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WDC Weekly Update – Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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Democracy Is on the Line!
Preserving Democracy: Understanding HR1/S1

**Pass For the People Act of 2021**

Virtual event. [Register Here](#)

Wednesday, February 24, at 7 pm

DoTheMostGood, WDC, and partners will host a virtual event on H.R.1 and S.1 – the For the People Act of 2021. This legislation – a comprehensive, bold, and transformational reform package to protect voting rights, block corruption and voter suppression, and ensure clean elections – is moving through Congress now. We will be hearing from a panel of experts:

- **Representative John Sarbanes** (MD-03), primary sponsor of HR 1
- **Tiffany Muller**, president and executive director of End Citizens United
- **Elizabeth Hira**, Spitzer Fellow and policy counsel, Democracy Program, Brennan Center for Justice

The event is about **engagement, education, and action**. Our speakers will offer a big-picture overview of this sweeping legislation and focus on key provisions dealing with voting rights, civil rights, and money in politics. They will also explain the urgent, historic opportunity we have in this moment, and the actions you can take to help get these bills passed.

[Sign up](#) today, watch for additional details, and mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you on February 24th.

RSVP Here. Submit a Question.

Rebuilding Maryland's Future: How we can recover from COVID-19 in a just, equitable, and sustainable way.

BUILDING A MORE EQUITABLE, JUST, AND PROSPEROUS MARYLAND



Friday, February 26, noon
JOIN THE DISCUSSION
 Free Virtual Public Event
Dr. John B. King, Jr
 Founder of Strong Future Maryland

Hosted by
 MONTGOMERY
 COUNTY, MARYLAND

WOMEN'S
 DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Friday, February 26, 2021 - noon

Guest Speaker Dr. John B. King, Jr., founder of Strong Future Maryland, CEO of the Education Trust and former US Secretary of Education

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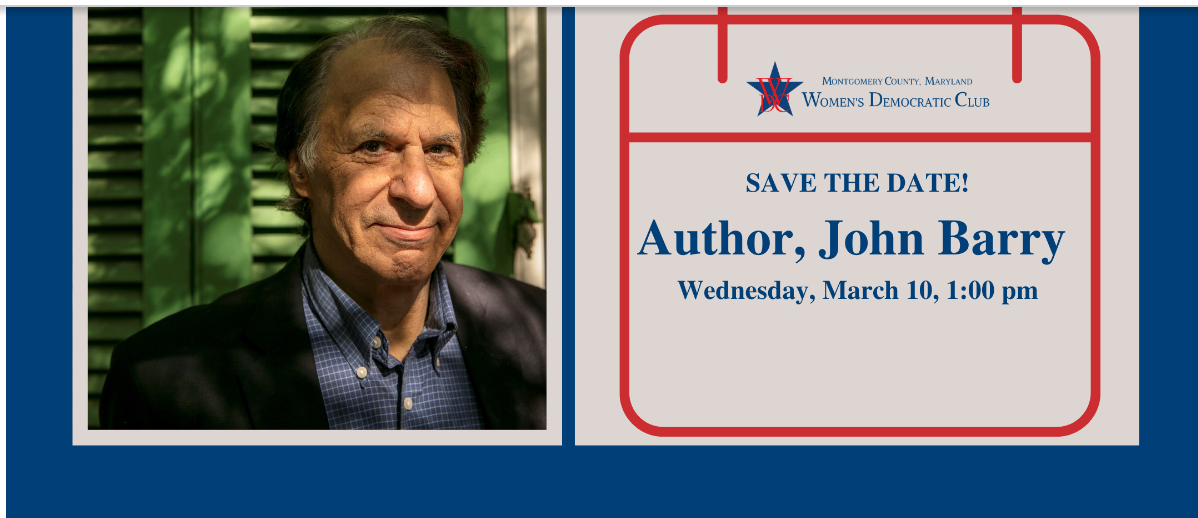
[Eventbrite Registration](#)

With a proud educator as First Lady and a progressive President, public education stands at a crossroads. Scorned by Donald Trump and Betsy DeVos, U.S. schools struggled even before COVID-19. And now—despite the benefit of the new Administration's support, public education faces historic challenges.

Join us for a conversation with Dr. John B. King, Jr., CEO of the Education Trust and former U.S. Secretary of Education under President Obama, for his take on how to tackle the road ahead. Dr. King, the son of two New York City teachers who both died when he was 12 years old, credits his public school elementary and junior high teachers for saving (and inspiring the course of) his life. Eventually earning degrees in government, law, and education from Harvard, Yale, and Columbia, Dr. King began his career as a teacher and rose through a series of roles including commissioner of education for the State of New York and undersecretary and U.S. Secretary of Education—focusing on closing opportunity gaps for all students, especially boys and young men of color. An accomplished problem solver, Dr. King will explore how to keep alive the American Dream through public education for all our nation's children.

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Save the Date! March 10, 1:00 pm with Guest Speaker John Barry



John M. Barry is an award-winning author and historian. His #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History*, landed him as a guest on numerous news shows in the past year, such as “Meet the Press” and “All Things Considered.” He has written for scientific journals as well as for news outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Time*, and *Esquire*. As an advisor to the Bush and Obama administrations on pandemic preparedness and response, he served on the original team that recommended public health measures to mitigate a pandemic before a vaccine becomes available.

After Hurricane Katrina, Barry’s earlier book, *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America*, placed him in a policy role in his home state of Louisiana, where the state’s Congressional delegation asked him to chair a bipartisan working group on flood protection. He served on both the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the levee board protecting metropolitan New Orleans. In that latter role, he was the architect of a 2013 lawsuit against Exxon and nearly 100 other companies for the coastal land loss they caused.

Barry has worked with the private sector and with state, federal, United Nations, and World Health Organization officials on pandemics, water-related disasters, and risk communication. He serves on numerous advisory boards and is a professor at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He is the only non-scientist ever to give the National Academies of Sciences Abel Wolman Distinguished Lecture, and he was the only non-scientist on a federal government Infectious Disease Board of Experts.

Other Events

Salute Maryland's Black Women Elected Officials.

Hosted by Maryland Women's Heritage Center
 Tuesday, February 23, 6-7:30 pm,
 Tickets \$15 on [Eventbrite](#).

Honored are Verda Freeman Welcome, Bea Gaddy, and Gloria Richardson. This virtual event also includes a panel discussion featuring; Tiffany Gardner, Executive Director, ReflectUS, Yvette Lewis, Chair, Maryland Democratic Party, Del. Brenda Thiam (R-District 2B), Candace Bacchus Hollingsworth, former

Help Defeat State Voter Suppression Legislation

Speaker: Andrea Miller, Center for Common Ground/Reclaim Our Vote

Hosted by Indivisible Montgomery. Free public event.

Saturday, February 27, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., via Zoom

RSVP [Here](#).

More about this event: Andrea Miller is the Founder and Executive Director of the [Center for Common Ground](#) (a.k.a. Reclaim Our Vote). She will share information about Reclaim Our Vote's campaign to defeat voter suppression bills in state legislatures in Georgia and elsewhere, and about federal legislation: H.R. 1, the For the People Act, and H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and how YOU can get involved in the fight to end voter suppression and expand voting rights.

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Event Calendar, [click here](#).



WDC Committee Reports

Advocacy Update!

We are working for you! WDC has been very active advocating for issues impacting women and their families. Members of the WDC Advocacy Committee are identifying and researching legislation that is aligned with the Club's stated [advocacy priorities for 2021](#). To date WDC has submitted written or oral testimony on the following bills being considered by the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. Stay tuned for more updates as the 2021 Session progresses. Members can sign up for timely Advocacy Alerts delivered directly to your inbox with calls-to-action to contact your lawmakers on important legislation. [Become a member](#) and sign up to receive WDC Advocacy Alerts!

Contact [JoAnne Koravos](#), Advocacy Chair, to learn more.

To read about a specific bill, enter the Bill Number (e.g., HB0123) [here](#).

As of February 15, 2021, WDC has submitted written and/or oral testimony for the following bills, [click here](#).

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Announcement:

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