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WDC Update – Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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Tommy Raskin

WDC sends our love and deepest condolences to Congressman Jamie Raskin and Sarah Bloom Raskin, and their children Hannah and Tabitha on the loss of their son and brother, Tommy Raskin. WDC has contributed to the fund the family established in Tommy's memory; members who wish to make individual donations may do so [here](#).

Mr. Raskin has been an enthusiastic supporter of WDC over many years, speaking to

interview on his experience during the January 6th insurrection, an NPR conversation with Mr. Raskin, and one written by his Chief of Staff and WDC member Julie Tegen, illustrate his generosity of spirit and his depth of feeling in the midst of the tragedy in his family and the assault on his nation.

The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2021/01/jamie-raskin-capitol-attack/617609/>

NPR

<https://www.npr.org/2021/01/09/955191935/rep-jamie-raskin-remembers-his-son-tommy>

Seventh State

<http://www.theseventhstate.com/?cat=77>



Our national fever has broken! Sanity, with its natural ally democracy, is ascendant.

Amid the clearing smoke of an unimaginable, actual coup attempt we are retaking the White House, we held the House and won the Senate.

Bravo to us! I am so proud of our WDC community and our many partner organizations for the staggering amount of work we poured into this moment. Amid the heartbreak of Covid, job losses and cratering education plans, we wrote letters, registered voters, made calls, urged people to the polls, educated voters, raised funds, and motivated friends to help. We supported each other, and shared more than a few moments of dark humor. Together we helped build a tremendous defense of the common good.

And we won.

After four unspeakable years of Trump. After a grueling year of death and disease, racial reckoning, and violence against statehouses and neighbors' houses. After economic calamity and incoherent political happenings. After all that, we prevailed and made clear a simple message: We. Keep. Going.

Now, on the verge of better things we can say: We earned this, and we aim to keep it.

With gratitude,
Diana Conway, President





**Looking Ahead with the Board of Education:
Learning During a Global Pandemic**
Tuesday, Jan. 19, noon
via Zoom



Brenda Wolff
President



Karla Silvestre
Vice President



Lynne Harris
At-Large



Nick Asante
Student Member

Looking Ahead with the Board of Education: Learning During a Global Pandemic

Tuesday, January 19, noon

[Register here](#)

Join WDC for a conversation with members of the Montgomery County Board of Education: President Brenda Wolff and Vice President Karla Silvestre, who are starting out in their new executive positions this month; Lynne Harris, the newly-elected At-Large Member; and Student Member of the Board, Nick Asante. We will hear about their priorities and their work in leading our school system during a global pandemic. Bring your questions!

Register here to receive Zoom link on event day.



Carroll Bogert
President of The Marshall Project
**"Creating and Sustaining the Urgency for
Criminal Justice Reform"**
Monday, Feb. 8, 1:00 pm
via Zoom

**Creating and Sustaining the Urgency for Criminal Justice Reform, with
guest Carroll Bogert**

[Register here](#)

On Feb. 8, at 1:00 pm, The Marshall Project president Carroll Bogert will join us to discuss creating and sustaining the urgency for criminal justice reform, which her organization seeks to achieve through fair, transparent, and effective journalism. As President-elect Biden takes office amid great turmoil, his stated priorities include reforms of policing, the death penalty for federal crimes, bail reform, and eliminating mandatory minimum sentences. Ms. Bogert will share her views on the most pressing of these and other issues. Before joining The Marshall Project, Ms. Bogert served for 18 years as deputy director of Human Rights Watch, running global media operations, and before that as a foreign correspondent for "Newsweek" magazine, based in Moscow, Hong Kong, and Beijing, covering the fall of the Soviet Union, the Tiananmen Square protests, and the economic rise of Asia.

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Community Events

MCDP Virtual Inauguration Watch Party

Wednesday, January 20, 11:30 am: Montgomery County Democrats Biden-Harris Inauguration **Virtual Watch Party** and fundraiser for MCDCC. [Sign up here](#).



League of Women Voters Trending Topics Webinar

Monday, January 18, 7:00 pm

[Register here](#)

TRENDING TOPICS

FREE. PUBLIC ALWAYS WELCOME.

**STATE & LOCAL BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT
ON FUTURE LEGISLATION****Monday, JANUARY 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Webinar**

PANELISTS: Ms. Nancy Kopp, Maryland State Treasurer
Mr. Andrew Friedson, Montgomery County Councilman

What consequences will COVID 19 have for state and local budgets? Will there be a revenue shortfall? What programs are in greatest jeopardy? How will funding for education and transportation fare in the upcoming struggle? What questions do you have for the experts?

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[WDC Guest Speaker - Diana Philip - Jan. 5, 2020](#)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Protecting and Advancing Reproductive Freedom with
Diana Philip, Executive Director, NARAL Pro-Choice
Tuesday, January 5, 2020

Notes

- Participants will be **Muted** during the program
- For best viewing, use **Speaker View** instead of **Gallery View**
- This event is being **recorded** and will be published on the WDC website and YouTube channel
- Submit questions via the **Chat** window to '**Q&A**'

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