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From the President

Did you feel it? The Maryland state legislature concluded its 442nd annual session and a lot has changed! We'll have a legislative update for you in a separate email, recapping how WDC priority bills fared in this most unusual session. I think it's fair to say WDC had a discernible impact on key bills.

In the meantime please sign up to join us on Thursday April 15 for a conversation with former DNC Chairman and Montgomery County's own Tom Perez.

We also need your help getting vital, democracy-saving S.1 "For The People Act" through the US Senate. We have multiple options below. Can you entice a friend to join you? Democracy and activism are more fun together. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th for our event with Tom Perez!

Democratically yours,
Diana Conway
President



Events Update

Voting Rights in America: Sustaining Democracy in Challenging Times

When: Thursday, April 15, 1-2 pm with Tom Perez, former DNC Chair

Register [here](#).



Tom Perez

Thursday, April 15, 1 pm

***Voting Rights in America: Sustaining
Democracy in Challenging Times***

<http://bit.ly/wdc-april-15>
[www. WomensDemocraticClub.org](http://www.WomensDemocraticClub.org)

A lifelong public servant, Tom Perez chaired the Democratic National Committee for the past four years, where he led the transformation of the DNC. In a recent New York Times interview, he acknowledged that

Obama's Secretary of Labor, he expanded worker opportunities. As Obama's Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, he led the Justice Department's voting rights and police reform work.

Here in Maryland, Tom served as Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation under Governor Martin O'Malley and was the first Latino elected to the Montgomery County Council. Tom served almost a decade on the Board of CASA de Maryland, including a stint as Board Chair. He is currently considering a run for Governor.

The son of immigrants from the Dominican Republic, Tom grew up in Buffalo and put himself through college earning tuition money on the back of a garbage truck. Tom earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University, a master's of public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and a Harvard law degree. He lives in Takoma Park with his wife, Ann Marie Staudenmaier, an attorney with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, and their three children.

[Register Here](#)

Threats to American Democracy

When: Thursday, April 29, 1-2 pm with Fiona Hill

Register [here](#).



Fiona Hill
Thursday, April 29, 1 pm
Threats to American Democracy

RSVP
bit.ly/wdc-april-29-hill

Fiona Hill catapulted to national prominence with her riveting testimony in the first Trump impeachment trial, where she demonstrated her deep, no-nonsense understanding of Russian-American relations; equally important, she exuded integrity, courage, and love of country. At that time, Hill was serving on the National Security Council.

Currently at Brookings, Dr. Hill worked previously The National Intelligence Council, The Eurasia Foundation, and Harvard's Kennedy School. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Hill has written extensively on Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia, regional conflicts, energy, and strategic issues. Her books include *Mr. Putin: Operative in the Kremlin*, and *The Siberian Curse: How Communist Planners Left Russia Out in the Cold* (both co-authored with Clifford Gaddy).

Based on her decades-long exploration of authoritarian regimes, Dr. Hill recently characterized the January 6th Capitol attack as an attempted "self-coup" from Trump. Her newest book is *There Is Nothing for You Here: Opportunity in an Age of Decline*, due out in September 2021.

[Register Here](#)

Take Action!



Help Pass For the People Act!

The For the People Act (HR1/S1) will safeguard voting rights, mandate independent redistricting commissions, increase transparency in campaign financing, and more! It's passed the House – now we need to get it passed in the Senate which will likely include ending or modifying the filibuster. You can help by calling constituents of key Senators and asking them to tell those Senators to let this bill have a vote on the Senate floor. [Sign up now!](#)

- To make calls with Silver Spring Progressive Action (Tuesdays), click here.
<https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/378005/>
- To make calls with Do The Most Good (Fridays and Sundays), click here
<https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/380035/>
- To make calls with Indivisible Montgomery and J Walkers (Wednesdays and Sundays), click here
<https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/379021/>
- Or choose any of the For The People Act phonebanks listed on the Common CauseMobilize home page at <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/>

Save the Dates

Save the Date for this WDC Event!

- May 31, with Congressman John Sarbanes, "For The People Act: Voter Suppression, Dark Money and the Filibuster"

Community Events



Montgomery County Democratic Party

Events Calendar, [click here](#).



Honor Harriet Tubman

Wednesday, April 14, 7-8 pm

RSVP [here](#).

Don't miss MCDCC's Harriet Tubman small dollar fundraiser (\$20). Anita Powell, Harriet Tubman scholar and authority on the history of our historical MoCo Black Communities, will speak about Tubman's influence.

Dem Club Meetings

Upcounty Democrats Monthly Breakfast

Monday, April 26, 7:30 am

Register to receive Zoom link [here](#)

D20 Legislative Session Wrap Up

Sunday, April 18, 4:00 pm

Register to receive Zoom link [here](#)

District 39 Legislative Wrap Up

Thursday, April 29, 7:00 pm

Register to receive Zoom link [here](#)

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Democratic Club of Leisure World

May 13, 6:30 pm -- Annual "Report from Annapolis" with our D19 State Senator and Delegates

For information, please contact Jane Corona jane.e.carona@gmail.com



Community Ambassador Volunteers Needed for County Vaccine Pre-registration Events

[Sign Up Here](#)

MoCo's Volunteer Center, Office of Community Partnerships, and County Health Department are working with a broad network of community organizations to help inform our most vulnerable residents about the COVID-19 vaccine and assist with pre-registering for a County Health Clinic appointment.

We need volunteer Community Ambassadors for in-person outreach at County-supported events in communities where COVID rates are high, vaccination rates are low, and barriers to receiving the vaccine are significant. Duties include distributing vaccine fliers, answering questions, hosting information tables, distributing COVID kits, and offering pre-registration assistance. Since the events take place in multilingual areas, volunteers with language skills (particularly fluency in Spanish) are vital! Please know that ensuring COVID-safe interactions by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and relying on posters with QR codes is a top priority!

Interested? Go to the Vaccine page on the [Volunteer Center website](#), scroll down to "Resources for Community Ambassadors" showing dates and links to sign up. A required zoom information session will cover event goals, equity, appointment options, pre-registration, and relevant resources -- plus you will have the opportunity to ask questions.



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