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DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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New Breath, New Leadership



“Now is the time for new breath, new leadership, and people that are fearless.”

That’s what [Malia Cohen](#), the first African-American woman elected to the state Board of Equalization, told the more than 100 people who attended a [virtual training event](#) we hosted in June for people interested in running for local office. Her comments come on the heels of a month of historic protests against police brutality and the divisive, race-baiting policies of our current government.

Protesters have already brought about real change, causing the nation to fundamentally re-examine how we police our communities and who we deify in our historical monuments.

But protests alone are not enough. As [former President Obama wrote](#) so eloquently, we must also vote - vote OUT those who weaponize racial injustice, and vote IN those who can bring about institutional change.

We agree. Together we **will** make it happen. And only together **can** we make it happen. Here’s how:

Make calls for Democrats

While others incite chaos, Joe Biden is actually plotting [a course](#) to lead the nation out of its crises if he’s elected. To recruit volunteers across the country, we’re holding [virtual phone banks every Sunday and Wednesday](#). More than 20 activists are now making calls at each session – double what we had just a few weeks ago.

We’ve also started [Friday phone banks](#) for Biden as well as for Democrats in key Senate and Congressional races.

Join us.

Or join virtual phone banks regularly hosted by the mid-Peninsula Democratic Volunteer Center, listed here on their excellent [calendar](#), along with many other opportunities for remote activism.

Donate to elect Democrats up & down the ballot

We are [within reach](#) of erasing the Republicans' 6-seat majority in the Senate. [Contribute](#) to help make that happen - we cannot allow Mitch McConnell to choose our next Supreme Court Justice.

You can also contribute to help [hold the House](#) and widen our lead there, or to [re-capture the state legislatures](#) that will draw congressional district lines after the 2020 Census. Since Trump was elected, Democrats have already flipped 450 state legislative seats, and by winning another 30, we can topple GOP majorities in 8 more states.

Write postcards with the SCCDP

Did you know that studies show that postcard writing to potential voters can be almost as effective as going door to door? There are many campaigns nationwide that can help Get Out the Vote by writing postcards at home. And it's fun! Sign up for one of our [Zoom Postcard Writing Parties](#) and write postcards with fellow Democrats. We will have music and games to keep the party going. Best of all, supplies will be provided!

Let's right the nation's course

This past month has been intense. On top of dealing with a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, our country has been forced to confront its deeply problematic history on race and criminal justice.

And yet, somehow it feels like we're in a moment where real change may be possible. There are many hopeful signs, from [Trump's declining poll numbers](#) as posted even by Fox News, to [record Democratic turnout in Georgia](#), despite voter suppression in minority communities.

There's so much at stake in November – racial justice, healthcare, economic justice, immigration, public safety, gender equity, and our very democratic institutions.

Each of us can act now, in whatever way works for us, to right the nation's course.

Stay safe, stay sane - and stay involved!

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