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WDC Resources



From the President

Greetings WDC members and friends,

Please join us June 30th at 7:00 pm for our Annual Meeting! We will elect WDC's new Executive Committee, then hear from Congressman Jamie Raskin. I'm excited to say we have an important announcement to unveil with Rep. Raskin— a whole new initiative that will expand our scope and bring in a new category of speakers. You won't want to miss this event! Registration link is below.

As my term comes to an end I am floored at what the WDC Board and membership have achieved in these two tumultuous years: In the face of Trump compounded by Covid, we hosted dozens of outstanding speakers, from Kristen Clarke who now heads the DOJ Civil Rights Division, to Carroll Bogert of the Marshall Project which just won its second Pulitzer in the seven years since its founding, to leading authors, politicians and policy wonks like Brit Kirwan, author of the Blueprint for Maryland, national pollster Fred Yang, and Dr. Fiona Hill on the Trump-Ukraine ... fiasco. (See these and other WDC programs on our [YouTube channel here](#)). We worked with sister organizations to reach to voters in and beyond our state. And we actively advocated at the state and County level on policies affecting women and their families.

Halfway through 2021 we can mark important events: We survived an attempted coup, inaugurated President Biden with Dr. Jill Biden at his side, and Vice President Kamala Harris. We have suffered over 600,000 Covid-related deaths and a cascade of social and economic pain and loss. June 12 was the 54th anniversary of Loving v Virginia, ending our shameful anti-miscegenation laws. This is the 90th anniversary of the Maryland ACLU. It's the 40th anniversary of NARAL Maryland who along with other pro-choice voices will be critical as our recalibrated Supreme Court takes up an extreme abortion law out of Mississippi.

This is also the second cycle of our public campaign financing to elect our County Council and County Executive. This first-in-the-state campaign finance program creates a powerful democratizing incentive by rewarding candidates with generous matching funds for smaller, in-County contributions. Please join me to give special consideration to those who opt in. These candidates choose to eschew big-dollar donors, and take on the work on reaching more voters rather than focusing on voters with more means. Please weigh that factor as you consider who deserves your attention, your dollars and your vote. We are only one year from the Democratic primary— and in Montgomery County the primary is basically the "real" election.

On behalf of the WDC Board, please join us June 30th at 7:00 pm with Congressman Raskin and to elect WDC's new leadership!

We look forward to seeing you June 30th with Congressman Raskin. You can read the bios of these accomplished candidates [here](#), register to attend [here](#), and become a member [here](#) to participate in the election. I hope you will attend, share this email, and stay engaged in our democracy. We need you.



Events Update

TONIGHT! Wednesday, June 16, 7 pm.

[Register Here](#)

For this Juneteenth, honor the work of Black Americans fighting for the right to vote & racial justice and RSVP to this SSPA hosted event, Hear from three Black-led nonprofits fighting for voting justice.



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VOICE**

SSPA June 16, 7 pm Event. [RSVP Here](#)

Wednesday, June 30, 7 pm

WDC ANNUAL MEETING

Vote on the Proposed Slate of Officers for 2021-2023

President: Leslie Milano
First Vice President: Laura Stewart
Second Vice President: Lorna Forde
Third Vice President: JoAnne Koravos
Secretary: Martha Morris
Treasurer: Mary Lou Fox





MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, MARYLAND

WOMEN'S
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

June 30, 2021

Guest Speaker

Rep. Jamie Raskin

Register Here
[WomensDemocraticClub.org](https://www.WomensDemocraticClub.org)

Join Us for an Evening of Political Conversation and to Elect WDC officers for 2021-2023 With Guest Speaker Congressman Jamie Raskin

Wednesday, June 30, 7 pm

[RSVP Here](#)

2021-2023 WDC Slate of Officers

The WDC Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2021-2023:

President: Leslie Milano

First Vice President: Laura Stewart

Second Vice President: Lorna Forde

Third Vice President: JoAnne Koravos

Secretary: Martha Morris

Treasurer: Mary Lou Fox

All current members present at the June 30 annual membership meeting may vote on the slate. If you are not a member and would like to become a member [click here](#). If you are unsure of your membership status contact [Enid Light](#) or [Lisa Fuller](#), Membership Co-chairs. Members may nominate additional candidates from the floor. Read more about our nominees [here](#).

RSVP Here to Receive Zoom Link On Event Day

Take Action!



Help Pass the *For The People Act*!

Republicans have introduced at least 361 bills with restrictive provisions in 47 states. The one that passed in Florida last week is just the latest one to be voted through. We must stop these efforts in their tracks -- and the For the People Act will do just that.

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 through 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 DoTheMostGood, click here:
<https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/380035/>
- Or choose any of the For The People Act phonebanks listed on the Common Cause Mobilize home page at <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/>

DoTheMostGood works through this Common Cause platform every Sunday, 12:00-2:00 pm, as long as needed, organized by WDC Board member (and DTMG Exec Director) Barbara Noveau. DTMG leaders will train you so you can equip the voters you call to talk to their senator, using up-to-the-minute talking points from Common Cause.



SSPA agrees with President Biden: June should be a month of action on Capitol Hill for voting rights. Let's help make that happen!

The For The People Act will come to a vote this month. Not passing it means waves of increased voter suppression, continued partisan gerrymandering, unchecked secret political donations... and this isn't just idle guessing. The Brennan Center reports that this year has been the most active period of voter suppression in recent history. Time to act! If you want to brush up first, check out our [resource page](#). While you're there, you'll also find a link to templates - so send an email or text to a friend in another state. And then, please sign up on our [calendar page](#) for the below actions:

TONIGHT! Register for our [Juneteenth program](#) (on 6/16) in honor of the work of Black Americans fighting for the right to vote and racial justice. It's even more important this year because of voting threats and because of the three organizations we're supporting. Come meet these great speakers:

- Black Voters Matter, who played a key role in turning GA blue this past cycle, and in stopping the horrendous voter suppression bill in TX.
- BLOC in Wisconsin, who turned out the vote to turn WI blue, and is expanding political power and representation of WI's Black communities.
- Pennsylvania Voice, 30+ organizations, including interfaith groups, working to expand political engagement in PA's communities of color.

Continue to hold June 26 for the "Freedom Ride for Voting Rights" - Black Voters Matter's voter outreach bus tour from MS to DC!



DTMG Phonebanks on Thursdays & Sundays

DoTheMostGood is launching a new partnership with End Citizens United / Let America Vote to host [Phone Banks For The People](#) on Thursday evenings.

Our country needs the For the People Act (H.R.1/S.1) if we hope to rein in corporate interests, end partisan gerrymandering, ban dark money, and protect our freedom to vote. President Biden has asked for the bill to come to his desk quickly, but we need your help to make it become law!

[Sign up here](#) to join us as we call voters across the country and patch them through to their Senators to strongly urge them to pass the For the People Act. Shifts will begin with a quick training session, and all you'll need is your computer and some headphones.

DTMG is continuing to host phonebanks to pass the For The People Act on the Common Cause platform every Sunday from 12-2pm as long as needed. [Sign up here!](#) These are patch-thru calls: you call friendly voters in a pivotal state, explain what's at stake in S1, and ask if you can patch them through to their Senator to deliver this urgent message.

Tell Sen. Cardin: Support Filibuster Reform!

While Maryland Senator Ben Cardin is a sponsor of the For the People Act, he has not committed to supporting the reform or elimination of the filibuster—the relic that needs to be out of the way if the For the People Act is to succeed. Constituents have the loudest voice—just a simple message from you, for example: "Senator Cardin, as a constituent, I welcome your support of the For the People Act. However, the filibuster looms as a fatal obstacle. I urge you to support elimination or reform of the filibuster to help this crucial bill pass the Senate."

To contact Senator Cardin:

Phone -- **this is the most effective!** -- 202-224-4524

Email -- use this [form](#).

Put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill.



960 have signed. Let's get to 1,000!

Sign the petition to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill. [Click here to get started!](#)

Democratic Clubs



Montgomery County Democratic Party

The MCDCC Calendar includes numerous additional meetings and events.

Events Calendar, [click here](#).

As County and state Democratic candidates begin campaigning in earnest for the 2022 elections (yes, already), WDC will continue its tradition of staying out of the fray until each race has a Democratic nominee following primary elections.

We urge you to get informed on the field of candidates for these critical municipal, county, and state elected offices. The [MCDP \(Montgomery County Democratic Party\)](#) has a terrific and comprehensive listing of events featuring candidates for Democratic nomination. These include free events like panels and Democratic Club meetings, as well as fundraisers. Please share the list and get ready for the June 28, 2022, primary!

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Community Resources



The Montgomery County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program provides short-term rental assistance to eligible households who have experienced lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused them to fall behind on their rent. The program is managed by the County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

While funds are available, the program will provide up to \$12,000 to eligible households to pay for back rent owed and/or pay for up to three months of future rent. For households below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), additional financial help may be available. Funds awarded will take into account any other local, state, or federal assistance received to pay rent.

Apply [here](#).

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 - [Apply to Serve! Montgomery County Boards, Committees, & Commissions](#)
 - [2022 Candidate Information and Resources](#)
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[For The People Act: Voter Suppression, Dark Money and the Filibuster US Rep. John Sarbanes \(MD-D3\)](#)
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