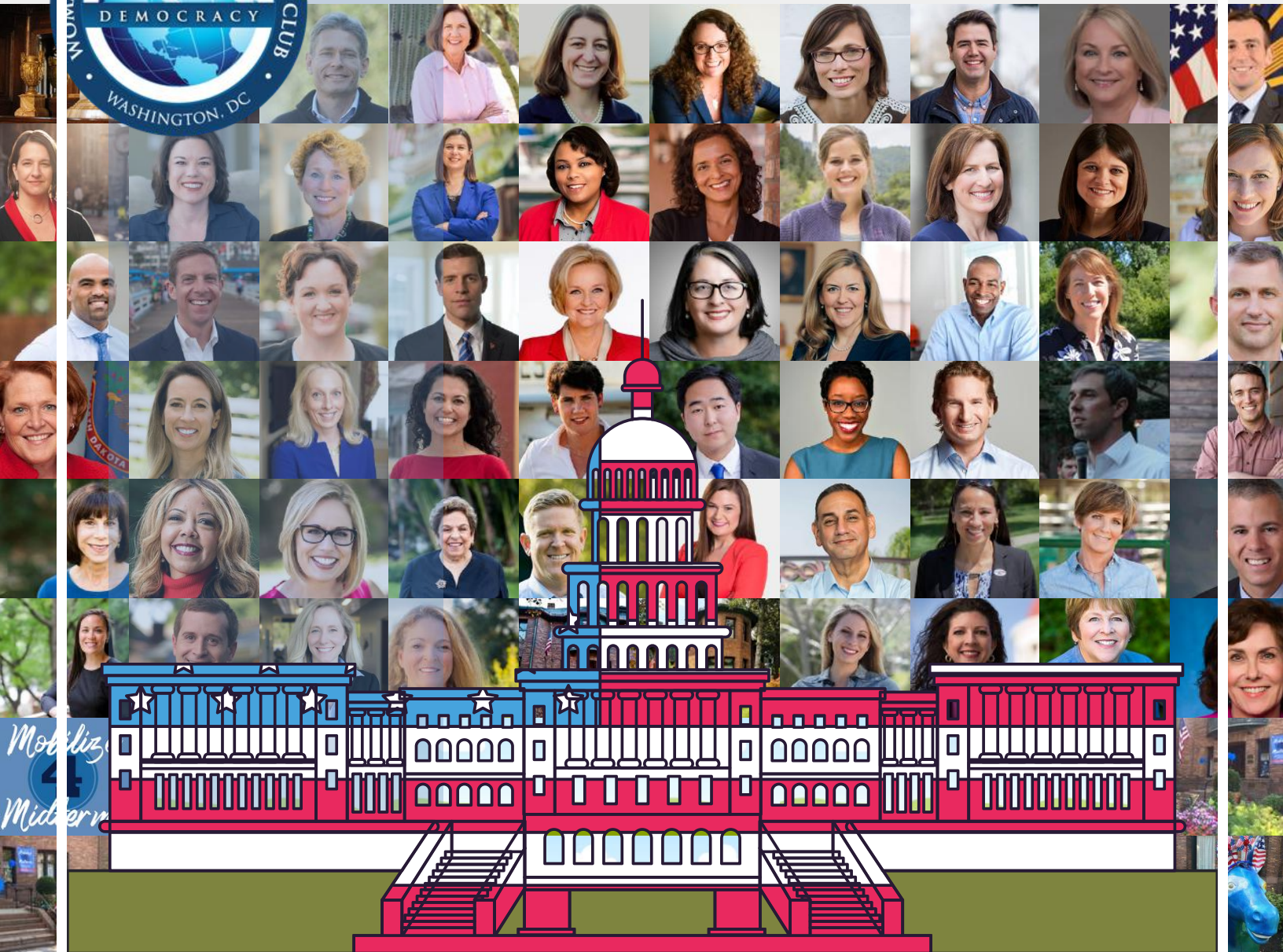


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

FOCUS ON THE MIDTERM ELECTION



The nation stands at a crossroads. This midterm election will be a referendum on Donald Trump, even though the danger exists that voter suppression measures may compromise true results. A president who ignores all democratic norms, undermines civil rights, and recklessly plays politics with people's lives, stands at the head of a compromised Republican party. At the time of this penning, the press was announcing mailed explosive devices being intercepted that had been addressed to the Clintons, Obamas, and CNN. Anarchists have been emboldened by our reckless president. The choice for voters this November is clear and stark.

This election is exceptional in many ways. Nail-biting uncertainty and apprehension pervade this cycle with voters' sentiments at fever pitch. With just days to go, a record share of registered voters (72%) say which party controls Congress will be a major factor in their vote while 60% view their midterm vote as an expression of opposition or support toward Trump. There are far more saying their vote will be "against" Trump (37%) than "for" him (23%). Almost 10 percent of voters said they are undecided, suggesting a wide range of possible outcomes. A high number of this year's undecideds are women.

MONEY

Democrats have almost doubled the amount of money they raised compared to both 2016 and 2014. They also have raised substantially more than Republicans. In the 2018 race Democrats had raised \$1,390 million 2 weeks out, while Republicans stood at \$930 million. Five times more has been spent on TV advertising by both parties. The pernicious influence of money in politics continues unabated.

ISSUES

Gender, sexual orientation, racial diversity and immigration have become hot-button issues. The composition of the Supreme Court, health care, and the economy will be the predominant influencers in the voting booth. Issues are likely to play a big role in voter turnout.

YOUTH VOTE

Democrats need 23 seats on November 6 to take back the House. Millennials, those born between 1981 and 1996, are more racially diverse, less likely to approve of Trump, and are due to become the country's largest bloc of eligible voters this election cycle. They lean harder left and studies show that they also care more about climate change. If they do come out to vote they will dramatically alter the election results. Fewer than 1 in 4 young adults voted in 2014, the last midterm election. Signs today point to a youth tsunami at the polls. School shootings and gun safety issues have resulted in student activism, with youth voter registration at a record high.

WOMEN'S VOTE

It's nothing new for women to be politically active — women's turnout rate has outstripped men's in every presidential election since 1980, and in every midterm election since 1986 - that gap is several million every election year. This year women have swung even more Democratic than usual while men are leaning slightly Republican. According to NPR, this year's gender gap could be even bigger. And, more women are running for political office than ever before. This will be a Women's March, #MeToo, and Dr. Ford vs. Judge Kavanaugh inspired election.

WNDC's Role

We have outperformed our engagement in political action and Get-Out-The-Vote activities this cycle. Daily political activism in concert with the DNC and other groups continues with increased citizen participation. On November 6 we will gather at the Whittemore House with WNDC members, friends, supporters, and international and local press to, hopefully, usher in a new governance era. Join us on this momentous day.

--Nuchhi Currier

NOVEMBER 2018 EVENTS

Thursday, November 1

Members Wine & Cheese

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

The Membership Committee invites all members to join us for a Wine and Cheese Happy Hour. We especially want to encourage new members to participate, as it is a perfect occasion to network and socialize! Get to know your other club members while enjoying a special assortment of cheeses and wines in our beautiful Whittemore House.

PRICE: \$10 per person. Includes one glass of wine.



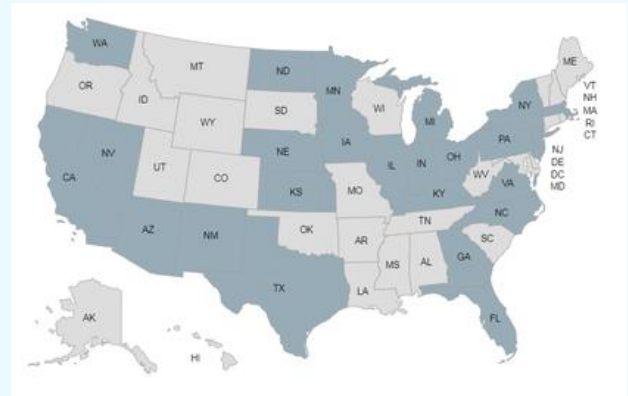
Tuesday, November 6

Election Day

Today is the Midterm Election. Last chance to Canvass, Phonebank, VOTE!

TIME: All day, Nationwide

The cover of this newsletter includes thumbnail photographs of the House and Senate candidates we have featured in our weekly Candidate Watch eblasts for the last several months. You can find brief bios of each one by clicking on the appropriate state on the map on our Mobilize4Midterms page on our website (democraticwoman.org/mobilize-4-midterms), which is reproduced here. That page also allows you to donate to the candidates of your choice.



Tuesday, November 6

Election Night Watch Party: Let the Blue Wave Roll In!

TIME: 7:00-11:00pm

We have worked long and hard. Now, on Election Night, let's celebrate all we have accomplished and join forces for the challenges ahead. We will have large screen TV's throughout the historic Whittemore House all evening as we watch results come in. Special guests will share their thoughts on the changing political landscape.

Enjoy a Delicious Buffet and Open Bar.

PRICE: \$50 Members, \$75 Non-members, \$25 Young Dems.



Thursday, November 8

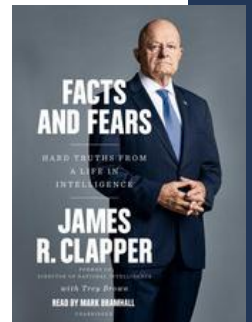
James Clapper – *Facts and Fears: Hard Truths from a Life in Intelligence*

TIME: 11:30am – Bar opens; 12:15pm – Lunch served; 1-2pm – Presentation and Q&A

Since he stepped down in 2017 as the longest serving US Director of National Intelligence, James R. Clapper has been an outspoken critic of Donald Trump. In particular, he has condemned President Trump's relationship with Vladimir Putin and Trump's denial of Russia's interference in the 2016 US election. Putin's determination to undermine American democratic institutions is just one of the many insights in Director Clapper's new book *Facts and Fears: Hard Truths from a Life in Intelligence*. Director Clapper is widely admired for speaking truth to power. Asked why he chose Clapper as his DNI, President Obama replied that his top intelligence adviser "...possesses a quality that I value in all my advisers: a willingness to tell leaders what we need to know even if it's not what we want to hear." In *Facts and Fears: Hard Truths from a Life in Intelligence*, Clapper reflects on his career in US intelligence that spanned over five decades, including a period that included the raid on Osama bin Laden, the Benghazi attack, the leaks of Edward Snowden, and Russia's influence operation during the 2016 US election campaign.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

PRICE: \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (Includes lunch); \$15 Young Dems. \$10 Lecture only



Tuesday, November 13

An Anacostia Connection Series Program: Social Entrepreneurship in Anacostia

As part of the ongoing 'Anacostia Connection' series, join us to meet entrepreneurs who are building businesses with a focus on social inclusion and community building.

ANDY SHALLAL,

Owner of Busboys and Poets Group of Restaurants
Artist, activist, and award-winning social entrepreneur, he will include in his presentation plans for opening in Anacostia his seventh Busboys and Poets combination of restaurant and gathering place for community and progressive movements. It will be combined with a Culinary Institute to train locals in the culinary arts. Andy has won numerous awards for his business leadership in, e.g., changing to 100% wind power, promoting and adopting progressive labor policies, and the local/sustainable food movement.



KYMON FREEMAN,

Co-Founder of We Act Radio and Community Bookstore
Award-winning playwright, film-maker, commentator, and activist, he will focus on a plan to develop Anacostia while retaining long-time residents and small businesses. We Act Radio Station, which he co-founded, was called DC's best social justice radio station by *Washington City Paper* in 2017. His current now-touring play, "The Night Michael Jackson Died," was the first theatrical performance ever held at Hamilton Live.



If interested in helping to plan future programs in this Series, please stay after the program.

TIME: 11:30-12:30 Buffet lunch and cash bar; 12:30-1:30 Program

PRICE: \$15 Members & Non-members (Includes buffet lunch).

Wednesday, November 14

Post Election Analysis Panel

Join us for an analysis of the midterm election results. We will explore what the 'blue wave' and women's power translated to, what worked and didn't for Democrats, and the outlook for the political landscape leading up to the 2020 election. More details to come as plans are finalized.



TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$15 Young Dems. Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

Monday, December 3

Equal Rights for Women: One State Away From Constitutional Equality

This event is cosponsored by: Feminist Majority Foundation and Fairfax County Democratic Committee National Affairs (FCDC NAC)

Ninety-five years after it was first introduced in Congress, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) guaranteeing women Constitutional equality is just one state away from ratification! A vibrant campaign is underway for Virginia to become the 38th and final state needed to ratify the ERA. Our distinguished panelists include ERA warriors Ellie Smeal, who spearheaded the ratification efforts in the 70s and 80s; Eileen Davis, state-level strategist and advocate in Virginia; Andrea Miller, Congressional-level expert and advocate; and Wendy Murphy, national legal expert on Women and the Law. The panelists will review the history of the ERA and why we still need Constitutional equality and update us on the new developments in Virginia and nationally. The panel will provide a concrete call to action for attendees to get involved in ERA ratification and inspire a true inter-generational effort to create a permanent national standard for eliminating sex discrimination.

Panelists:

Ellie Smeal, President and Co-founder, Feminist Majority Foundation, former President of National Organization for Women (NOW)

Eileen Davis, Co-founder, Women-Matter.org

Andrea Miller, Executive Director, People Demanding Action

Wendy Murphy, JD, Director, Women's and Children's Advocacy Project, Professor of sexual violence law, New England Law|Boston

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$15 Young Dems. Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm



GCC Update

During the midterm election season, GCC has been mostly focused on voter outreach and candidate support across the DMV and beyond. With our emphasis on being a force multiplier and coordination hub, we are partnering with multiple groups and assisting in their events. This is a short wrap up of what we've been doing and how you can get involved.

Since mid-September, WNDC has graciously made its space available so we can host "Blue Wave Action Nights" every Monday. Dozens of volunteers have shown up every week (on 10/22 we had nearly 40!) to write postcards, phone bank, and text bank. Although most Monday efforts have been to support Virginia candidates Abigail Spanberger, Elaine Luria, Leslie Cockburn, Jennifer Wexton, and Vangie Williams, our work goes beyond Virginia. We've partnered with Sister District and directed volunteers toward activities for the Pennsylvania campaigns they're supporting. We worked with grassroots activists in Maryland to live-stream the statewide house party night for the Ben Jealous gubernatorial campaign. We've even connected DMV volunteers with phonebanks in Wisconsin and for Beto O'Rourke in Texas.

GCC also hosted the "Blue Wave Mobilization Summit" to inform local activists about various technology and platforms grassroots organizers can (and should) use. This was also an opportunity for activists to ask questions and connect with the vendors, and for vendors to learn about the needs of grassroots organizers in the DMV. Our eager activists are partnering with Rise District, Herd on the Hill, and the DPVA Small Business Caucus. We've also been connecting folks with canvassing opportunities, and many people have spent their weekends knocking doors for VA-10 candidate Jennifer Wexton. In the final days before November 6, you can still get involved! The GCC's "Blue Wave Action Nights" are happening every Monday from 6:00-8:00 pm at the WNDC. At this point we're focusing most of our efforts on phone and text banking, which is actually simple once we help you get set up. Don't be intimidated, but do bring your laptop/tablet because it makes the process much easier. We're also continuing to organize and facilitate connections between activists who are knocking doors for DMV area candidates. If you're interested in canvassing, we can connect you with an experienced activist or a carpool. We look forward to seeing you Mondays, at WNDC Winning Wednesdays and at other GCC activities! Happy Election Day!



State of Marine Health and the Effect on Humans

The viability of the earth, including the human race and many other species, was the focus of a stellar group of experts on ocean health, who spoke at WNDC on October 18. The four panelists -- Bonnie Monteleone, executive director and director of science, research, and academic partnerships for the Plastic Ocean Project, Inc., which is based at the University of North Carolina; Michael Fishbach, co-founder and executive director of the Great Whale Conservancy, also based in North Carolina; Asher Jay, a National Geographic Explorer out of New York City who has designed two permanent environmental art exhibits in Manhattan's Times Square -- a (Piece of the Planet, and an immersive, soundscaped installation called "Message in a Bottle"); Ruth Greenspan Bell, a public policy fellow and climate change expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars -- were guided through a series of discussions



about what we can do as individual activists by Katie McGinty. McGinty served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality during the Obama Administration, and as head of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection before that. Together with the audience, the speakers debated the viability of the earth and explained in detail how our vitality is linked to the health of our seas. Today, global marine ecosystems are out of balance, in crisis due to myriad factors: acidification, massive plastic pollution, overfishing, threats to key marine mammals such as whales, and accelerating climate change. All agreed that the recent law, the Save Our Seas Act, which will focus attention

on removal and mitigation of marine debris, particularly plastics, is an excellent step forward. Yet the urgency of ocean pollution, and the linkages to global CO₂, necessitate much more sweeping change -- including a vision and a strategy for creating a green economy.

The WNDC intends to keep focusing on the intersection of environmental and human health that is so critical to the future of young people. We invite you to help us devise more events and workshops where we can develop new calls to action for policymakers, stakeholders, scientists, and advocates. We want to make the WNDC a hub for policy and political development on select environmental issues.

Toward that end, please also send us your thoughts about how we can build more cross-collaboration across political and environmental organizations, including those represented by the panelists on October 18. Many more organizations are needed! WNDC will write up and post your ideas for initiatives that can help build movements and momentum, and in doing so try to further accelerate a growing political movement of people across the country and the globe, of all ages and most particularly among young people, to slow and bring to a halt harmful forces that are damaging the ecosystems we all share -- oceans and the atmosphere.

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COAT DRIVE 2018

Dear WNDC Members: The EF is collecting new and gently used coats to support the students and families of the Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC). CHEC is a unique, globally themed bilingual campus that serves grades 6-12 and prepares all of its students for success in college and their careers. Please join our efforts and donate your new and gently used coats, scarves, and gloves for women, men, and youth/young adults. You may bring them to the Club and leave them with Patricia Fitzgerald, who will secure them. The EF would like to deliver the donated coats to CHEC just after the Thanksgiving holiday. So please bring your donations in as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support!

To learn more about the CHEC, please visit their website at www.checdc.org.

--Roz Gonzalez, Educational Foundation Board Member



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| | | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | |
| | | | | Members' Wine & Cheese 5:30pm | | | |
| | | | | Mobilize 4 Midterms Phone Bank for VA-07 6:00-9:00pm | | | |

| MONDAY | 05 | TUESDAY | 06 | WEDNESDAY | 07 | THURSDAY | 08 | FRIDAY | 09 |
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| | | Election Day! | | | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:00am | |
| | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | James Clapper Luncheon | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | |
| | | Election Night Watch Party 7:00pm | | | | Human Rights and Democracy Task Force Mtg 2:15pm | | | |

| MONDAY | 12 | TUESDAY | 13 | WEDNESDAY | 14 | THURSDAY | 15 | FRIDAY | 16 |
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| Veterans Day Observed | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | |
| | | Social Entrepreneurship in Anacostia Luncheon | | Newsletter Deadline | | Program Committee Mtg 12:30pm | | | |
| | | Social & Economic Justice Mtg. 5:00pm | | Joint ExComm & Board of Governors Mtg 10:00am | | Building and Land Committee (VAMA) Mtg 2:00pm | | | |
| | | Global Women Task Force Mtg. 5:30pm | | Post Election Analysis Panel 6:30pm | | Membership Committee Mtg 4:30pm | | | |
| | | Foreign Policy Task Force Mtg. 6:00pm | | | | GOTV Task Force Mtg 6:30pm | | | |

| MONDAY | 19 | TUESDAY | 20 | WEDNESDAY | 21 | THURSDAY | 22 | FRIDAY | 23 |
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| Grassroots Coordinating Committee 6:00pm | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Thanksgiving - Club Closed | | Club Closed | |

| MONDAY | 26 | TUESDAY | 27 | WEDNESDAY | 28 | THURSDAY | 29 | FRIDAY | 30 |
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| | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | | Luncheon Available with Reservation | |
| | | | | | | Public Policy and Political Action Committee Mtg 5:30pm | | | |

Prix Fixe Menu Luncheon available with Reservation Tuesdays through Fridays. 11:30am - 2pm.

Speaker Luncheon schedules: 11:30am - Bar Opens | 12:15pm - Lunch Served | 1:00pm - Presentation | 1:45pm - Q&A |

PRICE: \$25 Members/ \$30 Non-Members/ \$10 Lecture Only.

Reserve 24 hours ahead at (202) 232-7363 | Cancellation policy: Credit is given if cancellations are made at least two business days in advance.

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THE LAST WEEKEND

All of our work together has been building up to this final push—the last weekend before the election. It's our last—and best—opportunity to volunteer and make a difference in the most important midterms of our lives.

If each of us does our part, we can change the direction of this country and help shape the future of our government—for generations to come.

The most critical thing that any of us can do is meet voters face to face to ensure that they will go and vote on Election Day. Select your times now to talk to voters in an important Swing District over The Last Weekend (Saturday, November 3 - Tuesday, November 6). Campaigns are counting on us—and literally counting volunteers so they can put together a game plan and make the best use of our time when we get out there to talk to voters.

Please don't put this off. Choose your volunteer shifts now with our super-simple scheduling tool. You'll be connected immediately with a nearby event where your help is needed most. And it's easy to browse additional dates, times, and events.

If you are unable to canvass over the days leading up to November 6, come in to volunteer at the WNDC. The DNC will operate a volunteer base out of the clubhouse, and get out the vote activities will be on from 9am - 9pm. **Commit to a shift now! Visit thelastweekend.org/wndc**

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ON THE RADAR

Monday, December 3 (Evening)

Equal Rights for Women: One State Away From Constitutional Equality

Thursday, December 6 (Evening)

New Members Reception

Thursday, December 6 (Evening)

Art Exhibition Reception: Svitlana Dileo

Monday, December 10 (Evening)

Tribute to Arvonne Fraser

Tuesday, December 11

Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Thursday, December 13

Film Screening: High Tide in Dorchester

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