#### Ashik Siddique, Institute for Policy Studies

Ashik Siddique is research analyst for the National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, working on analysis of the federal budget with a focus on how militarized U.S. domestic and foreign policy spending interacts with efforts to address long-term societal threats like accelerating climate change and inequality. He was a co-editor of the "Poor People's Moral Budget" with the Poor People's Campaign.



#### Deirdre Schifeling, National Democracy Reform Campaign

Deirdre Schifeling is currently building a national cross-organization structural democracy campaign in order to unrig our government and elections and change the balance of power in a lasting way. She was until recently the Executive Director of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. She spent 9 years leading organizing, electoral, and campaigns work for Planned Parenthood as the Executive Director of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund as well as Vice President of Organizing, Engagement & Campaigns for Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Under her tenure, Planned Parenthood created a federation wide organizing model and training program, quadrupled its supporter base to 12 million strong, built one of the largest Independent Expenditure programs in the country, and expanded its capacity to win state legislative fights.



### President Christopher M. Shelton, Communications Workers of America

Christopher M. Shelton was elected president of the Communications Workers of America by acclamation by delegates to the union's 75th convention on June 8, 2015. Prior to his election as president, Shelton served as vice president of CWA District 1, representing 160,000 members in more than 300 CWA locals in New Jersey, New York and New England. He served as the Verizon Regional Bargaining Chair in 2000 and 2003, and overall Chair of Verizon bargaining for CWA District 1, District 2-13, IBEW New Jersey and New England in 2008 and 2011. He also chaired negotiations in New Jersey for 40,000 State Workers in 2008 and 2011. Shelton started his union career when he went to work for New York Telephone in 1968 as an outside technician. He was elected a CWA Local 1101 shop steward in 1968 and served Local 1101 in various positions until December 1988 when he joined the CWA national staff.



#### Elizabeth (Liz) Shuler, AFL-CIO

As a graduate of the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism, Elizabeth (Liz) Shuler, like many young people today, pieced together part-time jobs and struggled to find decent work in the early 1990s. Experiencing uncertainty in the economy made her realize that every job is an opportunity to stand up for the underdog. Today, as secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO, the second-highest position in the labor movement, Shuler serves as the chief financial officer of the federation and oversees operations. Shuler is the first woman elected as the federation's secretary-treasurer, holding office since and oversees operations.



### Yvette Simpson, Democracy for America

Yvette Simpson is the Chief Executive Officer at Democracy for America, a national progressive political organization with more than 1 million members nationwide. She the first woman to serve in this role, and the first woman of color in executive leadership. In 2018, she served as the Federal Electoral Manager for Democracy for America, helping to flip control of the US House with historic victories, including electing the most progressive and diverse coalition of candidates in America's history. Yvette is also a Political Contributor with ABC News and a panelist on NPR's Here and Now.



#### Saket Soni, National Guestworker Alliance

Saket Soni is a labor organizer and human rights strategist. He is founder and director of Resilience Force, a national initiative to transform America's response to natural disasters by strengthening and securing America's resilience workforce. As director, Saket crafts the organization's advocacy and media strategy, and provides strategic counsel to social justice advocates and government officials across the country. Resilience Force follows a 12-year record of successful advocacy in the post-Katrina Gulf Coast.



#### Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute

Heidi Shierholz is a Senior Economist and the Director of Policy at the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) in Washington, DC. Prior to joining EPI, she was Chief Economist at the U.S. Department of Labor. Throughout her career, Shierholz has provided policymakers and economic commentators with analyses on labor market dynamics and the effects of economic policies on low- and middle-income families. She has also worked closely with allied economic justice organizations, providing economic analyses and support. Her research and commentary on labor and employment policy, on the effects of automation on the labor market, on wage stagnation, inequality, market power, and other topics has been cited in many broadcast, radio, print, and online news outlets, including ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, NPR, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Huffington Post. Shierholz has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan, an M.S. in statistics from lowa State University, and a B.A. in mathematics from Grinnell College.



### Amy Traub, Demos

Amy Traub is Associate Director of Policy and Research at Demos. Amy's research focuses on consumer debt, workplace justice, and the racial wealth gap. Her policy proposal to establish a public credit registry was recently adopted by Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign.



#### Todd N. Tucker, Roosevelt Institute

Todd N. Tucker is a political scientist and fellow at the Roosevelt Institute. His research focuses on political economy, governance, judicial politics, and democracy. Dr. Tucker is author of "Industrial Policy and Planning: What It Is And How to Do It Better", a report published this year by Roosevelt.



#### Nsé Ufot, New Georgia Project

Nsé Ufot is the Executive Director of the New Georgia Project (NGP) and its affiliate, New Georgia Project Action Fund (NGP AF). Nsé leads both organizations with a data-informed approach and a commitment to developing tools that leverage technology with the goal of making it easier for every voter to engage in every election. Nsé and her team are also developing Georgia's home-grown talent by training and organizing local activists across the state. She has dedicated her life and career to working on civil, human and workers' rights issues and leads two organizations whose complementary aim is to strengthen Georgia's democracy. Under Nsé's leadership, NGP has registered nearly 400,000 Georgians to vote.



### Dorian T. Warren, Community Change

Dorian T. Warren is President of Community Change and Community Change Action. He is also Co-Chair of the Economic Security Project. A progressive scholar, organizer and media personality, Dorian has worked to advance racial, economic and social justice for more than two decades. He previously taught for more than 10 years at the University of Chicago and Columbia University, where he was Co-Director of the Columbia University Program on Labor Law and Policy. Dorian also worked at MSNBC where he was a contributor, fill-in host for Melissa Harris Perry and Now with Alex Wagner, and host and executive producer of Nerding Out on MSNBC's digital platform.



### Randi Weingarten, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO

Randi Weingarten is president of the American Federation of Teachers, a union of 1.7 million professionals. She was elected in 2008, following twelve years as president of New York City's United Federation of Teachers and six years as a teacher at Clara Barton High School. Weingarten spearheaded the development of Share My Lesson, the largest free collection of educational resources created by a union for educators and parents. Weingarten and the AFT lead a partnership to transform McDowell County, W.Va., one of the poorest counties in the United States, through efforts to improve the quality of education, and to focus on jobs, housing, healthcare and social services. Since 2014, the AFT has led the way to invest \$16 billion in pension assets in U.S. infrastructure, creating more than 100,000 jobs. Weingarten served on the congressional Equity and Excellence Commission, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's Common Core Task Force and the 2016 Democratic National Committee platform committee. Weingarten's column "What Matters Most" appears monthly in the New York Times' Sunday Review.



### Robert Weissman, Public Citizen

Robert Weissman has served as President of Public Citizen since 2009, where he has helped lead campaigns for transformative democracy reform, affordable medicines, Medicare for All and corporate accountability, among other issues. Prior to joining Public Citizen, he headed the corporate accountability organization Essential Action, edited Multinational Monitor magazine and served as a public interest attorney at the Center for Study of Responsive Law. Weissman graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School.



### Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, Deaconess Foundation

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is a pastor, philanthropist and activist pursuing God's vision of community marked by justice, peace and love. He is president & CEO of Deaconess Foundation and board chair for the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP). After the police killing of Michael Brown, Jr., Dr. Wilson led the Ferguson Commission. In 2015, they released the 'Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity' Report, calling for sweeping changes in policing, the courts, child well-being and economic mobility. In addition to NCRP, he serves boards for Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, Chicago Theological Seminary, the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, St. Louis Children's Hospital and the Forum for Theological Exploration. Dr. Wilson is an advisor to the Democracy Fund, Let America Vote and the National Voter Protection Action Fund.



#### Terrence Wise, Fight for \$15 and a Union

Terrence Wise is a 40-year-old father of three who works for McDonald's, making \$11/hour. Despite his fiancée also working full-time as a home-care aide, their low wages mean the family struggles to make ends meet. Terrence began organizing with his co-workers for \$15 and union rights over seven years ago and has emerged as a voice for the movement and an inspiration for other low-wage workers. Terrence helped to build the Fight for \$15 into an international movement through his leadership on delegations abroad in Ireland, Brazil, and the European Union, where he met with other low-wage workers and offered testimony before governmental agencies about low wages and job conditions.



### Roger Wolfson, Writers Action Group

Roger Wolfson is currently creating a new Netflix TV drama about politics, and has written for Law and Order: SVU, Saving Grace, Fairly Legal, and one of his episodes of the Closer earned Kyra Sedgwick an Emmy nomination. He has been staff to Senators Lieberman, Kerry, Wellstone, and Kennedy, and recently to Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon. He has written speeches for many of the Democrats running for President, and he helped a half-dozen members of Congress win their elections last cycle.

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### Sen. Citlalli Hernández, Senate of the Republic of Mexico

Citialli Hernández is a Mexican Senator with the National Regeneration Movement (MORENA) party, representing Mexico City. At 29, she is one of the youngest members of the Senate. Hernández is from a family of activists and has been involved in activism and student movements since adolescence. Despite direct attempts on her life, she has been an outspoken advocate in favor of reproductive rights, the families of the disappeared, the fight against gender-based violence, and LGBT and migrant rights.



### Guillaume Long, Former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Ecuador, CEPR

Guillaume Long has held several cabinet-level positions in the government of Ecuador including Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Culture and Minister of Knowledge and Human Talent. Most recently, he served as Ecuador's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva. Long trained as a historian and holds a Ph.D. in International politics from the University of London. His academic research focuses primarily on the comparative and international politics of Latin America. He is currently a senior research fellow at the Center for Economic and Policy Research.



### Sen. Gustavo Petro, Senate of the Republic of Colombia

Gustavo Petro is a Colombian peace activist and leader of the democratic opposition to the hard right government of Ivan Duque. After serving as Mayor of Bogota and in the Colombian Senate, he ran for president of Colombia in 2018, advocating for the deepening of Colombia's peace process, land reform, the expansion of social programs, and investment in renewable energies. Although his campaign was marked by death threats and assassination attempts against him and his team, he came in second place. Since then he has campaigned internationally for accountability and justice surrounding the mass killings of Colombian social leaders since the signing of the 2016 Peace Agreement.

### **Delegates from Israel and Palestine**

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### Bashar Azzeh, Member, Palestine National Council

Bashar Azzeh is a leading entrepreneur and youth activist in Palestine. Azzeh is one of the youngest elected members of the Palestine National Council and the Palestine Central Council. Born and raised in Jerusalem, Azzeh pursued his higher studies in the US, obtaining a BS in Telecommunication Systems, a Masters in Management and a PhD in Political Economy. Returning to Jerusalem in 2006, Azzeh worked to develop the Palestinian economy through entreprenuership and to initiate NGOs and youth initiatives. Azzeh is the founding owner and chairman of Tataweer Development Group, a real estate investment group. He has also worked as a Planning Director for the past two Palestine Investment Conferences, an economic and marketing advisor to various Ministers and a business development manager of various International Economic Development projects, as well as founding and chairing the Palestine Young Business Leaders Group.



### Fida Nara, Co-Executive Director, Mahapach-Taghrir

Fida Nara is the Arab-Palestinian Co-Director of Mahapach-Taghir. Nara was born in Nazareth and grew up in Neve Shalom/Wahat Al Salam, an Arab-Jewish village in Israel. She holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Tel Hai College and a master's degree in Gender Studies from Bar Ilan University. For the last 25 years, Nara has dedicated her life to women's empowerment and social change. Her activism started as a young woman as a volunteer at the Hotline for Victims of Sexual Violence. Nara also worked as Coordinator of the Awareness Raising Project at "Women Against Violence" for 13 years and became the Director of the Social Change Unit at Women Against Violence. In 2013, Nara started working at a co-director at Mahapach-Taghir, a feminist grassroots Jewish-Arab organization for social change, established to promote a shared society in Israel with equal opportunities for all. She was recently elected number eight on Hadash list to the Knesset.



### Yael Patir, Israel Director, J Street

Yael Patir currently serves as the Israel Director at J Street – an American pro-Israel pro-peace lobby group. Born and raised in Tel Aviv, Yael holds a Master Degree in Public Policy and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, Anthropology, and Political Science both from Tel Aviv University. In the past 15 years Yael is invested in the promotion of peace between Israel and its neighbours, focusing on people-to-people initiatives, track two diplomacy, advocacy and activism. She is a research fellow at Mitvim - the Israeli Institute for Regional and Foreign Policy, as well as a fellow at the Alliance for Israel's Future. Yael is also a member of the Geneva Initiative steering committee. In her previous position, Yael worked at the Shimon Peres Center for Peace as Director of the Civil Leadership Department. Yael writes and interviews on issues relating to the Israeli Palestinian conflict, Israeli civil society and politics, American politics and Jewish community and foreign policy.

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