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WDC Weekly Update – Thursday, September 30, 2021

WDC Events, News, and Resources

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WDC's Advocacy team is gearing up for a successful 2022 legislative session. Our Programs Committee is preparing for two new events this month, including a conversation with Jaime Harrison, Chair of the DNC. Our Community Education Committee is identifying the next dialogue to bring forward at no cost to our broader community, and our Membership team is busy connecting with members for their annual renewals. WDC is able to do so much with its 100% volunteer board and committees because of smart, dedicated people -- just like you.



Do you have a little free time each month and are looking to join like-minded people in building our vibrant community? Join us in amplifying important issues and voices so that we can bring our Democratic values to our community now and in the future.

Please check out the positions for which we are recruiting, and if you have questions, let us know!

All the best,
Leslie Milano

WDC Events

[October 4: Conversation with Jaime Harrison, Chair, DNC](#)

Open Positions with WDC -- Volunteer To Make a Difference

Take Action!

- [March for Abortion Rights - this Saturday!](#)
- [MCW Survey on the Pandemic](#)
- [Help Keep VA Blue with SSPA](#)
- [Help for Afghanistan](#)

Democratic Clubs

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In Case You Missed It

- Guest Speaker **Nadia Hamishi** on "The US Withdrawal from Afghanistan: A Recap and Look Ahead" Video

Community Resources

- [Covid-19 Rent Relief Program](#)
- [CDC: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](#)
- [2022 Candidate Information](#)

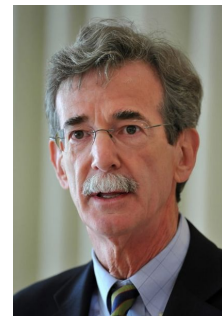
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SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh recently joined two multi-state coalitions in filing amicus briefs on Sept 15 and Sept 20, supporting women's access to safe reproductive health care in Texas and Mississippi. Download the press releases [here](#): <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/News/All-News.aspx#releases>

Thank you for standing up for the rights of women, AG Frosh!



UPCOMING WDC EVENTS

RSVP TODAY

Join WDC and Democratic National Committee Leadership for a Political Briefing followed by audience Q&A. Get answers to your top concerns at this informative, inspiring event.

OCT 4TH
1:00 - 1:30 PM ET
ZOOM

IN CONVERSATION WITH
Jaime Harrison
Chair, DNC



In Conversation with Jaime Harrison, Chair, DNC

Date: Monday, October 4

Time: 1:00 - 1:30 pm

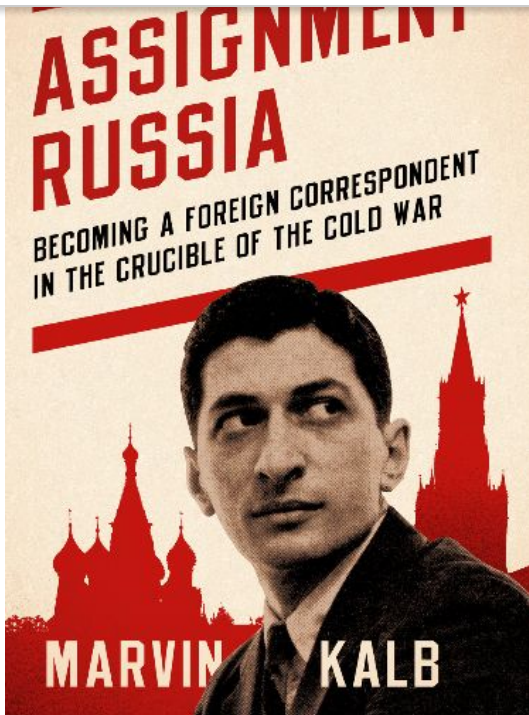
Where: Zoom

Cost: Free

Join WDC and DNC Chair Jaime Harrison for an informative and exciting discussion followed by an Audience Q&A!

[RSVP](#) today!

"Assignment Russia" with Foreign Correspondent and Author Marvin Kalb



known as the "Murrow Boys," veteran journalist Marvin Kalb shares his journey from radio newswriter to one of America's most widely known foreign correspondents.

In his newest memoir, "Assignment Russia: Becoming a Foreign Correspondent in the Crucible of the Cold War," Kalb takes readers on a personal journey through some of the darkest moments of the Cold War and the early days of television news. Drawing from his firsthand experiences, Kalb will comment on US-Russia relations and covering diplomacy in changing times, which is increasingly important as technological advances and social media outlets change the way that we deliver information.

Date: Monday, October 18

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Where: Zoom

Cost: Free

[Register here.](#)

TAKE ACTION!



When the Supreme Court rejected an emergency request to block Texas's abortion ban, they effectively took the next step towards overturning Roe v. Wade. Simply put: We are witnessing the most dire threat to abortion access in our lifetime.

This Saturday, march to the Supreme Court with over 100 other coalitions from all 50 states to demand that the courts and lawmakers everywhere protect our reproductive freedoms. Washington, DC March details: <https://womensmarch.com/oct-2021-march>

Find a march/virtual event [here](https://map.womensmarch.com/?eventType=oct-2-2021-march): <https://map.womensmarch.com/?eventType=oct-2-2021-march>

Open Positions with WDC -- Volunteer To Make a Difference!

WDC is looking for a Membership Co-Chair, Community Education Co-Chair, Finance Co-Chair, Historian Co-Chair, and the following Advocacy positions (see below). If you are interested in any of these opportunities and would like to learn more, please contact Leslie Milano at leslie.milano@gmail.com.

If you want to:

.....and much more, you'll want to join the Advocacy Committee. No special background or training is required. The Advocacy Committee determines legislative priorities, works in coalition with other groups to devise legislative strategy, maintains close relationships with the Montgomery County Legislative Delegation, mobilizes WDC members to support key bills, writes testimony in support of WDC priorities, and organizes an annual Advocacy Day in Annapolis.

The **WDC Advocacy Committee** has two positions we wish to fill:

1) **Affordable Housing:** We are looking for someone to advocate for the Affordable Housing issue area. No special background or training is required other than an interest in improving affordable and safe housing availability. The Advocacy Committee determines legislative priorities, works in coalition with other groups to devise legislative strategy, maintains close relationships with the Montgomery County Legislative Delegation, mobilizes WDC members to support key bills, and writes testimony in support of WDC priorities.

2) **Event Planner:** Every year during the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) Legislative session, WDC hosts an "Annapolis Day" for members to meet with their Montgomery County Delegation members, including a luncheon, tour the MGA complex, and other activities. We are looking for an event planner to help plan and execute this important event.

For more information, contact [JoAnne Dalton Koravos](#).



The Maryland Commission for Women is conducting an online survey to determine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the women of our state, how they experienced the pandemic, and what is needed to begin a "new normal." The findings from the survey will be used to help leaders across the state make informed decisions on policies and programs that impact women as we move forward towards the end of the pandemic and into a state of recovery.

We invite women from all walks of life and from every jurisdiction in the state who are at least 18 years old by July 1, 2021, to participate. The questionnaire is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and French and takes less than 15 minutes to complete. All responses will be completely anonymous.

The links to the questionnaires in five languages are below. We hope you will complete the questionnaire and that you will invite all your female family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to do the same. You may also feel free to post the links to the questionnaires on your social media accounts. Let's be sure

Maryland Women and the COVID-19 Pandemic Survey:[English](#)[Spanish](#)[Chinese](#)[Korean](#)[French](#)**Help Keep the Virginia House of Delegates Blue!**

We have a legislature to keep blue (Virginia) as well as legislation to pass (e.g., For The People Act) to ensure that future elections are fair. And now we have a schedule of actions to help us all plan in advance. Our September actions are below. Please sign up for all of these on our [on-line calendar page](#).

Please sign up early - that makes it so much easier for us (and you) to plan. Training and figurative hand-holding are always included.

Thursday 9/30, 7:00-8:15 pm: Conversation and Fundraiser (via Zoom) for Delegate Wendy Gooditis and Debra Gardner, with special guest, our own awesome Delegate Lorig Charkoudian

A word about letters -- Thank you to those who have helped us to write over 9,000 letters encouraging Virginians to vote. If you have time to write one more set of 20 letters by our 9/15 deadline, please sign up [here](#). Letter writers, please think about giving phonebanking or canvassing a whirl now -- we will train you, accompany you, and be six feet from your side.



Afghanistan with anguish as so many of us are - especially what Taliban rule means for the future of women - here are a few links to organizations that are trying to help:

- [Women for Women International](https://www.womenforwomen.org/) - <https://www.womenforwomen.org/>
- [Women for Afghan Women](https://womenforafghanwomen.org/) - <https://womenforafghanwomen.org/>
- [International Rescue Committee](https://www.rescue.org) - <https://www.rescue.org>

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.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A WDC Community Education Event

Guest Speaker **Nadia Hamishi** on "The US Withdrawal from Afghanistan: A Recap and Look Ahead"

[View on YouTube](#)



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The US Withdrawal from Afghanistan: A Recap and Look Ahead with Nadia H.

Friday, September 24, 12:30 pm

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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single mothers who have experienced job loss 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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- [CDC: Covid Vaccine Booster Shots--HHS has announced a plan to begin offering COVID-19 booster shots in the fall.](#)
 - [Apply to Serve! Montgomery County Boards, Committees, & Commissions](#)
 - [2022 Candidate Information and Resources](#)
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