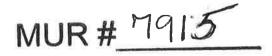
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Overview of Complaint

When Michelle Obama started the When We All Vote (WWAV) nonprofit organization in 2018, she recruited eight former Obama-Biden White House staffers as its leaders. Obama has said herself that she started WWAV (Exhibit 119). WWAV has referred to the organization as "Michelle Obama's WWAV (Exhibits 12 and 13). Whenever WWAV made a important announcement, Michelle Obama announced the all-important WWAV news. In spite of Michelle Obama's critical role in founding and promoting WWAV news and events, Michelle Obama's name does not appear on WWAV's IRS Form 990 tax documents as a WWAV officer or key employee (Exhibit 2).

Though WWAV claims it is a nonpartisan organization, WWAV did more to help Joe Biden win the 2020 presidential election than the Democratic National Committee (DNC). WWAV stated that 512,000 people started or completed its voter registration process (Exhibit 132). WWAV also reached over 100 million eligible voters (Exhibit 132). WWAV focused its in-person voter registration drives and get out the vote drives in heavily Democratic cities in the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to help Joe Biden win these crucial states and the presidential election. WWAV also held in-person events in heavily Democratic cities in Florida, Minnesota, Nevada, and North Carolina to either keep the state blue or flip the state from red to blue.

By WWAV falsely designating itself as a nonprofit organization, WWAV avoided contribution limits that the **Federal Election Campaign Act** imposes on Political Action Committees. WWAV's false nonpartisan designation enabled WWAV to illicitly collect and spend its charitable donations on partisan political activities, such as WWAV voter registration drives and get out the vote campaigns in only heavily Democratic cities.

WWAV failed to register the organization as a Political Action Committee as it should have. Below are seven advantages for WWAV to use its improper self-designation of a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization.

- As a nonprofit organization with a 501(C)(3) status, WWAV accepted contributions without individual and corporate limits
- As a nonprofit organization with a 501(C)(3) status, WWAV's individual and corporate donors were able to use their WWAV contributions as "tax deductions" (Exhibit 1)
- WWAV tax deductible contributions incentivized WWAV's individual and corporate donors to donate or contribute more money to WWAV
- WWAV's nonpartisan designation allowed WWAV to establish formal relationships with 100
 WWAV Civic City mayors

- WWAV's nonpartisan designation allowed WWAV to partner with the WWAV Civic City mayors to track voter registration and voters.
- WWAV's nonpartisan designation allowed WWAV to exchange voter registration and get out the vote strategies with WWAV's Civic City mayors
- WWAV's nonpartisan designation allowed WWAV to hold a Prom-athon contest to register thousands of high school students in heavily Democratic cities in swing states

Michelle Obama and WWAV set up a national political organization that is modeled after the Chicago political machine. For over 100 years the mayor of Chicago was considered the "boss" of the city's political machine. Instead of having one political machine boss, WWAV combined the bosses of 100 cities for its Civic City Mayors program. Rather than having *precinct captains* like the Chicago machine, WWAV chose "voting squad captains" who became responsible for their squads' voter registration and voting.

WWAV was the boss of the bosses because of the vital voting information that it sent and received between WWAV Civic City mayors and voting squad captains. Since Michelle Obama is WWAV's de facto leader, Michelle Obama was truly the boss of the bosses in the political machine that she and WWAV created.

Complainant previously filed FEC complaints against Tiana Epps-Johnson and her Center for Tech and Civic Life organization and Arnold Schwarzenegger and his USC Schwarzenegger Institute. Complainant alleges that shortly after Michelle Obama met with Tiana Epps-Johnson and Arnold Schwarzenegger, both Epps-Johnson's Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) and Schwarzenegger's USC Schwarzenegger Institute began distributing their nonprofits' funds to help Joe Biden win the 2020 presidential election. As with CTCL and USC Schwarzenegger Institute, Michelle Obama's WWAV funneled a significant portion of its resources to Democratic strongholds.

There are two simple keys to winning elections. 1. Candidates and campaigns want to register as many voters as possible that will most likely vote for them. 2. Candidates and campaigns want to get as many of their supporters to vote as they can. WWAV's Civic City mayors and voting squad captains were instrumental in registering likely Democratic voters and getting them to vote.

In 40 or more WWAV voter registration and get out the vote events, WWAV offered people something of value to register or vote. Complainant alleges WWAV violated election law by doling out money, food, meals, clothes, sports memorabilia, raffle prizes, and entertainment for citizens to register to vote in cities where Democrats held vast majorities. Complainant alleges WWAV also violated election law by providing food, meals, and entertainment for citizens to vote early and on election day in heavily Democratic cities.

WWAV most egregious offer of something of value to register to vote was made to high school students. WWAV identified 4 million high school students who became eligible to vote before the November 3, 2020 presidential election (Exhibit 121). WWAV provided 20 high schools with up to \$5,000 to host their prom in exchange for registering high school students (Exhibit 108). Most of WWAV's 20 high school winners were in heavily Democratic cities in the key swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin (109).

WWAV said its mission is "to close the age and race voting gap" (Exhibit 2). Complainant alleges that WWAV's mission to reduce the age and race voting gaps of some ages and races in predominate Democratic cities in swing states violated the civil and voting rights of people of different ages, races, and locations. Complainant alleges that WWAV's mission to close the age and race voting gap was merely a smoke screen for WWAV to achieve its goal of helping Democrat Joe Biden win the 2020 presidential election.

WWAV held all 40 or more of its in-person events in 12 heavily Democratic cities in toss up states while WWAV failed to sponsor in-person events in the remainder of country. WWAV's geopolitical concentration of its resources in heavily Democratic cities indicate WWAV was

more interested in electing a Democrat president than it was in closing the age and race voting gaps.

When We All Vote Officers and Key Employees

Valerie Jarrett

Valerie Jarrett is the President of When We All Vote, a longtime personal friend, and former boss of Michelle Obama (Exhibit 1). Ms. Jarrett served eight years as a Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama, and was an Obama-Biden Transition Project co-chair. Ms. Jarrett is currently the Obama Foundation's acting president until the Foundation selects a permanent president. In 1991 Ms. Jarrett was Chicago Democratic Mayor Richard M. Daley's deputy chief of staff when she hired Michelle Robinson who was engaged to Barack Obama at the time. Ms. Jarrett is also Chair of Civic Nation's Board of Directors.

Kyle Lierman

Kyle Lierman is the CEO of Civic Nation and the CEO of WWAV (Exhibit 1). Mr. Lierman worked in the Obama White House Office of Public Engagement as a Senior Associate Director and Senior Policy Advisor for over six years. Mr. Lierman was a field organizer during Barack Obama's successful 2008 presidential campaign. Mr. Lierman met his wife Amanda when she was working as Assistant to the Director of the White House Office of Political Affairs. After leaving her job at the Obama White House, Mrs. Lierman was the Political and Organizing Director for the Democratic National Committee.

Peter Rouse

Peter Rouse is the Director of WWAV and also a Civic Nation board member (Exhibit 1). Mr. Rouse served as an advisor to the 2020 Biden presidential campaign (Exhibit 2). Mr. Rouse was

a Senior Advisor to the President, Counselor to the President, and interim White House Chief of Staff for President Obama. Mr. Rouse was Barack Obama's Chief of Staff when Obama was a U.S. senator. For several years Mr. Rouse was Chief of Staff for Democratic senate majority leader Tom Daschle.

Tina Tchen

Tina Tchen is WWAV's treasurer and a Civic Nation board member (Exhibit 1). In 2008 Ms. Tchen was one of Barack Obama's top fundraisers. Ms. Tchen held four, influential positions during her eight years in the Obama White House. Ms. Tchen worked as the White House Director of Public Engagement, Assistant to the President, Chief of Staff for First Lady Michelle Obama, and Executive Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls.

Erin Hannigan

Erin Hannigan was Managing Director for WWAV from January 2019 to January 2021 (Exhibits 1 and 3). Ms. Hannigan oversaw WWAV's fundraising, \$15 million budget, 60 staff members and outside consultants. According to Ms. Hannigan, she "developed and implemented strategy to engage, register, and turn out voters in the 2019 and 2020 elections, which included digital advertising and online engagement, grassroots organizing, and partnerships with organizations, companies, and schools." Ms. Hannigan had several jobs in the Obama White House, Obama campaigns and inaugurals, as well as interning in Barack Obama's U.S senator's office (Exhibit 3).

Laura Miller

Laura Miller was WWAV's digital director until March 2021 when she was promoted to WWAV's managing director of campaigns and advocacy. Miller spent two years working in the Obama White House as Director of Online Engagement and as an intern. Ms. Miller was the U.S.

Department of Labor's Director of Digital Strategy for two years during the Obama-Biden Administration. Ms. Miller was Michelle Obama's traveling digital director when Mrs. Obama promoted her "Becoming" book. Prior to joining the Obama-Biden administration, Ms. Miller was Barack Obama's 2012 digital campaign manager (Exhibit 4).

Stephanie L. Young

Stephanie L. Young became the executive director at WWAV in February, 2020. Previously Ms. Young was WWAV's Chief Officer of Culture, Communications & Media Partnerships. She is also a senior advisor to the Civic Nation. During Ms. Young's two years, seven months in the Obama White House, her job titles were senior public engagement advisor and associate communications director. During Barack Obama's reelection campaign, Ms. Young was a director of regional press. Ms. Young previously worked as a national press secretary for Democratic Whip Rep. Steny Hoyer, and as deputy press secretary for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (Exhibit 5).

Andrew Amore

Andrew Amore position at WWAV is Senior Director of My School Votes. During the Obama-Biden Administration, Mr. Amore worked in the U.S. Department of Education. His job titles were Special Assistant to the Secretary, Special Assistant for Civil Rights, and Confidential Assistant for Civil Rights. Mr. Amore was a field organizer for Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign (Exhibit 6).

When We All Vote and Civic Nations Partisan Employees and Partisan Activities

The officers of When We All Vote (WWAV) and Civic Nation are intertwined and co-mingled. Kyle Lierman is both the CEO of WWAV and Civic Nation. Valerie Jarrett who is the president of WWVA is also the chair of Civic Nation's Board of Directors. Peter Rouse is the director of

WWAV and also a Civic Nation board member. Tina Tchen is WWAV's treasurer and also a Civic Nation board member. Stephanie L. Young is the executive director at WWAV and a senior advisor to the Civic Nation.

When We All Vote is a subsidiary or an "initiative" of Civic Nation. On WWAV's **Donation webpage**, it states, "When We All Vote is an initiative of Civic Nation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law. Tax ID Number: 47-3576918 (Exhibit 7)."

The eight WWAV officers and key employees combined to work more than 35 years in the Obama-Biden White House. All eight WWAV officers are lifelong Democrats and altogether they have supported Democratic causes and candidates for hundreds of years. These hardcore Democrats would not have done anything to jeopardize their fellow Democrat and candidate Joe Biden's chances of winning the 2020 presidential election. To elect Joe Biden and other Democratic allies, the leaders of WWAV and Civic Nation took great care to only hire other likeminded Democrats who registered over a half-million likely Democratic voters. WWAV also contacted voters over 100 million times in their effort to get out the Democratic vote (Exhibit 132).

The eight aforementioned WWAV and Civic Nation officers hired pro-Democrat and Anti-Trump employees who engaged in the following partisan campaigning.

- Selected 13 famous When We All Vote Co-Chairs who used their celebrity status and
 expansive digital reach to denounce President Trump and support Joe Biden's presidential
 campaign. 11 of the 13 WWAV co-chairs endorsed Joe Biden for president. Several WWAV
 co-chairs raised funds for Joe Biden and campaigned with him. (Listed below in the Summary
 of the 13 WWAV CO-Chairs Partisan Political Activity)
- WWAV partnered with <u>31 Founding Mayors</u>. 26 of WWAV Founding Mayors were
 Democrats, 3 Founding Mayors were Republicans, and 2 Founding Mayor were Independent.

- 27 Mayors or 100% of WWAV Founding Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Joe Biden (Table 2)
- None of the WWAV Founding Mayors endorsed Donald Trump
- WWAV partnered with <u>69 Civic Cities Mayors</u>. 51 of WWAV Civic Cities Mayors were Democrats, 16 had unknown party affiliations, and 2 were Republicans
- 29 Mayors or 100% of WWAV of the Civic Cities Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Joe Biden (Table 3)
- None of the WWAV Civic Cities Mayors endorsed Donald Trump
- WWAV exploited its relationships with the Democratic Civic City mayors to register
 Democrats and get out the Democratic vote for Joe Biden and other Democratic candidates.
- WWAV held at least 40 in-person voter registration and get out the vote events (Table 3) in 12 heavily Democratic cities in critical swing states (Table 4)
- It is alleged that WWAV violated election law by doling out food, meals, clothes, sports memorabilia, raffle prizes, and entertainment as incentives for citizens to *register* to vote for at least 20 WWAV sponsored events (Table 3).
- It is alleged that WWAV violated election law by doling out food, meals, and entertainment as incentives for citizens to vote early or on election day in heavily Democratic cities for at least 20 WWAV sponsored events (Table 3).

When We All Vote's 13 Co-Chairs (Exhibits 22 and 23)

Michelle Obama

Numerous articles claimed Michelle Obama founded WWAV in 2018; even WWAV used the phrase, "Michelle Obama's WWAV "(Exhibits 12 and 13). However, Mrs. Obama name does *not* appear as an officer, director, trustee, or key employee on WWAV's IRS Form 990 that WWAV submitted to the IRS in **2018 and 2019** (Exhibit 1). In a promotional video for a WWAV, Mrs. Obama said, "I started the nonpartisan organization WWAV" (Exhibit 119 and to view video, click **here**).

Mrs. Obama is WWAV's face and spokeswoman. A photo of Mrs. Obama covers <u>WWAV's</u> <u>homepage</u> (Exhibit 8). The WWAV homepage links to a letter that is <u>signed first by Michelle</u> <u>Obama</u> (Exhibit 9).

Whenever WWAV made a important announcement, Michelle Obama announced the news. Michelle Obama released a video to publicize the seven new co-chairs joining WWAV (Exhibit 10). Michelle Obama was featured in a WWAV PSA (Exhibit 11). Michelle Obama was on a United States Conference of Mayors call asking mayors to join WWAV's Civic Cities program (Exhibit 12). Michelle Obama's WWAV and MTV partnered to honor the top 20 high schools for voter registration (Exhibit 13). WWAV Co-Chair Michelle Obama announced a new initiative for educators (Exhibit 14).

Michelle Obama declared she and WWAV were nonpartisan, but her words and actions belie her claim. On July 17, 2019 "The former first lady also said she and her husband would not be endorsing any candidate from the crowded field, saying they would support whomever wins the [Democratic] primary (Exhibit 15)." In same article, Obama said she could never forgive Donald Trump for the birther controversy that Trump perpetuated against her husband Barack (Exhibit 15). Given that Michelle Obama said in July, 2019 that she will only support the Democratic nominee for president, it means the entire time she was using WWAV to register new voters and encourage electors to vote in the 2020 presidential election, her intentions were to support Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden.

Michelle Obama and her husband headlined numerous Biden fundraisers and rallies. The Obamas raised \$11 million dollars for Joe Biden in one June fundraiser (Exhibit 16). According to The Hill, "Obama is expected to lend her name to an email fundraiser, potentially as early as next week. She may also lend her image to a direct mail campaign, while continuing the voter registration efforts she has spearheaded as the founder of a nonpartisan nonprofit group."

"The campaign would also like Michelle Obama to pop in from time to time on virtual fundraisers, and Democrats expect she will work the phones behind the scenes, encouraging her celebrity friends and fundraisers who may have backed other candidates in the primary to rally behind Biden (Exhibit 17)."

Because Michelle Obama's favorable ratings are higher than her husband's, the Biden campaign asked Michelle Obama to give the keynote address on the first day of the Democratic National Convention. Obama's convention speech was filled with platitudes for Joe Biden and vitriol for President Trump. Obama said, "Vote for Joe Biden like our lives depend on it. If you take one thing from my words tonight, it is this: if you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can, and they will if we don't make a change in this election (Exhibit 18)."

Obama's bitter convention comments about Trump continued. "So let me be as honest and clear as I possibly can. Donald Trump is the wrong president for our country. He has had more than enough time to prove that he can do the job, but he is clearly in over his head. (Exhibit 18)."

One month before the November 3, 2020 presidential election, Mrs. Obama and the Biden campaign released a 25 minute video entitled "Closing Argument" for Joe Biden. To view the video, click **here**. Presidential candidate Joe Biden featured Michelle Obama's "Closing Argument" on his campaign website (Exhibit 19). In her video Obama said Trump is a "racist" who spreads lies to "distract from his breathtaking failures (Exhibit 20)." Mrs. Obama also accused Trump of causing "a constant drumbeat of fear, division, and chaos that's threatening to spiral out of control (Exhibit 21)."

Given Mrs. Obama's 2020 pro-Democratic political activities, harsh words for President Trump, and raving endorsements of Joe Biden, it is absurd to consider Michelle Obama spearheaded "nonpartisan" voter registration and "nonpartisan" get out the vote campaigns. In 2019 Mrs. Obama said she was supporting the Democratic candidate for president regardless of who it is. She helped Joe Biden raise millions of dollars in campaign contributions. Mrs. Obama appeared

in Joe Biden campaign ads, emails, and mailings. She spoke highly of Biden and harshly of President Trump when she gave the keynote speech on the first night of the Democratic National Convention. To top it all off, the Biden campaign chose Obama to give Biden's "Closing Argument" of why he should be president.

Selena Gomez

It is easy to understand why Michelle Obama recruited Selena Gomez for WWAV's covert campaign for Joe Biden. With Ms. Gomez's 151.8 million Instagram followers, she is considered the "Queen of Instagram." Ms. Gomez averages 3.6 million likes per post (Exhibit 24). Ms. Gomez's Instagram interview with Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris received 4.96 million views (Exhibit 25). To view the Gomez-Harris interview, click here. The Gomez-Harris interview ends with the Biden-Harris campaign logo and "Paid for by the Biden for President (Exhibit 25)"

Gomez who never voted before the 2020 presidential campaign made it known in 2018 that she was anti-Trump (Exhibit 26). Gomez was vehemently against President Trump's effort to end DACA. Gomez posted an image of her wearing a T-Shirt, "WE ARE ALL DREAMERS," a clever dig at President Trump's anti-DACA, anti-dreamer position. A previous pro-DACA Gomez post received 1.2 million likes.

Gomez was an early supporter of Joe Biden. Gomez donated \$2,800 to Biden's primary campaign and \$5,600 to Biden's general election campaign (source, **FEC.gov**). As a WWAV cochair, Gomez used her notoriety to register Biden-Harris supporters and get them to vote for Biden-Harris in the presidential election. Gomez also **turned over Instagram account** with 151 million followers to Democratic Political activist Stacy Abrams for 2 Weeks.

Tom Hanks

Mr. Tom Hanks was a frequent critic of President of Trump. In Tom Hank's interview with Grahm Bensiger, Mr. Hanks said he did not believe President Trump took his oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States very seriously (Exhibit 27). In the same interview, Mr. Hanks acknowledged that he was supporting the Biden campaign (Click here to view Hanks' interview). Mr. Hanks said he would not visit the Trump White House for a private screening of his film. Mr. Hanks wore a red "Make America Great Again" Trump hat and mocked President Trump and his supporters during a Saturday Night Live skit (Exhibit 29)

Mr. Hanks criticism of President Trump started before Trump beat Hillary Clinton. In 2016, Mr. Hanks said, "I'm voting for Hillary Clinton. I'm not making any secret about that because I have absolutely no faith in a self-serving gas bag like the other guy who's running for President" (Exhibit 30). In another 2016 interview Mr. Hanks said it would be a "Dark Day" if President Trump was elected" (Exhibit 31).

Tom Hanks used his celebrity to raise money for the Biden campaign. In a virtual fundraiser presidential candidate Biden and Mr. Hanks raised \$750,000 (Exhibit 32). Biden and Hanks also appeared in what was dubbed the "Grassroots Fest," an event that targeted "low-dollar donors" (Exhibit 33).

Besides Hanks appearing in Biden fundraisers, Hanks also campaigned side by side with Joe Biden. Candidate Biden sought to use Hanks's fame to get out the Biden vote (Exhibit 34). Mr. Hanks joined WWAV Co-Chair Lin-Manuel Miranda and Biden on the campaign trail (Exhibit 35).

Hanks also contributed \$1,400 to Biden on May 16, 2019 before Hanks started using his WWAV co-chair position to register likely Biden voters and get the Biden voters to cast their ballots. Mr. Hanks' support of Biden from the primary to the general election was on full display when he hosted the primetime "Celebrating America" TV special that culminated the Biden-Harris January 20, 2021 inauguration (Exhibit 36).

Faith Hill

Faith Hill has supported Democratic candidates and causes since 2004. Hill contributed \$7,500 to the Democratic National Committee in 2004 and another \$5,000 to Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign (Exhibit 37). Hill held a Nashville fundraiser for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential run (Exhibit 38); Hill also endorsed her (Exhibit 39).

Hill's biggest political issue is gun control. Hill's desire for gun control is the same as the Democrats and opposite of the Republicans. Hill also contributed \$2,800 to Joe Biden's campaign (Source **FEC.gov**) at the same time she supported WWAV's supposed nonpartisan push for voter registration and voting.

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Lin-Manuel Miranda said some of the most hateful comments about President Trump. In Miranda's Tweet he said, "You're going straight to hell, @realDonaldTrump. No long lines for you. Someone will say, 'Right this way, Sir.'" They'll clear a path" (Exhibit 40). In another Miranda Tweet, he said, "Your occasional reminder that our current president lies as easy as you and I breathe air," the "Hamilton" creator and star wrote Sunday on Twitter. "Every day, all day, reflexively" (Exhibit 41).

Manuel and his famed "Hamilton" cast hosted a Joe Biden fundraiser 18 days before the 2020 presidential election (Exhibit 42). Miranda appeared with Biden in a Zoom campaign event in an effort to reach Latino voters. Biden said that "The path to victory in November is going to rely on Latino voters" (Exhibit 43). Miranda also appeared in a campaign ad that targeted Florida Puerto Rico voters (Exhibit 44).

Manuel publicly endorsed Biden during a conversation with Randi Weingarten of the American

Federation of Teachers. "I am voting for Joe because our democracy is at stake, and I think we have had four years of the perils of someone with no experience at the wheel ... It's so much worse than everyone feared" (Exhibit 45). In exchange for Miranda's campaign ads, campaign appearances, fundraising, endorsement, etc., Biden picked Miranda to appear in his inauguration day TV Special (Exhibit 46).

Janelle Monae

Janelle Monae did not mince any words or gestures for President Trump or his supporters. In a Monae tweet she is standing in front of mirror with her middle finger raised. Monae's caption read, "F*uck Donald Trump and every American citizen, celebrity, white woman, black man, ETC who supported him, burnnnnnnnnn" (Exhibit 47). In another Monae rant, "One of us has class, loves other races, and good energy," Janelle said in an Instagram post comparing President Barack Obama to Trump in photos. "The other of us is full of negative energy unclassy racist and ghetto as f**k. You be the judge." (Exhibit 48).

Monae publicly gave her blessings to Biden presidential bid. "Make me Feel" singer Monáe said she'll also cast a ballot for Biden, writing, "I'm excited to hold [them] accountable" (Exhibit 49).

Monae and Kamala Harris hosted a "Get out To Vote Georgia" event (Exhibit 50). Harris uploaded the a video of the event to youtube. To view the Monae-Harris video, click <u>here</u>. Monae and Harris spoke for 14 minutes in a video chat that mainly targeted African American voters (Exhibit 51).

Liza Koshy

According to *Time*, Liza Koshy is considered one of the 25 most influential people on the Internet (Exhibit 52). As with President Obama in 2016, Koshy interviewed Joe Biden in the presidential election's waning moments. The Koshy-Biden video received more than 2.5 million

views (Exhibit 53 or to view interview, click <u>here</u>). Koshy co-hosted a Biden fundraiser (Exhibit 54) and after the DNC convention ended, Koshy co-hosted a "virtual after party" (Exhibit 55). On election day Koshy wrote that she and Biden talked about "securing the future of America with the power of Millennials and Gen Z" (Exhibit 56). Koshy also endorsed Biden.

Chris Paul

NBA star Chris Paul questioned Trump's manhood. Paul wrote, "And I doubt he's man enough to call any of those players a son of a bitch to their face..." (Exhibit 57). Paul also wrote this about President Trump: "With everything that's going on in our country, why are YOU focused on who's kneeling and visiting the White House??? #StayInYoLane" (Exhibit 57).

Paul who was born in North Carolina endorsed Biden at a Biden North Carolina campaign event (Exhibit 58). One week later Paul encouraged his Twitter followers to vote for Biden (Exhibit 59). Biden and Paul appeared together in a Biden campaign video (Exhibit 60). In the presidential candidate's tweet, Biden said, "I'm teaming up with Paul and Steph Curry" (Exhibit 61). Paul was team Biden all the way, not a nonpartisan as WWAV would lead you to believe.

Megan Rapinoe

The soccer superstar Megan Rapinoe interviewed Joe and Jill Biden for 44 minutes in April, 2020. Rapinoe's Instagram post received close to a half-million views (Exhibit 62 or to view video, click here). Next to the video, Rapinoe wrote, "Talked to Vice President @joebiden and @drbiden about all things Covid, campaigning during these times, bringing the Democrats together and how understanding we are all together will win the Presidency in November (Exhibit 62).

During the interview Rapinoe repeatedly criticized Trump and praised Joe Biden. Rapinoe made it clear she endorsed Biden. At the <u>43:12 mark of the video</u>, Rapinoe said, "I'm certainly team Biden."

In 2019 "Rapinoe, a frequent critic of Trump's, said that she was "not going to the f---ing White House" if the U.S. Women's National Team (USWNT) won the World Cup, which the team later did (Exhibit 63). During Rapinoe's visit to the Biden White House, Rapinoe said she was a "Total kid in the candy store." (Exhibit 63).

Rapinoe interviewed frontline healthcare workers and families of patients on the first day of the Democratic National Convention. Rapinoe let a woman pin her father's COVID 19 death on President Trump. ""Dad had faith in Donald Trump -- he listened to him, he voted for him ... he believed him that it was OK to end social distancing rules before it was safe." Urquiza said that because of that, her father decided to go to a karaoke bar with some friends. "His only preexisting condition was trusting Donald Trump, and for that he paid with his life" (Exhibit 65)

Shonda Rhimes

Shonda Rhimes used her four year old daughter to denigrate President Trump to her 2 million Instagram followers: "And he does realize everyone can tell when he's lying, right? I mean, EVERYONE? My 4 yr old points at the TV and says "ooh, he's lying again. Forcing me to once again explain why he never gets in trouble for it like she does" (Exhibit 65). Besides a liar, Rimes also called President Trump "unAmerican" and a "hypocrite" (Exhibit 66).

Shortly after Biden selected Kamala Harris to be his running mate, Rhimes co-chaired the VP presidential candidate's first fundraiser (Exhibit 67). All 208 of Rhimes' political contributions either went to Democratic candidates or Democratic organizations, including \$100,000 to the Biden Victory Fund and \$46,100 to the Nancy Pelosi Victory Fund (Source, <u>FEC.gov</u>). Rhimes political contributions include the Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, Michigan, Nevada, New

Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and the Wisconsin Democratic Parties. None of Rhimes' 208 political contributions went to a Republican candidate or Republican organization.

Rhimes also featured a lengthy 20 question interview with Joe Biden on her popular <u>Shondaland</u> website (Exhibit 68). Rhimes interview provided positive and widespread exposure for Joe Biden with Rhimes' adoring and loyal fans.

Tracee Ellis Ross

Tracee Ellis Ross "has been vocal about her support for the Black Lives Matter movement and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, 77, on and off social media" (Exhibit 69). During a Trevor Noah interview, Noah asked Ross, "Would you rather win another Emmy or would you rather see Joe Biden win?" Ross replied, "I would take not winning an Emmy" (Click <u>here</u> and go to 2 minutes and 15 seconds).

Ross was one of the headliners for WWAV's "Registered and Ready Instagram Live Takeover" (Exhibit 70). Ross was the emcee for the second day of the Democratic National Convention (Exhibit 71).

Kerry Washington

Kerry Washington campaigned for Joe Biden in North Carolina and in the key swing states of Arizona and Michigan (Exhibits 72 and 73). It was quite obvious who Washington supported for president. During a photo op Washington wore a Biden-Harris hat and a Biden-Harris campaign button on her lapel while she stood in front of Biden-Harris campaign signs (Exhibit 72).

On the "Bill Maher Show," Washington said, "Voting for Trump is voting against our best interests" (Exhibit 74). "We've gone from a White House lit in all the colors of pride to a White

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House that literally preaches division and discrimination," Washington said (Exhibit 75). Kerry

Washington was one of the producers of a documentary film called, "The Fight." The film is

about the legal battles that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyers faced during the

Trump administration (Exhibit 76).

Washington was the emcee for the third day of the Democratic National Convention. Washington

opened the convention with, ""We're fighting for the soul of this country and for our

lives" (Exhibit 77) Washington also said, "Donald Trump is destroying our country" (Exhibit

77). Washington was also featured in the Biden-Harris inauguration festivities (Exhibit 78).

Rita Wilson

Rita Wilson and her husband Tom Hanks both endorsed Joe Biden and Kamala Harris (Exhibit

79). Wilson contributed to Kamala Harris' 2019 presidential run before Harris dropped out.

Wilson also made a political donation separate from her husband to Joe Biden. Wilson promoted

and participated in WWAV events (Exhibits 80 and 81).

Summary of the 13 WWAV CO-Chairs Partisan Political Activity

WWAV Co-Chair Name	Partisan Political Activity
Michelle Obama	 Endorsed Joe Biden Raised Millions of Dollars for the Biden-Harris Campaign Gave Keynote Speech in Support of Joe Biden on 1st Day of DNC Convention Gave "Closing Argument" of Why Electors Should Vote for Joe Biden One Month Before Election Recruited Celebrity Friends and Fund Raisers to Support Joe Biden Repeatedly Denounced President Trump
Selena Gomez	 Donated \$2,800 to Biden's Primary Campaign Donated \$5,600 to Biden's General Election Campaign Instagram Interview with Vice Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris Attracted 4.9 million Viewers Turned Over Instagram Account with 151 Million Followers to Democratic Political Activist Stacy Abrams for 2 Weeks
Tom Hanks	 Endorsed Joe Biden Contributed \$1,400 to the Biden Campaign Raised Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars for Joe Biden's Campaign Campaigned With and For Joe Biden Hosted Joe Biden's Inauguration Day TV Special on Jan. 20, 2021 Harshly Criticized President Trump
Faith Hill	 Consistently Contributed Money to Democrats since 2004 Contributed \$2,800 to Joe Biden's Campaign

WWAV Co-Chair Name	Partisan Political Activity
Lin-Manuel Miranda	 Endorsed Joe Biden Raised Campaign Funds for Joe Biden Campaigned With and For Joe Biden Featured in Joe Biden's Inauguration Day TV Special on Jan. 20, 2021 Directed Hateful Comments at President Trump
Janelle Monae	 Endorsed Joe Biden Campaigned with Vice Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris in Georgia Appeared in a Video with Kamala Harris that Mainly Targeted African American Voters Verbally Attacked President Trump and His Supporters
Liza Koshy	 Endorsed Joe Biden Co-Hosted a Joe Biden Fund Raiser Interviewed Joe Biden that was Viewed More Than 2.5 Million Times Co-Hosted a "Virtual After Party" As Soon As the DNC Convention Ended
Chris Paul	 Endorsed Joe Biden Campaigned Multiple Times with Joe Biden Appeared in a Campaign Video with Joe Biden Denounced President Trump Multiple Times
Megan Repinoe	 Endorsed Joe Biden Political Contribution to Kamala Harris Interviewed Joe and Jill Biden for 44 Minutes Rapinoe-Biden Interview was viewed 500,000 times Rapinoe Presented on the First Day of the DNC Convention Repeatedly Criticized President Trump

WWAV Co-Chair Name	Partisan Political Activity
Shonda Rhimes	 Endorsed Joe Biden Hosted Vice Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris' First Fund Raiser Contributed \$5,600 to Joe Biden's Campaign Interviewed Joe Biden and Posted His 20 Q and A's on Shondaland Website Contributed \$100,000 to the Biden Victory Fund Contributed \$35,500 to the DCCC 208 Political Contributions to Only Democratic Candidates and Organizations
Tracee Ellis Ross	 Endorsed Joe Biden Emceed the second day of the DNC Convention
Kerry Washington	 Endorsed Joe Biden Campaigned for Joe Biden in Three Swing States Emceed the Third Day of the DNC Convention Featured in Joe Biden's Inauguration Day TV Special on Jan. 20, 2021 Frequent Critic of President Trump
Rita Wilson	Endorsed Joe BidenPolitical Contribution to Kamala HarrisPolitical Contribution to Joe Biden

WWAV Co-Chairs Partisan Group Summary

- 11 of 13 WWAV Co-Chairs Endorsed Joe Biden
- 6 of 13 WWAV Co-Chairs Contributed to Kamala Harris or Joe Biden's Political Fund
- 6 of 13 WWAV Co-Chairs Campaigned with Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, or Both
- 5 of 13 WWAV Co-Chairs Helped Joe Biden Raise Campaign Funds
- 4 of 13 WWAV Co-Chairs were Featured at the DNC Convention
- 4 of 13 WWAV Co-Chairs Interviewed Joe Biden or Kamala Harris

• 0 of 13 WWAV Co-Chairs Provided Any Kind of Support to President Trump

WWAV's 13 co-chairs were partisan Democrats and Joe Biden's supporters before, during, and after the presidential campaign and 2020 election. The WWAV celebrity co-chairs informed their 500 million social media followers that they were voting for Joe Biden. The celebrity co-chairs used their notoriety to increase voter registration for Biden voters and then have new and previously registered voters cast their ballots for the Biden-Harris ticket.

WWAV co-chairs sent two very distinct messages: One, "I'm a 'nonpartisan' WWAV co-chair." Two. "I'm a partisan Democrat and Joe Biden supporter." The 13 WWAV co-chairs would have been free to campaign, endorse, contribute, criticize President Trump and publicly support Joe Biden and other Democrats had they *not* chosen to be a co-chair of a nonpartisan organization. The WWAV co-chairs should have either supported Joe Biden and other Democrats in any way they saw fit, or the WWAV co-chairs should have remained true nonpartisans as expected of election officials.

WWAV Founding Civic City Mayors

Table 1, Column 1 below lists the names of WWAV's Founding Civic City Mayors. The D, R, or I in Table 1, Column 3 stands for the mayors' Democrat, Republican, or Independent political affiliation. Click on the link in Column 3 to view the source of each mayor's political party. In Table 1, Column 4 Biden or Trump represents a mayor's presidential endorsement. "No Endorsement" in Column 4 means the mayor did not support either candidate. To view the source of each mayor's endorsement, click on the link in Column 4.

WWAV Founding Civic Mayors

Mayor's Name	City, State	D, I or R	Biden or Trump
Keisha Lance Bottoms	Atlanta, GA	D	<u>Biden</u>

Mayor's Name	City, State	D, I or R	Biden or Trump
Hardie Davis	Augusta, GA	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Steve Adler	Austin, TX	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Marty Walsh	Boston, MA	D	<u>Biden</u>
James Brainard	Carmel, IN	<u>R</u>	Biden
Andy Berke	Chattanooga, TN	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Lori Lightfoot	Chicago, IL	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Nan Whaley	Dayton, OH	D	<u>Biden</u>
Michael Hancock	Denver, CO	D	<u>Biden</u>
Mike Duggan	Detroit, MI	D	<u>Biden</u>
Steve Schewel	Durham, NC	D	No Endorsement
Betsy Price	Ft. Worth, TX	<u>R</u>	No Endorsement
Rosalynn Bliss	Grand Rapids, MI	D	<u>Biden</u>
Sylvester Turner	Houston, TX	D	<u>Biden</u>
Andy Schor	Lansing, MI	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Eric Garcetti	Los Angeles, CA	D	<u>Biden</u>
Greg Fischer	Louisville, KY	D	<u>Biden</u>
Satya Rhodes-Conway	Madison, WI	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
John Giles	Mesa, AZ	<u>R</u>	No Endorsement
Tom Barrett	Milwaukee, WI	D	<u>Biden</u>
Jacob Frey	Minneapolis, MN	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Buddy Dyer	Orlando, FL	D	<u>Biden</u>
Christine Hunschofsky	Parkland, FL	D	<u>Biden</u>
James Kenney	Philadelphia, PA	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Kate Gallego	Phoenix, AZ	D	<u>Biden</u>
Hillary Schieve	Reno, NV	Ī	No Endorsement
Pauline Russo Cutter	San Leandro, CA	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Paige Cognetti	Scranton, PA	Ī	<u>Biden</u>

Mayor's Name	City, State	D, I or R	Biden or Trump
Victoria Woodards	Tacoma, WA	D	<u>Biden</u>
Muriel Bowser	Washington, DC	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Christopher Cabaldon	West Sacramento, CA	D	<u>Biden</u>

Table 1

31 Founding WWAV Civic Cities Mayors' Political Party

- 26 Mayors or 84% of WWAV Founding Mayors are Democrats
- 3 Mayors or 10% of WWAV Founding Mayors are Republicans
- 2 Mayors or 6% of WWAV Founding Mayors are Independent

WWAV Founding Civic Cities Mayors' Endorsements

- 27 Mayors or 100% of WWAV Founding Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Joe Biden
- 0 Mayors or 0% of WWAV Founding Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Donald Trump for President

Joe Biden had eight campaign co-chairs for his presidential campaign. Two of Biden's eight co-chairs were also WWAV Founding Mayors. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti were Biden presidential campaign co-chairs (Exhibits 115 and 116). Bottoms and Garcetti were both serving as partisan co-chairs for the Biden campaign at the same time they were serving as WWAV "nonpartisan" co-chairs. Let's not forget that WWAV Director Peter Rouse was also an advisor to the Biden campaign.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh was a WWAV Founding Mayor. After the election, President Joe Biden appointed Walsh to his cabinet as Secretary of Labor.

WWAV's Civic Cities Mayors

WWAV Civic City Mayors partnered with WWAV after WWAV recruited its Founding Civic Cities Mayors. Table 2, Column 1 below lists the names of the WWAV's 69 Civic Cities Mayors. The D, or R in Table 2, Column 3 stands for the mayors' Democrat or Republican political party affiliation. "Unknown" appears in Column 3 when no record of the mayor's political affiliation was discovered. Click on the link in Column 3 to view the source of each mayor's political affiliation. In Table 2, Column 4 Biden or Trump represents the presidential endorsement of each mayor. "No endorsement" in Column 4 means the mayor did not support either candidate. To view the source of each mayor's endorsement, click on the link in Column 4.

WWAV Civic Cities Mayors

Mayor	City, State	D or R	Biden or Trump
Tim Keller	Albuquerque, NM	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Sharon Weston Broome	Baton Rouge, LA	<u>D</u>	Biden
Jesse Arreguin	Berkeley, CA	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Lauren McLean	Boise, ID	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Joseph Ganim	Bridgeport, CT	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Mark Barbee	Bridgeport, PA	Unknown	No Endorsement
Ryan Arndorfer	Britt, IA	Unknown	No Endorsement
Juan Trey Mendez II	Brownsville, TX	D	<u>Biden</u>
Ian Baltutis	Burlington, NC	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Elizabeth B. Kautz	Burnsville, MN	<u>R</u>	No Endorsement
Lydia Lavelle	Carrboro, NC	D	<u>Biden</u>
Elise Partin	Cayce, SC	Unknown	No Endorsement
Patrick L. Wojahn	College Park, MD	Unknown	No Endorsement
Stephen K. Benjamin	Columbia, SC	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>

Mayor	City, State	D or R	Biden or Trump
Aja Brown	Compton, CA	D	<u>Biden</u>
Lynn Deutsch	Dunwoody, GA	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Monique Owens	Eastpointe, MI	Unknown	No Endorsement
James Hovland	Edina, MN	D	No Endorsement
Lillie Thompson- Martin	Fairmount Heights, MD	Unknown	No Endorsement
Mitch Colvin	Fayetteville, NC	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Hunter T. George	Fircrest, WA	Unknown	No Endorsement
Lily Mei	Fremont, CA	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Keith Hedrick	Groton, CT	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Jeff Martin	Hamilton, NJ	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Luke Bronin	Hartford, CT	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Nancy Rotering	Highland Park, IL	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Candace B. Hollingsworth	Hyattsville, MD	Unknown	No Endorsement
Dontario D. Hardy	Kinston, NC	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Ken Miyagishima	Las Cruces, NM	<u>D</u>	Biden
Jack Bradley	Lorain, OH	D	No Endorsement
Thomas M. McGee	Lynn, MA	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Dr. Larry Wallace Jr.	Manor, TX	Unknown	No Endorsement
Dan Gelber	Miami Beach, FL	D	<u>Biden</u>
Oliver G. Gilbert III	Miami Gardens, FL	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Brian Goodell	Mission Viejo, CA	Unknown	No Endorsement
Matt Shorraw	Monessen, PA	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Steven Reed	Montgomery, AL	D	No Endorsement
Jim Donchess	Nashua, NH	D	<u>Biden</u>
Noam Bramson	New Rochelle, NY	D	<u>Biden</u>
Bill de Blasio	New York, NY	<u>D</u>	Biden

Mayor	City, State	D or R	Biden or Trump
Breea Clark	Norman, OK	Unknown	No Endorsement
Ana M. Ziade	North Lauderdale, FL	Unknown	No Endorsement
Harry Rilling	Norwalk, CT	D	No Endorsement
Mathew Sparkes	Oakland Park, FL	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
David Holt	Oklahoma City, OK	<u>R</u>	No Endorsement
Brandi Harless	Paducah, KY	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Bill Peduto	Pittsburgh, PA	D	<u>Biden</u>
Deirdre Waterman	Pontiac, MI	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Jorge Elorza	Providence, RI	D	No Endorsement
Nick Gradisar	Pueblo, CO	D	<u>Biden</u>
Mary-Ann Baldwin	Raleigh, NC	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Lovely Warren	Rochester, NY	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Mike Kelly	Roeland Park, KS	Unknown	No Endorsement
Darrell Steinberg	Sacramento, CA	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Jacob Day	Salisbury, MD	D	No Endorsement
Erin Mendenhall	Salt Lake City, UT	D	<u>Biden</u>
Van R. Johnson II	Savannah, GA	D	<u>Biden</u>
Jeffrey Slavin	Somerset, MD	Unknown	No Endorsement
Joseph Curtatone	Somerville, MA	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Rick Kriseman	St. Petersburg, FL	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
David Martin	Stamford, CT	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
Michael Tubbs	Stockton, CA	D	<u>Biden</u>
Lori Wilson	Suisun City, CA	<u>D</u>	No Endorsement
John Dailey	Tallahassee, FL	D	<u>Biden</u>
Jane Castor	Tampa, FL	D	<u>Biden</u>
Wade Kapszukiewicz	Toledo, OH	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Jim Carruthers	Traverse City, MI	Unknown	No Endorsement

Mayor	City, State	D or R	Biden or Trump
Regina Romero	Tucson, AZ	<u>D</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Dan Devine	West Allis, WI	Unknown	<u>Biden</u>

Table 2

WWAV Civic Cities Mayors' Political Affiliation

- WWAV Civic Cities Mayors in Table 2 Consisted of 51 Democrats, 2 Republicans, and 16
 Mayors with Unknown Party Affiliation
- 51 Mayors or 96% of WWAV Civic Cities Mayors with Party Affiliation were Democrats
- 2 Mayors or 4% of WWAV Civic Cities Mayors with Party Affiliation were Republicans

WWAV Civic Cities Mayors' Endorsements

- 29 Mayors or 100% of WWAV of the Civic Cities Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Joe Biden
- 0 Mayors or 0% of WWAV of the Civic Cities Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Donald J. Trump for President

Below are the statistics for the WWAV Founding Mayors in Table 1 combined with the statistics of the Civic Cities Mayors in Table 2.

WWAV Founding and Civic Cities Mayors Combined Statistics

- 77 Mayors or 92% of WWAV Founding and Civic Cities Mayors with Party Affiliation were Democrats
- 5 Mayors or 6% of WWAV Founding and Civic Cities Mayors with Party Affiliation were Republicans
- 2 Mayors or 2% of of WWAV Founding and Civic Cities Mayors with Party Affiliation were Independents

- 56 Mayors or 100% of WWAV Founding and Civic City Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Joe Biden
- 0 Mayors or 0% of WWAV Founding and Civic City Mayors who Endorsed a Candidate for President Endorsed Donald J. Trump for President

WWAV Partnered with Democratic Mayors to Increase Joe Biden's Chances of Winning

WWAV deliberately sought to align themselves with mostly Democratic mayors, especially in swing states, for the purpose of increasing the vote in heavily Democratic cities. In many states the votes in metropolitan Democratic cities is high enough to carry a statewide Democratic candidate. WWAV focused the organization's in-person events in the cities of Atlanta, Detroit, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Phoenix because these cities have the highest density of Democratic votes that helped Joe Biden win the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin

WWAV's website explains the Civic Cities' purpose: "Civic Cities encourages and supports mayors to take a leading role in closing the voting race and age gap and fundamentally shift the culture around voting in every election, from school board races to federal elections" (Exhibit 84).

WWAV's described the benefits to becoming one of its Civic Cities Mayors (Exhibit 84):

By Connecting with Civic Cities, you:

- Join a national network of mayors to learn from and share best practices;
- Receive regular voter registration data to set a city-wide goal and track progress;
- Access resources, regular webinars, monthly actions, and ongoing support; and
- Have an opportunity to be promoted on WWAV's national platform through media, press releases, and social media channels.

WWAV used its dubious "nonpartisan" designation to gain access to the mayors and exploit their political influence with election officials. Once WWAV established relationships with the mayors, WWAV was in a position to utilize the mayors for the purpose of increasing Democratic voter registration and the number of Democratic votes in the mayors' heavily Democratic cities. In fact, WWAV's second benefit for Civic Cities above clearly offered setting city-wide voter registration goal and tracking. WWAV also pushed Civic Cities to encourage and track early voting. WWAV also offered "monthly actions" and "ongoing support" as benefits of being a WWAV Civic City so WWAV could get the mayors of Democratic cities to do what WWAV wanted them to do.

WWAV relationships with its Civic Cities Mayors enabled Michelle Obama and WWAV to form their own National Democratic Political Organization. WWAV's Civic Cities program established two way channels of communication between WWAV and the mayors in Democratic cities; thus, WWAV achieved its ultimate goal of registering more Democrats and making sure the voters in heavily Democratic cities came out to vote for Democrats like Joe Biden.

WWAV's Improper Inducements to Register and Vote

"In any election in which a federal candidate is on the ballot, federal law prohibits any individual or entity, including 501(c)(3) nonprofits, from knowingly and willfully paying, offering to pay, or accepting payment either for registering to vote or voting" (Exhibit 85)

"A payment includes anything having monetary value (e.g. cash, lottery chances, the promise of government benefits such as supplemental nutrition assistance, or even a glass of beer or slice of pizza). Therefore, in elections in which federal candidates are on the ballot, it would be illegal for a nonprofit organization to raffle off prizes in exchange for an individual's promise to vote or for registering to vote during a voter registration drive. Similarly, handing out free cupcakes to

individuals to register to vote or offering a service at a discounted rate to individuals who provide proof that they voted would be prohibited" (Exhibit 85)

Before voting for the presidential election started, Complainant alleges WWAV violated election law by doling out money, food, meals, clothes, sports memorabilia, raffle prizes, and entertainment to entice citizens to register to vote in cities where Democrats hold vast majorities. During early voting and on election day, Complainant alleges WWAV violated election law by doling out food, meals, and entertainment to entice citizens to vote early and on election day in heavily Democratic cities. Table 3 contains 40 times that WWAV either held a voter registration or Get Out the Vote (GOTV) event in which WWAV was offering something of value to attend the voter registration or GOTV event. Table 3, Column 4 provides an exhibit number for each event.

WWAV Inducements to Register or Vote

Date	Location	Event	Inducements to Register and Vote
Feb. 27, 2020	Online	Video Message	Entertainer Common Performs. Common and Mrs. Obama Encourage Black Voter Registration (Exhibit 86)
March 25, 2020	Online	Couch Party	Entertainment by DJ D-Nice's Club Quarantine live stream to Encourage Voter Registration (Exhibit 87).
March 27, 2020	Detroit	Kick Off Rally	Voter Participation and Initiative Contests for tickets to two people and their guests to meet Michelle Obama backstage at the event. Value is \$2,000 (Exhibit 88)

Date	Location	Event	Inducements to Register and Vote
April 20, 2020	Online	Couch Party 2.0	Entertainment by DJ D-Nice's Club Quarantine live stream. Also included were actresses Kelly Rowland, Michelle Williams, Alyssa Milano, Kelly McCreary and Erica Campbell. "Reach, Educate, Inform, and Register Eligible Voters" (Exhibit 89).
May 21, 2020	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Couch Party	Music by Questlove and DJ D-Nice. Entertainment by actors Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson. "Statewide Couch Party to Text 250,000 Pennsylvania Voters about Registering to Vote." (Exhibit 90).
May 22, 2020	MTV	Prom-athon	WWAV and MTV gave 20 High Schools Up to \$5,000 for Registering High School Students to vote. (Exhibit 108)
June 27, 2020	Online	The Roots Picnic Partnered with Michelle Obama's When We All Vote for a Virtual Music Festival	Performances by The Roots, H.E.R., Lil Baby, Roddy Ricch, SZA, Kirk Franklin, Snoh Aalegra, Earthgang, G Herbo, Polo G, D Nice and Musiqsoulchild (backed by The Roots) and appearances by Michelle Obama, Lin- Manuel Miranda, Chris Paul, Tom Hanks, Liza Koshy, Kerry Washington, Tracee Ellis Ross, Janelle Monáe, and Elaine Welteroth. "Call To Action For Fans & Viewers to Register to Vote" (Exhibit 91).

Date	Location	Event	Inducements to Register and Vote
July 3, 2020	Online	Party in Place	Music sets from deadmau5, Disclosure, Major Lazer, ODESZA, RÜFÜS DU SOL, Toro y Moi, Flume, Rezz, and Porter Robinson. "Remind Everyone to Get Registered to Vote" (Exhibit 92).
July 4, 2020	Online	Summer Bash	Musical performances by Marshmello, Black Eyed Peas, Dillon Francis, Diplo, Kygo, Lil Jon, and Steve Aoki. "Remind Everyone to Get Registered to Vote" (Exhibit 92).
Aug. 29, 2020	Durham, NC	Research Triangle Foundation Headquarters	WWAV Host Food and Voter Registration Drive. Music by a live DJ and food and prepackaged meals distribution. (Exhibit 93)
Sept. 19, 2020	Detroit, MI	East Side of Detroit	WWAV Sponsors Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Voter Registration. Live DJ and free food distribution (Exhibit 94)
Sept. 19, 2020	Detroit, MI	West Side of Detroit	WWAV Sponsors Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Voter Registration. Live DJ and free food distribution (Exhibit 94)
Sept. 26, 2020	Atlana, GA	Home Depot	WWAV Hosts Food and Voter Registration Drive. Atlanta Falcons merchandise, sandwiches and boxes of food (Exhibit 95)

Date	Location	Event	Inducements to Register and Vote
Sept. 26, 2020	Charlotte, NC	Sifford Golf Course	WWAV Hosts Food, Groceries, and Voter Registration Drive. Live entertainment and free food and groceries, plus DJ (Exhibit 96)
Sept. 26, 2020	Philadelphia, PA	2450 Hunting Park Ave.	WWAV Hosts Food, Groceries, and Voter Registration Drive. Free lunch, groceries, snacks, hand sanitizer, and t-shirts, and live entertainment (Exhibit 97)
Sept. 27. 2020	Miami, FL	Joe Celestin Center	WWAV Host Food, Groceries, and Voter Registration Drive. Free Food and Groceries and DJ (Exhibit 98)
Sept. 27, 2020	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix College	WWAV Drive-Thru Event Combines Voter Registration with Handing Out Food Boxes and Supplies. Inducements included 2,000 food boxes and about 1,000 sets with sippy cups; baby bottles and diapers; and women's, men's and kid's clothing (Exhibit 99)
Sept. 29, 2020	Pittsburgh, PA	Heinz Field Stage AE Lot	WWAV Sponsors Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Voter Registration. Free Food and Meals (Exhibit 100)
Oct. 3, 2020	Milwaukee, WI	FISERV Forum	WWAV Sponsors Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Voter Registration. Free Food and Groceries (Exhibit 101)
Oct. 3, 2020	Minneapolis, MN	Willard Hay Parking Lot	WWAV Sponsors Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Voter Registration. Free Food and Groceries. (Exhibit 102)

Date	Location	Event	Inducements to Register and Vote
Oct. 3, 2020	St. Paul, MN	Mount Olivet Baptist Church	WWAV Sponsors Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Voter Registration. Free Food and Groceries (Exhibit 102)
Oct. 15, 2020	Philadelphia, PA	Seven (7) Satellite Election Offices	Restaurants who Partnered with WWAV's Fuel the Vote provided free food and meals to voters in line at 7 satellite election offices (Exhibit 103)
Oct. 23, 2020	Online	Couch Party	WWAV is connecting with some of our favorite celebrities to encourage everyone to vote early. Entertainment by Common, DJ D-Nice, the City Girls, and Elaine Welteroth (Exhibit 104)
Oct. 24, 2020	Atlanta, GA	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	"WWAV will meet you near early voting sites with food, music, & more." Food, Music, PPE and Voter Protection Support (Exhibit 105)
Oct. 24, 2020	Detroit, MI	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	"WWAV will meet you near early voting sites with food, music, & more." Food, Music, PPE and Voter Protection Support (Exhibit 105)
Oct. 24, 2020	Las Vegas, NV	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	Early Voting celebration with "free food, live music, and more!" (Exhibit 122)
Oct. 24, 2020	Los Angeles, CA	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	"WWAV will meet you near early voting sites with food, music, & more." Food, Music, PPE and Voter Protection Support (Exhibit 105)

Date	Location	Event	Inducements to Register and Vote
Oct. 24, 2020	Miami, FL	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	Early Voting celebration with "free food, live music, and more!" (Exhibit 123)
Oct. 24, 2020	Milwaukee, WI	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	"WWAV will meet you near early voting sites with food, music, & more." Food, Music, PPE and Voter Protection Support (Exhibit 105)
Oct. 24, 2020	Minneapolis, MN	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	Early Voting celebration with "free food, live music, and more!" (Exhibit 124)
Oct. 24, 2020	Orlando, FL	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	"WWAV will meet you near early voting sites with food, music, & more." Food, Music, PPE and Voter Protection Support (Exhibit 105)
Oct. 24, 2020	Philadelphia, PA	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	"WWAV will meet you near early voting sites with food, music, & more." Food, Music, PPE and Voter Protection Support (Exhibit 105)
Oct. 24, 2020	St. Paul, MN	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	Early Voting celebration with "free food, live music, and more!" (Exhibit 124)
Oct. 24, 2020	Charlotte, NC	WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites	"WWAV will meet you near early voting sites with food, music, & more." Food, Music, PPE and Voter Protection Support (Exhibit 105)

Date	Location	Event	Inducements to Register and Vote
Jan. 3, 2021	Atlana, GA	Celebrate Georgia Concert	WWAV Get Out the Georgia Vote and Concert. Musical Performances by Monica, Rick Ross, DJ Drama, Jack Harlow, and Pastor Troy. WWAV co- chairs Michelle Obama, Janelle Monáe, Tracee Ellis Ross, Kerry Washington and Chris Paul also Featured. (Exhibit 107)

Table 3

Here are a few samples of WWAV offering something of value to register to vote or vote. From The March 27, 2020 Kick Off Rally announcement said, "When We All Vote will hold a contest to give away tickets to two people and their guests to meet Michelle Obama backstage at the event. The winners will also receive travel accommodations to Detroit. ... Approx. prize value is \$2,000. Subject to Official Rules" (Exhibit 88).

This is from the WWAV Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina Food and Voter Registration Drive press release. "When We All Vote will host "Fuel the Vote," a food and voter registration drive to support North Carolinians impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure they are registered and ready to vote ahead of the November election" (Exhibit 93).

A reporter described the Atlanta WWAV Food and Voter Registration Drive as "a steady stream of cars that drove through the area as music pumped from speakers. Volunteers gave away children's books, swag bags filled with Atlanta Falcons merchandise and sandwiches to people who drove through. Volunteer Michael Yancey beamed as he handed out boxes of food that included milk, butter, chicken and fresh fruit and vegetables" (Exhibit 95).

This is from WWAV's Milwaukee Food and Voter Registration Drive press release: "Michelle Obama's When We All Vote (https://www.whenweallvote.org/) and the Milwaukee Bucks are teaming up to host Fuel the Vote (https://www.whenweallvote.org/fuelthevote/), a drive-up food distribution and voter registration drive, on Saturday, October 3, to support those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure they are registered to vote ahead of the general election on November 3" (Exhibit 101).

What's interesting is that when WWAV described itself in its October 1, 2020 press release, the organization said nothing about feeding people, yet WWAV used food, groceries, and meals to attract people to its voter registration and GOTV drives in Atlanta, Detroit, Milwaukee, Phoenix, etc. "When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan nonprofit that brings together citizens, institutions, brands, and organizations to increase participation in every election. Launched by Michelle Obama, the organization is committed to closing the race and age voting gap and empowering all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing digital organizing strategies, with the ultimate goal of changing the culture around voting" (Exhibit 101).

WWAV exploited actors, entertainers, and musicians celebrity status as a means to attract people to their registration and GOTV events. The actors, entertainers, and musicians are professionals who are paid for the services. Some of the actors and entertainers WWAV employed to draw crowds are paid tens of thousands of dollars or more to make appearances at events. When people attended WWAV voter registration and GOTV events that was headlined with DJs, musicians, and entertainers, the professional entertainment was something of value attendees received for being present at WWAV's registration or GOTV events.

WWAV's strategy to attract audiences is similar to how PBS stations use famous musicians/bands, celebrity authors, and made for PBS specials to attract viewers and raise funds. Instead of drawing viewers to watch and donate to PBS stations, WWAV used actors, entertainers, and musicians to attract audiences to the organization's voter registration and GOTV events. For

many of the WWAV events, the "entertainment value" that WWAV used to attract audiences to its registration and GOTV events had more value than the food, groceries, and sports gear that WWAV doled out at other voter registration and GOTV events.

Every single WWAV voter registration or GOTV event provided attendees with something of value. WWAV deliberately skirted the law by offering its guests something of value to attend its voter registration and GOTV events. WWAV deliberately offered inducements to draw a bigger crowd to every WWAV event.

WWAV's Prize Money Corrupted High School Students

WWAV's bribing high school students to register to vote is WWAV's most disgusting and corrupt act. The high school students WWAV registered through its Prom Challenge were registering for an election for the first time. Thanks to WWAV's bribe of up to \$5,000 to 20 high schools, WWAV initiated the high schoolers into the the voting process unlawfully. The students whom WWAV registered will have to live the rest of their lives knowing their initial voter registration was built on WWAV's illicit contest.

WWAV's Prom-athon advertisement to the high school students is as follows: "Your senior prom's a big deal. So is voting for the first time. Prom Challenge is a new program created in partnership between When We All Vote and MTV's +1thevote campaign, with support from Rent the Runway and other brands, to celebrate and recognize 20 high schools across the country for integrating voter registration into their schools in the most creative and impactful ways. The winners of the competition will receive up to \$5,000 to make their school's prom dreams come true" (Exhibit 108).

WWAV primarily focused its high school voter registration drive in Democratic strongholds in the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. WWAV enlisted the help of local and state Democratic leaders to execute its plan of registering high schoolers in heavily Democratic cities. WWAV's "Honorary Prom-athon Chaperones" included the likes of Michigan's Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Phoenix, Arizona's Democratic Mayor Kate Gallego, Milwaukee, WI's Democratic Mayor Tom Barrett, and Philadelphia, PA's Democratic Mayor Jim Kenney (Exhibit 109).

According to WWAV, "More than four million young people will turn 18 before the 2020 general election" (Exhibit 121). WWAV's specifically targeted the voter registration of high schoolers, especially those students in Democratic cities in swing states. WWAV awarded its Prom-athon prize money to the high schools who registered the most voters. Here are some reasons WWAV declared these high schools Prom-athon winners. "Cass Technical High School (Detroit, MI) registered more than 400 students through pep rallies and other events." "Communication and Media Arts High School (Detroit, MI) created a Voting Squad and hosted two days of action that resulted in 99% of eligible students registering." "Valley High School (Las Vegas, NV) hosted events during lunch around voting, and about 250 students registered to vote." (Exhibit 121)

Most of WWAV's Prom-athon winners were in Democratic strongholds in swing states. Three Pennsylvania high schools received up to \$5,000 each for being a WWAV Prom-athon winner; Arizona and Michigan each had two WWAV Prom-athon winners; and Las Vegas, Nevada, Houston, Texas and Milwaukee, Wisconsin all had one WWAV Prom-athon winner in their heavily Democratic cities. Meadowcreek High school in Norcross, Georgia was also a Prom-athon winner (Exhibit 109). Norcross is in Gwinnett County where Biden soundly beat Trump.

WWAV paid for high school students proms prior to the presidential election. WWAV collected the names and contact information of the new high school voter registrants. When the November election occurred, WWAV reminded the high schoolers whose proms WWAV paid for to make sure that they voted. WWAV's newly minted voters voted Biden because the new voters lived in heavily Democratic cities.

WWAV Targeted Democratic Strongholds in Swing States For Its Events

Table 4 list the names of 12 cities that WWAV held voter registration or GOTV events. WWAV held both voter registration drives and GOTV events in the cities of Atlanta, Charolette, Detroit, Miami, Milwaukee, Orlando, and Philadelphia. Columns 2 and 3 list the number of votes Joe Biden and Donald Trump received. Column 4 and 5 list Biden and Trump's percentage of the vote.

To view the source of each city's vote totals, click on the link in Column 1. When a city's vote total could not be found separate from the county that the city is in, the county vote total was used. One thing is clear from Table 4, Joe Biden won all 12 cities or counties where WWAV held voter registration and GOTV events.

Voting Results Where WWAV Held Events

City	Biden Votes	Trump Votes	Biden	Trump
<u>Atlanta</u>	381,144	137,240	72.64%	26.15%
Detroit	240,936	12,889	93.93%	5.02%
<u>Charlotte</u>	378,107	179,211	66.68%	31.60
<u>Durham</u>	144,688	32,459	80.42%	18.04%
<u>Miami</u>	617,864	532,833	53.31%	45.98%
<u>Milwaukee</u>	194,661	48,414	78.83%	19.60%
<u>Minneapolis</u>	532,623	205,973	70.46%	27.25%
<u>Orlando</u>	395,014	245,398	60.85%	37.80%
<u>Philadelphia</u>	604,175	132,870	81.21%	17.85%
<u>Pittsburgh</u>	430,759	282,913	59.43%	39.02%
Phoenix	1,040,774	995,665	49.81%	47.65%
St. Paul	211,620	77,376	71.50%	26.14%

Table 4

All of the cities that Biden won in Table 4 over performed the statewide Biden vote. For example, Biden won the City of Detroit with 93.93% of the vote. Biden won the entire state of Michigan with 50.6% of the vote. Thanks to the support of WWAV, the City of Detroit over performed the Biden Michigan state vote by 43.33% (Detroit Biden vote of 93.93% - Biden State of Michigan vote of 50.6% = 43.33%). Biden received 81.21% of the vote in the City of Philadelphia and Biden garnered 50.1% of the vote in the entire state of Pennsylvania. Biden's Philadelphia vote over performed the Biden's Pennsylvania state vote by 31.11%. Biden won the City of Milwaukee with 78.33% of the vote and the entire state of Wisconsin with 49.4% of the vote. Biden's Milwaukee vote over performed the Biden State of Wisconsin vote by 29.93%.

WWAV concentrated its voter registration and GOTV activities in the cities listed in Table 4 because WWAV's geopolitical experts identified these 12 cities as the best cities to increase Biden votes in critical states like Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The Number of Counts Against WWAV

There are two distinct ways to look at the number of times WWAV provided something of value for registering to vote and voting. One way to determine the number of WWAV counts is to view each WWAV *event* as a separate count. Another way to establish the number of WWAV counts is to count each time WWAV registered a person at a WWAV event in which WWAV provided each attendee with something of value. For example, WWAV hosted a Pennsylvania Couch Party on May 21, 2020. WWAV's goal for this event was to reach 250,000 Pennsylvania voters and have them register (Exhibit 90). Since WWAV offered its Pennsylvania Couch Party attendees something of value for its May 21, 2020 event, should WWAV be charged with one count for hosting the event or 250,000 counts for the number of people that the WWAV event drew and registered by providing a free concert from top-notch entertainers?

Violators of 52 U.S.C. § 10307(c) may receive up to a \$10,000 fine and five years in prison for offering something of value for voter registration or voting. Michelle Obama, WWAV's founder and Co-Chair, received her juris doctorate degree from the Harvard Law School; Valerie Jarrett, WWAV's President, from the University of Michigan's Law School; and Tina Tchen, WWAV's Treasurer, from Northwestern University's Law School. Besides WWAV having three lawyers from America's top law schools, WWAV officers and key employees combine for hundreds of years of political campaign experience. Given WWAV's vast political experience and knowledge of campaign law, WWAV should have known better than to offer money, food, meals, clothes, sports memorabilia, raffle prizes, and entertainment at 40 WWAV events to entice citizens to register and to vote.

Politicians who are elected to office are taught to keep the offer of providing government service separate from soliciting campaign donations. For example, if a business person goes to the local politician's office seeking a zoning change, the politician will make sure the subject of campaign contributions is not discussed during the zoning change meeting. Keeping the zoning change separate from campaign donations avoids the appearance of impropriety. Similarly, WWAV should have kept the advertisements for its food drive separate from the advertisement for its voter registration drive. The same is true for WWAV's actual events. To avoid the appearance of WWAV offering something of value for registering to vote, WWAV should have held its food drives as separate events from WWAV's voter registration drives.

WWAV"s Massive and Unprecedented Digital Campaign

In 2014 the Government Accountability Institute filed a **FEC complaint** against Obama for America, Obama Victory Fund, etc. The FEC complaint stated, "The Obama Campaign created the most complex and innovative system for voter and donor identification ever devised in the history of presidential campaigns. ... [Obama's] team of specialists produced and used extensive data gathering software and multiple databases and cross-referencing systems to ensure the Obama Campaign knew as much about every potential voter or donor as possible including

substantial information about every potential voter's network of friends, relatives and coworkers" (Click <u>here</u> and see pages 6-7).

WWAV's ability to identify voters and communicate with them dwarfs what Michelle Obama's husband Barack's campaign did in 2012. Because of the explosion of social media and the improvement in personal and political information gathering, WWAV's digital reach far exceeded anything the Obama presidential campaign could have done 9 years ago. To understand the magnitude of WWAV's social media power, look no further than WWAV's co-chairs' social media presence. Table 5 below lists WWAV's co-chairs and their 500 million Twitter and Instagram followers.

WWAV Co-Chair	Instagram Followers (In Millions)	Twitter Followers (In Millions)
Michelle Obama	46.3	15.1
Selena Gomez	238.2	64.9
Tom Hanks	9.5	16.4
Faith Hill	1.3	1.1
Lin-Manuel Miranda	1.7	3.5
Janelle Monae	3.9	3.8
Liza Koshy	19.2	2.9
Chris Paul	10.3	8.3
Megan Repinoe	2.2	0.92
Shonda Rhimes	2.0	1.9
Tracee Ellis Ross	10.3	1.3
Kerry Washington	6.4	5.5
Rita Wilson	1.0	0.46
Total WWAV Co-Chair Followers	352.3	126.08

Table 5

Within seconds, WWAV co-chairs posted a comment or advertisement for one of its events and the WWAV message or ad was seen by millions. To reach wider audiences, a WWAV co-chair posted or retweeted other WWAV co-chairs' Instagram and Twitter messages on their accounts. No wonder why Joe Biden sought Michelle Obama's help in enlisting celebrities to aid the Biden campaign (Exhibit 17).

Because of WWAV Co-Chair Selena Gomez's huge social media following, 4.96 million people viewed her interview with Kamala Harris (Exhibit 25); 2.5 million people watched WWAV Co-Chair's Liza Koshy interview Joe Biden (Exhibit 53), and one-half million people viewed WWAV's Co-Chair Megan Ripinoe's interview with Jill and Joe Biden (Exhibit 62). Tom Hanks Instagram post promoting voter registration received over 1.44 million views (Exhibit 110). On the other hand, Tom Hanks' other Instagram posts told his followers to vote for Joe Biden.

WWAV bragged about its digital prowess on its website (Exhibit 111). Here is WWAV explaining its digital tactics. "This meant not only using every digital tool for both organizing and information sharing — TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, digital ads, email, broadcast SMS, and peer-to-peer texting — but investing in digital from the top and developing a strategy that used these tools in a targeted and culturally relevant way. This included:"

- "Building massive volunteer texting teams on Slack
- Engaging both big-name celebrities and hundreds of lifestyle micro-infuencers
- Plugging into the latest TikTok and meme trends and Gen Z focused platforms
- Using the digital reach from big brand and community partnerships
- Building out livestream parties on Zoom and IG Live that mixed special guests, music, and volunteer trainings together to keep the momentum going

• Plugging into big cultural moments (online of course!) including music festivals like Roots Picnic and Lollapalooza, and the biggest trends on IG like joining in on DJ D-Nice's 'Club Quarantine' and even dropping into the Verzuz battles' (Exhibit 111).

WWAV's comprehensive and sophisticated digital strategy above has all the earmarks of a political campaign that nonpartisan, nonprofit organization's are prohibited from engaging in. Taking into account all of WWAV's social media messages combined with offers of meal, groceries, entertainment etc., WWAV far exceeded voter registration and GOTV campaigns that nonprofits, political candidates and organizations had ever previously waged.

WWAV Co-Chair and Founder Michelle Obama was the main WWAV celebrity who recruited other celebrities to increase voter registration and voting in predominately Democratic communities. "Former first lady Michelle Obama hosted a call Thursday between When We All Vote, the voter registration group she co-chairs, and influencers including Myrick, YouTuber Patrick Starr, former Team USA gymnast Josh Dixon, model and YouTuber Taylor Phillips and activist Nadya Okamoto. The call encouraged the influencers to use their platforms to reach people who are not registered to vote and to ensure that everyone has a plan to vote, according to the group (Exhibit 112)." Obama chose to partner with Myrick, Starr, Dixon, Phillips, and Okamato because followers of these influencers are far more likely to be Democratic and Biden supporters.

Laura Miller was director of Online Engagement in the Obama White House. Michelle Obama recruited her for the all-important job of WWAV's digital director. "A lot of what we do is online," says Miller. 'We're building online communities, but we're also partnering with local organizations on the ground.' It is this seamless connection of offline and online activity that allows volunteers to act local but feel connected to the larger movement" (Exhibit 117).

WWAV's 12 food and voter registration drives between August 29 and October 3 were also WWAV data collection events. Before WWAV attendees received their WWAV food handouts,

they had to provide their personal information of name, address, phone number, and email address. WWAV voter registration deliberately occurred before WWAV's food distribution because the order of voter registration, then food distribution insured WWAV gathered the personal information of its attendees. Once WWAV acquired attendees's personal information at its food and voter registration drives, WWAV sent them texts and emails with information of other WWAV events and reminders to voter early or vote on election day.

By requiring people to register for its online and other in-person events, WWAV acquired personal information from the attendees at all of its events. For example, people who wanted to attend the WWAV's May 21, 2020 Pennsylvania Couch Party had to register with WWAV before joining the event (Exhibit 90). WWAV's Prom-athon required registrants to provide WWAV with their email address and zip code to start the WWAV Prom-athon registration process (Exhibit 109). The WWAV Celebrate Georgia Concert required tickets to the attend the event. Before concert goers showed their tickets to enter the WWAV concert, they provided WWAV with their personal information to receive concert tickets. Furthermore, when one person signed up for a WWAV event, WWAV tried to have the one person signing up recruit three more other people.

WWAV Unlawful Early Voting Celebrations

Michelle Obama who is a second generation Chicago Political Machine politician had WWAV employ Chicago Political Machine methods. Milton Rakove's book "We Don't Want Nobody Nobody Sent" described how the Chicago Machine successfully operated for so many years. Every person who entered Chicago politics was required to have a political sponsor that he or she was beholden too. As with the Chicago machine, WWAV asked its followers to recruit additional WWAV followers; WWAV referral method fueled the organization's exponential growth. Instead of using the Chicago Machine terms of assistant precinct captains or precinct captains, WWAV used "voting squad captains" (Exhibit 114).

WWAV required voting squad captains to fill out applications and recruit at least three people for the captains' voting squads. WWAV provided voting squad captains with training and access to WWAV's nationwide network and "highly motivated organizers" (Exhibit 114).

WWAV's voting squad captains also provided WWAV with the personal information of its voting squad members. WWAV's voting squads created a very reliable source for gathering personal and political information.

On October 24, 2020 WWAV began hosting early voting celebrations in eight predominantly Democratic cities (Exhibits 105 and 106). Please note in Exhibit 105, WWAV's ad for seven of the eight cities reads, Grab Your #VotingSquad. Vote Safely Together."

WWAV early voting celebrations included "Free Food, Music, and More." WWAV deliberately omitted the location of the early voting celebrations on WWAV ads because WWAV wanted to identify and have a means to communicate with the early voters WWAV recruited. WWAV purposely held its early voting celebrations in heavily Democratic precincts and zip codes in heavily Democratic cities to increase the Democrat vote. Furthermore, when WWAV invited early voters to its vote early celebrations, WWAV knew the Democratic voting preferences of its invitees.

There are eight reasons why WWAV's early voting celebrations were illegal.

- 1. The invitation to attend the WWAV early voting celebrations were screened, exclusive to WWAV devotees, and not available to the general public.
- 2. In order to learn the location and attend the WWAV early voting celebrations, attendees first had to register and provide their information to WWAV.
- **3.** Only those voters who went through WWAV's registration process could attend WWAV's early voting celebrations.
- **4.** WWAV used its voting squads and digital media to solicit and offer exclusive invitations to WWAV early voting celebrations.

- **5.** WWAV made sure voters attending its early voting celebrations either voted or intended to vote before WWAV extended invitations to them.
- **6.** WWAV early voting celebration ads do *not* include the number of events that WWAV held at each specific early voting celebration location.
- **7.** WWAV early voting ads do *not* include the number of WWAV early voting locations in the cities where WWAV sponsored early voting celebration events.
- **8.** WWAV offered something of value, namely entertainment, food, and music to the voters who attended the WWAV early voting celebrations.

WWAV ads for its early voting celebrations state that WWAV used multiple WWAV voting celebration locations in the cities of Atlanta, Charlotte, Detroit, Las Vegas, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, and St. Paul (Exhibits 122 thru 130). WWAV only invited the voters who registered on its website to WWAV early voting celebrations (Exhibit 125). Because WWAV only disclosed the early voting celebration locations to the voters who registered on WWAV's website, the exact locations WWAV early voting celebrations are unknown. Nonetheless, WWAV's ads reveal that WWAV held early voting celebrations at multiple locations in the 10 heavily Democratic cities where WWAV sponsored its early voting events.

Michelle Obama Conspired with Two other Nonprofits to Support Joe Biden

Tianna Epps-Johnson, the Executive Director for the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL), completed her two year Obama Foundation fellowship a few short weeks before Epps-Johnson initiated CTCL's first election grants to the state of Wisconsin's five largest cities. During her Obama Fellowship, Epps-Johnson described what she saw as the problems with voting in America: "Nonvoters are younger, more racially diverse, lower-income, and less educated than their voting counterparts, and their absence at the polls keeps government from representing the whole nation." (Exhibit 118). When Epps-Johnson and CTCL distributed \$350 million in

election grants, Epps-Johnson hid her true motives of closing the age and race voting gaps behind the ploy of CTCL providing election grants to combat COVID-19.

As with CTCL, WWAV gave the identical reasons of closing the age and race voting gaps for the organization's mission on its IRS form 990: WWAV is a "nonpartisan organization that is on a mission to increase participation in every election to close the age and race gap" (Exhibit 2). WWAV closing the age and race gap was also behind WWAV's creation of WWAV's Civic Cities: "Civic Cities encourages and supports mayors to take a leading role in closing the voting race and age gap and fundamentally shift the culture around voting in every election, from school board races to federal elections" (Exhibit 84). Based on the geographical locations of WWAV's in-person events, WWAV was only interested in closing the age and race gaps in Democratic cities.

Both CTCL and Michelle Obama relied heavily on social media to close the voting age and race gaps. CTCL encouraged and trained its grant recipients in the use of social media to register voters and GOTV. Epps-Johnson wrote in her Obama Foundation "Approach" that social media is one of the solutions to resolving voter age and race gaps (Exhibit 118). Michelle Obama deliberately recruited 12 famous people with huge social media followings as WWAV co-chairs. The WWAV celebrity co-chairs provided WWAV instant access to their 500 million Instagram and Twitter followers.

Michelle Obama was one of the decision makers who selected Epps-Johnson as a Obama Foundation fellow. For two years the Obama Foundation trained Epps-Johnson to incorporate what she was taught at the Obama Foundation in with her work at CTCL. Michelle Obama met with Epps-Johnson during the Obama Foundation round table discussions. Because of Epps-Johnson two year Obama Foundation Fellowship, it is not surprising that both Epps-Johnson's CTCL and Michelle Obama's WWAV were on the same mission of closing the age and race voting gaps.

Michelle Obama and Arnold Schwarzenegger worked together for a "Vote or Miss Out" ABC TV special on September 14, 2020. Previously Obama and Schwarzenegger appeared in a promotional video. A few weeks later Schwarzenegger donated \$2.5 million to the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for the purpose of redistributing Schwarzenegger's \$2.5 million donation as election grants. Schwarzenegger said he was making his election grants only available to counties with a history of racial discrimination, namely those counties that were formerly covered by the Voting Rights Act, Section 5. Schwarzenegger said, "These grants are completely non-partisan and will be offered to those who demonstrate the greatest need and ability to close gaps in voting access" (Exhibit 119). As with Epp-Johnson and CTCL, Schwarzenegger used his USC Schwarzenegger Institute's nonprofit financial resources to close the voting race gap shortly after working with Michelle Obama.

There are 159 counties in the State of Georgia. In the 2020 presidential election, 30 counties voted for Joe Biden and 129 voted for Donald Trump. All 10 of Schwarzenegger's Georgia election grants went to Democratic counties that Joe Biden won. Given the incredible odds against Schwarzenegger's 10 Georgia election grants only going to Democratic counties that Joe Biden won, Schwarzenegger's Georgia election grants were not randomly selected as he claimed. Complainant alleges that Michelle Obama or one of Michelle Obama's designees directed Schwarzenegger to award his election grants to the 10 specific Georgia Democratic counties that received them.

Complainant had previously filed FEC complaints against CTCL, the USC Schwarzenegger Institute and both organizations' principle officers. The USC Schwarzenegger Institute, CTCL, and WWAV mainly focused their resources in heavily Democratic cities and counties to help Joe Biden win the 2020 presidential election. Michelle Obama is the common link between the three organizations. Because of the common bond of Michelle Obama and the similarity of the USC Schwarzenegger Institute, CTCL, and WWAV's mission and methods, the FEC should consider the collective relationship of the three nonprofit organizations in the determination of whether or not these organizations committed any violations.

Complainant acknowledges the horrors of American slavery and the ensuing racial discrimination that went on for decades once slavery ended. Complainant admits racial discrimination continues to a lesser degree today, and he is strongly opposed to any form of discrimination. However, past and present racial discrimination doesn't give the USC Schwarzenegger Institute, CTCL, or WWAV the right to violate federal election laws and infringe upon voters' civil rights in their quest for racial justice.

Michelle Obama's Failure to Fight Chicago Election Fraud and Police Torture

Michelle Obama's father was a Chicago Democratic machine precinct captain (Exhibit 120). She campaigned door to door with her father who had to win his precinct for Democratic candidates or risk losing his City of Chicago political job. As an adult, Michelle Obama worked directly underneath the boss of the Chicago political machine. Obama was a mayoral aide to Mayor Richard M. Daley. Obama left the mayor's office after Daley appointed her assistant commissioner of the Chicago Department of Planning and Development.

In 1969 Attorney Michael Shakman filed a federal court lawsuit against a number of Chicago and Cook County Democrats. Elected Democrats were using a patronage system in which government employees had to campaign for Democratic candidates to first obtain their political jobs, and after they were hired, they had to continue performing political work to retain their political jobs. Shakman reached agreements to end patronage with several local government bodies. Because Chicago and Cook County Democrats repeatedly violated their federal court agreements, federal court judges appointed monitors to oversee the personnel policies and practices of eight Chicago area governmental bodies. The job of the federal court monitor was to stop patronage and protect the civil rights of government job applicants, government employees, political candidates, and voters.

Federal court judges installed monitors to watch over nearly every government body in the Chicagoland area (see list below). Each time a judge assigned a federal court monitor, a Democrat was in charge of the governmental body. More than 50 years after Shakman filed his original case, in April 2020 United States Magistrate **Judge Sidney I. Schenkier appointed a monitor** to oversee the Cook County Clerk's office because the Clerk's office violated the original and supplemental federal court agreements.

- 1. City of Chicago
- 2. Chicago Park District
- 3. Cook County Government
- 4. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- 5. Cook County Sheriff
- 6. Cook County Clerk
- 7. Cook County Assessor
- 8. Forest Preserve of Cook County

The greatest number of Shakman violations was committed by Michelle Obama's old boss, Richard M. Daley. From 1988 until 2004 the Daley administration hired thousands of city employees in exchange for their commitment to campaign for political candidates backed by Daley. The covert and unlawful patronage system ended when FBI agents raided city hall and uncovered evidence that led to the convictions of 60 people. During federal court criminal trials, testimony revealed that Daley's patronage workers campaigned for Democratic candidates for president, Illinois governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. congress, state senator, state representative, Chicago mayor and aldermen. Federal Court Judge Wayne A. Andersen awarded Complainant \$75,000 because the Chicago Machine violated his civil rights when he was a candidate for alderman.

In 2003 Federal Court Judge Wayne A. Andersen selected Noelle Brennan to monitor the City of Chicago for patronage abuses. The cost to rid Chicago of illicit patronage was over \$200 million

and *nine years* of federal court supervision. By the way, Michelle Obama worked for Mayor Daley when the Daley administration violated the civil rights of hundreds of thousands of voters multiple times.

America's worst police abuse scandal (1972 to 1991) occurred in the City of Chicago. Jon Burge was a detective commander on the South Side of Chicago. Burge's unit was assigned mainly to African American neighborhoods. To obtain confessions, Burge and his crew used several methods of torture until African Americans admitted to crimes regardless of whether or not they were guilty. For Burge to achieve his goal of a confession, some suspects experienced torture that lasted for days.

Burge's Methods of Police Torture

- Beatings
- Suffocation by Sealing Suspects Heads in Plastic Bags
- Cigarettes and Scalding Hot Radiators to Burn Suspects
- Sleep Deprivation to Inflict Physical and Psychological Torture
- Cattle Prods to Administer Electrical Shocks
- Guns and Shotguns Placed in Suspects Mouths

The Better Government Association and Northwestern University, determined that taxpayers spent \$214 million for wrongful convictions. According to their study if we add together the number of years these wrongfully convicted men spent in prison, they will have lost a combined 926 years. While 85 innocent men languished in prison, the real criminals committed 14 murders, 11 sexual assaults, 10 kidnappings and at least 59 other felonies. Before Daley became mayor of Chicago, Daley was the Cook County State's Attorney who was in charge of the wrongful convictions of many suspects whom Burge tortured.

In 2002 Edward Egan was appointed special prosecutor to investigate the allegations of police torture. After four years of investigating Burge and his men, the investigation concluded that in three of the cases, Daley's state's attorney's office could have proved police torture beyond a reasonable doubt. Although there was ample evidence to convict, the special prosecutor determined that they could not charge the officers for torturing suspects because Daley had let the statute of limitations run out.

The Chicago area election rigging and the Burge torture scandals are relevant to this FEC complaint because it reveals Michelle Obama's political leanings and motivations. Michelle Obama has neither publicly criticized her old boss for fixing elections for 16 years, nor has she publicly condemned former state's attorney Daley for his role in Burge's torture of 200 or more mainly African American police suspects. Obama's silence on these matters reveal her true political nature far more than anything she can say. Obama has failed to speak out on countless cases of Chicago civil rights abuses and 200 police torture cases because it requires her to take her Democratic political allies and cronies to task. On the other hand, Obama is quick to judge and criticize Republicans, especially Donald J. Trump.

As Michelle Obama has consistently done in her hometown of Chicago since she was child, Obama founded WWAV for the purpose of helping Democrats like Joe Biden win nationwide political offices. Instead of employing illegal patronage like her old political boss Richard M. Daley, Obama is using the guise of a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization to establish her own dominant Democratic political machine.

Sworn and Notarized Statement

I, Jay Stone, who resides at

I, Jay Stone, who resides at	Pleasant Prairie, V	VI 53158 submit my			
Sworn Federal Election Commission Complaint under the Penalty of Perjury.					
I, Jay Stone, being first duly sworn, on oath,	state that I person	nally read my complaint			
that I submitted with this notarized statemer	nt to the FEC, and	that my allegations are			
true based on my personal knowledge and,	as to those stated	on information and			
belief, I believe them to be true.					
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Jay Stoma					
Complainant Jay Stone's Signature					
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STATE OF WISCONSIN					
County of Kenosha					
(county of notarization)					
Sworn to before me this day of	8th, 20 21				
QUA,					
(Signature of person authorized to ad	minister oaths)				
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My commission expires 8 (9) 2	027_	, or is permanent.			
Notary Public or					
(official title if not notary)		ARGELIA HERNANDEZ NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF WISCONSIN			

Exhibits

- 1. When We All Vote IRS Form 990, page 7
- 2. Obama alumni group reshuffles as the Biden administration launches
- 3. Erin Hannigan Linkedin profile
- 4. Laura Miller LinkedIn Profile
- 5. Stephanie L. Young LinkedIn Profile
- 6. Andrew Amore LinkedIn Profile
- 7. When We All Vote and Civic Nation's 501(C)(3) Nonprofit Tax Status
- 8. WWAV Homepage Image of Michelle Obama
- 9. WWAV Letter Signed by Michelle Obama and Valerie Jarrett
- 10. Michelle Obama Announces 7 New Co-Chairs Joining When We All Vote
- 11. Michelle Obama Featured in WWAV PSA
- 12. Michelle Obama's WWAV Announces Bipartisan Program with Mayors
- 13. Michelle Obama's WWAV and MTV Partner to Honor High School Students
- 14. WWAV Co-Chair Michelle Obama Announces New Initiative for Educators
- Michelle Obama won't comment on Biden apology, holds off on endorsement at Essence Festival
- 16. Barack Obama to hit campaign trail for Joe Biden in Pennsylvania
- 17. Michelle Obama to lend star power to Biden
- 18. Michelle Obama's full remarks on Day 1 of the Democratic National Convention
- 19. Michelle Obama's Closing Argument on Biden's Website
- 20. Michelle Obama goes after Trump in new video from Biden campaign
- 21. What Michelle Obama Said About Donald Trump in Scathing Biden Video
- 22. When We All Vote Co-Chairs, 1
- 23. When We All Vote Co-Chairs, 2
- 24. Selena Gomez is the queen of Instagram likes
- 25. Selena Gomez-Kamala Harris Interview Paid for by Biden for President

- 26. Selena Gomez Came For Donald Trump On Instagram Via Her Outfit
- 27. Tom Hanks, Not Sure Trump took his Oath Seriously
- 28. Tom Hanks Would Not Visit Trump's White House For Private Screening Of His New Film
- 29. Tom Hanks Mocks President Trump on SNL
- 30. Tom Hanks Calls Donald Trump a "Self Serving Gas Bag"
- 31. Tom Hanks said it would be a Dark Day if Trump wins US Election
- 32. Tom Hanks raised \$750,000 for Biden in virtual fundraiser
- 33. Tom Hanks and Joe Biden at Grassroots Fest Fundraiser
- 34. Tom Hanks Helps Get out the Biden Vote
- 35. Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Biden Campaign together
- 36. Tom Hanks Hosted Biden/Harris Inaugural TV Special On January 20
- 37. Faith Hill's Political Contributions
- 38. Tim McGraw, Faith Hill Help Hillary Clinton Network in Nashville
- 39. Faith Hill Endorsed Hillary Clinton
- 40. Miranda said, Trump Going Straight to Hell
- 41. Lin-Manuel Miranda Savagely Rips Donald Trump's Propensity To Lie
- 42. 'Hamilton' Cast Hosts Fundraiser for Joe Biden Campaign
- 43. Biden speaks with Lin-Manuel Miranda about the Latino vote
- 44. Lin-Manuel Miranda, Mike Bloomberg team up to boost Biden in new Florida ad campaign
- 45. Lin-Manuel Miranda Endorsed Joe Biden
- 46. Lin-Manuel Miranda will appear in Joe Biden's primetime inauguration TV special
- 47. Actress Janelle Monae Calls for Trump Supporters to Burn
- 48. Janelle Monae And Kerry Washington Rip Donald Trump To Shreds
- 49. Janelle Monae said I'm Voting for Biden
- 50. Monae and Kamala Harris Host Campaign Event
- 51. Kamala Harris and Janelle Monae Video Chat
- 52. Liza Koshy one of the 25 Most Influential People on the Internet
- 53. Liza Koshy is joy ridin with Biden
- 54. Liza Koshy Co-Hosted a Biden Fundraiser

- 55. Liza Koshy Co-Hosed the DNC's "Virtual After Party"
- 56. Liza Koshy's Joe Biden Election Day Support
- 57. Chris Paul questions Donald Trump's manhood
- 58. Chris Paul endorsed Joe Biden
- 59. Chris Paul Tweeted Vote for Joe Biden
- 60. Joe Biden Appears In Campaign Video With Chris Paul, Steph Curry Taking The 2020 Election Full Court
- 61. Joe Biden Teams Up with Chris Paul and Steph Curry
- 62. Megan Rapinoe Interviews Jill and Joe Biden
- 63. Megan Rapinoe gushes about White House visit/ 'Total kid in the candy store'
- 64. Joe Biden Congratulates Megan Rapinoe, Sue Bird on Engagement
- 65. Megan Ripinoe at First Night of DNC Convention
- 66. Shonda Rhimes/ called Trump 'unAmerican' and a 'hypocrite"
- 67. Kamala Harris' First VP Campaign Fundraiser with Shonda Rhimes
- 68. 20 Questions/ Here's What Joe Biden Had to Say
- 69. Tracee Ellis Ross Supports Biden On and Off Social Media
- 70. WWAV Registered and Ready Instagram Live Takeover Event with Tracee Ellis Ross
- 71. Tracee Ellis Ross Hosts the Democratic National Convention
- 72. Kerry Washington Campaigns for Joe Biden in North Carolina
- 73. Kerry Washington campaigns for Biden-Harris in Michigan
- 74. Washington, Voting for Trump is voting against our best interests
- 75. Kerry Washington Denounces Donald Trump Without Ever Saying His Name
- 76. Kerry Washington is bringing 'The Fight' to us on July 31
- 77. Kerry Washington to Democrats/ 'We're Fighting for the Soul of This Country' -
- 78. Tom Hanks, Former Presidents and Fireworks Close Out Biden's Inauguration Day
- 79. Tom Hanks, Rita Wilson are team Joe Biden and Kamala Harris
- 80. WWAV Couch Party with Rita Wilson
- 81. WWAV Registered 100,000 Voters
- 82. WWAV Registered and Ready Virtual Rally

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- 83. WWAV Founding Mayors
- 84. WWAV Connects with Civic Cities
- 85. Can a Nonprofit Provide Incentives to Encourage Citizens to Register to Vote or Vote?
- 86. Michelle Obama And Common Encourage Black Voter Registration
- 87. Michelle Obama and DJ D-Nice Host Couch Party
- 88. Michelle Obama will Host When We All Vote Kick-Off Rally in Detroit with Thousands of Eligible Voter
- 89. CouchParty 2.0 held on 4/20/20
- 90. Questlove, Malcolm Jenkins to Join Michelle Obama's Nonpartisan Voting Organization When We All Vote
- 91. THE ROOTS PICNIC 2020 PARTNERS WITH MICHELLE OBAMA'S WHEN WE ALL VOTE FOR VIRTUAL FESTIVAL EXPERIENC
- 92. Radio.com & When We All Vote Celebrates Independence Day with "Party in Place" and "Summer Bash"
- 93. Durham NC Vote/ Drive-thru food distribution and voter registration
- 94. Detroit Food and Voter Registration Drive
- 95. Atlanta Merchandise, Food, and Sandwiches
- 96. Charlotte, NC Food, Groceries, and Voter Registration
- 97. Philadelphia 9/26/2020 Food and Voter Registration Drive
- 98. Miami Fuel the Vote September 27, 2020
- 99. Fuel the Vote Phoenix
- 100. 'Fuel The Vote' Pittsburgh
- 101. Milwaukee Food Distribution & Voter Registration Drive
- 102. Minneapolis and St. Paul food distribution & voter registration drive in Minnesota
- 103. Philadelphia Fuel the Vote Feeding Voters at Satellite Election Offices
- 104. Couch Party Oct. 23, 2020
- 105. Early Voting Events in Atlanta, Milwaukee, Detroit, Philadelphia, ETC.
- 106. Miami Early Voting Free Food, Music, More
- 107. Michelle Obama's 'Celebrate Georgia!' Concert to Feature Jack Harlow, More

- 108. 2020 Prom Challenge MTV & When We All Vote
- 109. WWAV's Prom-athon
- 110. Tom Hanks 1.4 Million views for WWAV Voter Registration
- 111. The Pandemic Forced Us to Completely Embrace Digital and It Worked
- 112. Voter registration groups tap into influencer power to reach new voters
- 113. 'Celebrate Georgia' Concert Drive-in information
- 114. Become a WWAV Voting Squad Captain
- 115. Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms was a Biden Campaign Co-Chair
- 116. Mayor Eric Garcetti was a Biden Campaign Co-Chair
- 117. Laura Miller, WWAV's Digital Director Comments
- 118. Tiana Epps-Johnson Obama Foundation
- 119. 119 A. Michelle Obama said, "I started WWAV" and 119 B Schwarzenegger Institute Announces Democracy Grants for Voting Access & Election Administration
- 120. Her dislike for politics started a looooong time ago
- 121. Michelle Obama's When We All Vote and MTV Partner to Honor High School Students
- 122. Las Vegas WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 123. Miami WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 124. Minneapolis & St. Paul WWAV Early Voting Celebration Sites
- 125. Atlanta WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 126. Charlotte WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 127. Detroit WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 128. Milwaukee WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 129. Orlando WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 130. Philadelphia WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 131. Registration for WWAV Early Voting Celebration
- 132. Michelle Obama's When We All Vote Played a Major Role

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Inspection Internal Revenue Service A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019 , and ending 12-31-2019 D Employer identification number C Name of organization B Check if applicable WHEN WE ALL VOTE 83-0996376 Name change % KYLE LIERMAN Initial return Doing business as Final return/terminated E Telephone number Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Amended return 1156 15TH STREET NW Suite 1000 (301) 519-2912 Application pending City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20005 G Gross receipts \$ 4,454,390 F Name and address of principal officer: H(a) Is this a group return for KYLE LIERMAN subordinates? 1156 15TH STREET NW1000 Are all subordinates WASHINGTON, DC 20005 included? If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number >> Website: ➤ WWW.WHENWEALLVOTE.ORG K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other L Year of formation: 2018 M State of legal domicile: Summary 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION THAT IS ON A MISSION TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN EVERY ELECTION AND CLOSE THE RACE AND AGE VOTING GAP. Activities & Governance 2 Check this box ▶ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 3 5 6 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a) 6 25,000 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . 7a 0 7b **b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39 . **Current Year** 4,408,484 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . 5,290,279 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . 0 0 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 10,169 15,871 5,300,448 4,424,355 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 655,000 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) . . . 0 0 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 132,702 418,186 45,160 66,500 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) \$\infty\$245,953 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . 4,704,599 1,635,904 4,882,461 2,775,590 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 1,648,765 417,987 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 Assets or d Balances Beginning of Current **End of Year** 2,196,457 524.064 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . 106,077 129,705 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 417,987 2,066,752 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 Signature Block Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. 2020-11-09 Signature of officer Sign KYLE LIERMAN CEO Here Type or print name and title Preparer's signature Print/Type preparer's name Check if P01871563 Daid

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules No 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," Yes 1 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 📽 . . . 2 Yes Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to Νo 3 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) Νo Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-197 If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III Νo 5 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Nο 6 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, 7 Nο the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 📆 8 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," Νo Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt Νo negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 📆 10 Did the organization, directly of through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, Nο permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 💆 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Yes 11a b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of Νo its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 📆 11b c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 💆 **d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets No 11d reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 🥌 Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 11e Νo f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? Yes 12a #id are squaket Scheller separate and the pendent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete 12a Yes b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? 12b Nο If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 🕏 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 13 Νo 14a Νo 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? **b** Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign 14b Νo investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for Νo 15 any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other Νo 16 assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on 17 Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I(see instructions) Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Νo 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 19 Nο 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H 20a Nο **b** If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? 20b 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II Form 990 (2019) Form 990 (2019)

Pai	Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)			
			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		Νo
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		Nο
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
С	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		Νο
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		Νο
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or yayables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons?	26		No
27	thid are committee and the controlled controlled entity of the assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," completeSchedule L, Part III	27		Nσ
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV			
20	instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
С	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified			
	conservation contributions?	30		No
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32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		Νο
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?	33		No
34	₩aysan" ชาตูเคละโอการและ เลาได้ Ny tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34		Νο
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		Νo
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		Νο
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38		Νο
Pa	Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V			hum
_	and a moderate of contains a response of note to any line in this part v		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable 1a 53		162	140
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . 1b 0			
С	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable			
	gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued) 2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered 2b Yes b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions) 3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . 3a No **b** If "Yes." has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . 3b 4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority 4a No over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial b actions the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts 5a Washe organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . 5a Nο b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? Νo 5h ${f c}$ If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? 5c 6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the 6a Νo organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts 6b 7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and 7a Nο 7h **b** If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to 7c Νo 7d **d** If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7e Νo 7f ${f f}$ Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Νo g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as **7**g h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a 7h Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the 8 sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. 9a a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? b Did the sponsoring drgahization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . 9b Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . 10a b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club 10b 11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources 12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12a **b** If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the 12h year. 13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers. a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? 13a Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. **b** Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states 13h in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 14a No 14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? **b** If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . 14b 15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or 15 Νo excess parachute payment(s) during the year? 16 Thesophysæmizinstora axiomationed ware til the Forsobite 1720, Such jeed to Nehe section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? 16 Nο If "Yes." complete Form 4720. Schedule O.

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Form 990 (2019) Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI Section A. Governing Body and Management Yes No 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax Yearnere are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any Nο Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct 3 supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was 4 Nο Blothe organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . Νo 5 6 Nο 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or Νo Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, 7b Νo Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: No 8a Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 8b Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O Nο Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code No 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . --10a Νo **b** If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing 11a Yes **b** Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 Yes b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give 12b Yes c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe 12c Yes 13 Νo 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14 Νo Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15a Yes **b** Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a Νo 16a **b** If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the 16b Section C. Disclosure List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL, AR, CA, CT, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, MD, MA, MI, MN ,MS,NV,NH,NJ,NM,NY,NC,OR,PA,RI,SC,TN, UT, VA, WV, WI Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. Own website Another's website Vpon request Other (explain in Schedule O) Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's current officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's current key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- **♦** List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- **♦** List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	more pers	than on is	one bot	nol bo hai or/t	check check compensated	ess er	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) ERIN HANNIGAN Managing Director	40.0					х		154,000	0	1,647
(2) VALERIE JARRETT PRESIDENT	0.0	х		×	Ī			0	0	0
(3) TINA TCHEN TREASURER	0.0	х		×				0	0	C
(4) PETE ROUSE DIRECTOR	0.0	×						Ö	0	C
(5) KYLE LIERMAN CEO	0.0			x				0	0	С
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The Washington Post

Democracy thes in Darkness

Obama alumni group reshuffles as the Biden administration launches

By Annie Linskey

March 11, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. CST

Bold-name leaders from the Obama era will be joining the nonprofit Civic Nation, which is also adding a Michelle Obama-founded initiative to its roster, elevating the low-key group as it positions itself to have more influence in the Biden administration.

The former first couple's confidante Valerie Jarrett will join the group's board of directors as its chair. Jarrett also serves as president of the Obama Foundation.

She'll be joined by Obama alums Tina Tchen, who heads Time's Up; Cecilia Muñoz, who spent much of the past year leading the domestic policy aspects of President Biden's transition; Pete Rouse, a longtime Obama aide who advised Biden's campaign; and Joe Paulsen, a former aide to President Barack Obama and his <u>frequent golf partner</u>.

"The gang's all back together again," Jarrett said in an interview. She added that she hoped the changes to Civic Nation will "expand the reach of what we can do."

That expansion includes providing outside support to the new administration, which is stocked with its own cadre of Obama alums.

"When I was in the Obama administration, I relied heavily on the advice, counsel and engagement of outside advocacy groups, and hope to be able to provide that same level of cooperation to the Biden administration," Jarrett said.

Kyle Lierman, another Obama alumnus, will continue to lead day-to-day operations at Civic Nation as the chief executive.

"We're really looking at this as ushering in a new era for the organization," Lierman said in an interview. Lierman had also been running When We All Vote, a voter registration group founded by former first lady Michelle Obama that will be part of the new group.

Other programs housed under Civic Nation include ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, the United State of Women, It's on Us and the Creative Alliance.

The group End Pane on Compus will also join Civia, Nation's roster

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Civic Nation was founded in 2015, according to papers filed with the Internal Revenue Service. The group raised near \$8 million in 2018, according to the most recently available tax records.

The changes do not affect the political entities that were spun out of the Obama White House, including what's left of Organizing for Action, which is part of a separate, partisan universe led by former Obama attorney general Eric H. Holder Jr.

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The latest

White House to propose \$6 trillion budget plan, as administration seeks to reshape economy, safety net

Biden in Ohio visit touts his economic plans

Biden administration to allow reversal of Trump program to accelerate pork plant line speeds

Biden asks intelligence community to redouble efforts to determine definitive origin of the coronavirus

Analysis: A changed Democratic Party continues to influence the Biden presidency

100 days: Has Biden kept his campaign promises? | Poll: Americans give Biden mostly positive marks for first 100 days

The administration

The Biden Cabinet: Who has been selected

Biden appointees: Who is filling key roles

The Biden Agenda

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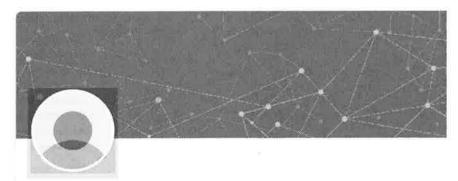
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Non-Profit and Political Consultant

Hannigan Strategies, LLC

Feb 2021 - Present - 4 months

VOTE

When We All Vote

2 years 6 months

Managing Director & Chief Program Officer

Jan 2019 - Jan 2021 - 2 years 1 month

- Directed \$15 million dollar organization dedicated to increasing civic participatic over 60 staff and consultants, engaged national funders and partners.
- Oversaw operations and programming. Recruited staff, managed contracts and ensured legal compliance, and oversaw budget and spending.
- Developed and implemented strategy to engage, register, and turn out voters in and 2020 elections, which included digital advertising and online engagement, gr

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Consultant

Aug 2018 - Dec 2018 - 5 months

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Program Officer

Joyce The Joyce Foundation

Aug 2014 - Aug 2018 4 years 1 month

Chicago, Illinois

- · Managed strategy for engagement and grant making for the 2020 Census and i special funding opportunities in the Great Lakes region.
- · Provided advice and support to the Vice President in the development of syster tracking to improve internal functions and performance.
- · Managed the Democracy Program, including communication with grantees, stre development, grant making and drafting materials for Board consideration for a p nearly \$3 million.
- Developed...

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Health Care Campaign Manager

Organizing for Action

Jun 2013 - May 2014 - 1 year

- Managed a multi-million-dollar issue advocacy campaign utilizing communication grassroots and fundraising tools that increased public awareness and public appr the benefits of the Affordable Care Act and the 2014 enrollment period.
- Created and implemented a new advocacy campaign that engaged millions of A holding thousands of earned media events that generated hundreds of local med well as innovative digital outreach including creative social...

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Associate Director, Office of Public Engagement

Presidential Inaugural Committee

Dec 2012 = Jan 2013 = 2 months

Washington D.C.



Obama for America

9 months

New Hampshire Get-Out-the-Vote Director

Aug 2012 - Nov 2012 - 4 months

- · Developed and executed a winning strategy to turn out the vote in a key battleg for President Obama resulting in a 40,000 vote margin (6%) victory in New Hamp
- Coordinated with campaign leadership to implement GOTV strategy to protect t voters, communicate with media about our program, utilize digital strategies, orddistribute adequate supplies to staff, maximize political relationships and train fie allow us to complete over 17,000 volunteer ...

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Operation Vote Midwest Director/ National Rural, Environmental and 5 Director

Mar 2012 - Aug 2012 - 6 months

Chicago, Illinois

- · Coordinated efforts in the Midwest with in-state staff to engage, educate, mob turnout targeted constituencies in key areas including women, Latinos, African-A
- · Directed engagement tactics nationally to engage and mobilize individuals and groups with rural Americans, environmentalists and sportsmen.

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Associate Director, Office of Public Engagement

The White House

Oct 2011 Mar 2012 6 months

Washington, DC

- Managed and executed the Champions of Change program which honored lead weekly event and strategically chose topics and leaders to honor to advance the White House and lift up the success stories of ordinary Americans doing innovative their communities.
- Engaged thousands of Americans and highlighted hundreds of Champions resu extensive local press coverage and an expansion in the use of blogs and Twitter t the White House to everyday...

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United States Department of Agriculture

2 years 7 months

Deputy Director- Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Mar 2011 = Oct 2011 = 8 months

Managed communication and relationships with mayors, city officials, state legisl external stakeholders and developed and executed a public outreach strategy to Americans through roundtable discussions with Administration officials, including events in 43 states in 3 months, in close coordination with the White House and coepartments as a part of the White House Rural Council.

Staff Assistant- Office of Congressional Relations

Apr 2009 - Apr 2011 2 years 1 month

- Oversaw congressional activity for Rural Development agencies, managed Recommunicated administration priorities to congressional state
- Prepared and staffed Obama Administration officials for congressional hearings meetings with Members of Congress and provided political support for Secretary other Agriculture officials.



Associate, Office of Presidential Personnel

The White House

Mar 2009 - Apr 2009 - 2 months

Volunteer Coordinator

Presidential Inaugural Committee

Dec 2008 - Jan 2009 - 2 months

Field Staff

Obarna for America

May 2007 = Nov 2008 = 1 year 7 months

- Beginning in lowa as an organizer and continuing in a variety of capacities, over staffers and worked with all constituent sizes including state-wide, congressional municipal and college communities in six states that included the execution of six operations and a 5% increase in democratic turnout in Southeast lowa in the genu
- Coordinated with elected officials, union leaders, community groups and local g to communicate Senator Obama's message,...

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Intern, Office of Senator Barack Obama

United States Senate

Sep 2006 - May 2007 - 9 months

Moline, IL.

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Education

Northwestern University

Master's Degree - Public Policy and Administration

2016 - 2018

St. Ambrose University

Bachelor of Arts · Public Administration, Political Science, History

2003 - 2007

National University of Ireland, Galway

Semester Abroad

2005 - 2005

Groups

Women 44

Obama Alumni

Northwestern Master of Public Policy and Administration

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Miller



Laura Miller

Managing Director of Campaigns & Advocacy at When We All Vote

Washington DC-Baltimore Area = 500+ connections

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vote When We All Vote



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About

Giving the voiceless and those fighting for change a bigger megaphone through digital/so partnerships, and grassroots organizing. 10+ years experience building movements and m campaigns including When We All Vote, March for Our Lives, United State of Women, Mich Obama's Becoming Book tour, the Obama White House, Department of Labor and Obama end of the day, I deeply care about the fight for our democracy and giving people the took to engage in the issues that matter to them.

Activity

THE CARTER CENTER Exciting #opportunity in #Atlanta!



Liked by Laura Miller



One of the best parts of my job is connecting with people who f to make the world a little better, a little safer and who put in a w

Liked by Laura Miller



While there are many ways to celebrate Asian Pacific American Month, #AWS video producer, Walbert Castillo has undoubtedly the...

Liked by Laura Miller

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When We All Vote

1 year 11 months

Managing Director of Campaigns & Advocacy

Mar 2021 - Present - 3 months

Mobilization Director

Jul 2019 - Mar 2021 - 1 year 9 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Michelle Obama's When We All Vote campaign is a national, nonpartisan not-forbrings together citizens, institutions, and organizations to spark a conversation a rights and responsibilities in shaping our democracy. Namely, the responsibility c and voting.



Technology and Democracy Fellow

Harvard Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation

Aug 2019 - Aug 2020 - 1 year 1 month



Traveling Digital Director for Michelle Obama

Nov 2018 - Jul 2019 - 9 months



Vice President

Civic Advisors

Oct 2017 - Mar 2019 - 1 year 6 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area



Digital Director

VOTE When We All Vote

Jul 2018 - Dec 2018 - 6 months

Washington, District Of Columbia



Senior Comms Advisor & Digital Director to Senator Chris Van Hollen United States Senate

Mar 2017 - Oct 2017 - 8 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area



Director of Online Engagement, Office of Digital Strategy

The White House

Aug 2015 - Jan 2017 1 year 6 months

Washington O.C.



Director of Digital Strategy

U.S. Department of Labor

Sep 2013 - Sep 2015 - 2 years 1 month

Washington D.C. Metro Area



Assistant Account Executive

Edelman

Jan 2013 - Sep 2013 - 9 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

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Digital Program Manager

Obama for America

Feb 2012 - Nov 2012 - 10 months

Chicago, Illinois



Office of Digital Strategy Intern

The White House

Aug 2011 - Jan 2012 - 6 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Education



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

BS Advertising, Minor Spanish

2007 - 2011

Projects

The Rising Stars Of Social Media: An Interview With The Obama White House Team

See project 4

Languages

Spanish

Groups

Illinois Alumni Club of Greater Washington DC

Ragan's Social Media Conference at Disney World

College of Media at Illinois

Illini Alums

American Advertising Federation at Illinois

Smash Squad

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Stephanie L. Young

Executive Director at When We All Vote & Sr. Advisor to Civic Nation

New York, New York, United States # 500+ connections

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About

Over the past 12 years Stephanie has worked in various communications roles ranging froi newsrooms to non-profits, political campaigns and the highest offices in our federal gover United States Congress and the Obama White House. She has developed her craft, creative strong political and communications skills in fast paced and results oriented environments time in the Obama Administration, Stephanie had the unique opportunity of serving in two as the Associate Communications Director and as the Senior Public Engagement Advisor i of Public Engagement.

In her role as Associate Communications Director Stephanie created and oversaw press st White House initiatives and domestic policy announcements. In the White House Office of Engagement she created opportunities for the President, First Lady, Senior Advisor to the Valerie Jarrett, and other Senior White House officials to engage directly with the African r community. Stephanie also led engagement strategy for the African American community Presidential priorities and helped to develop White House responses to social justice and r issues.

She had the privilege to lead the White House, under the leadership of Senior Advisor Vale for a number of historic moments including President Obama's inter-generational meeting Rights leaders and activists, the celebration of African American women and dance with F Michelle Obama, the funeral service for Rev. Clementa Pinckney of the Charleston 9 and tl of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Stephanie is interested in exploring how politics, pop culture and the entertainment indust each other to create a more fair, progressive and just society through artistry, activism and storytelling.

Activity



I'm looking forward to speaking with Yara Shahidi about inclusiv representation in storytelling at the 2021 Cartier Women's Initia Virtual...

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Georgia Power today announced that Chris Womack will assume of chairman and CEO, effective June 1. He will now officially lead company...

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Sharing this announcement from today's Politico Płaybook. I'm $\bar{\epsilon}$ the next chapter in my career.

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When We All Vote

3 years 1 month

Executive Director

Feb 2020 - Present - 1 year 4 months

Chief Officer of Culture, Communications & Media Partnerships

Jun 2020 - Feb 2021 - 9 months

New York, New York, United States

Managing Director for Culture, Communications & Media Partnerships

Jun 2019 - Jun 2020 - 1 year 1 month

Greater New York City Area

Communications Director & Media Partnerships

May 2018 - Jun 2019 - 1 year 2 months



Vice President of Strategic Partnerships & Director of Erase the Hate

Civic Nation & NBCU Cable Entertainment

Feb 2018 - Jan 2019 - 1 year

Greater New York City Area



Director of Corporate Communciations

BET Networks (a subsidiary of Viacom Inc.)

Feb 2017 - Feb 2018 - 1 year 1 month

New York, New York



The White House

2 years 7 months

Senior Public Engagement Advisor, Obama White House Office of Pub Engagement

Jul 2015 - Jan 2017 - 1 year 7 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Associate Communications Director, The Obama White House

Jul 2014 - Jul 2015 Tyear 1 month

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National Press Secretary

Office of the Democratic Whip, Rep. Steny Hoyer

Jan 2013 - Jul 2014 - 1 year 7 months

United States Congress



Director of Constituency Press

The Presidential Inaugural Committee

Dec 2012 - Jan 2013 - 2 months



Director of Regional Press

Obama for America

Jul 2012 - Nov 2012 - 5 months

Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida Area



Communications Director

The Congressional Black Caucus

Dec 2010 = Jul 2012 = 1 year 8 months



Press Secretary

Cohen For Congress

May 2010 = Nov 2010 - 7 months



Deputy Press Secretary & African American Press Advisor

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

Jan 2009 - May 2010 - 1 year 5 months



Communications Associate

Rock the Vote

Apr 2008 - Jan 2009 - 10 months



Editorial Assistant

The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

Nov 2006 - Apr 2008 - 1 year 6 months

Education



Hampton University

BA · Broadcast Journalism

2002 - 2006

Activities and Societies: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc., Student Leadership As: Pan Hellenic Council, NCNW, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Executive Council

Publications

Conversations

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sep 2017

This edition, features Stephanie Young, former White House Associate Communications [Senior Public Engagement Advisor. In this episode, Soror Stephanie shares some of her p historic moments while working at the White House. She also explains how an attitude of perseverance helped her accomplish many goals during her tenure.

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Languages

Afrikaans

Groups



Obama Alumni

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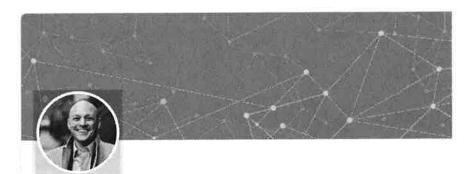
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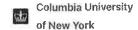


Andrew Amore

Senior Director, My School Votes at When We All Vote New York City Metropolitan Area - 500+ connections

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About

Andrew Amore is a public engagement expert with more than a decade of experience in st engagement, policy development, and campaign management. He most recently designed transformational school-based civic engagement program, as part of Michelle Obama's W Vote civic engagement organization, dedicated to closing the race and age gaps in voter program.

As a presidential appointee in the Obama Administration's Education Department, Andrew stakeholders from the civil rights and labor communities to gather quality input and ensure inclusion in the policy development and processes, as well as, share information related to Administration's agenda.

Prior to reaching the Obama Administration, Andrew began his career as a high school tea York City public schools for 5 years. He received a bachelor's degree from the College of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ and holds a master's in political science from Columbia University. He currently resides in NY.

Activity



This beautiful, adult woman will always be my little girl! Today (I is her 26th birthday, the day she wrapped me around her finger Liked by Andrew Amore



At Lyft we are excited to do our part in moving the country forwards Sharing this partnership on vaccine rides today. #vaccineacces:

Liked by Andrew Amore



Sharing the exciting news that I am running for Governor of Mar because I see the vision of a prosperous future for our state, bu Liked by Andrew Amore

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When We All Vote

3 years 1 month

Senior Director, My School Votes

May 2021 - Present - 1 month

Director, My School Votes

May 2018 - May 2021 - 3 years 1 month

As the architect of My School Votes, Andrew designed a transformational civic er program for Michelle Obama's When We All Vote nonprofit organization that reins approach to school-based voter education and registration. Andrew managed a stull-time employees that built partnerships with 12 large urban school districts, so programs in over 500 high schools, and trained more than 4,000 students and to team-building, campaign strategy, and communications...

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Program Director for State Networks

The Opportunity Institute

Sep 2015 - Dec 2016 - 1 year 4 months

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Andrew was part of the founding team at The Opportunity Institute, an organizati to increase economic mobility and advance racial equity through coalition buildin systems change. At OI, Andrew designed organizational strategies for seven state agencies to meet their statutory stakeholder engagement requirements in creatir wide accountability systems for assessing educational progress. This work include and managing communication systems for...

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Associate Director of Campaigns

Center for American Progress

Jan 2014 - Aug 2015 - 1 year 8 months

Washington DC

As part of the Center for American Progress' campaigns team, Andrew developed implemented grassroots, lobbying, and social media strategies to lead a national build public support for Obama education priority, the Common Core State Stand resulting in adoption in forty-two states. He created broad, diverse coalitions fror unions to Chambers of Commerce, forged relationships with local and national m influencers, created original content for social platforms...

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U.S. Department of Education

3 years 4 months

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High School Social Studies Teacher

NYC DOE

Jan 2003 - Jun 2008 - 5 years 6 months

Greater New York City Area

In his first role out of college, Andrew aught government, economics, and world his socioeconomically diverse NYC magnet school of 1,600 students. This experience foundation for his career path by fostering the development or organizational and communications skills, providing opportunities for community engagement, and providing opportunities for community engagement, and diverse communities to the skills of the school of 1,600 students. This experience foundation for his career path by fostering the development or organizational and communities that the skills of the

Education

Columbia University in the City of New York

Master's degree - Political Science and Government

2007 = 2009

Studied the effectiveness and impact of different organizing and outreach metho political organizing.

The College of Saint Rose

Bachelor's degree · Secondary Education and Teaching

1999 - 2003

Volunteer Experience

Mentor and Coach

Pursuit

Jan 2018 - Present - 3 years 5 months

Economic Empowerment

Pursuit is a social impact organization that creates transformation by providing transformation. Pursuit runs a four-year intensive program train adults with the mand potential to get their first tech jobs, advance in their careers, and become the generation of leaders in tech. Upon graduating the program, Pursuit graduates at annual salaries go from \$18,000 to over \$85,000.

I coach Pursuit graduates on a variety of topics related to the interview process...

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Outreach Team

Bowerv Residents' Committee

Jan 2019 - Present 2 years 5 months

Poverty Alleviation

BRC provides housing and treatment services to homeless adults in New York Cit homeless adults are reluctant to use services or have found the available resourc unmanageable and overwhelming. These clients are provided with counseling, inl and advocacy in pursuing services, rights and resources.

As a volunteer with the Outreach Team within Project Rescue, we engage with ho individuals in neighborhoods throughout the Bowery offer them access to service suited...

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Special Assistant to the Secretary

Jun 2013 - Jan 2014 - 8 months

Office of the Secretary

As a Special Assistant in the Office of the Secretary, Andrew worked with local, st national teachers' unions representing 3.5million educators to ensure effective er the policy development and implementation process; addressing and rectifying mexisting policy; and identifying workplace issues before they have impact.

This portfolio included managing national conferences on Labor-Management Cc aimed at supporting effective collective bargaining...

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Special Assistant for Civil Rights

Oct 2011 - Jun 2013 - 1 year 9 months

Office for Civil Rights

Andrew managed a wide array of projects in the Office for Civil Rights that includ coordinating public rollouts of major policy initiatives which required coordination House Domestic Policy Council and Office of Communications to create events, c messaging, and cultivate nationally recognized validators; executing community e senior administration officials to engage with non-profits, advocacy organizations institutions and state governments to discuss...

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Confidential Assistant for Civil Rights

Oct 2010 - Oct 2011 - 1 year 1 month

Office for Civil Rights

Andrew received a presidential appointment in Obama Administration's Department Education with a placement in the Office for Civil Rights where he coordinated proutreach and daily senior team briefings covering political developments and stainquiries while managing the central office functions overseeing OCR's 12 region and 700 employees.



Director of Outreach

Corporation for National and Community Service

Jan 2010 - Sep 2010 - 9 months

Washington DC

Andrew developed partnerships with national organizations to increase childhood anti-obesity programming as part of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Read, Let' campaign, his first role in the Obama administration.



Field Organizer

Obama for America

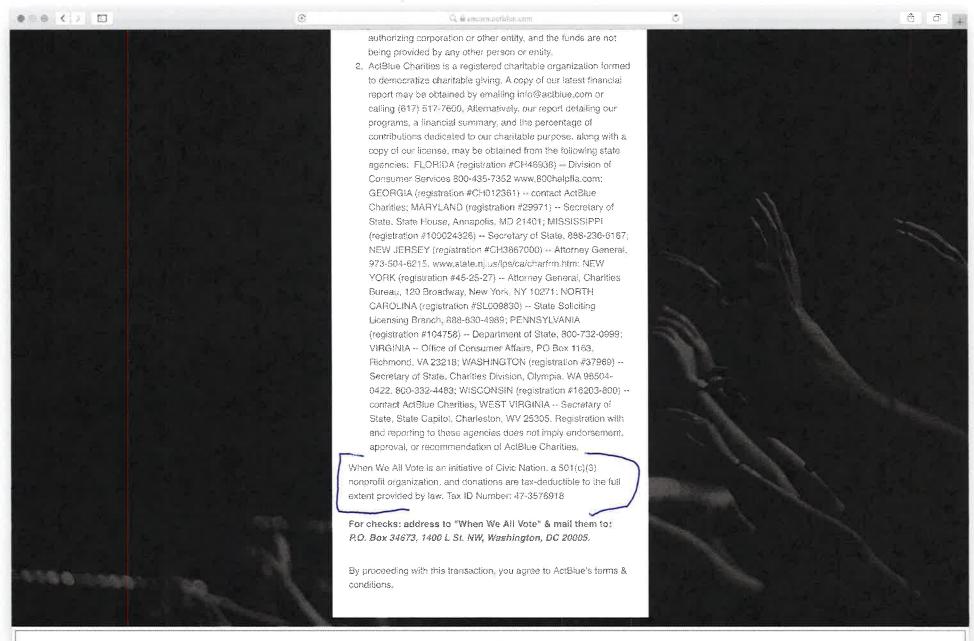
Jun 2008 - Jan 2009 - 8 months

Andrew left the classroom to join Barack Obama's presidential campaign, where I 5 campaign offices in Douglas County, a team of 25, and over 300 volunteers res improved Democratic turnout by over 50% in 2008 from 2004, helping to achieve margin of victory in the state of Colorado. He developed the Douglas County You that provided 50+ young adults the opportunity to develop leadership and critica skills through participation in the electoral...

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Publications

Teacher Leadership: The Pathway to Common Core Success

Center for American Progress - April 28, 2015

In early 2015, the Center for American Progress visited six school districts throughout the that are empowering teachers to lead the way to successful implementation of the Comm While these districts are geographically and socioeconomically diverse, they each allow to assume significant leadership roles and engage in key decisions about how to implement standards, paving the way for a smooth transition to the Common Core.

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Michelle Obama Announces 7 New Co-Chairs Joining When We All Vote, The National Nonpartisan Organization She Launched to Increase Voter Participation in Every Election

Washington, DC: Today, <u>Michelle Obama released a video message</u> announcing 7 new Co-Chairs joining When We All Vote, a national, nonpartisan organization launched in 2018 to increase participation in every election.

Joining Mrs. Obama as co-chairs of When We All Vote – as her Voting Squad – are Selena Gomez, Liza Koshy, Shonda Rhimes, Megan Rapinoe, Tracee Ellis Ross, Kerry Washington, and Rita Wilson will officially join Co-Chairs Tom Hanks, Faith Hill, Janelle Monáe, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Chris Paul.

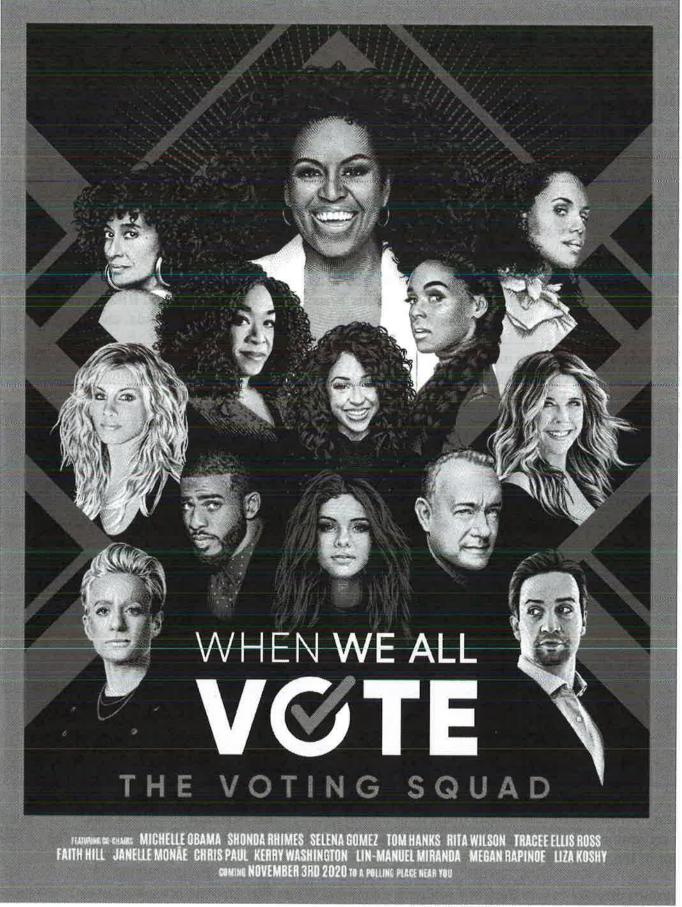
The video is being released to mark one year until the 2020 General Elections. In the video message, the Co-Chairs urge Americans to join When We All Vote and sign up to create their own "Voting Squads".



"Last year... Millions of new voters made their voices heard for the first time. Now the stakes are even higher and we are looking to you. Our country—our democracy—is counting on you." said Mrs. Obama. A full transcript of the video is below.

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This year's Voting Squad program builds on When We All Vote's successful 2018 digital campaign where we encouraged Americans to get out to vote. Now, When We All Vote is calling on Americans to organize their own Squads, volunteer groups aimed at getting friends, family, classmates and community registered and

ready to vote. When We All Vote also released a commemorative poster to celebrate Mrs. Obama's Voting Squad.

Additionally, When We All Vote is excited to announce a number of community, corporate and media partners working closely with the organization, all committed to helping eligible Americans exercise their right to vote including, but not limited to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,

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Jack and Jill of America, Inc.,

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See the full list of partners <u>HERE</u>.

This past Summer, When We All Vote launched My School Votes a new initiative calling on educators, students and their parents across the country to engage and register their peers to vote. Since the launch in July, thousands of teachers and students have responded by joining When We All Vote and starting voter registration programs at their schools.

ABOUT When We All Vote:

When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan, non-profit that brings together citizens, institutions, brands, and organizations to increase participation in every election. We are committed to closing the race and age voting gap and empowering all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing digital organizing strategies.

Launched in 2018 by co-chairs Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, and Tim McGraw, When We All Vote is changing the culture around voting using a data-driven and multifaceted approach to increase participation in elections.

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VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Mrs. Obama: Last year, we went big. Millions of new voters made their voices heard for the first time. Now, the stakes are even higher. That's why I've been reaching out to some friends to expand my voting squad for the year ahead.

Janelle Monae: It all starts with you.

Selena Gomez: You are the only person-

Tom Hanks: ... who can have that conversation-

Faith Hill: ... with your family and your friends-

Tracie Ellis Ross: ... and your girlfriends.

Shonda Rhimes: And even with your community.

Lin Manuel Miranda: To get them registered and ready to vote.

Liza Koshy: Or just send them a text or slide into their DMs. And say, "Yo. You up?" Good. Cause you need

to squad up.

Tracie Ellis Ross: We need you...

Chris Paul: ... to draft your own championship voting squad.

Megan Rapinoe: It's up to you to change the game.

Kerry Washington: Because when we squad up...

Selena Gomez: When we make our voices heard...

Faith Hill: When we all vote...

Tom Hanks: When we...

Kerry Washington: ... all vote!

Janelle Monae: ... we can change the world.

Tom Hanks: Head to whenweallvote.org

Rita Wilson: ... to get started.

Shonda Rhimes: Let's get to work.

Mrs. Obama: Join us.

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Michelle Obama Featured in New When We All Vote PSA Encouraging Safe & Fair Voting, Including Vote-By-Mail & Early Voting

Washington, DC: Today, less than 90 days until the General Election, When We All Vote Co-Chair Michelle Obama released a video message encouraging Americans to spread the word about safe and fair voting, including vote-by-mail and early in-person voting. As the country continues to grapple with the coronavirus pandemic, it's critical that voters don't have to choose between their health and safety and exercising their right to vote. To provide voters with the information they need to safely cast their ballots and combat voter suppression, When We All Vote launched the Voter Resources Hub and Know Your Rights page on Thursday August 6th, the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. The Resources Hub provides new tools for eligible voters to check their status, request their mail-in ballots, locate their polling places and prepare to vote by viewing their ballot and researching candidates, referendums and ballot initiatives before Election Day.

In the video message, Mrs. Obama emphasizes that fair and safe voting is more important than ever. She also encourages viewers to cast their ballots, ensure their communities are ready to vote-by-mail or vote early and know their voting rights In April, When We All Vote announced its support for three voting principles: expanded access to vote-by-mail, in-person early voting and online voter registration, and will continue to work to ensure everyone can participate in every election.

A full transcript of the video is included below.

FULL TRANSCRIPT

Hi, everyone.

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for all that you're doing to help everyone in this country make their voices heard in this year's election, and in every election.

Your work has never been more important.

From the ongoing pandemic, to the passion and protest we've seen for racial and social justice, it's clear that we're in the middle of a big moment in this country, and that means we need leadership that honestly reflects who we are and what we stand for.

Our job between now and November is to make sure everyone we know understands that the power to make change rests on our ability to cast a vote.

Fair and safe voting is gonna be more important than ever this year, and that's why When We All Vote is fighting to expand vote-by-mail, in person early voting and online voter registration.

Now, I'm gonna be honest, we're really going to need your help to make these efforts a success.

Luckily, the first step is an easy one.

Just spread the word. Make sure your friends, families and communities are registered, know their rights and

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are fully prepared to vote-by-mail this year, or vote early in person.

So, go to whenweallvote.org to find out more and get yourselves, your families and your friends ready to make their voices heard.

Let's get more folks across the country, trained with the tools, the resources and the information they'll need to vote, because this election couldn't be more important.

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Michelle Obama's When We All Vote Announces Bipartisan Program with Mayors Across the Country to Increase Voter Participation

Thirty-One Republican, Democratic and Independent Mayors are Founding Members of Civic Cities Initiative

WHEN WE ALL VOTE

NEWS PROVIDED BY When We All Vote → May 22, 2020, 13:22 ET

WASHINGTON, May 22, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- When We All Vote, a national nonpartisan organization, launched <u>Civic Cities</u>, a new initiative that encourages mayors to use their voices, governing authority and convening power to mobilize civic leaders, business leaders and community members to increase voter participation in their communities. The initiative launched with a bipartisan group of 31 founding mayors from across the country with the goal of recruiting more of our nation's mayors.

On a call with the United States Conference of Mayors Thursday, When We All Vote Board Chair Valerie Jarrett joined Co-Chair Michelle Obama as she announced the new initiative and urged more mayors to join this effort. As mayors continue to work hard to keep their cities safe amid the ongoing impact of Covid-19, When We All Vote's Civic Cities initiative will work with local leaders to help ensure their constituents have fair and safe access to polls. Mayors interested in being a part of this effort to increase voter participation can get involved <a href="https://example.com/here/bases/

"Voting is bigger than any one party, one issue, one candidate or one election," Michelle Obama said. "We've got to strengthen our democracy from the bottom up and ensure that more Americans participate in every single election, from the local school board to Congress. That's why I launched When We All Vote, and it's why we're partnering with our nation's mayors to make sure that every eligible voter in every community can freely, fairly and safely make their voices heard."

"My first job in public service was working for the city of Chicago. I learned that change begins at the local level and saw firsthand the tremendous impact mayors have on the lives of their constituents. In the White House I had the privilege of working closely with all our nation's mayors," said When We All Vote Board Chair Valerie Jarrett. "Mayors know their cities best and have the power to use their voice, their governing authority and convening power to help change the culture of voting in their cities in order to significantly increase participation."

Civic Cities will also celebrate and recognize mayors who use innovative and high-impact approaches to engage voters and share successful practices among mayors nationally. By joining Civic Cities, mayors commit to increasing voter registration and participation in their cities by:

- Mobilizing local civic leaders, business leaders, community members and stakeholders in voter engagement efforts to safely register and get out the vote in their communities:
- Sharing promising practices with the Civic Cities network of mayors; and,
- Acting as trusted messengers in their communities to share information and resources for voters to safely make their voices heard.

Many Civic Cities founding mayors are already working to ensure their constituents do not have to choose between their health and safety and exercising their right to vote. Milwaukee, WI Mayor Tom Barrett supports the Safe Vote Program - a proposal to mail absentee ballot applications to all of Milwaukee's roughly 300,000 registered voters.

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Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and the DC Board of Elections announced the Vote Safe DC campaign to ensure every vote is counted and everyone, from voters to election workers, feels safe.

Denver Mayor Michael Hancock:

"In Denver, we work across city government to ensure that voting is accessible and secure. We provide ballots in seven languages; offer same day voter registration and vote-at-home ballots for people with disabilities; and we have 37 ballot drop boxes across the city that are open 24 hours a day. We also recently deployed a mobile vote center to reach traditionally underserved areas and those with fewer public facilities. As the national push for vote-by-mail continues to grow, I am excited to work with my fellow mayors to share what works in Denver and how we can ensure our voters are safe and healthy".

Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price:

"As mayors, we know that our cities thrive when our residents are engaged, and that's why in Fort Worth we engage our constituents before they head to the polls. We created the city's <u>first online public forum</u> for our residents to share and vote on new ideas to improve the city, and our younger residents help us address some of our toughest challenges through <u>SteerFW</u>. Even amid a pandemic, we will continue to engage our voters and ensure they feel civically engaged, empowered and safe."

In the 2016 election, almost half of eligible voters did not cast a ballot, and in local elections, the statistics are even more alarming – fewer than 15 percent of eligible voters turned out to elect the mayors and councilmembers who make decisions every day that directly impact their communities. As trusted voices, mayors have the power to substantially increase the number of people in their communities who cast a ballot, and are uniquely positioned to mobilize civic leaders, business leaders, school systems, local colleges, community members and stakeholders.

Many cities are working to improve voter engagement and participation, and Civic Cities creates a national platform for mayors to learn from one another. All mayors are invited to join the 31 founding mayors to participate in the Civic Cities program, and can learn more

and get involved <u>here.</u>

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The full list of 31 Civic Cities founding members is below:

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- Atlanta, GA: Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms
- Augusta, GA: Mayor Hardie Davis
- Austin, TX: Mayor Steve Adler
- Boston, MA: Mayor Marty Walsh
- Carmel, IN: Mayor James Brainard
- Chattanooga, TN: Mayor Andy Berke
- Chicago, IL: Mayor Lori Lightfoot
- Dayton, OH: Mayor Nan Whaley
- Denver, CO: Mayor Michael Hancock
- Detroit, MI: Mayor Mike Duggan
- Durham, NC: Mayor Steve Schewel
- Ft. Worth, TX: Mayor Betsy Price
- Grand Rapids, MI: Mayor Rosalynn Bliss
- Houston, TX: Mayor Sylvester Turner
- Lansing, MI: Mayor Andy Schor
- Los Angeles: Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Louisville, KY: Mayor Greg Fischer
- Madison, WI: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
- Mesa, AZ: Mayor John Giles
- Milwaukee, WI: Mayor Tom Barrett
- Minneapolis, MN: Mayor Jacob Frey
- Orlando, FL: Mayor Buddy Dyer
- Parkland, FL: Mayor Christine Hunschofsky
- Philadelphia, PA: Mayor James Kenney
- Phoenix, AZ: Mayor Kate Gallego
- Reno, NV: Mayor Hillary Schieve
- San Leandro, CA: Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
- Scranton, PA: Mayor Paige Cognetti
- Tacoma, WA: Mayor Victoria Woodards
- Washington, DC: Mayor Muriel Bowser
- West Sacramento, CA: Mayor Christopher Cabaldon

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School Students with a National Virtual Prom for Changing the Culture Around Voting

(Washington, DC) Today, When We All Vote, a national nonpartisan organization, announced that 20 high schools won the 2020 Prom Challenge and a national virtual prom, in partnership with MTV. During a Zoom meeting, Co-Chair Michelle Obama surprised members of the Class of 2020 to share that they won the challenge, and that When We All Vote and MTV would partner to host a Prom-athon on Friday May 22, 2020. Due to Covid-19 and the cancellation of proms around the nation, this virtual event will celebrate the Class of 2020 and shine a light on the high schools and students who organized the most creative nonpartisan voter registration efforts in the country as part of When We All Vote's My School Votes Program and the 2020 Prom Challenge.

The Prom-athon will kick off with an all-day on-air takeover on MTV featuring prom-themed throwback movies and short-form original content highlighting the winning schools and students. Following the takeover is the virtual prom party, which will live stream digitally at 9pm ET on MTV's YouTube. Surprise celebrity guest appearances and live performances from some of the world's biggest artists will make the special night unforgettable.

When We All Vote's My School Votes program and MTV launched the 2020 Prom Challenge in January as a grant competition to challenge and recognize high schools that committed to boosting voter registration in their communities. Schools across the country, from Riverside, CA to Philadelphia, PA all the way to Miami, FL, submitted applications for the 2020 Prom Challenge.

At Norte Vista High School in Riverdale, CA, students have registered nearly 1,000 people to vote in their school and community. At TF North High School in Calumet City, IL, students worked with their state senator to amend the election code to allow students two hours away from school to vote without any penalty. The governor signed this bill at the school. In Florida at Hialeah Gardens High School, students registered hundreds to vote and created teams to collaborate with fellow student leaders from other schools to ensure their peers are registered and ready to vote.

2020 Prom Challenge Winners:

- **Dobson High School** (Mesa, AZ) invited celebrities like Natalie Portman to visit their school and help bolster registration rates.
- Western School of Science & Technology's (Phoenix, AZ) Prom Committee organized to register 84% of seniors to vote.
- Norte Vista High School (Riverside, CA) began registering members of their community to vote after all eligible students were registered.
- Compton Early College High School (Compton, CA) has made it their mission to pre-register and register every 16 and 18 year old, and nearly 100% of seniors have registered.
- Community Charter Early College High School (Lake View Terrace, CA) informed students about how to register to vote and important election information during daily announcements, homeroom and government courses.
- Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School (Washington, DC) made registering to vote a part of school spirit, and registered 100% of the senior class.
- Hialeah Gardens High School (Hialeah Gardens, FL) hosted a voter registration drive where nearly 200 students registered to vote and continue to organize digitally.
- Meadowcreek High School (Norcross, GA) changed the culture around voting in their school through "Woke Wednesdays," where they educated one another about local voting laws, elections and other important issues.
- TF North High School (Calumet City, IL) worked with their state senator to amend the election code, giving students two hours away from school to vote without penalty.
- Muchin College Prep (Chicago, IL) registered 98% of eligible students through lessons on the history and importance of voting.
- Communication and Media Arts High School (Detroit, MI) created a Voting Squad and hosted two days of action that resulted in 99% of eligible students registering.
- John F. Kennedy High School (Winston-Salem, NC) created a culture around voting in their school by promoting voter registration during open houses, parent-teacher conferences and other school-wide events.
- R.J. Reynolds High School (Winston-Salem, NC) started having conversations as a school community about voting,

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and nearly 100 students have registered to vote.

• Valley High School (Las Vegas, NV) hosted events during lunch around voting, and about 250 students registered to vote.

- Cass Technical High School (Detroit, MI) registered more than 400 students through pep rallies and other events.
- STEM Academy at Showalter (Chester, PA) students are going beyond their school, and registering community members to vote as well.
- Abraham Lincoln High School (Philadelphia, PA) students celebrate their "Almost" 18th birthdays by registering to vote.
- Building 21 High School (Allentown, PA) integrated voter registration into their US Government course.
- Westbury High School (Houston, TX) students created a video to dispel myths about voting as a school community and encourage one another to not only register, but show up for local and national elections.
- Golda Meir High School (Milwaukee, WI) students who are registered marched to city hall to rally around the
 power of the youth vote.

My School Votes aims to empower educators and students to change the culture around voting in their schools, and ensure that all students are registered and ready to vote in every election. Since launching in 2019, nearly 4,000 students and educators have signed up to create My School Votes teams at their schools. More than four million young people will turn 18 before the 2020 general election, and this prom will also be an opportunity to get registered and ready to vote. Viewers of the Prom-athon can RSVP to the event and register to vote at <u>prom.mtv.com</u>.

ABOUT When We All Vote:

When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan, non-profit that brings together citizens, institutions, brands, and organizations to increase participation in every election. We are committed to closing the race and age voting gap and empowering all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing digital organizing strategies.

Launched in 2018 by co-chairs Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, and Tim McGraw, When We All Vote is changing the culture around voting using a data-driven and multifaceted approach to increase participation in elections.

In the months directly before the 2018 midterm elections, When We All Vote organized 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online about the significance of voting, and texted nearly four million voters the resources to register and get out to vote.

In 2019, When We All Vote announced its new celebrity co-chairs and media partners who will help to reach people where they are and ultimately change the culture around voting.

ABOUT MTV:

MTV is the leading global youth media brand across every platform with operations that span cable and mobile networks, live events, theatrical films and MTV Studios, a unit focused on developing series for SVOD and linear distribution partners.

MTV's <u>+1thevote</u> is encouraging potential first-time voters to register and vote in the November national election with a year-long campaign focused on making voting more social, easier and part of the milestones already happening in their lives.

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When We All Vote Co-Chair Michelle Obama Announces New Initiative for Educators

Washington, DC: Today When We All Vote launched a new initiative calling on educators across the country to engage and register their students to vote. <u>Co-ChairMichelle Obama shared a special message</u> with educators all over the country.



BACKGROUND:

There are over 3.5 million young people in the upcoming school year who will be eligible to vote in the November 2020 elections. That is why When We All Vote launched a new initiative along with our partners, National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, The League of Women Voters, Inspire-US, YMCA Youth and Government programs and Rock the Vote to empower educators in supporting the next generation of citizens to register and vote in every election.

Co-Chair Michelle Obama shared a video message with those attending the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers. "In November, our country saw historic voter turnout and that's progress we should celebrate. But even then...the portion of people who turned out to vote was still far too low—only one in three of our youngest voters cast a ballot "said Mrs. Obama. "Obviously, we shouldn't be telling them how to vote or who to vote for... we just want them to vote, period—to take that first step toward making voting a lifelong habit."

This is a call to action for educators across the country – teachers of all subjects, counselors, librarians, administrators, all school staff – to join in the effort to engage and register our young people to vote. When We All Vote, a non-partisan organization and its partners will support educators with tool-kits that include lesson plans to guide conversation around civic education and voter registration, provide webinar and inperson trainings, and host ongoing activities and events throughout the school year to continue driving this important work.

This is the first program launched by the When We All Vote in 2019. More details are forthcoming. The full transcript is included below.

FULL TRANSCRIPT:

Hello everybody! I just want to thank you for all the hard work you do, day in and day out, to educate our next generation of scientists, artists, and entrepreneurs.

But no matter what career your students pursue in the years ahead, they're certain to be our next generation of citizens who will shape the course of our communities and our country... and that's what I want to talk with you about today.

Last year, I launched When We All Vote, a nonpartisan get-out-the-vote effort, to help make sure everyone makes their voice heard, loud and clear, in our elections.

In November, our country saw historic voter turnout... and that's progress we should celebrate.

But even then... even in a record-breaking election, the portion of people who turned out to vote was still far too low—only one in three of our youngest voters cast a ballot.

That means two-thirds of these young people aren't showing up.

Maybe they don't think they understand the issues well enough... maybe they don't see how their vote will make a difference... or maybe they just don't think their voices matter.

Whatever the reason, it's up to us to flip that script—to show young people how crucial their voices are... and how just a few votes can be decisive on issues that matter to them and their community.

Obviously, we shouldn't be telling them how to vote or who to vote for... we just want them to vote, period—to take that first step toward making voting a lifelong habit.

So I'm asking you to join me in helping make sure every eligible student is registered and ready to vote when the time comes.

When We All Vote is here to help you do just that—and we want to help you make your school a voter-registration hub for your entire community.

We'll provide the tools, training, support, and connections to make the efforts at your school a success... because we believe registering to vote should be as timeless as homecoming dances or Friday night lights.

Just text "NEA" to "84693" to sign up and learn more about how you can help your students get registered.

I hope you'll join us... because this is bigger than one party or one election—it's about empowering the next generation to make their mark on our future.

So thank you again for everything you do every day—I know that you all don't hear that often enough.

Have a great conference, everybody.

Just text "TEACH" to "21333" to sign up and learn more about how you can help your students get registered.

ABOUT WHEN WE ALL VOTE:

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When We All Vote—a new national, nonpartisan not-for-profit—brings together citizens, institutions, and organizations to spark a conversation about our rights and responsibilities in shaping our democracy. Namely, the responsibility of registering and voting.

When We All Vote's co-chairs are some of America's most trusted voices, including Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, and Tim McGraw. Join the conversation by talking to friends, family, and neighbors about the importance of their voice and their vote. Because When We All Vote, we can change the world.



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Michelle Obama won't comment on Biden apology, holds off on endorsement at Essence Festival

The former first lady was the keynote speaker.

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NEW ORLEANS -- Six Democratic presidential candidates took the stage at the Essence Festival on Saturday, but it was a former inhabitant of the White House who got a rock star's welcome -- regardless of her tendency to deflect questions on the 2020 election.

Former first lady Michelle Obama refused to comment on the Kamala Harris-Joe Biden "dust up," as moderator Gayle King called it, Saturday night, but Obama did reiterate a lot of her opinions surrounding the current political climate with a lot of color and to a lot of applause.

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Biden, President Barack Obama's vice president, apologized for the first time Saturday for comments he made weeks ago about working with segregationists in Congress during the 1970s.

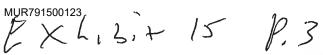
Harris, the only black woman in the Senate, took special exception to Biden's comments during the first Democratic debate two weeks ago.

"I've been doing this rodeo far too long," Obama said in response to King's question about the tiff. "And no comment."

> Hey, #EssenceFest! I brought a few of my girlfriends with me to New Orleans and we can't wait to join you tonight in the Superdome. Who's ready?!

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The former first lady also said she and her husband would not be endorsing any candidate from the crowded field, saying they would support whomever wins the primary.

"Barack and I are going to support whoever wins the primary, so ... our primary focus is letting the primary process play out, because it's very early," she said. "I mean, that's one of the things that we learned in the campaign. It is early; it's like trying to figure out who's winning the World Series on the first seven games. I mean that's where we are right now, it is so early."

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Barack Obama had previously said he did not intend to endorse his former vice president early. And Biden said he asked the former president not to.

"I didn't want it to look like he was putting his thumb on the scale," the former vice president told "The View" in April.

"We have to start having some conversations, number one, about why is it so hard for us as women to put ourselves first." - @MichelleObama on the importance of taking care of ones' self, in conversation with @GayleKing at #EssenceFestRead more: https://t.co/l92IXPu5Bmpic.twitter.com/ibiSjzOSxp

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While staying mostly out of current politics, Michelle Obama did manage to take a not-so-subtle jab at the man now in the White House.

"The leader of the free world, with a tweet, can start a war, can crush an economy, can change the future of our children," she said. "It is a real job which requires deep seriousness and focus."

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She has criticized President Donald Trump before and said in her recent memoir, "Becoming," she will never forgive him for the birther controversy he helped to perpetuate in the years prior to his campaign.

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But Michelle Obama spent much of her time on stage at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome discussing voting rates among African Americans and urging those in attendance to get to the polls next year.

"I fear that sometimes people might have thought that Barack made it look easy, so it must be easy, It's kind of like, I guess, if the black guy can do it, anybody can do it. And that's not true," she said to laughs from the mostly African American crowd.

She closed with a message of motivation for the crowd.

"I feel the power in the Superdome right here," she said. "I feel it right now. If each of us does our part and we go out there and we get educated and we register and we get people registered to vote. We can change things."

ABC News' Mark Osborne contributed to this report.

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Barack Obama to hit campaign trail for Joe Biden in Pennsylvania

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October 20, 2020

Former President Barack Obama will make his 2020 campaign trail debut on Wednesday when he headlines a drive-in rally for Joe Biden in the must-win state of Pennsylvania.

Obama will travel to Philadelphia to campaign on behalf of the Democratic nominee and running mate Sen. Kamala Harris and encourage Pennsylvanians to vote early, the Biden campaign said.

The Democratic stalwart pulled a vanishing act during the competitive and crowded primary process but finally threw his weight behind his loyal veep in April once he was clearly the party's nominee.

Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama have headlined a number of virtual rallies for Joe Biden, hauling in enormous sums, including an \$11 million fundraiser in June, but Thursday's drive-in rally will be the former commander-in-chief's first in-person campaign stop.

The two-term Democratic president was reportedly skeptical of Biden's White House bid and failed to come to Biden's aid even as he floundered during the primary and finished fourth and fifth in Iowa and New Hampshire.

But as the 2020 election race enters its final stretch, Obama has re-entered the political arena and delivered a number of public remarks with withering rebukes of President Trump.

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Obama's final schedule hasn't been released, but CNN reported last week that he will visit multiple states where early voting is underway.

Socially distanced drive-in rallies and town halls have become the preferred format for the Biden-Harris campaign and are emblematic of the coronavirus pandemic that has upended the 2020 presidential race. PXLIBIT P.



Michelle Obama to lend star pov to Biden

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Former Vice President Joe Biden's campaign is planning a rollout for Michelle Obama's endorsement, although there are questions around just how public a role the enormously popular former first lady will play in his campaign.

Sources tell The Hill that the Biden campaign's early plans include a focus on remote fundraising and voter registration efforts.

The trick for Michelle Obama and the Biden campaign is finding the right balance for the pop culture icon, who could be a massive asset for the campaign but has never shown much enthusiasm for campaign politics.

"This week was President Obama's moment to enter the campaign. Of course Mrs. Obama supports Joe Biden and we will keep you posted on her plans," an Obama aide said.

The timing of the rollout is uncertain.

"We know what pretty much everyone in America does: Michelle Obama is probably the most beloved member of the Democratic party and her support is a big deal," a Biden aide said. "Any future announcement would reflect the incredible impact her voice has."

Howard Gutman, a former Obama administration ambassador, said that "the Biden campaign will take anything they can get" from the former first ladv

"The question is, as a family matter, what kind of profile does she and her

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husband and her daughters want her to have?" he said. "It's a question of how much they want her to be out there in the crossfire."

Sources tell The Hill that Obama is expected to lend her name to an email fundraiser, potentially as early as next week. She may also lend her image to a direct mail campaign, while continuing the voter registration efforts she has spearheaded as the founder of a nonpartisan nonprofit group.

In addition, there are talks about the former first lady potentially filming a short online video in support of Biden that has a lighter tone than the one former President Obama filmed for his endorsement earlier this week.

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The campaign would also like Michelle Obama to pop in from time to time on virtual fundraisers, and Democrats expect she will work the phones behind the scenes, encouraging her celebrity friends and fundraisers who may have backed other candidates in the primary to rally behind Biden.

The sources say the details and timing are still being ironed out.

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Political observers say the Obamas provide the one-two punch Biden needs to help rally Democrats as he seeks to address an enthusiasm gap against President Trump. The former president's endorsement on Tuesday received more than 1 million views in the first 39 minutes it was posted, according to Twitter data.

Trump fires back at Paul Ryan: 'Curse to the... Michelle Obama actually has a far higher favorability rating than her husband, in addition to being the author of the best-selling memoir of all time. Her book "Becoming" sold 10 million copies in the four months after it was released.

"Some might say Michelle Obama is the more popular Obama," said one source familiar with the endorsement. "She's the one with the blockbuster book."

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A source said that Michelle Obama "has an incredible soft spot for Joe," and their families have remained close since leaving the White House.

Democrats expect Obama will do more for Biden than she did for Hillary Clinton in 2016. That year, she gave an electric speech at the Democratic National Convention, where she memorably rolled out the "when they go low, we go high" line that has become her political mantra.

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The first lady did make public appearances on behalf of Clinton, although mostly in the waning days of the campaign.

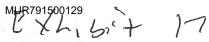
Despite her popularity, Obama has resisted calls to run for office or to be on the front lines campaigning, underscoring her apparent distaste for election politics.

Democrats who have worked with her on political campaigns say she's happy to do her part, but also note that she seems to have little interest in the fundraising and glad-handing aspects of it.

"She hates campaigning and fundraising with a passion," said one Biden fundraiser. "She hates dealing with donors, hates the bullshit political side of things and how fake it all is, and she thinks of it as a time suck. It's the single number one reason she won't run for office, even though no matter what office she'd run for, she'd win."

The most natural spot for Obama could be on the voter registration side, where she launched a group in 2018 called "When We All Vote," along

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with Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw. She will lead a virtual event for the group on Monday as part of an effort to encourage voters to take advantage of mail and absentee balloting during the coronavirus pandemic.

The group is ostensibly nonpolitical, and a spokesperson told The Hill they are working to register voters of all political stripes, despite the Obamas recently having endorsed Biden.

"When We All Vote is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization and our focus will continue to be increasing participation in every election," said Crystal Carson, a spokeswoman for the group. "We want every eligible voter to be registered and ready to cast their ballot, no matter their background."

While many Democrats expect Obama will largely remain above the political fray, they also said not to underestimate the lengths she'll go to get Biden elected and to protect her husband's legacy.

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"She may not like politics, but also Donald Trump has dissembled everything her husband tried to accomplish," said Dick Harpootlian, the former Democratic Party chairman of South Carolina and a Biden supporter. "If she engages, God help Donald Trump, because she's tough as nails and enormously popular."

"She may not be out there breathing fire on the campaign trail," Harpootlian added. "But she'll be firm, and she'll explain why Trump is not fit to be reelected and can synthesize her support for Biden in a digestible way."

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Read Michelle Obama's full remarks on Day 1 of the Democratic National Convention

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KEY POINTS

Former first lady Michelle Obama kicked off day one of the all-virtual Democratic National Convention on Monday, striking an unusually dour tone to warn of the dangers of a President Donald Trump victory in November, and urging Democrats to vote for Joe Biden "like our lives depend on it."

Obama, whose remarks appeared to be prerecorded, addressed the convention after Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., the second-place finisher for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"If you take one thing from my words tonight, it is this: if you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can," Obama said in her remarks. "And they will if we don't make a change in this election."

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Michelle Obama delivers keynote speech from first night of the Democratic National Convention

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bipartisan cast of other public officials, including former Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who sought the GOP nomination last cycle.

"If you take one thing from my words tonight, it is this: if you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can," Obama said in her remarks. "And they will if we don't make a change in this election."

Read her full address, as prepared for delivery, below.

Good evening, everyone. It's a hard time, and everyone's feeling it in different ways. And I know a lot of folks are reluctant to tune into a political convention right now or to politics in general. Believe me, I get that. But I am here tonight because I love this country with all my heart, and it pains me to see so many people hurting.

I've met so many of you. I've heard your stories. And through you, I have seen this country's promise. And thanks to so many who came before me, thanks to their toil and sweat and blood, I've been able to live that promise myself.

That's the story of America. All those folks who sacrificed and overcame so much in their own times because they wanted something more, something better for their kids.

There's a lot of beauty in that story. There's a lot of pain in it, too, a lot of struggle and injustice and work left to do. And who we choose as our president in this election will determine whether or not we honor that struggle and chip away at that injustice and keep alive the very possibility of finishing that work.

I am one of a handful of people living today who have seen firsthand the immense weight and awesome power of the presidency. And let me once again tell you this: the job is hard. It requires clear-headed judgment, a mastery of complex and competing issues, a devotion to facts and history, a moral compass, and an ability to listen—and an abiding belief that each of the 330,000,000 lives in this country has meaning and worth.

A president's words have the power to move markets. They can start wars or broker peace. They can summon our better angels or awaken our worst instincts. You simply cannot fake your way through this job.

As I've said before, being president doesn't change who you are; it reveals who you are. Well, a presidential election can reveal who we are, too. And four years ago, too many people chose to believe that their votes didn't matter. Maybe they were fed up. Maybe they thought the outcome wouldn't be close. Maybe the barriers felt too steep. Whatever the reason, in the end, those choices sent someone to the Oval Office who lost the national popular vote by nearly 3,000,000 votes.

In one of the states that determined the outcome, the winning margin averaged out to just two votes per precinct—two votes. And we've all been living with the consequences. When my husband left office with Joe Biden at his side, we had a record-breaking stretch of job creation. We'd secured the right to health care for 20,000,000 people. We were respected around the world, rallying our allies to confront climate change. And our leaders had worked hand-in-hand with scientists to help prevent an Ebola outbreak from becoming a global pandemic. Four years later, the state of this nation is very different. More than 150,000 people have died, and our economy is in shambles because of a virus that this president downplayed for too long. It has left millions of people jobless. Too many have lost their health care; too many are struggling to take care of basic necessities like food and rent; too many communities have been left in the lurch to grapple with whether and how to open our schools safely. Internationally, we've turned our back, not just on agreements forged by my husband, but on alliances championed by presidents like Reagan and Eisenhower.

And here at home, as George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and a never-ending list of innocent people of color continue to be murdered, stating the simple fact that a Black life matters is still met with derision from the nation's highest office.

Because whenever we look to this White House for some leadership or consolation or any semblance of steadiness, what we get instead is chaos, division, and a total and utter lack of empathy.

Empathy: that's something I've been thinking a lot about lately. The ability to walk in someone else's shoes; the recognition that someone else's experience has value, too. Most of us practice this without a second thought. If we see someone suffering or struggling, we don't stand in judgment. We reach out because, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

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It is not a hard concept to grasp. It's what we teach our children. And like so many of you, Barack and I have tried our best to instill in our girls a strong moral foundation to carry forward the values that our parents and grandparents poured into us. But right now, kids in this country are seeing what happens when we stop requiring empathy of one another. They're looking around wondering if we've been lying to them this whole time about who we are and what we truly value.

They see people shouting in grocery stores, unwilling to wear a mask to keep us all safe. They see people calling the police on folks minding their own business just because of the color of their skin. They see an entitlement that says only certain people belong here, that greed is good, and winning is everything because as long as you come out on top, it doesn't matter what happens to everyone else. And they see what happens when that lack of empathy is ginned up into outright disdain.

They see our leaders labeling fellow citizens enemies of the state while emboldening torchbearing white supremacists. They watch in horror as children are torn from their families and thrown into cages, and pepper spray and rubber bullets are used on peaceful protestors for a photo-op.

Sadly, this is the America that is on display for the next generation. A nation that's underperforming not simply on matters of policy but on matters of character. And that's not just disappointing; it's downright infuriating, because I know the goodness and the grace that is out there in households and neighborhoods all across this nation. And I know that regardless of our race, age, religion, or politics, when we close out the noise and the fear and truly open our hearts, we know that what's going on in this country is just not right.

This is not who we want to be.

So what do we do now? What's our strategy? Over the past four years, a lot of people have asked me, "When others are going so low, does going high still really work?" My answer: going high is the only thing that works, because when we go low, when we use those same tactics of degrading and dehumanizing others, we just become part of the ugly noise that's drowning out everything else. We degrade ourselves. We degrade the very causes for which we fight. But let's be clear: going high does not mean putting on a smile and saying nice things when confronted by

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viciousness and cruelty. Going high means taking the harder path. It means scraping and clawing our way to that mountain top. Going high means standing fierce against hatred while remembering that we are one nation under God, and if we want to survive, we've got to find a way to live together and work together across our differences.

And going high means unlocking the shackles of lies and mistrust with the only thing that can truly set us free: the cold hard truth.

So let me be as honest and clear as I possibly can. Donald Trump is the wrong president for our country. He has had more than enough time to prove that he can do the job, but he is clearly in over his head. He cannot meet this moment. He simply cannot be who we need him to be for us. It is what it is. Now, I understand that my message won't be heard by some people. We live in a nation that is deeply divided, and I am a Black woman speaking at the Democratic Convention. But enough of you know me by now. You know that I tell you exactly what I'm feeling. You know I hate politics. But you also know that I care about this nation. You know how much I care about all of our children.

So if you take one thing from my words tonight, it is this: if you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can; and they will if we don't make a change in this election. If we have any hope of ending this chaos, we have got to vote for Joe Biden like our lives depend on it. I know Joe. He is a profoundly decent man, guided by faith. He was a terrific vice president. He knows what it takes to rescue an economy, beat back a pandemic, and lead our country. And he listens. He will tell the truth and trust science. He will make smart plans and manage a good team. And he will govern as someone who's lived a life that the rest of us can recognize. When he was a kid, Joe's father lost his job. When he was a young senator, Joe lost his wife and his baby daughter. And when he was vice president, he lost his beloved son. So Joe knows the anguish of sitting at a table with an empty chair, which is why he gives his time so freely to grieving parents. Joe knows what it's like to struggle, which is why he gives his personal phone number to kids overcoming a stutter of their own.

His life is a testament to getting back up, and he is going to channel that same grit and passion to pick us all up, to help us heal and guide us forward.

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Now, Joe is not perfect. And he'd be the first to tell you that. But there is no perfect candidate, no perfect president. And his ability to learn and grow—we find in that the kind of humility and maturity that so many of us yearn for right now. Because Joe Biden has served this nation his entire life without ever losing sight of who he is; but more than that, he has never lost sight of who we are, all of us.

Joe Biden wants all of our kids to go to a good school, see a doctor when they're sick, live on a healthy planet. And he's got plans to make all of that happen. Joe Biden wants all of our kids, no matter what they look like, to be able to walk out the door without worrying about being harassed or arrested or killed. He wants all of our kids to be able to go to a movie or a math class without being afraid of getting shot. He wants all our kids to grow up with leaders who won't just serve themselves and their wealthy peers but will provide a safety net for people facing hard times.

And if we want a chance to pursue any of these goals, any of these most basic requirements for a functioning society, we have to vote for Joe Biden in numbers that cannot be ignored. Because right now, folks who know they cannot win fair and square at the ballot box are doing everything they can to stop us from voting. They're closing down polling places in minority neighborhoods. They're purging voter rolls. They're sending people out to intimidate voters, and they're lying about the security of our ballots. These tactics are not new.

But this is not the time to withhold our votes in protest or play games with candidates who have no chance of winning. We have got to vote like we did in 2008 and 2012. We've got to show up with the same level of passion and hope for Joe Biden. We've got to vote early, in person if we can. We've got to request our mail-in ballots right now, tonight, and send them back immediately and follow-up to make sure they're received. And then, make sure our friends and families do the same.

We have got to grab our comfortable shoes, put on our masks, pack a brown bag dinner and maybe breakfast too, because we've got to be willing to stand in line all night if we have to.

Look, we have already sacrificed so much this year. So many of you are already going that extra mile. Even when you're exhausted, you're mustering up unimaginable courage to put on those scrubs and give our loved ones a fighting chance. Even when you're anxious, you're delivering

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those packages, stocking those shelves, and doing all that essential work so that all of us can keep moving forward.

Even when it all feels so overwhelming, working parents are somehow piecing it all together without child care. Teachers are getting creative so that our kids can still learn and grow. Our young people are desperately fighting to pursue their dreams. And when the horrors of systemic racism shook our country and our consciences, millions of Americans of every age, every background rose up to march for each other, crying out for justice and progress.

This is who we still are: compassionate, resilient, decent people whose fortunes are bound up with one another. And it is well past time for our leaders to once again reflect our truth. So, it is up to us to add our voices and our votes to the course of history, echoing heroes like John Lewis who said, "When you see something that is not right, you must say something. You must do something." That is the truest form of empathy: not just feeling, but doing; not just for ourselves or our kids, but for everyone, for all our kids.

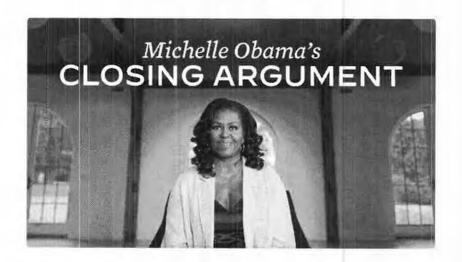
And if we want to keep the possibility of progress alive in our time, if we want to be able to look our children in the eye after this election, we have got to reassert our place in American history.

And we have got to do everything we can to elect my friend, Joe Biden, as the next president of the United States. Thank you all. God bless.

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Watch: Michelle Obama goes after Trump in new video released by Biden campaign

Mrs. Obama notes that more Americans have died from COVID-19 than died in the Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam and Korean wars combined: "our commander in chief, sadly, has been missing in action."

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In the video, Michelle Obama accuses Trump of being "racist" when he and other Republicans are "lying about how minorities will destroy the suburbs." | Ashloe Rezin Garcia/Sun-Times

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WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama is going after President Donald Trump in a scathing new video that accuses him of "willful mismanagement" of the coronavirus crisis and of racism. She calls on Black and all young voters not to "waste" their votes.

In the video, released Tuesday by Joe Biden's campaign, Mrs. Obama notes that more Americans have died from COVID-19 than died in the Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam and Korean wars combined. She charges that with respect to the virus, "our commander in chief, sadly, has been missing in action."

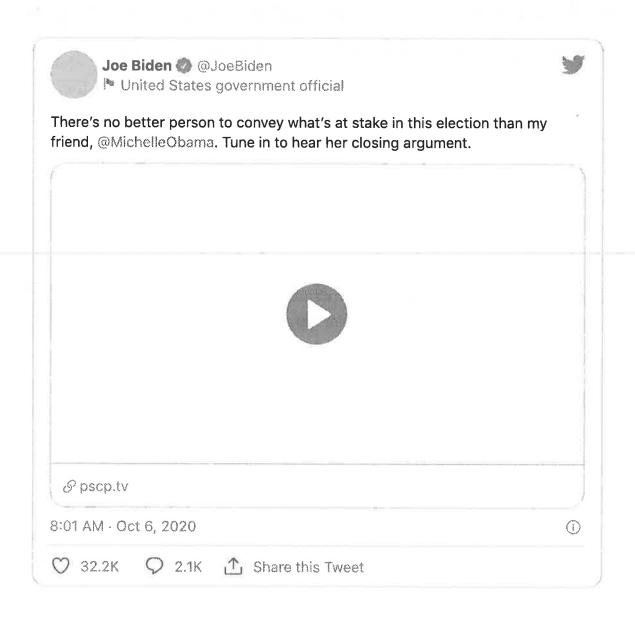
Mrs. Obama accuses Trump of being "racist" when he and other Republicans are "lying about how minorities will destroy the suburbs," which she says is meant to "distract from his breathtaking failures."

She also calls on undecided voters "to think about all those folks like me and my ancestors" and have some empathy for what it's like "to walk around your own country scared that someone's unjustified fear of you could put you in harm's way."

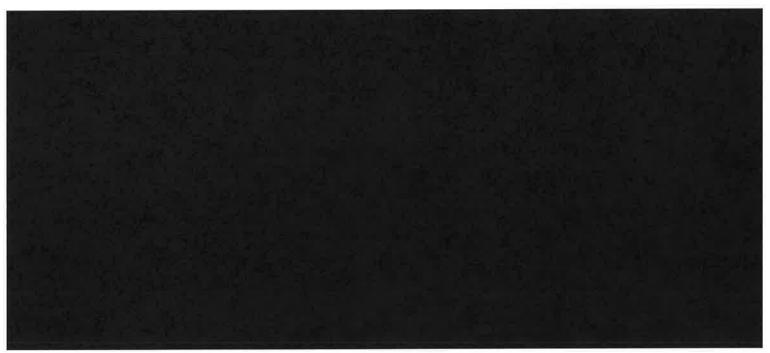
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And to Black and brown voters, and all young voters, who are considering sitting out the election, Mrs. Obama urges them to make a plan to vote, because "we don't have the luxury to assume that things are going to turn out okay."

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ichelle Obama launched a scathing attack on <u>Donald Trump</u> in a new video endorsing <u>Joe Biden</u> for president.

The former first lady did not hold back and accused Trump of "breathtaking failures" in her speech, which also targeted the coronavirus crisis and racial tensions.

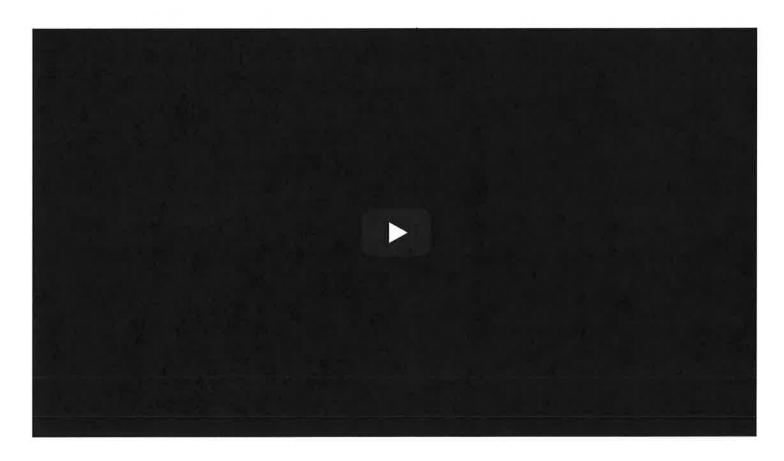
The newly released 24-minute long video sees Obama urging Americans to vote Democrat in the upcoming election to get Trump out of the White House.

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Obama said that the Trump presidency was accompanied by "a constant drumbeat of fear, division and chaos that's threatening to spiral out of control."

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Speaking of the president, who tested positive for coronavirus last week, she said: "In the greatest crisis of our lifetimes, he doubled-down on division and resentment, railed against measures that could have mitigated the damage."



"Seven months later, he still doesn't have a plan for this virus. Seven months later, he still won't wear a mask consistently and encourage others to do the same," Obama said. "Instead, he continues to gaslight the American people by acting like this pandemic is not a real threat."

Obama went on to accuse the Trump administration of "stoking fears about Black and brown Americans" to "distract from his breathtaking failures by giving folks someone to blame other than them."

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She said that this tactic is "morally wrong, and yes, it is racist. But that doesn't mean it won't work."

Obama spoke about her experience of seeing the presidency "up close" when her husband <u>Barack Obama</u> was in office and compared Trump's leadership to that of the last serving President.

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Screenshot from Michelle Obama's Closing Argument in endorsing Joe Biden For President 2020, posted to YouTube October 6, 2020.

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"After seeing the presidency up close for eight years, maybe the most important thing I've learned about the job is that how a president focuses their time and energy in office is a direct reflection of the life they've lived before entering the White House," she said. "A president's policies are a direct reflection of their values, and we're seeing that truth on display with our current president, who has devoted his life to enriching himself."

Addressing the as yet undecided voters, Obama made a plea for Americans to not allow the "powerful weapons" of "racism, fear, division" to divide them.

"I want everyone who is still undecided to think about all those folks like me and my ancestors," she said. "The millions of folks who look like me and fought and died and toiled as slaves and soldiers and laborers to help build this country. Racism, fear, division, these are powerful weapons. And they can destroy this nation if we don't deal with them head-on."

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Obama ended her speech with a final push for Biden and a warning that things can "get worse" if Trump succeeds and serves a second time in office.

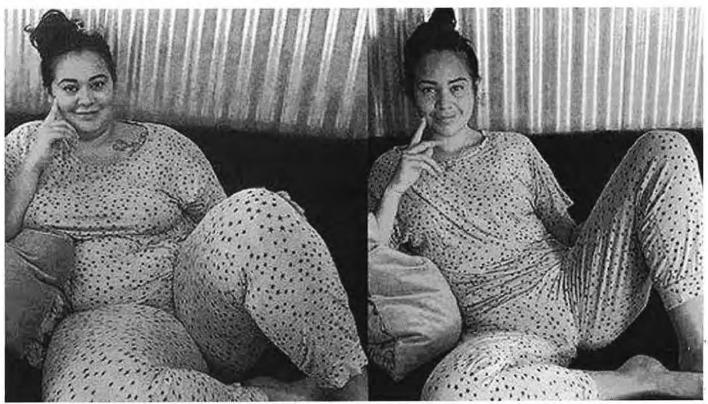
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"If you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can; and they will if we don't make a change in this election. Search your hearts, and your conscience, and then vote for Joe Biden like your lives depend on it."

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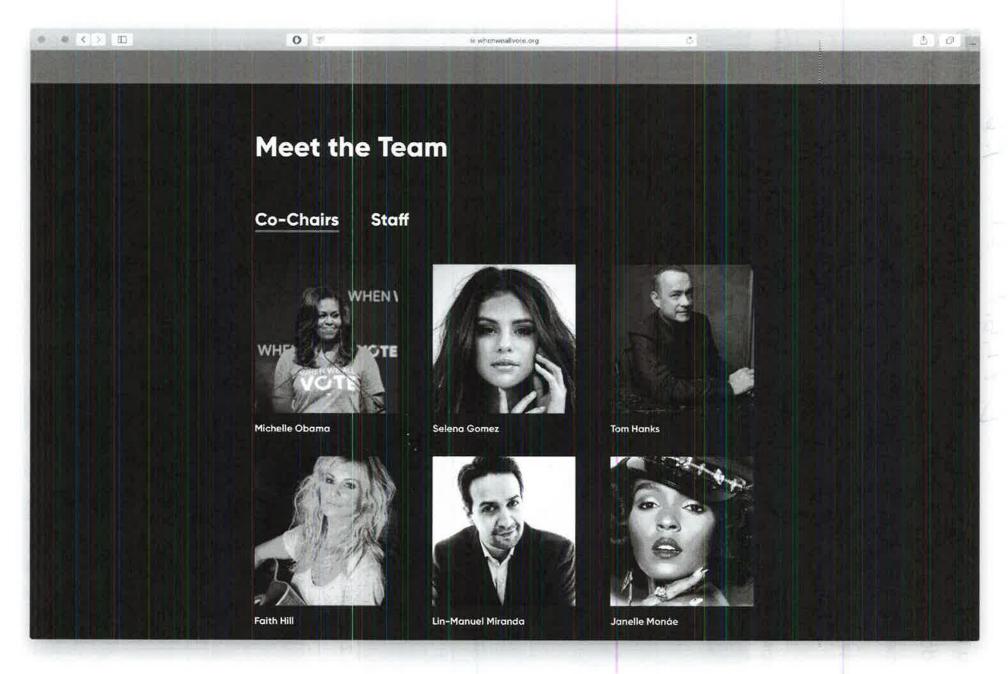




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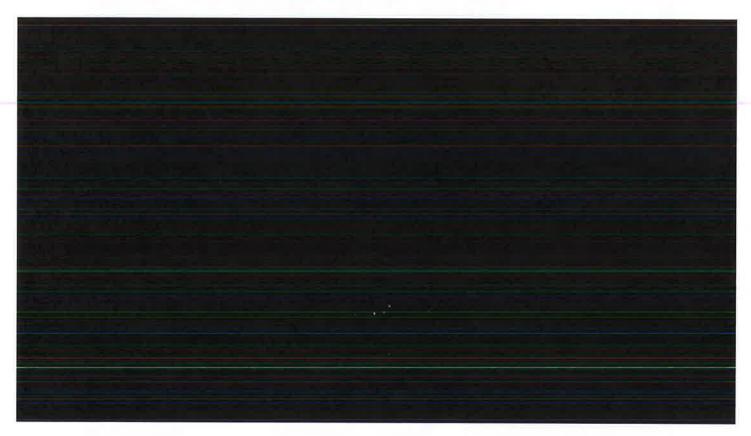
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Selena Gomez is the queen of Instagram likes

By Stephen Moyes | The Sun





Ariana Grande dethrones Selena Gomez as queen of Instagram; Rotten Tomatoes takes on internet trolls

Top Talkers: Ariana Grande reportedly gains 13 million followers on Instagram in last four months to overtake Selena Gomez as the most followed woman on the social media site; Rotten Tomatoes makes moves to combat internet trolls after the site witnessed an uptick in non-constructive input sometimes bordering on trolling.

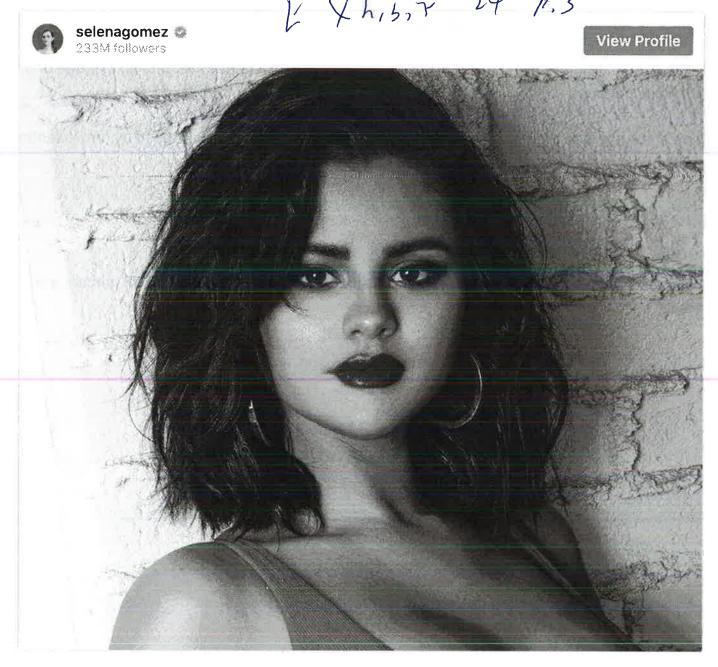
Selena Gomez has been crowned the world's top Instagram celeb – despite having fewer followers than several of her rivals.

The singing star still has a mind-boggling 151.8 million followers.

But social media-monitoring site Hype Auditor places her top because she gets an average of 3.6 million likes per post.

Boffins at the site use programs to weed out fake followers and the data is used by firms wanting to get the best value for money from stars plugging products and services.

The site also reveals that most of her fans – 14 percent – live in <u>India</u> and that 58 percent are women.

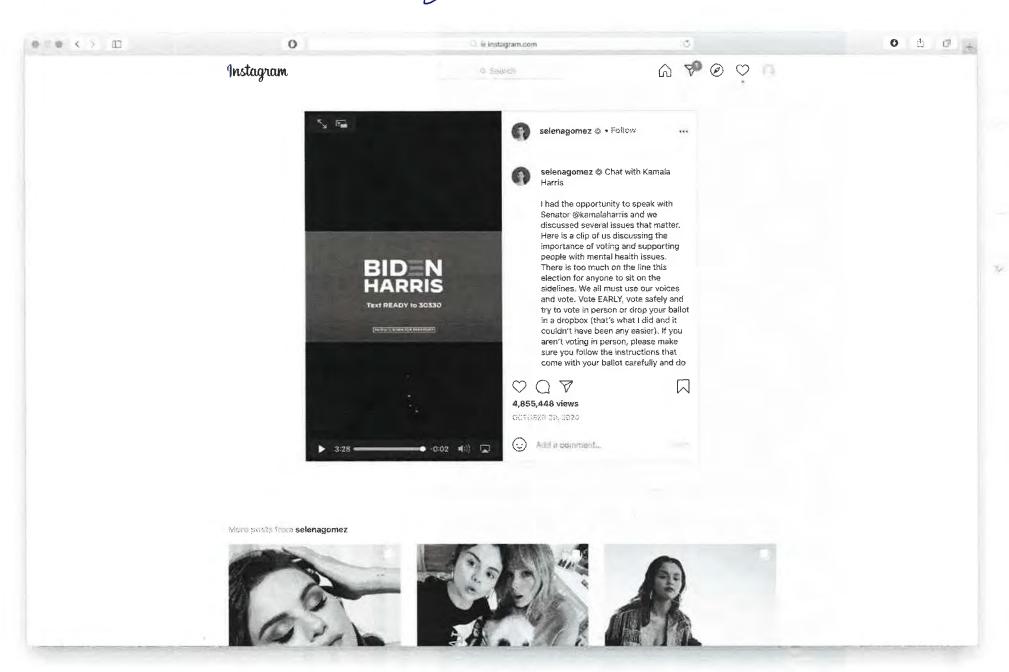


<u>Kylie Jenner</u> comes in at two also with 3.6 million likes per post from her 137 million fans – 24 percent of whom live in the U.S.

The number three spot is taken by <u>Juventus</u> star <u>Cristiano Ronaldo</u> – who has 170.1million fans but engagement is down at 2.8 million.

Most of his fans live in Iran and India — a total of 24 percent — and more than three quarters are men.

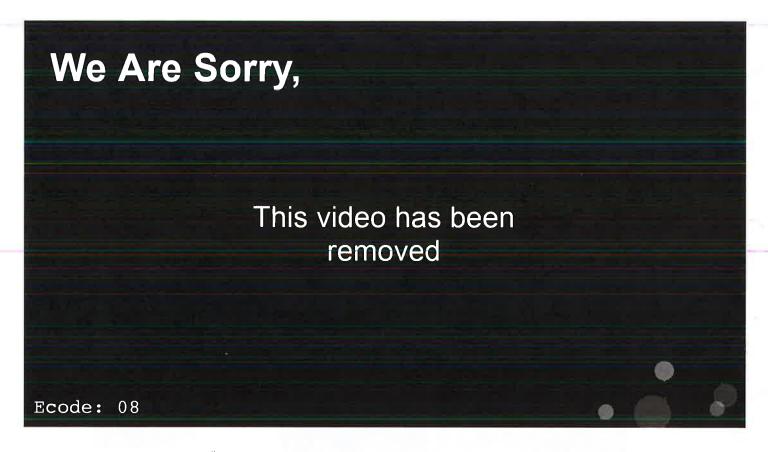
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Selena Gomez Came For Donald Trump On Instagram Via Her Outfit

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In case any of you were wondering, **Selena Gomez** is firmly anti-Trump and she wants everybody to know that.

The actress/singer was just spotted on Instagram wearing a tee that takes aim at the controversial president elect.

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As you will have noticed from Sel's IG, the queen recently launched a new Coach campaign.

The luxe brand's creative director, Stuart Vevers shared a pic of the star from behind-the-scenes of the campaign shoot where Sel can be seen wearing a tee with the slogan: "We Are All Dreamers."



The tee is promoting DREAMers, children protected under the DACA act which helps grant kids who were brought to the United States illegally the temporary right to live, study and work in America instead of being deported.

An act which Trump is not only firmly against, but is fighting to end.

And this does not sit well with Selena.

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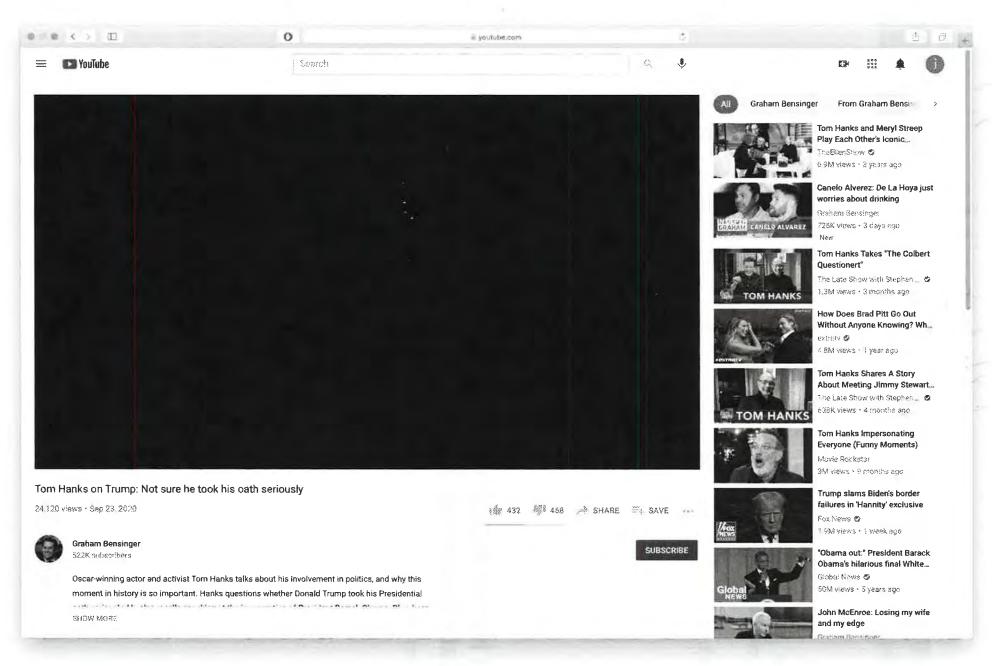
This isn't the first time that queen Selena has publicly dragged the former reality star.

When DACA first came under attack, she posted the following open letter to her fans via Instagram:



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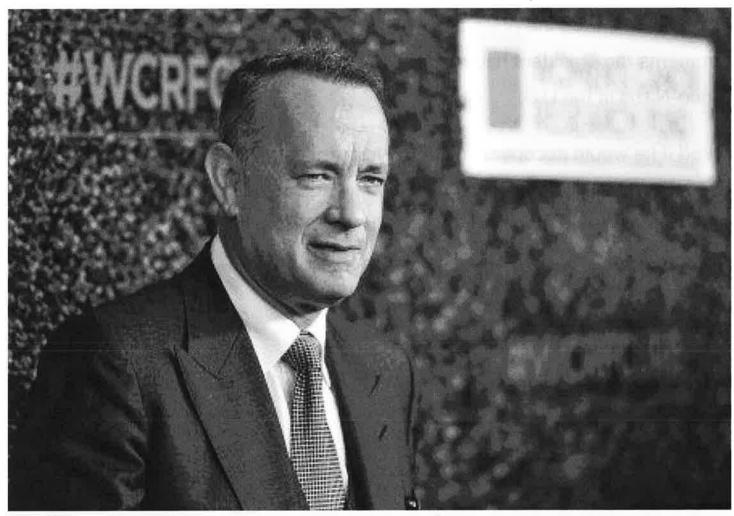
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Tom Hanks Would Not Visit Trump's White House For Private Screening Of His New Film

BY HARRIET SINCLAIR ON 12/21/17 AT 3:00 AM EST

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Tom Hanks does not want to spend time with Trump.
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om Hanks would turn down a request to visit the White House for a private screening of his new film The Post, suggesting he's unhappy with the state of the nation under Donald Trump.

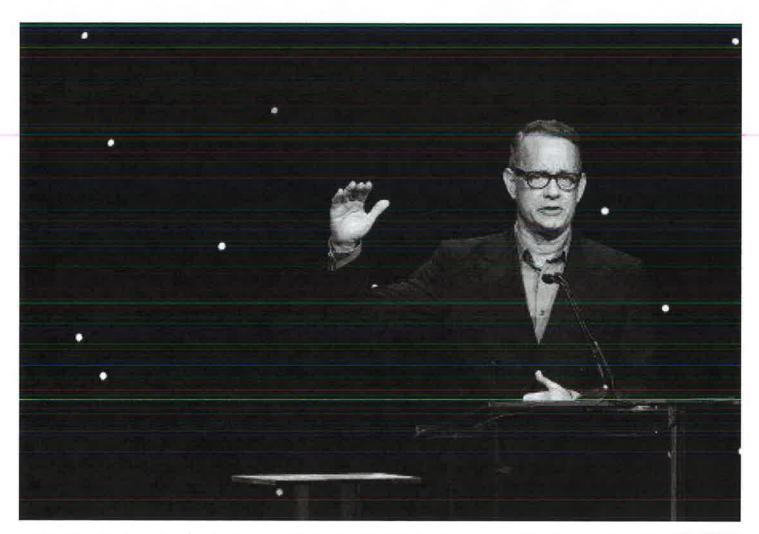
The actor made the comments in an interview with *The Hollywood Reporter*, in

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which he defended the press and highlighted his concerns over inappropriate comments the president had made, as well as the increasingly vocal rhetoric of neo-Nazis in the U.S.

Asked if he would accept an invitation from the president to attend a private screening of his film, Hanks replied: "That's an interesting question. I don't think I would."



Actor Tom Hanks arrives for "An Evening of SeriousFun Celebrating the Legacy of Paul Newman" event in New York March 2, 2015. Tom Hanks will appear in Steven Spielberg's latest film Bridge of Spies premiering at the New York Film Festival 2015.

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"Because I think that at some point—look, I didn't think things were going to be this way last November. I would not have been able to imagine that we would be living in a country where neo-Nazis are doing torchlight parades in Charlottesville and jokes about Pocahontas are being made in front of the Navajo code talkers," he continued.

"And individually we have to decide when we take to the ramparts. You don't take to the ramparts necessarily right away, but you do have to start weighing things. You may think: 'You know what? I think now is the time.' This is the moment where, in some ways, our personal choices are going to have to reflect our opinions. We have to start voting, actually, before the election. So, I would probably vote not to go," he said.

The Oscar award-winning performer also discussed his new film, which centers on the journalists from The Washington Post and The New York Times who took on the Nixon administration to publish the Pentagon Papers, about the involvement of the U.S. government in the Vietnam War.

Hanks highlighted the role of journalists in society, a topic on which he appears to disagree with the president.

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"Facts are irrefutable," Hanks said. "Well, it turns out people are saying: 'No, facts are not irrefutable. We can decide whatever facts that we want, that we would like.' Right now, without a doubt, there are people in power trying to—if not quash or stop the right to publication, [then] denigrate it to the point [where] they are saying there is no truth to it whatsoever," he added.

It is not the first time <u>Hanks has been outspoken</u> about his feelings on the current administration, previously describing a phone call between Trump and the widow of a U.S. soldier killed in Niger as "one of the biggest cock-ups on Earth."

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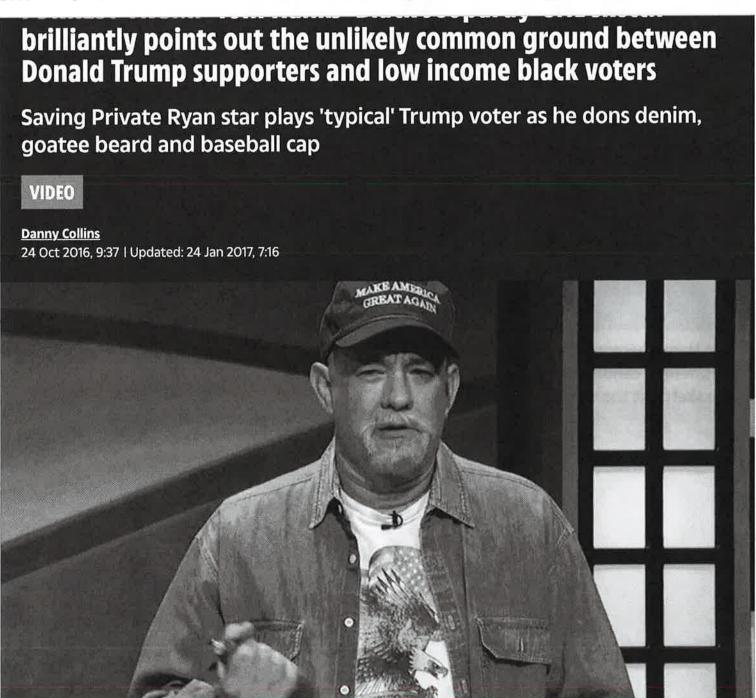
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TOM Hanks took a swipe at Donald Trump in a controversial TV performance on Saturday night. MUB791500162 L'76, b, + 29 P.2

Hollywood star Hanks took over the reins on hit show Saturday Night Live, and seized the opportunity to land a few blows at <u>Republican presidential candidate Trump</u>.



Tom Hanks became the latest Hollywood star to mock presidential candidate Donald Trump in a Saturday Night Live sketch at the weekend Credit: Getty Images

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The Forrest Gump star played Doug, a 'typical' Trump supporter who unexpectedly finds common ground with two Black quiz show players Credit: Getty Images :



The Forrest Gump actor, 60, played the role of a typical Trump supporter – denim-class, goatee beard

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sporting, baseball cap-wearing Doug in a spoof quiz show.

<u>The 'deplorable' character</u> was a reference to the group of Trump voters <u>Democrat runner Hillary</u> <u>Clinton mocked last month.</u>

And Hanks takes the opportunity to draw parallels between his supporters and low-income Black voters.

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Hanks is the latest Hollywood star to take aim at Trump's ailing campaign for the White House.

Alec Baldwin reprised <u>his role impersonating the</u> <u>politician</u> in Saturday's show.

While Emily Blunt hosted last week, starring in a Trump-themed spoof of Beyonce song Sorry.

And earlier this month <u>Raging Bull legend Robert de</u> <u>Niro</u> turned both barrels on the businessman in a video aimed at encouraging young people to go out and vote.

The 73-year-old told the Apprentice host "I'd like to punch you in the face."

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Tom Hanks tears into Donald Trump in major rant: 'I'm offended as a man'

The A-lister is not impressed with the presidential candidate after his leaked comments

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By Jennifer Ruby |

om Hanks is not a fan of presidential candidate Donald Trump and is making his views known.

The A-list actor has said that he feels 'personally offended as a man' by the <u>leaked</u> <u>derogatory and misogynistic comments</u> made by the Republican.

While Trump may have dismissed his sexist comments about 'grabbing [women] by the p^{****} as 'locker room talk', Hanks has other ideas.

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"He was at work man. He wasn't in a locker room, he was at work. He was showing up to do a thing on camera," he told Press Association while promoting his new film Inferno.

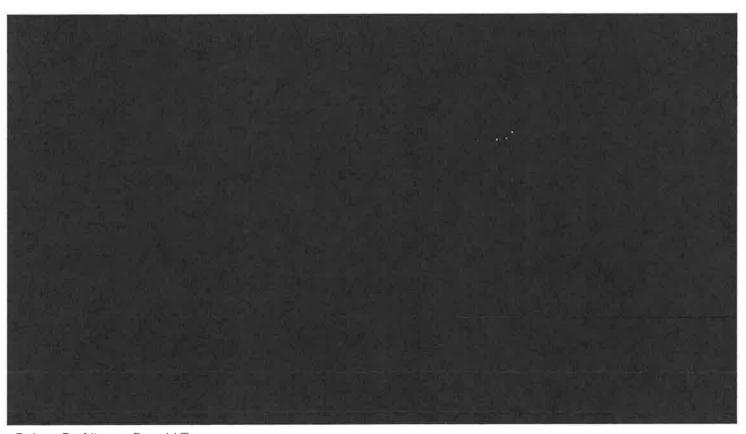
Not a fap: Tom Hanks is not a fan of presidential candidate Donald Trump / AFP/Getty Images

"Look, I'm offended as a man. I'm not offended as a husband or a father. I'm offended as a guy.

"That's just not right, I'm sorry. It's not right at work. It's not right in the locker room. It's wrong. Period. The end. That's all."

Speaking to LBC, the star added: "You know, look, I'm voting for Hillary Clinton. I'm not making any secret about that because I have absolutely no faith in a self-serving gas bag like the other guy who's running for President.

"I view all of our problems as if we have a very, very serious heart condition that needs the most precise, long-term care to look after and I'm not going to turn to somebody who says. 'You know, you want me to be a cardiac surgeon? I can be a cardiac surgeon if I want to.'



Robert De Niro on Donald Trump

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"No, I'm going to go to somebody who is the most experienced, the most knowledgeable and the most wise when it comes down to looking after problems that are affecting everybody on the planet earth right now."

Robert de Niro also recently criticised Trump, calling him a 'national disaster'.

"I mean, he's so blatantly stupid. He's a punk. He's a dog. He's a pig. He's a con, a bulls*** artist. A mutt who doesn't know what he's talking about," he said.

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"He doesn't do his homework, doesn't care. He thinks he's gaming society. He doesn't pay his taxes.

"He's an idiot. Colin Powell said it best, he's a national disaster. He's an embarrassment to this country.

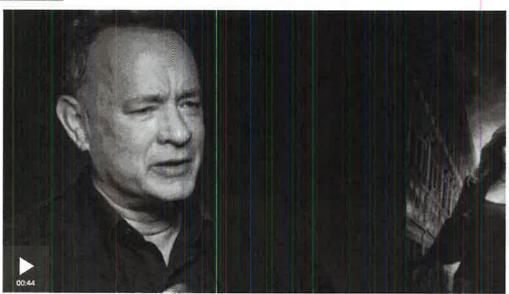
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Biden team launches fundraiser series, starting with Tom Hanks



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Joe Biden giving remarks in Delaware. Photo: Drew Angerer/Getty Images

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Joe Biden and Tom Hanks held a virtual fundraiser together on Tuesday — collecting \$750,000 in 24 hours, per the campaign — that marks the first of a three-

part fundraising series they're calling "Grassroots Fest."

Why it matters: The Biden campaign continues to rake in cash, even before debating President Trump in September.

• And Biden is drawing even more eyes to his virtual events, as the campaign said that 10,000 people watched the event with Hanks.

Last week, the <u>campaign raised</u> \$26 million in the first 24 hours after it announced Sen. Kamala Harris as Biden's running mate.

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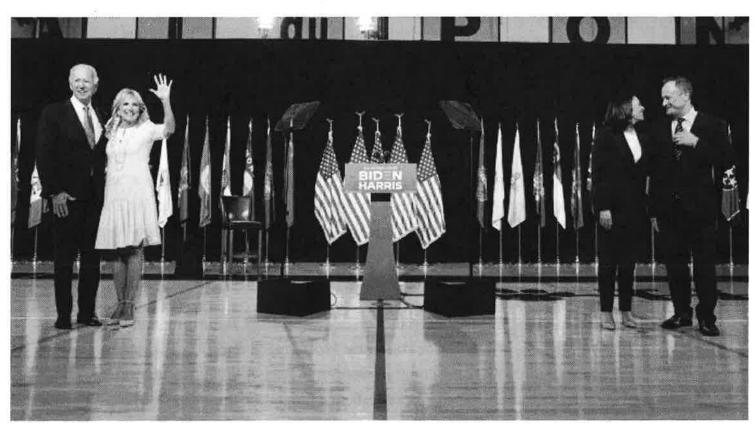












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Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., and her husband Douglas Emhoff, right, social distance with Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden and his wife Jill Biden.

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Much of the attention during this week's virtual <u>Democratic National Convention</u> will be focused on primetime speeches and the moment when Joe Biden and Kamala Harris accept their party nomination.

But Biden's campaign has lined up a series of fundraisers throughout the week, hoping to draw on the attention and the loss of a traditional convention, which is usually a prime opportunity to gather and woo party donors.

Biden on Monday was holding a virtual fundraiser with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, with a performance by Carole King, and his campaign is planning a series of events throughout this week.

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On Tuesday, Biden and Tom Hanks are scheduled to appear at an afternoon event, according to an invite sent to supporters, as part of what is described as "Grassroots Fest," or fundraisers geared to low-dollar donors. Also in the lineup is an event on Thursday featuring James Taylor and Harris' husband, Douglas Emhoff. On Friday, Biden, Jill Biden, Harris and Emhoff are scheduled for another event. Proceeds go to the Biden Victory Fund, a joint committee of the Biden campaign, the Democratic National Committee and state parties.

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Also planned for Tuesday evening, just before the convention proceedings begin, is a "virtual conversation" on "screenwriting the White House." It will feature Eli Attie, writer for *The West Wing*; Etan Cohen, co-writer for *Idiocracy*; and David Mandel, the show runner for *Veep*. Jen Psaki, former White House communications director, will moderate. Tickets for the event start at \$250, and proceeds also go to the Biden Victory Fund.

Also in the works is a Women for Biden event that will feature Harris, but a date and time has not been set. Next week, on Aug. 26, Will & Grace stars Eric McCormack and Debra Messing will moderate a virtual conversation with three congresswomen — Rep. Abby Finkenauer, Rep. Lucy McBath, and Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell. On Sept. 8, Jill Biden and Jennifer Garner will headline

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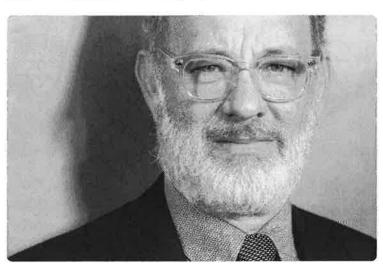
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Tom Hanks joins Joe Biden for virtual fundraiser: 'You don't have to be Superman to fight for truth, justice and the American way'

Erin Donnelly

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Tom Hanks joined presidential candidate Joe Biden for a virtual fundraiser. (Photo: REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz)

Monday saw the likes of Eva Longoria, Sen. Bernie Sanders and former first lady Michelle Obama singing Joe Biden's praises as the first night of the Democratic National Convention got underway. Now the presidential hopeful is looking to Tom Hanks to help him get out the vote.

On Tuesday afternoon, the former vice president joined the Oscar winner for a virtual fundraiser billed as a "Grassroots Fest," with tickets costing just \$10. And though the men were speaking via video chat from separate locations, they soon

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found common ground over the significance of the 2020 election.

"I'm willing to give a nod to divine providence here," said Hanks, per a pool report. "There is such a confluence of issues, so many crises that are landing in one time, certainly the economic fallout that has come about because of a brand of fear and a response to a virus that has already killed close to 200,000 Americans, and many more around the world.

"We have this great reckoning that is going on as far as who we are as a people, about our diversity," the 64-year-old star continued. "That there is an election that's going on here in 2020 is almost like, that's when you got to give a nod of the head that something bigger might be at work right here, and there is a chance for a reckoning. Every election comes along, and you can always make the argument, 'This is the most important election of our lives.' This is the most important election in the history of America."

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Hanks, who in March announced that he and wife Rita Wilson had tested positive for COVID-19, pressed Biden on resistance to mask-wearing during the pandemic. The former

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Biden Gets Boost From Michelle Obama as Democrats Showcase Unity

By <u>Josh Wingrove</u> August 17, 2020, 11:49 PM CDT Updated on August 18, 2020, 9:03 AM CDT

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Democrats kicked off their convention with a show of unity and a rallying cry fueled more by animosity toward President Donald Trump than affirmations for their own nominee, former Vice President Joe Biden -- enlisting progressives, centrists and even Republicans to paper over differences and oust the incumbent.

The debut night, held virtually, put on display the Biden campaign's desire to make the election a referendum on Trump, unleashing broadsides against the president over the coronavirus, racial justice, character, the shattered economy and the U.S. Postal Service. It included speeches from former first lady Michelle Obama, Senator Bernie Sanders and four disaffected Republicans, but it was Obama who jabbed the president hardest.

The former first lady described Trump as unfit for office, while blasting him for mismanaging the pandemic and other issues.

"Donald Trump is the wrong president for our country," she said. "He has had more than enough time to prove that he can do the job, but he is clearly in over his head. He cannot meet this moment. He simply cannot be who we need him to be for us."

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"It is what it is," she added pointedly, a phrase Trump used to describe the state of the coronavirus pandemic that has crippled the U.S.

Trump called Obama's speech "extremely divisive" during an event at the White House on Tuesday celebrating the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, and said he wouldn't have been elected were it not for her husband.

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John Kasich speaks on Aug. 17. Photographer: Daniel Acker/Bloomberg

Trump offered counter-programming with a series of mini-rallies Monday that were peppered with Biden criticisms, some of them false. He said Biden will be a "Trojan horse for socialism," will eliminate police, confine Americans to their basements, or triple taxes and trigger another economic collapse. Trump also hinted at a high-profile forthcoming pardon as he looks to bump Democrats from headlines.

Biden is seeking to energize his fractious party -- as Obama encouraged people to not sit out this race and as Sanders all but begged progressives to vote for Biden.

"To everyone who supported other candidates in the primary and to those who may have voted for Donald Trump in the last election: the future of our democracy is at stake," Sanders said. "The future of our economy is at stake, the future of our planet is at stake. We must come together, defeat Donald Trump and elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris."

Sanders acknowledged that Biden's health-care plans fall short of his vision, but touted Biden's plan nonetheless, as well as support for a higher minimum wage. Obama, too, acknowledged doubts that Biden can defeat Trump.

"Joe is not perfect and he will be the first to tell you that. But there is no perfect candidate," she said of the man who served as vice president to her husband, President Barack Obama. In 2016, too many voters thought their votes didn't matter, allowing Trump to win the Electoral College while losing the popular vote nationally, she said. "And we've all been living with the consequences."

Some of the remarks were devoted to countering Trump's attacks on voting by mail, encouraging Democrats to vote as early as possible, prepare to stand in line for hours and to confirm if mailed ballots had been received. Obama also alluded to the fledgling spoiler campaign being run by the rapper Kanye West to Trump's apparent benefit. "This is not the time to withhold our votes in protest, or play games with candidates who have no chance of winning," Obama said.

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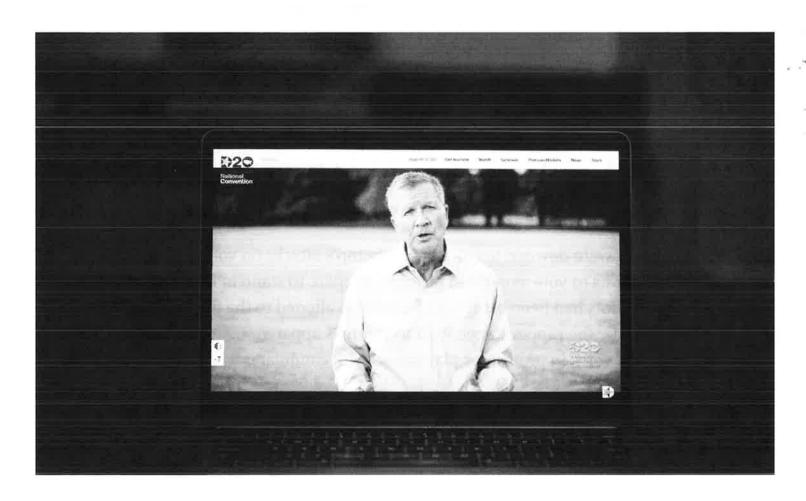
"I wouldn't even be here were it not for Barack Obama," he said, after also criticizing Michelle Obama for recording her speech instead of delivering it live. "If they did a good job I wouldn't be here. I'd be building buildings someplace and having a good time."

He also said Michelle Obama was "in over her head," echoing her comments about him the night before.

Earlier, he issued a series of unfounded allegations against the Obama administration in tweets, accusing the former president and Biden of "corruption," "treason," and "spying" on his campaign.

The convention was a bid to shore up the party's unity as polls show Biden with a sizable but narrowing lead. The Democrats showcased Biden's campaign as one broad enough for Sanders, the self-declared democratic socialist, and John Kasich, a former Republican governor of Ohio who sought the GOP presidential nomination in 2016.

"I'm sure there are Republicans and independents who couldn't imagine crossing over to support a Democrat," Kasich said. "They fear Joe may turn sharp-left and leave them behind. I don't believe that."



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Biden leveraged the online format by popping up in segments during Monday's event ahead of his acceptance speech Thursday, saying in one that police reform is possible. "I may be kidding myself, but I think people are ready" for reform, Biden said. "But we can't let up." Monday's convention included segments with families of George Floyd and Eric Garner, two Black men who died at the hands of police.

Monday's lineup was also aimed substantially at recruiting Republicans who have tired of Trump.

"Many of us can't imagine four more years going down this path and that's why I'm asking you to join with me in choosing a better way forward," Kasich said. "In normal times something like this would probably never happen. But these are not normal times."

The others included former Representative Susan Molinari of New York and two women who endorsed Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016 -- Meg Whitman, a veteran tech executive who ran unsuccessfully for California governor, and former Governor Christine Whitman of New Jersey.

"Donald Trump has no clue how to run a business, let alone an economy," Meg Whitman said. Molinari called Biden "a really good man, and he's exactly what this nation needs at this time."

Trump's campaign dismissed them as "fake Republicans" who are "nothing but useful idiots for the radical left," and called Kasich a sore loser. However, there are a range of efforts by ex-Republicans to criticize Trump or even campaign for Biden. Monday's event also featured a montage of testimonials from grassroots Republicans saying they'll back Biden.

The courtship of Republicans and centrists soon gave way to a montage of candidates who challenged Biden for his nomination, praising him. "It's not easy to unite the Democratic party," Washington Governor Jay Inslee said. "We're a rambunctious group. Joe Biden has pulled it off."

Sanders's endorsement was full-throated in contrast to the long and bitter campaign he and Clinton carried out four years earlier. "Our campaign ended several months ago but our movement continues," Sanders said, blasting Trump over inaction on the pandemic and the economic crisis. "Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Trump golfs."

But tensions among progressives percolated. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez publicly sparred with Kasich over his view of the Democratic tent as progressives pushed to give her more speaking time.

The dueling narratives will continue apace on Tuesday, when Biden will take part in events with Tom Hanks and Lin-Manuel Miranda and Trump will travel to Iowa and Arizona, two states he won in 2016 and is now at risk of losing. The Democratic convention resumes with speeches from Jill Biden and Bill Clinton.

– With assistance by Misyrlena Egkolfopoulou, Gregory Korte, Jennifer Epstein, Jordan Fabian, and Tyler Pager

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Tom Hanks To Host Biden/Harris Inaugural TV Special On January 20; Multiple Networks & Streamers To Air



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A man beloved by almost everyone in today's bitterly divided America will front the celebration of the nation's next President and history-making Vice President MUR791500185 XL151+ 36 P2



Tom Hanks will host the primetime *Celebrating America* special that will culminate the inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on January 20.

Along with appearances from the 46th POTUS and 49th VPOTUS, the Ricky Kirshner and Glenn Weiss-produced 90-minute show will also feature performances from Justin Timberlake, Demi Lovato, Ant Clemons and longtime Democrat supporter Jon Bon Jovi. More acts and big names are expected to be announced in the next few days.

As has been rumored for the past week, *Celebrating America* will air on multiple networks. Starting at 8:30 p.m. ET, the unity-aiming special will be carried by ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC and CNN, I hear. Additionally, the Weiss-directed show will be seen on Amazon Prime Video, Microsoft Bing, NewsNOW from Fox, and AT&T DIRECTV and U-verse as well as the Presidential Inaugural Committee's social media feeds.

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Working with Covid-19 safety protocols and concerns about new threats from the forces that besieged and invaded the U.S. Capitol on January 6, Biden's and Harris' swearing in at noon ET on January 20 is still scheduled to occur on the Capitol steps. However, with the DC mayor and others encouraging Americans not to travel to an increasingly heavily guarded Washington, the inauguration will be virtual for the most part – much like last summer's Democratic National Convention successfully was.

"This inauguration presents a unique opportunity to spotlight the resilience and spirit of an America United," said the Presidential Inaugural Committee's CEO Tony Allen in a statement

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Wednesday. "We have witnessed countless heroes this past year step up to the frontlines and serve their fellow Americans, so we are telling their stories, spreading their collective light, and celebrating the best of our country and its people with this primetime program.

"Our first priority is safety — so while many of us will be watching safely from our homes, we are creating real moments of connection that highlight a new inclusive American era of leadership that works for and represents all Americans," added Allen, who is also the president of Delaware State University.

Crowd pleasers all, Timberlake, Lovato, Clemons and Bon Jovi have all played their fair share of political events over the years. A participant in the *We Are One* event that commemorated Barack Obama's accession to the White House in January 2009, two-time Oscar winner and Presidential Medal of Freedom winner Hanks was a vocal Biden backer in last year's election. Appearing at virtual fundraisers with the ex-Veep during the campaign against Donald Trump, the *Toy Story* and *Greyhound* star put his own money on the table with contributions to Biden.

In a lead-up to next Wednesday's ceremony, the Biden team is bringing in some fictional DC heavyweights for a January 15 fundraiser. Unveiled today, the "Conversations with Actors from *The West Wing, Scandal*, and *Designated Survivor*" event will see *Designated Survivor* regular and ex-Obama staffer Kal Penn playing ringmaster. *Scandal*'s president Mellie Grant herself Bellamy Young will be joined in the virtual shindig by Bartlet administration vets Richard Schiff, Bradley Whitford, Dulé Hill and Janel Moloney.

With a theme of "America United," Biden and Harris' inauguration also has events planned for MLK Day on January 18 and a nationwide Covid-19 Memorial to Lives Lost on January 19. Already announced, Biden and Harris will participate in a wreath-laying on Arlington National Cemetery on January 20, with former Presidents Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton and the former First Ladies in attendance.

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Faith Hill

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Faith Hill is a devout Baptist.

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She is a strong supporter of the Democratic party.

Faith Hill was born in Ridgeland, Mississippi and raised in Star, Mississippi.

With a first name like Faith, it's no surprise that she was raised in a devout Baptist family. Hill even got her start singing in church, though not always for her own congregation.

The music that inspired me early on was the music I heard in church. I was brought up in a Baptist church, but when I was a teenager I sang in black churches, Pentecostal, and I'm really inspired by that music.¹

She's clearly still a devout Christian. When talking about how her religion is a huge part of her life, Hill said,

That's where my strength comes from. It's my foundation. I was raised in a Christian home and it prepared me to deal with life on my own . . . Having a backbone of spirituality makes me a little stronger. I pray a lot, and when I first moved to Nashville, that's what kept me alive. I believed I was being taken care of. I apply it to my life every day. It's how I've always looked at things.²

Her lyrics often reflect her spirituality, although she doesn't have too big a hand in the actual writing of her songs.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord

Hill obviously takes the Bible's many references to helping the needy seriously. The list of charities she's been involved with is impressive, to say the least. Hill and her husband, country musician Tim McGraw, established a foundation to fund local charities that provide health and educational services.³ They donated \$1 million to benefit children displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005⁴ and they gave \$375,000 to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to help families affected by the terrorist attack on the USS Cole in 2000.⁵ And that's just a few of them.

Hill isn't too tight with her money when it comes to political campaigns either. She gave \$7,500 to the Democratic National Committee in 2004, and another \$5,000 to Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. She showed her support for the Democrat after his election by performing at his inaugural celebration.

She hasn't waxed poetic on all her reasons for being a Democrat, but her husband made it clear that he and his wife stand with the president.

My wife and I and our family will do everything we can to support Obama.8

Perhaps in fear of alienating some of her fan base, Hill hasn't come out in support of gay marriage. Yet. She did, however, privately support a fellow country musician who came out as a lesbian in 2010.⁹ But maybe now that support of gay marriage is part of the Democratic platform, she'll jump on board in front of the rest of the nation and her fans.

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August 28, 2015 by Eric T. Parker

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Faith Hill and Tim McGraw.

Josh Schwerin, Spokesperson for the campaign of Hillary Clinton, has reported to *MusicRow* "the event is not confirmed."

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The *Associated Press* is reporting that Democratic presidential contender **Hillary Clinton** will "tap into the network" of **Tim McGraw** and **Faith** Hill during a fundraiser in Nashville, set for Sept. 29.

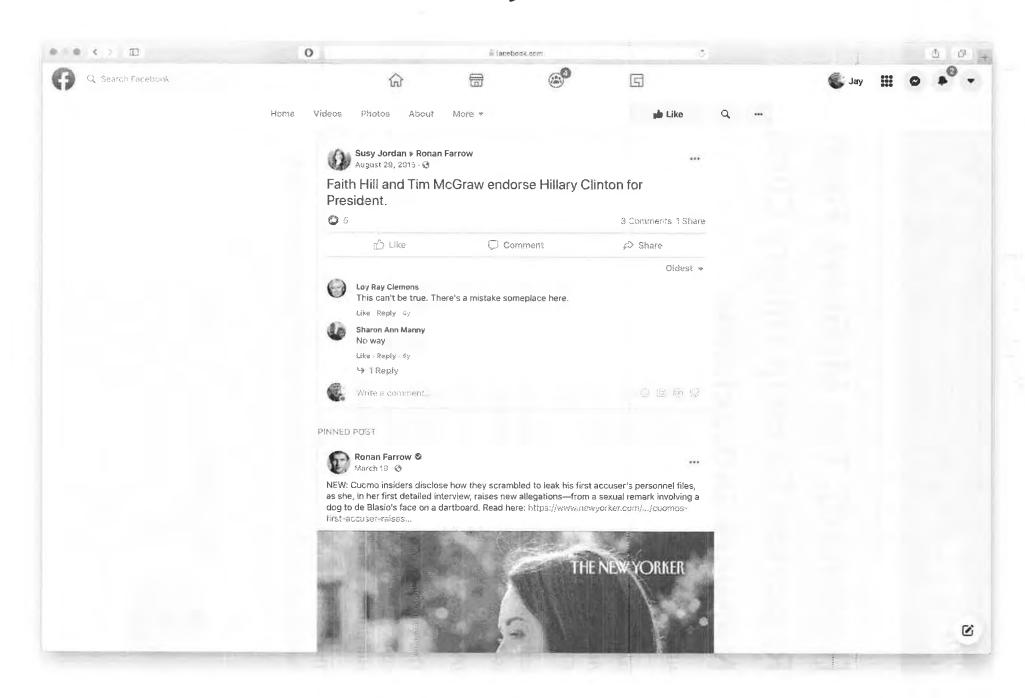
The event is said to take place for the former U.S. Secretary of State after seven fundraisers in Los Angeles and San Francisco earlier in that month.



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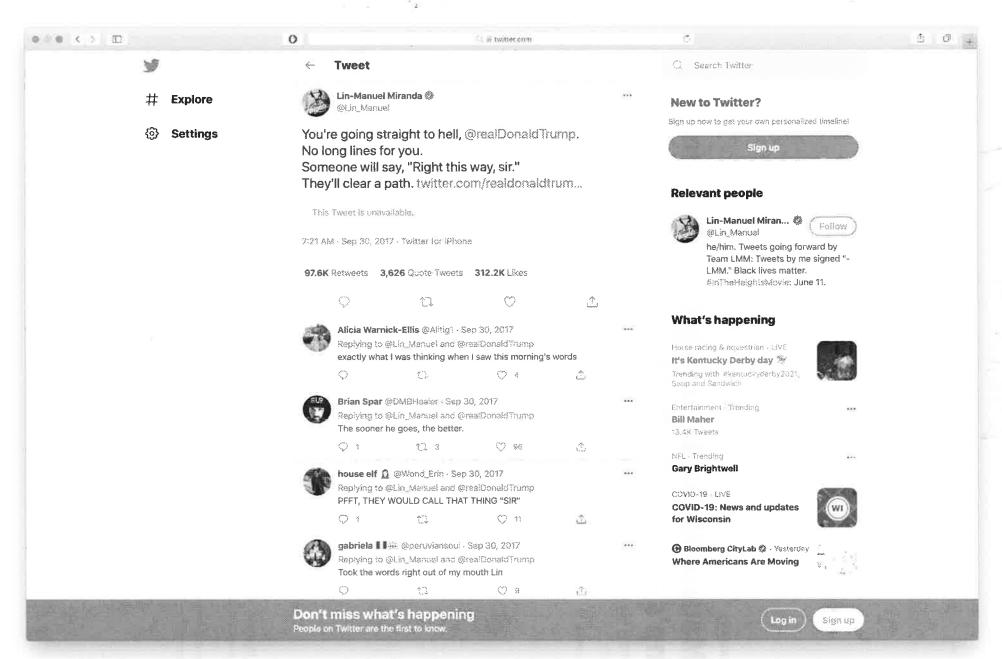
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Lin-Manuel Miranda Savagely Rips Donald Trump's ⊬ropensity To Lie

The playwright has just begun a short run of "Hamilton" benefit performances in Puerto Rico.



By Ron Dicker

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Lin-Manuel Miranda, who once said President Donald Trump was going to hell, is now calling him a natural liar.

"Your occasional reminder that our current president lies as easy as you and I breathe air," the "Hamilton" creator and star wrote Sunday on Twitter. "Every day, all day, reflexively."



Miranda began a run of "Hamilton" in Puerto Rico over the weekend to benefit the arts in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Trump's controversial reaction to the storm created tension with Puerto Rico.

Last September Trump disputed a revised official storm death toll of about 3,000, accusing Democrats of inflating the figure to make him look bad. In September 2017, he called San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz "nasty" and accused her of mishandling the emergency.

The latter prompted Miranda to tell Trump he was headed "straight to hell" with no waiting necessary.



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Outlets reported that Miranda's tweet on Sunday was an apparent reaction to Trump's tweets and interview with Fox News over the weekend. Some of his comments were aimed at a congressional delegation in Puerto Rico that attended the show. But Fox News host Jeanine Pirro was forced to retract her assertion in an interview with Trump that Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) had been "partying" there as well. Pelosi, as it turned out, did not travel to the island with the delegation.

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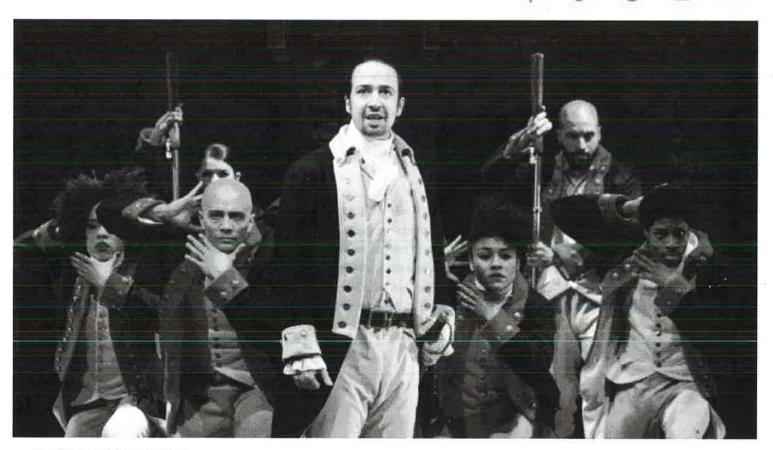
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'Hamilton' Cast to Host Virtual Fundraiser for Joe Biden's Campaign

By Ellise Shafer V

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The world may be turned upside down, but the "Hamilton" cast is not letting Joe Biden throw away his shot.

Biden's presidential campaign campaign announced Monday night that it will be holding a virtual grassroots fundraiser with the cast of the hit musical on Oct. 16 at 9 p.m. ET.

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Original cast members Lin-Manuel Miranda, Daveed Diggs, Renée Elise Goldsberry, Jonathan Groff, Christopher Jackson, Javier Muñoz, Leslie Odom Jr., Okieriete Onaodowa and Phillipa Soo will all be in attendance. Thomas Kail, director of the "Hamilton" film on Disney Plus, will moderate a Q&A with the cast. A special performance is also on the schedule. Fans can donate any amount of money to the Biden Victory Fund through its website in order to attend.

Be in the Town Hall where it happens with members of our Original Broadway Cast LIVE THIS FRIDAY, October 16th, at 9PM ET! We've got a LIVE Q&A and a never before seen performance just for you. RSVP NOW: https://t.co/HBHyBsSf8i pic.twitter.com/BfSuUEczoZ — Hamilton (@HamiltonMusical) October 13, 2020

"Hamilton" creator and star Miranda also participated in a phone bank event for Biden in partnership with the Latino Victory Fund on Oct. 6, and has been vocal about his support for Biden on social media. Miranda is a chairperson of the Latino Victory Fund.

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin has also put on several star-studded virtual events benefitting Biden's campaign, including cast reunions for "Veep" and "The Princess Bride." On Thursday, guests from five different casts of "Star Trek" are joining together for a virtual panel in the name of Biden's campaign.

The "Hamilton" cast also performed in 2016 for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. In July, the 11-time Tony-winning musical released a film edition comprised of several life performances on Disney Plus to resounding success. The project was originally meant to release in theaters on Oct. 15, 2021, but Disney moved up the release and switched to streaming due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Lin-Manuel Miranda spoke to Joseph R. Biden Jr. on Tuesday about the importance of the Latino vote.

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By Michael Cooper

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At this convention, where even the starry encounters have moved online, Joseph R. Biden

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Jr. live-streamed a conversation on Tuesday afternoon about the importance of the Latino vote with the composer, playwright and actor Lin-Manuel Miranda.

"The path to victory in November is going to rely on Latino voters," Mr. Biden told Mr. Miranda, in a conversation presented by the Latino Victory Project and NowThis. "That's not hyperbole." The former vice president made it clear that he was a big fan of "Hamilton," which Mr. Miranda wrote and starred in. (When Mr. Biden's successor, Mike Pence, attended the show as vice president-elect, its cast made a statement emphasizing the need for the incoming Trump administration to work on behalf of all Americans. Their appeal drew a sharp rebuke from Mr. Trump, who complained on Twitter that the cast had "harassed" Mr. Pence.) Mr. Biden did most of the talking. "The wage gap is so profound," he said. "Who the hell is keeping us going during this entire pandemic? Latinos. You have hundreds and hundreds of Dreamers out there who are the ones who are taking care of people. You've got nurses putting on garbage bags over their heads working in an operating room because they don't have the protective equipment."





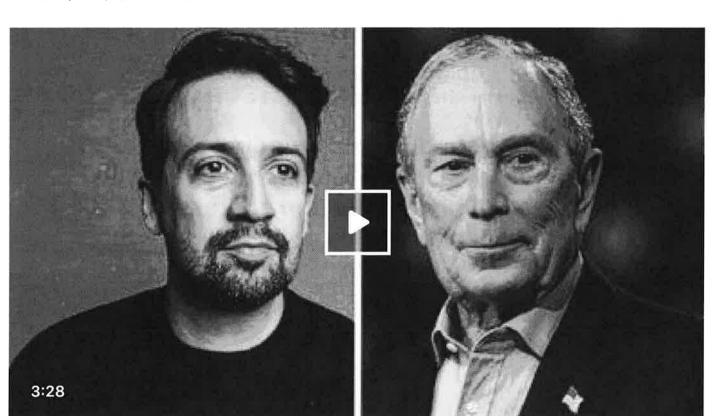
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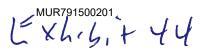
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And he accused the Trump administration of pursuing an "all-out assault on the Latino community."

"He's failed the Latino community time and again in order to satisfy the vicious right wing of his party that he in fact just keeps feeding raw meat to," Mr. Biden said.

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As Mr. Biden wound down, sounding slightly hoarse at times, Mr. Miranda offered him a little advice ahead of his nomination address: "Rest that voice," he said. "We've got a few days to go."





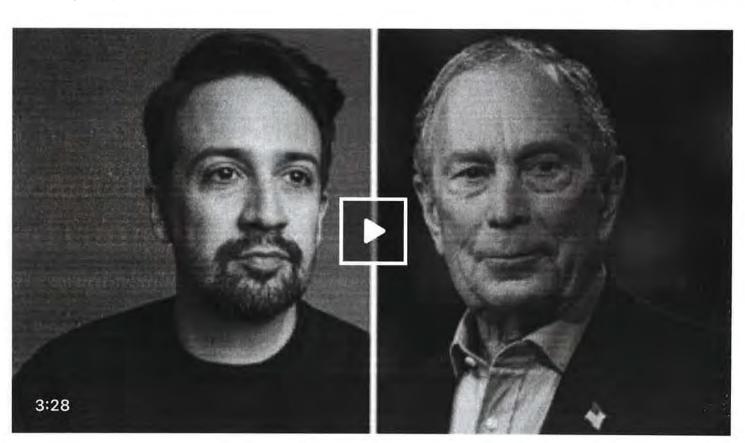
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The latest push comes as Biden is locked in a close race with President Donald Trump in Florida, a state the president won in 2016, but has struggled to match former President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's popularity with Latino voters in the state.

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The first ad in the \$500,000 effort, which will begin running Thursday on Spanish-language television stations in Tampa and Orlando, will spotlight Biden's work on the Affordable Care Act and the economic recovery after the Great Recession as vice president, while focusing on his commitment to help Puerto Rico's recovery from damaging hurricanes and its ongoing economic crisis.

"We need to vote for Joe Biden as president so he can help unify the country, take our small businesses forward and respect and help the Puerto Ricans on the island," Miranda says in the ad.

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The award-winning actor, director and musician behind "Hamilton" and "In The Heights" will also partner with Bloomberg on a number of upcoming Spanish and English-language radio ads for the campaign with United for Progress PAC, a progressive political action committee focused on mobilizing Latino voters. The ads will run through Election Day.

Bloomberg has already deployed some of his \$100 million Florida pledge to help get-out-the-vote efforts aimed at courting and mobilizing Latino and Black voters in Florida for Biden.

He's already spent tens of millions on television advertisements in the state

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attacking Trump's record on the coronavirus and efforts to repeal Obamacare, along with his history of critical comments about Puerto Rico and its leaders. ECLIFYY R.3

A recent Quinnipiac poll found Biden leading Trump 51%-40% among likely voters, with Biden ahead of the president with Hispanic voters 51%-37%.

Another poll from The New York Times and Siena College found Biden leading Trump 47%-42% among likely voters, and 58%-34% among Latino voters.

Trump, who defeated Clinton in Florida 49%-47%, is hoping to keep the state in GOP hands with a strong showing with Cuban voters, who traditionally lean Republican and have helped Republicans win narrow victories statewide in recent years.

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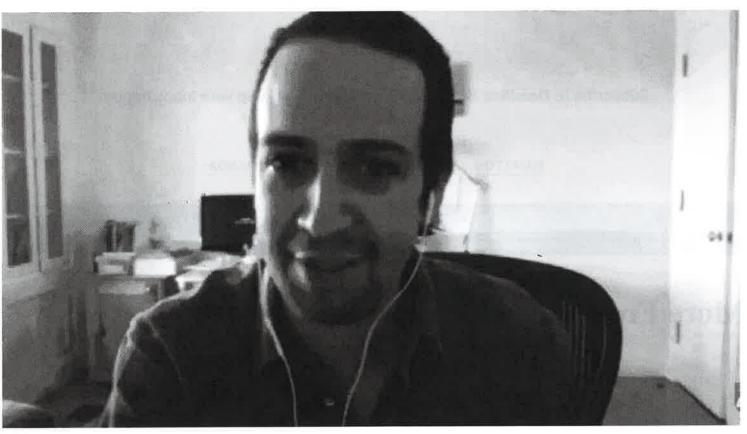
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It's no surprise when any entertainment figure endorses the presidential campaign of a Democrat. Joe Biden's campaign enjoys lopsided support from showbiz compared to Donald Trump, a difference between the candidates that is perhaps greater than any recent cycle.

But the Biden campaign singled out an endorsement on Thursday from Lin-Manuel Miranda, the

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creator and star of Hamilton.

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"I'm voting for Joe," Miranda said in a conversation with Randi Weingarten of the American Federation of Teachers.

"I am voting for Joe because our democracy is at stake, and I thnk we have had four years of the perils of someone with no experience at the wheel, and we've ... It's so much worse than everyone feared."

Miranda has been outspoken about Trump throughout his presidency, especially over his response to the hurricane in Puerto Rico. He also campaigned for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 cycle, and even changed the lyrics of "Ten Duel Commandments" for her campaign. He also performed parts of *Hamilton* at a White House event that year.

Biden's campaign has recently drawn on showbiz support for fundraisers, including an event on Sunday that featured Barbra Streisand, John Legend and Dave Matthews, and another on Tuesday featuring George Clooney and former President Barack Obama.

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throwing away his shot to celebrate his inauguration. While the traditional inaugural balls are not taking place due to the coronavirus pandemic, Biden's inaugural committee has planned a star-studded primetime special to mark the swearing-in on the evening of Jan. 20. On Sunday, the committee announced additional participants who will appear in the program, including Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of the smash Broadway hit "Hamilton."

According to the committee, Miranda will "recite a classic work during the program." Other newly announced participants in the special include NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, chef and philanthropist José Andrés, labor leader Dolores Huerta and Kim Ng, the first woman to serve as general manager of a Major League Baseball team. Tom Hanks was previously announced as host of the "Celebrating America" special along with musical performers including Justin Timberlake, Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi, John Legend and the Foo Fighters. Actresses Eva Longoria and Kerry Washington will introduce different segments as they did during the Democratic National Convention last August. Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will also make remarks during the broadcast.



Chairs are seen physically distanced as preparations take place for President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration at the U.S. Capitol, (Patrick Semansky/AP)

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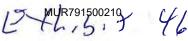


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after supporters of President Trump violently attacked the U.S. Capitol in an effort to stop lawmakers from certifying Biden's victory over the incumbent in last year's election. Five deaths were tied to the violence, and law enforcement has reported continued threats around the country. As a result, the Secret Service has spearheaded an unprecedented lockdown in the District of Columbia for the inauguration. For the past few days, much of downtown Washington has been

designated a Red Zone that is closed to the public,

including the National Mall and the Capitol, which is the traditional site of the presidential swearing-

Despite the elevated threat level, Biden and his team have stressed that they are confident the inauguration will be secure. Biden still plans to be sworn in on the West front of the Capitol building.

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Actress Janelle Monae Calls for Trump Supporters to Burn

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A ctress Janelle Monae, who played in *Hidden Figures* and *Antebellum*, had some harsh words for anyone who voted for Donald Trump.





"F*ck Donald Tromp and every American citizen, celebrity, white woman, black man, ETC who supported him burnnnnnnnn,"

It's unknown whether Monae meant people who voted for Trump should burn literally or figuratively, but since she did a EXL, 6, + 47

#Blacklivesmatter protest song and that group has been associated with violence, rioting, and looting all year, it is possible she meant it literally.

Three things about this.

First of all, as my friend Kurt Schlichter would say, the Left hates you. They really hate you. You shouldn't hate them back, but you also shouldn't ever forget where you stand with them.

Second, Trump's support from minorities went up in the election. Democrats are going to do anything and everything they can to turn those people around, which probably means they'll be even more likely to shout "racism" and look for polarizing racial issues to divide the country.

Last but not least, if Trump doesn't pull it out, expect the liberal media to move from attacking Trump to attacking all of his supporters as horrible, bad people. Granted, they already do that, but they will have to turn it up to 11. After all, if they don't have Trump to obsess over, they will need a new villain to keep the ratings going. That villain is likely to be his supporters and the country itself.

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It's no secret: African American women are not fans of Donald Trump.

His statements, policies, business activities, and overall being are arresting to those that believe in equality for all. And hiring reality star, Omarosa Manigault to build a bridge to the Black community, is only indicative of how out of touch Trump is.



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This weekend, this fact showed itself as Janelle Monae and Kerry Washington had stern words for the Republican nominee.

"One of us has class, loves other races, and good energy," Janelle said in an Instagram post comparing President Barack Obama to Trump in photos. "The other of us is full of negative energy unclassy racist and ghetto as f**k. You be the judge."

Another hit came from a very pregnant Kerry Washington, who held nothing back when talking about Trump, his maternity leave policy, and his daughter Ivanka.



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Kerry says while on Real Time with Bill Maher:

"I think it's important that we not be distracted by these very smart, very articulate, beautiful women who work on the Trump campaign. Who are a lot smarter than the candidate, I think. We need to be not swayed by them, because they will have their finger on the button. He will.

We are in a political climate where we are being led — by the media, no offense — to vote for the loudest candidate and the meanest, the bulliest candidate in the playground, and that we are voting based on a cult of personality or a cult of celebrity rather than voting in our best interest. I think if we really look at policy, voting for Trump is voting against our best interests as Americans, as workers, as people of color, as women. Not voting is voting against ourselves."

Watch her statement in the video, below.



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Taylor Swift won't be using her voice to belt out one of her hit songs on Wednesday night, she says, but for "yelling at the TV" during the vice presidential debate.

The "Cardigan" singer, who remained virtually mum on politics for much of her career until the 2018 midterm elections, tweeted to her more than 87 million Twitter followers:

I spoke to @vmagazine about why I'll be voting for Joe Biden for president. So apt that it's come out on the night of the VP debate. Gonna be watching and supporting @KamalaHarris by yelling at the tv a lot. And I also have custom cookies

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- Taylor Swift (@taylorswift13) October 7, 2020

Vice President Pence and Sen. <u>Kamala Harris</u> (D-Calif.) are poised to appear Wednesday night at their first and only debate ahead of the election.

Swift was one of several high-profile entertainers to back Biden and his running mate in interviews with V magazine, published Wednesday.

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"The change we need most is to elect a president who recognizes that people of color deserve to feel safe and represented, that women deserve the right to choose what happens to their bodies, and that the LGBTQIA+ community deserves to be acknowledged and included," Swift, 30, told the mag.

"Everyone deserves a government that takes global health risks seriously and puts the lives of its people first," she said.

"I will proudly vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in this year's presidential election. Under their leadership, I believe America has a chance to start the healing process it so desperately needs."

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Other stars, including Mariah Carey, Julianne Moore, Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Evans, Janelle Monáe and Bella Hadid also weighed in on the White House race for V magazine's Thought Leaders issue.

Saying she considers this year's the "most consequential" election of our lifetime, "Red Sparrow" star Lawrence said she's behind Biden because President Trump "has and will continue to put himself before the safety and well-being of America."

"Make me Feel" singer Monáe said she'll also cast a ballot for Biden, writing, "I'm excited to hold [them] accountable. And when [former Georgia gubernatorial candidate] Stacey Abrams does [eventually] run for president, I will be voting for her. She is the real deal."

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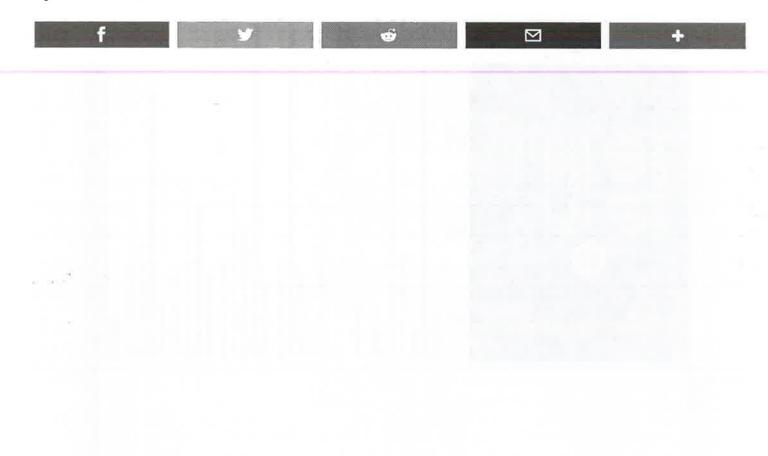
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Kamala Harris, Janelle Monae Talk Massive Stakes of Georgia Runoffs

"We know that if Mitch McConnell and the Republicans run the Senate, they will put us in gridlock," Monae says in video chat

By RYAN REED 🔀



One day before the Georgia **runoff elections**, Vice President-elect **Kamala Harris** spoke with **Janelle Monae** about the massive stakes of electing Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff to the United States Senate.

As Harris and Monae note during their 14-minute video chat, Democrats would

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effectively take control of the Senate if both candidates are elected, giving the party 50 votes (and Harris serving as a tiebreaker.)

Calling the election a "historic moment" for the country, Monae asks Harris to highlight how these Senate victories would prove crucial for advancing an agenda with President-elect Joe Biden.

"There are 100 members of the United States Senate. Right now, the Republicans have the majority," Harris explains from Savannah, Georgia. "Whoever's in the majority gets to basically make the rights around what we're going to vote on versus what we're not going to vote on. It has everything to do with what legislation will get passed and whose voices will be heard. ... United States senators have so much power to determine how our country will move forward or not."



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Harris details some of the policy issues Democrats could address with a Senate majority.

"We'll have the power to say, 'Let's put on the floor legislation that's about addressing climate change and taking it seriously, including climate injustice and racial injustice as it relates to that issue," she says. "We'll have the power to say, 'Let's have a federal minimum wage that's at least \$15 an hour instead of \$7.25 an hour. The power to say, 'Let's deal with the inequities in our education system, in our health care system, in our economy.' All of this is at stake. Not to mention that Georgia has such a long history of trying to take away and deny people the right to vote."

Monae urges fans to recognize the importance of the election: "We know that if Mitch McConnell and the Republicans run the Senate, they will put us in gridlock, and they will put us in paralysis and block everything that the Biden/Harris administration is trying to do. We cannot allow that. So we have to elect Ossoff and Warnock January 5th. I'm with you, Kamala."

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The 25 Most Influential People on the Internet



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For our fifth annual roundup of the most influential people on the Internet, TIME evaluated contenders by looking at their global impact on social media and their overall ability to drive news. Here's who made this year's unranked list.





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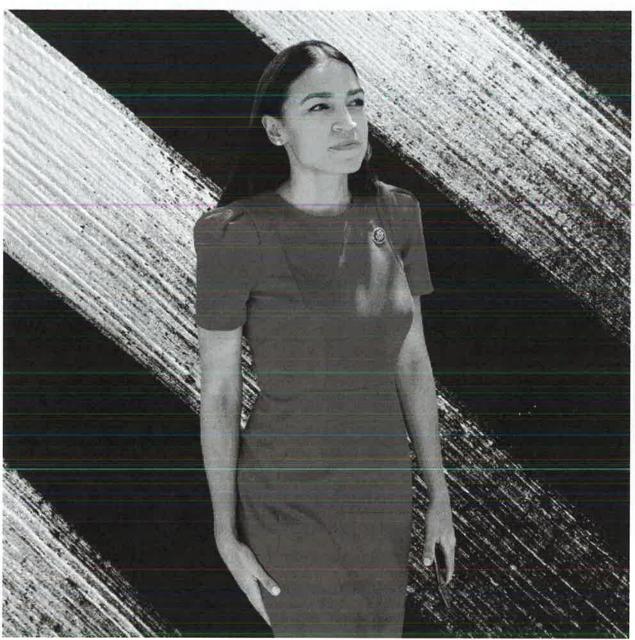
For proof that viral fame can lead to bona-fide stardom, look no further than Atlanta rapper Lil Nas X. Born Montero Lamar Hill, the rapper developed his online fanbase (and his fluency in the quick, satiric language of the internet) by curating memes on Twitter. Then came "Old Town Road." The track, made to a \$30 beat and released in late 2018, first gained steam as the soundtrack to the "#yeehaw" challenge on video-sharing app TikTok, then for getting removed from *Billboard*'s Hot Country chart, kickstarting a conversation about Nashville's exclusion of black artists. Shortly after, Lil Nas X recruited Billy Ray Cyrus for a remix, which has now topped the *Billboard* Hot 100 for 15 weeks and logged 9 of the 11 biggest streaming weeks of all time. More recently, Lil Nas X made headlines for publicly coming out as gay, telling BBC

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Breakfast that his decision to share his truth was "opening doors for more people." — Raisa Bruner

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Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez may be a junior member of the House of Representatives, but when it comes to social media prowess, her seniority is virtually unparalleled. Ocasio-Cortez, who even offline is often referred to by her Twitter handle "AOC," has nearly 4.8 million followers on the platform, more than most members of Congress.

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asked Thunberg whom she admired most, her answer was simple: "The young people in developing countries, who sacrifice their education in order to protest against the destruction of their future and world. They are real heroes." —Suyin Haynes

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Liza Koshy



How did a 23-year-old former Vine star get so famous that she was tapped to host *Vogue*'s Met Gala red carpet and interview Barack Obama? When Liza Koshy was asked a similar question during a *WIRED* Autocomplete Interview, she responded

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with a smirk: "I honestly don't know. You guys have weird taste online." Koshy revels in the weirdness of Internet culture, which in turn has catapulted her from six-second novelty act to YouTube star to fashion maven to film and television actress (with appearances in Hulu's *Freakish* and Tyler Perry's *Boo! A Madea Halloween*). Koshy has thrived in each of these spaces—as well as on Instagram (17.9 million followers) and TikTok (14.1 million followers)—but her uproarious and bizarre sense of humor shines most clearly on YouTube. There, she creates frenetic skits stuffed with virtuosic dancing, alter egos, fourth wall-breaking, groan-inducing puns, and plenty of mugging to the camera. Her upcoming role in an Alicia Keys-produced comedy film is yet another sign that her rise won't slow anytime soon. —Andrew R. Chow

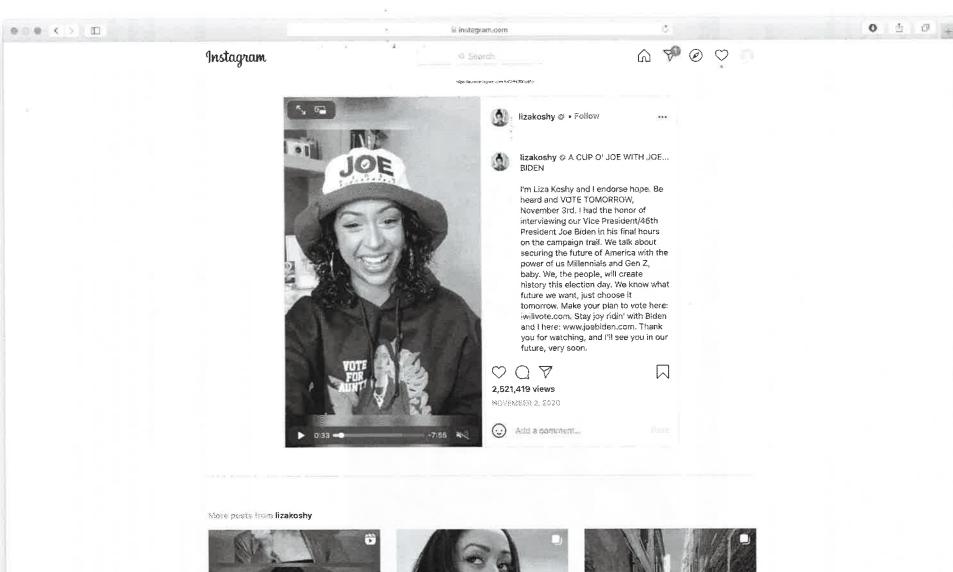
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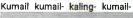
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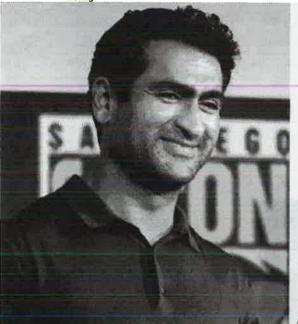
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This is not a first for Hollywood celebs to come together and raise funds for their political party of interest.

Celebrities from the South Asian community are coming together for a virtual block party to support Joe Biden/Kamala Harris for the US Presidential elections 2020.

This is not a first for Hollywood celebs to come together and raise funds for their political party of interest. Talking about the get together, 'Eternals' actor Kumail Nanjiani said, "Joining forces with our community of brown folks/South Asians for a fundraiser for Biden-Harris is not just a natural evolution of my involvement, but something I'm so proud of. I'm thrilled to be participating in this first-of-its kind get together with other South Asian actors, artists and leaders to help our community unite our around this truly vital cause: essentially, fighting for the rights of all and the preservation of our democracy."

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An official fundraiser for the Joe Biden-Kamala Harris campaign, the South Asian Block Party will also feature Hollywood figures Mindy Kaling, Lilly Singh, Aparna Nancherla and Liza Koshy as part of its informative and entertaining program.

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The South Asian Block Party will not only feature sets from comedians and music from South Asian artists like Madame Gandhi and Emmy-nomined 'This Is Us' composer Siddhartha Khosla, but the event will also include conversations about the topics relevant to the South Asian community including immigration policy and healthcare.

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Democratic National Convention 2020: Day 4

By Melissa Macaya, Veronica Rocha, Fernando Alfonso III, Kyle Blaine and Jessica Estepa, CNN Updated 8:47 a.m. ET, August 21, 2020

What we covered here

- **DNC day four:** Joe Biden formally accepted the Democratic party's presidential nomination from Wilmington, Delaware. He called this election a "battle for the soul of the nation" and said "united we can and will overcome this season of darkness in America."
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"The event will be dropping into the homes of A-list celebrities and activists across the country for several segments, and the after party will be headlined by a never-before seen set for a special musical performance by Grammy Award-winning artist, record producer and DJ Diplo, one of the most dynamic forces in music today," organizers said in a news release.

Other big names participating in the event include Alyssa Milano, Aubrey Plaza, Cat and Nicole Ehrlich Cora, Jaime Camil, Jason George, Elena Delle Donne, Keith Powell, Liza Koshy, Neil Casey, Michelle Kwan, and Zooey Deschanel.

The event will be livestreamed across Joe Biden's and the DNC's social media accounts and websites.



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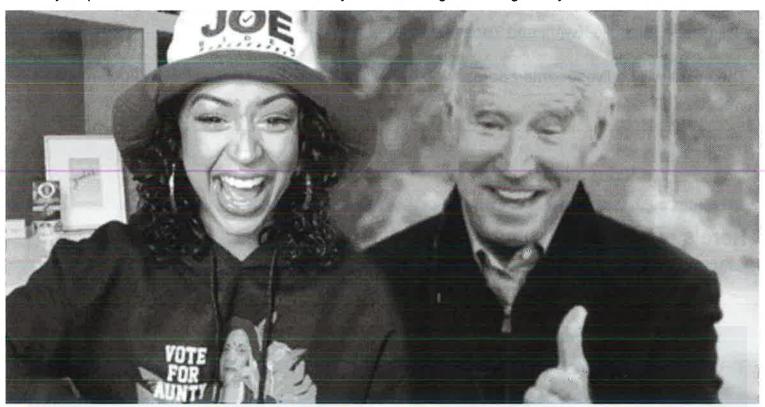


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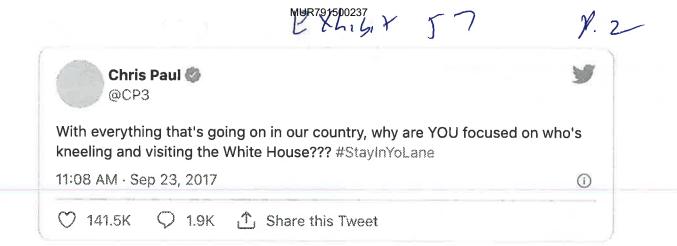






President Donald Trump isn't making himself any friends among professional athletes this weekend.

Trump took a hard stance against the NFL and player protests and he rescinded the Golden State Warriors' invite to the White House, specifically taking a shot at superstar Stephen Curry. Of course, Curry and the Warriors likely weren't planning on going anyhow, but semantics, right?



Trump drew the ire of the NFLPA with his comments and his stance against Curry has drawn major criticism as well. Everyone from LeBron James to Kobe Bryant has spoken out against him. James went as far to call Trump a "bum." Meanwhile, Bryant took his own stance, saying that Trump will never be able to "Make America Great Again."

Though he certainly doesn't have the star power of James or Bryant, NBA star Chris Paul threw his two cents into the conversation on Twitter. In fact, he actually took a shot against the President's manhood in response to Trump calling NFL players protesting the National Anthem sons of bitches:

With everything that's going on in our country, why are YOU focused on who's kneeling and visiting the White House??? #StayInYoLane

- Chris Paul (@CP3) September 23, 2017

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And I doubt he's man enough to call any of those players a son of a bitch to their face...

- Chris Paul (@CP3) September 23, 2017

That's a strong take against anybody let alone a sitting President of the United States. Of course, Trump isn't your ordinary President and he has decided to make an enemy of some very high profile athletes and leagues, so it's going to be interesting to see how this all shakes out.



Some would say that beefs with superstar athletes are the least of Trump's worries right now, but this won't help his public perception among those who don't already support him.

In fact, it may even lose him some support among NBA and NFL fans.



Andrew Kulha, FanBuzz Writer

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Joe Biden spoke to a crowd in Charlotte about health care and reviving the US economy, with special focus on Black-owned small businesses.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (WTVD) -- Democratic Presidential nominee Joe Biden made a visit to Charlotte on Wednesday for a Black economic summit.

Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles and NBA star Chris Paul spoke before Biden, both endorsing him for president.

Biden met and spoke with Black business owners, educators and working people. He highlighted his plan to Build Back Better, which includes investing \$70 billion in HBCUs and leveraging \$150 billion in new opportunities for Black-owned small businesses.

"The cycle that exists for the African American community by and large finds itself in a lot of economic upheaval," Biden said during his speech. "When things get bad, they're the first ones in the hole, and when things get better, they're the last ones out."

Biden also announced his plan to create small business advisory boards featuring prominent business owners and politicians, including former rival for the Democratic nomination Andrew Yang and the founders of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream.

And as the country passes 200,000 deaths due to the novel coronavirus, Biden talked about the need to protect and expand the Affordable Care Act to make sure more Americans have health care coverage.

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"You look out there and you have a pandemic, unemployment, race relations drawn into focus, police brutality," Biden said. "People now saying, 'My Lord, I didn't realize it was this bad."

Last week, Biden's wife, Dr. Jill Biden, met virtually with working parents in North Carolina.

President Donald Trump will also be in Charlotte on Thursday as part of his reelection campaign. Trump is expected to talk about his administration's plan to deliver low-cost healthcare. This will be President Trump's 14th official visit to North Carolina.

President Trump won North Carolina during the 2016 election against Hillary Clinton. However, most polls show a very close race between Biden and Trump in 2020.

The Trump campaign has even said it sees North Carolina as a state the president must win in order to be re-elected, which is why Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have made several visits to North Carolina over the past few weeks.

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"It will be a woman. A very talented, very brilliant woman. Who I haven't chosen yet, but we have numerous women on the list," Trump told the Fayetteville crowd on Saturday night.

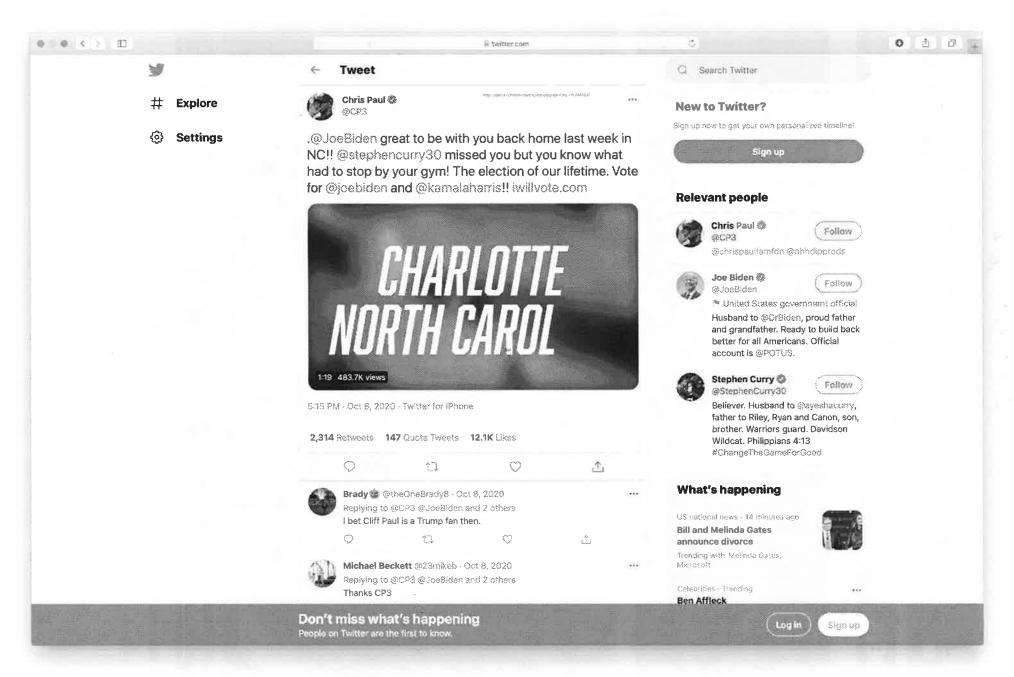
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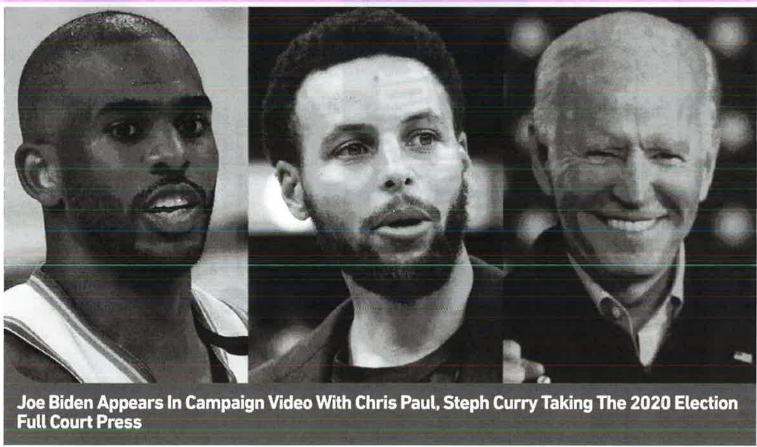
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The NBA stars and Democratic candidate talk about the importance of voting with high school players.

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Democratic presidential candidate **Joe Biden's** outreach is even stretching to the basketball universe in order to engage voters as time before Election Day grows shorter.

In a video newly released by the campaign, he meets with Oklahoma Clty Thunder superstar guard **Chris Paul** to discuss the importance of casting a vote. In the midst of the video, Paul puts in a Facetime call to Golden State Warriors' multi-champion guard **Steph Curry** while introducing Biden during a visit with a Charlotte high school basketball team which was at the city's Carole Hoefner Center, according to USA Today.

"Even though you guys are not old enough to vote, right now at this time encourage people, man, like in them group chats that y'all in with your homies and your friends," Paul says, speaking candidly. "You know how everyone tells you that you're the future, right? No, y'all the right now."

The video is just an introduction to an 11-minute version that features a longer conversation between Biden and Paul, which will be released later on social media at a time still to be announced.

Paul met up with Biden when he came to Charlotte and attended a Black economics summit recently in late September.

Understanding an NBA Legend

While campaigning in Gettysburg, Pa., on Tuesday, Oct. 7, Biden spoke about social justice and the reactions to police violence involving African Americans that has gripped the national conversation this year. He brought up Philadelphia 76ers coach Doc Rivers, who gave an emotional statement after the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wis., last month.

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"Doc Rivers, the basketball coach, was choking back tears when he said, 'We're the ones getting killed. We're the ones getting shot. We've been hung. It's amazing how we're loving this country, when this country does not love us back.' I think about that," said Biden. "I think about what it takes for a Black person to love America. That is a deep love for this country, that has for far too long never been recognized."

Curry, who spoke in a video supporting Biden at the Democratic National Convention in August, and Paul are just two NBA stars endorsing Biden. Others, include L.A. Lakers superstar forward **LeBron James**, NBA legend **Magic Johnson** the 76ers guard **Ben Simmons**, and the Sacramento Kings' forward **Harrison Barnes**.

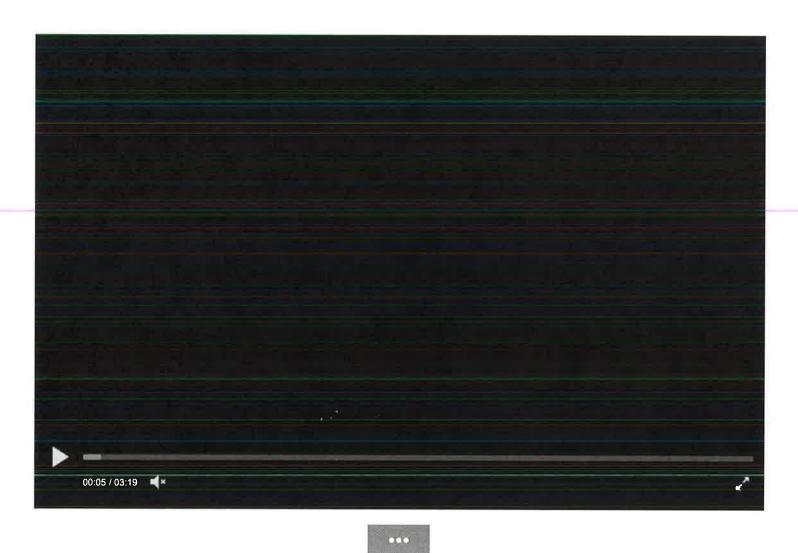
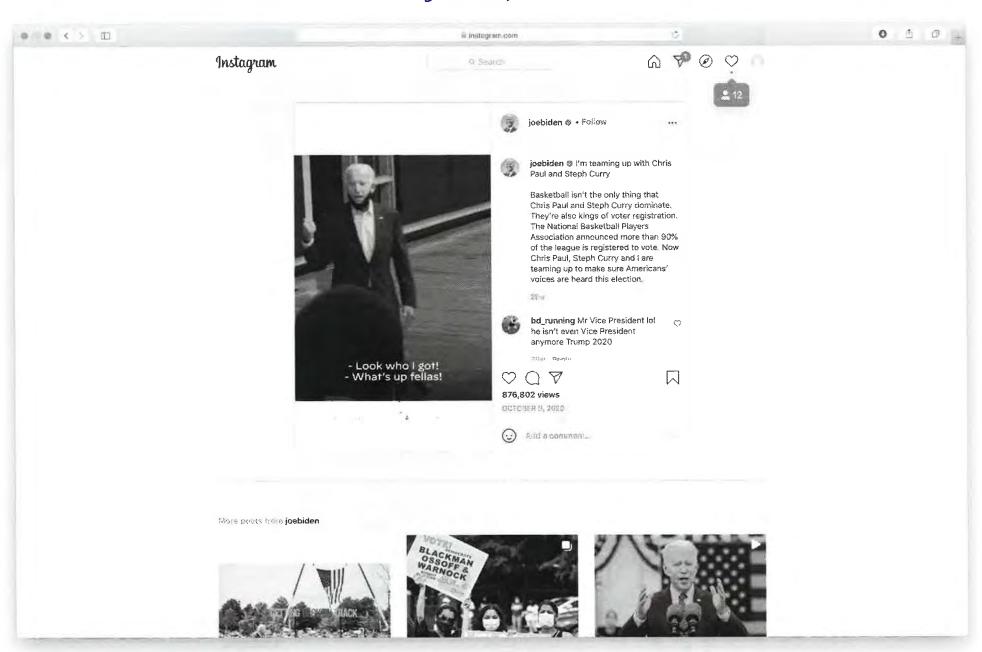


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U.S. soccer star Megan Rapinoe gushed about her visit to the White House last month, saying she was able to "geek out" meeting with President Biden and officials in his administration.

"I was like a total kid in the candy store," Rapinoe <u>told People</u> this week. "I got to meet Jen Psaki as well. I love Jen Psaki. I think she's an incredible press secretary. I don't know why I geek out about these people, but that was really cool."

The midfielder's visit to the White House, including an <u>impromptu visit to the press briefing room</u> with Psaki, came after she <u>ignited a feud</u> with then-President Trump in 2019.

Rapinoe, a frequent critic of Trump's, said that she was <u>"not going to the f--ing White House"</u> if the U.S. Women's National Team (USWNT) won the World Cup, which the team later did.

"Obviously the White House is a really special place," Rapinoe told People. "Generally. I know I said I didn't want to go there one time, but I think it's a really special place. It obviously holds so much power."

Rapinoe said the mood in the Biden White House was uplifting after "a really ugly four years."

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"There was a lot of really nasty things said, and words matter ... the way that you treat people and talk to people, the way that you talk to women, the way that you talk to kids signals to everyone how one of the most powerful people in the world — if that person is saying nasty things, people are going to take that as a cue," she said.

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"I think the genuine nature of the Bidens, just as people, is welcomed," Rapinoe added.

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The USWNT co-captain visited Washington, D.C., to attend an event marking Equal Pay Day, the date each year to which women must work to make the same amount that men made the year before.

Rapinoe and 27 other members of USWNT filed a class-action lawsuit in 2019 against the U.S. Soccer Federation, claiming the four-time World Cup championship team is paid significantly less than the men's team despite having markedly more success in international tournaments.

Last year, a federal judge found that the team had insufficient evidence to bring the claims to trial, though the players said they would appeal that decision.

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Joe Biden congratulated Megan Rapinoe and Sue Bird on their engagement, adding, 'Love will always win'

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- US Women's National Team star Megan Rapinoe proposed to her longtime girlfriend, WNBA legend Sue Bird, while on a recent trip to Antigua.
- Joe Biden congratulated the power couple on their engagement on Twitter, adding "Love will always win."
- Both Rapinoe and Bird expressed their gratitude to the former vice president and Democratic nominee for president from their own Twitter accounts, and Bird encouraged her followers to "go vote now."
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Joe Biden is plenty busy these days, but he still took the time to congratulate one of sports' most famous couples on their recent engagement.

The former vice president and Democratic nominee for president took a break from his final stretch of campaigning to send his best wishes to US Women's National Team star Megan Rapinoe and her now-fiancée, WNBA legend Sue Bird, after the pink-haired World Cup hero proposed earlier in October.

"Love will always win," Biden wrote on Twitter. "Congratulations, <u>@S10Bird</u> and @mPinoe!"

—Joe Biden (@JoeBiden) October 31, 2020

Rapinoe quoted Biden's tweet on Halloween to thank him and agree that "Love does always win."

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—Megan Rapinoe (@mPinoe) October 31, 2020

Bird expressed her gratitude in a reply the following day, and then encouraged her followers to "go vote now."

—Sue Bird (@S10Bird) November 1, 2020

Rapinoe popped the question while the couple was on vacation in Antigua with close friends. Bird turned 40 on October 16 — less than a week removed from winning her fourth WNBA title with the Seattle Storm — so the USWNT cocaptain organized a surprise trip to the Caribbean island to celebrate the point guard.

On Friday, Bird posted a photo of Rapinoe down on one knee while balancing on the ledge of an infinity pool.

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Megan Rapinoe (left) celebrates with Sue Bird after the point guard won her fourth WNBA title with the Seattle Storm. AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

When the duo will tie the knot still remains to be seen, but the wedding is sure to be a star-studded affair.

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Megan Rapinoe and WNBA legend Sue Bird are engaged after the pinked-haired USWNT star popped the question in Antigua

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"The one cool thing that I did post championship, because it was my birthday coming up shortly after, Megan got seven of our friends — there was nine of us — set up everything, totally surprised me, and it was this huge trip," Bird said on the "About Last Night Podcast" with comedian Adam Ray. "There's three of us — two other of my really close friends from childhood — were all turning 40. So it was basically like this 40 birthday bash and we went to Antigua, which was amazing. Beyond amazing. So amazing."

Rapinoe and Bird met during the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, and since the soccer star plays for OL Reign — the NWSL club based in Seattle — the duo made plans for when they returned to The Emerald City. They began dating later that fall and, since Bird came out publicly the next year, have become one of the most famous power-couples in professional sports.



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Healthcare a Big Player at First Night of Democratic Convention

— Bernie Sanders, Michelle Obama among those lambasting Trump's approach to coronavirus

by Joyce Frieden, News Editor, MedPage Today August 18, 2020

Healthcare was a definite presence at Monday night's debut of the Democratic National Convention, though perhaps in smaller ways than expected.

The evening's lineup for the first-ever remote convention featured a section on "We the People Helping Each Other Through COVID-19," during which New York governor Andrew Cuomo (D) was the featured speaker. And although Cuomo did begin with a few sentences about how well his state is now doing with the virus, he quickly segued away from it. "New York has gone from one of the highest infection rates to one of the lowest," Cuomo said, but added, "COVID is the symptom, not the illness. Our nation is in crisis, and in many ways, COVID is just a metaphor." He said that just as a virus attacks when the body is weak, the U.S. is now suffering from anti-Semitic, anti-Latino, and anti-immigrant beliefs as its political divisions have grown deeper.

Cuomo did eventually get back to discussing the virus, noting that the federal government "watched New York suffer, but all through it learned absolutely nothing." He noted that now, 6 months after the virus began, "the virus is ricocheting across the country from one state to another. Today we trail the world in defeating COVID, with 5 million cases ... We have seen in this crisis the truth, that government matters and leadership matters -- it determines whether we thrive and grow, or whether we live or die."

The federal government learned nothing from New York State's experience with COVID-19, said New York governor Andrew Cuomo (D). (Photo courtesy C-SPAN livestream)

The evening also included a conversation between Olympic gold medalist in soccer Megan Rapinoe and four frontline healthcare workers. "People are exhausted and looking at a tsunami coming this winter with COVID and influenza," said Bradley Dreifuss, MD, an emergency physician in Tucson, Arizona. Michelle Boyle, a nurse in

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Pittsburgh who has traveled widely, said that "the first time I ever feared for my life and my family was in my own country. We have the money, we have the means, we have the resources. We're deeply lacking leadership and somebody who cares."

For the perspective of a patient's family, the Democrats spotlighted Kristin Urquiza of San Francisco, whose late father, a Trump supporter in Arizona, died of COVID-19. "Dad had faith in Donald Trump -- he listened to him, he voted for him ... he believed him that it was OK to end social distancing rules before it was safe." Urquiza said that because of that, her father decided to go to a karaoke bar with some friends. "His only preexisting condition was trusting Donald Trump, and for that he paid with his life."

Trump may not have caused coronavirus, "but his actions made it so much worse," she added. "We need a leader to stop this pandemic from claiming more lives."

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) also mentioned the coronavirus. "It's crucial we rally together to fight this virus," she said, adding that in her state, "we listened to medical experts and we planned. We executed our plan and saved thousands of lives. Just imagine if we had a national strategy, so everyone who needs a test gets one for free, so kids have what they need to get safely back to school." If Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) win the election, "it will be science, not politics or ego, that will drive their decisions," said Whitmer. "They know action begets action."

Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) discussed a different aspect of healthcare: the delays in the postal service's mail delivery that are causing problems for people who fill their prescriptions through mail order. "President Trump is putting the lives of Nevada's seniors at risk," said Cortez Masto, referring to actions by Trump-appointed Postmaster General Louis DeJoy that are slowing down mail delivery. "Nevada seniors won't be able to get their prescriptions because he wants to win an election. Well, Mr. President, Nevadans aren't intimidated by you."

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who dropped out of the presidential race in April and endorsed Biden, said that by rejecting science, President Trump "puts lives and health in jeopardy. Trump attacked doctors and scientists trying to protect us from the pandemic, while refusing to take strong action to produce the masks, gowns, and gloves our healthcare workers desperately need."

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Although he disagrees with Joe Biden on the best path to universal coverage, "Joe has a plan that will protect healthcare and lower the cost of prescription drugs," said Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.). (Photo courtesy C-SPAN livestream)

"Nero fiddled while Rome burns -- Trump golfs," he said. "Our nation is still unprepared to protect its people." Sanders, a supporter of a single-payer Medicare for All health insurance plan, admitted that "while Joe and I disagree on the best path to universal coverage, he has a plan that will protect healthcare and lower the cost of prescription drugs ... Further, he will lower the age of Medicare from 65 to 60." Sanders ended by telling his supporters that they must come together to defeat Trump and elect Biden. "My friends, the price of failure is just too great to imagine."

The evening's final speaker was former first lady Michelle Obama. "When my husband left office, we had secured the right to healthcare for 20 million people," she said, referring to Obama's signing of the Affordable Care Act in 2010. In addition, "the president worked hand in hand with scientists to prevent the Ebola outbreak from becoming a global pandemic... Today, it's very different; more than 150,000 people have died because of a virus the president downplayed for far too long."

"Donald Trump is the wrong president for our country ... He is clearly in over his head," Obama said. Biden, on the other hand, "knows what it takes to rescue an economy, beat back a pandemic, and lead our country. He will tell the truth and trust science."

Tuesday night's theme at the convention will be "Steady Leadership." In addition to a delegate roll call, scheduled speakers include former secretary of state John Kerry, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), former president Bill Clinton, and Joe Biden's wife, Jill Biden, EdD.

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Shonda Rhimes is slamming President Trump as "unAmerican" and a "hypocrite" for allegedly offending the widow of a fallen soldier while at the same time waging a battle with NFL players over protesting during the national anthem.

The famed creator of ABC's "Scandal" and "Grey's Anatomy" tweeted to her more than 1.6 million followers on Thursday:

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Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.) claimed Tuesday that Trump, in a conversation overheard on speakerphone, had told the widow of Army Sqt. La David Johnson that the Green Beret "knew what he signed up for."

While Johnson's mother confirmed the lawmaker's account, Trump denied that he made such a remark.

"I didn't say what that congresswoman said — didn't say it at all — she knows it," Trump said on Wednesday. "I would like her to make the statement again because I did not say what she said."

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Wilson said Wednesday that she stands by her words, calling Trump a "liar."

Rhimes, 47, echoed Wilson's "liar" sentiment in a Thursday tweet, writing:

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Following the reports on Johnson and his family, Trump's outreach to Gold Star families has fallen under intense scrutiny.

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The Washington Post reported Wednesday that Trump had told the father of a fallen soldier he'd been sending him a \$25,000 check, which hasn't arrived months later.

The Associated Press said Thursday that, of the Gold Star families it has been able to contact, Trump has only personally reached out to half of them.

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The uproar comes on the heels of another controversy ignited by Trump last month over NFL players who take a knee during the national anthem before games.

Colin Kaepernick, formerly with the San Francisco 49ers, started the movement last season to protest police misconduct and racial injustice.

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Last month, Trump called on NFL owners to fire players who take a knee.

Rhimes, who endorsed former Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in last year's election, said in April that she's "still trying to come to terms" with Trump's presidency.

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Kamala Harris' First VP Campaign Fundraiser To Be Co-Chaired By Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling, Shonda **Rhimes And More**

By JAMIE SAMHAN, 13 Aug 2020 8:08 PM



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Kamala Harris' first vice presidential campaign event already has a strong set of supporters, including many Hollywood stars.

Only days after being announced as Joe Biden's running mate, Harris' first solo event will be co-chaired by Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling, Shonda Rhimes, Tory Burch and soccer player Amy Griffin.

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Other chairs include California Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Ambassador Colleen Bell, director of the California Film Commission Nicole Avant, former U.S. Arrhassedor to the Bahamas and wife of Netflix head Ted Sarandos; Mai Lassiter and Shannon Rotenberg, executive director of Matthew McConaughey's Just Keep Livin Foundation, THR (https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/kamalaharris-sets-first-vp-campaign-event-support-reese-witherspoon-mindy-kaling-1307147) reports.

The virtual event does not have a date set yet but is open to the public with ticket prices ranging from \$500 for guests, "Champions" for \$50,000 and co-chairs for \$100,000.

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Biden and Harris' first joint event on Wednesday brought in \$34 million.

Many other stars already threw their support behind Harris during her presidential campaign with 49 per cent of her donations being made by *THR's* 100 list (https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/lists/thr-100-hollywood-reporters-powerful-people-entertainment-1142979) which ranks the most powerful in the entertainment industry. They included J.J. Abrams, Eva Longoria, Elizabeth Banks and Anthony Anderson.



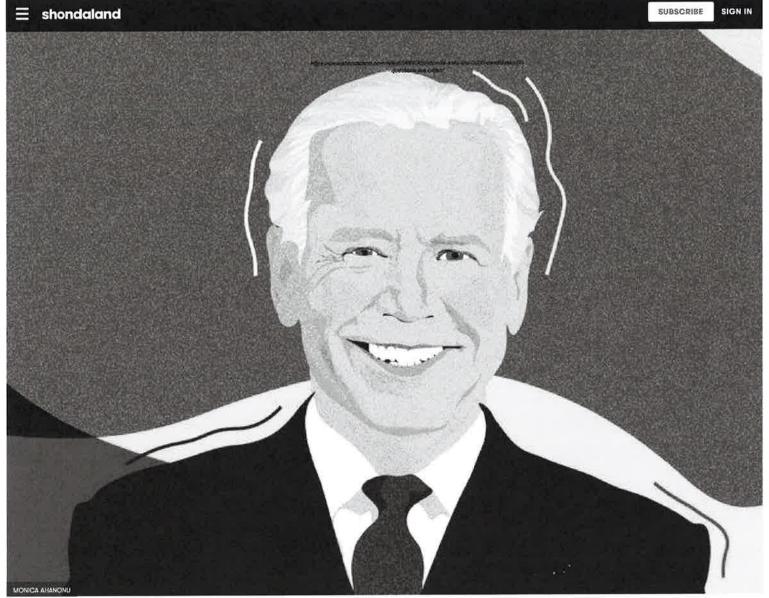


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Shonda Asks the 2020 Candidates 20 Questions: Here's What Joe Biden Had to Say

Get to know your 2020 presidential hopefuls a little bit better, thanks to an in-depth questionnaire crafted by Shonda Rhimes.

By Shondaland Staff NOV 5, 2019

With the Democratic primary race in full swing, we've learned more about where the 2020 presidential election candidates stand on the issues — but who are these people really? Shondaland.com wanted to find out, so, with a questionnaire crafted by Shonda Rhimes herself, we reached out to every Democratic candidate who has announced their candidacy and asked them all the exact same questions. From what inspires them, to their favorite dance-floor jam to, of course, what they're planning to do in office, here's an opportunity to get to know your Democratic presidential hopefuls a little deeper.

Candidate: Joe Biden

Current Office: none; former Vice President of the United States, under former President Barack Obama.

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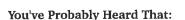
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- · Biden, 76, was born in Scranton, PA and now lives in Wilmington, DE.
- First elected in 1972, Biden served six terms as the Unites States senator to Delaware.
- He was elected as the 47th Vice President to the United States in 2008 and 2012.
- Biden also sought the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1988 and 2008.
- Biden still maintains strong ties to the battle-ground state of Pennsylvania, and even positioned his campaign headquarters there in an apparent move to try and win the state back from Trump, who too Pennsylvania in 2016.

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- Health care remains a top priority for Biden. As VP to Obama, Biden touts his role in the passage of the Affordable Care Act, and frames his passion for fair health care against the personal tragedies that have punctuated his life: His first wife and a baby daughter were killed in a car accident in 1972, and in 2015, his son Beau Biden died of brain cancer.
- Biden was a former chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and speaks fervently about maintaining America's role as a global leader.
- As one of the campaign fields centrist candidates, Biden firmly believes in the value of bipartisanship and working across the aisle.

One Key Issue He's Pushing Forward Right Now: In breaking with the Obama legacy, Biden announced a plan to triple spending on low income schools without a standardized test to measure school and teacher quality.

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Ahead, more about the candidate, in his own words.

When you made the decision to run for President, who is the first person you told?

I often introduce myself on the campaign trail as Jill Biden's husband, which may give you a hint! Kidding aside, it was always a family decision...it wasn't like I decided to run, and then told Jill and the rest of our family. My wife, my children, and especially my grandchildren were part of the decision from the very beginning. My grandkids were the ones who called the family meeting and said, "Pop, you've got run." Even the easiest campaigns (if those exist) are really hard on families, so I was never going to do this unless my entire family was completely on board.

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What do you do to take care of yourself? How do you unwind?

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My "me time" is family time. They really do ground me and the best day is any day just spent at home or at the beach together. I also love house projects; in another life I'd be an architect. I'm always building (or rebuilding) something or fixing things around the house, or in our yard.

There's just something about thinking through how to fix a door, replace a storm window, where to put shelves, or where to relocate a shrub that helps clear the mind.

What book (not including the Bible) has influenced you most?

There are too many to pick just one that has influenced me most in my life, but right now, I'd say that Jon Meacham's "The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels" is truly a profound read. It places our present political circumstances in the context of what has gone before. We've been here before, in different ways - and we've never stopped trying to live up to the ideals that form the American creed. We're living through one of those periods where I think our history can shed some light on why there's so much reason for hope and optimism now. It's one of the most thoughtful, insightful commentaries on where we are, where we've been, and why we can look forward to a future that is bright and full of significant achievement from this point on.

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Who inspires you? Why?

My son Beau. He is our entire family's inspiration. When Beau was coming to terms with his own cancer prognosis, he told me: "I'm going to be okay no matter what happens. I'm going to be okay, Dad. I promise you.... But you've got to promise me, Dad, that no matter what happens, you're going to be alright. Give me your word, Dad, that you're going to be all right. Promise me, Dad." And I promised him. You know, my dad had an expression. He used to say, "You know your success as a parent when you turn and look at your child and realize they turned out better than you." By objective standards, I've been pretty successful, but my son was better than me. And he was better than me in almost every way. Beau loved life and never

complained, with one exception: there was nothing he disliked more than people worrying about him. He selflessly took on everyone else's worries and had a "we will get through this" attitude. He taught us to never give up on ourselves or each other. And he showed us all, even before he got sick, and certainly all through his battle with brain cancer, the value of living with purpose in the face of the tallest odds. To this day, we still ask ourselves, "What would Beau do?" – and have bracelets that say "WWBD" to remind us of the purpose he instills in all of us. It remains an honor for everyone in our family to try to live by the example he set, best captured in 2 Timothy 4:7: "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

What are the most urgent issues facing women in America right now?

Right now, there are attacks coming from every angle on Obamacare, the historic legislation that Barack and I passed to cover 20 million more people, and protect 100 million more with pre-existing conditions like cancer, asthma, and diabetes from higher premiums or losing their coverage.

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President Obama and I understood that women, especially women of color, have experienced bias in the medical system as long as it has existed. That's why we made sure that insurance companies couldn't charge women more than men for the same coverage; pregnancy could no longer be deemed a pre-existing condition; and that women could have access to preventive services like mammograms, breastfeeding counseling and supplies, and contraception.

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And, let's be clear about something: reproductive care is health care. Period. And today we are witnessing an all-out assault on reproductive rights at every level. Across the country, Republican-controlled state legislatures are taking away the freedom of women – a freedom that is constitutionally protected – to access health care. The bottom line is, I will do everything in my power to expand access for all women, so they can get the best health care available, regardless of race, gender, income, circumstance or zip code.



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What have you already done to improve the lives of poor and middle income Americans?

One of the cornerstones of my campaign is rebuilding the backbone of America – the middle class. I know what it's like when a family worries about keeping a job, sending kids to college, and living a dignified life. When I was a kid, my dad lost his job and we had to move to Delaware so he could find work. I remember vividly the struggles of my mom and dad, and I'll never forget it.

As a Senator, I fought to stop abusive and predatory lending practices; raise the minimum wage; ensure standards for worker safety; protect workers' rights to unionize and picket; increase funding for Medicaid, CHIP and WIC programs; make college more affordable; extend unemployment insurance; expand Pell grants; and pass the Family Medical Leave Act. In the White House, we passed Obamacare, which provided health coverage to tens of millions of families who didn't have it before; we increased funding for Pell grants; we passed the Recovery Act to pull our country out of the Great Recession; we provided increased SNAP funding (formerly known as the Food Stamp program) to help lower income families afford food. We put policies in place to put our country back on the path towards recovery, with middle-class, lower-income families and vulnerable populations as the priority.

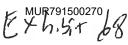
As my father used to say, "I don't expect the government to solve my problems, but I expect it to understand my problems." The issue today is, Donald Trump doesn't have a clue.

How do we improve the public education system so every child gets a great education regardless of income?

If I'm elected, Americans won't just get one champion for education in the White House but two. That's because Dr. Jill Biden is a lifelong educator — and is still teaching today.

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As she always says, "any country that out-educates us will out-compete us." That's why we believe in a strong public education system that ensures every child gets a good education not only regardless of their income, but regardless of their age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or zip code.



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The first step starts with putting a Secretary of Education in place who knows public schools the best: a teacher. As president, I'll eliminate the funding gap between white and non-white districts, and rich and poor districts by tripling funding for Title I schools. I'll challenge local communities to build the best, most innovative schools in the country in low-income communities and communities of color. And I'll invest in partnerships between high schools, community colleges, and employers to create programs that allow students to earn an industry credential upon high school graduation, a credential that readies them for a good-paying career.

I'll also make sure our educators get the pay and dignity they deserve. The additional Title I funds will first be used to ensure teachers at Title I schools are paid competitively, three- and four-year olds have access to pre-school, and districts provide access to rigorous coursework across all their schools, not just a few. I'll also address the fact that teachers too often end up having to also serve as therapists, health care providers, and food providers. I'll double the number of psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses, social workers, and other health professionals in our schools so our kids get the mental health care they need. And, I'll expand the community schools model. Community schools work with families, students, teachers and community organizations to identify families' unmet needs and then develop a plan to leverage community resources to address these needs in the school building.

Finally, I'll begin investing in our children from birth. In addition to working with states to offer pre-K for all three- and four-year-olds, I'll provide early childhood development support to families where they are most likely to access it – the pediatrician's office. And, I will double

federal funding for voluntary home visiting programs, under which health and child development specialists make consistent, scheduled visits to help parents through the critical early stage of parenting.

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What is your comfort food?

You might be aware of my love of chocolate chip ice cream.

Other than God and the Constitution, what do you believe in?

I believe in America. It's more than a place, or a country, it's an idea. And it's an idea that's stronger than any army, bigger than any ocean, more powerful than any dictator or tyrant.

The American idea is what binds our country together — it's about equality, opportunity, and democracy.

And I believe the American idea has always been at its best when we've been united as one America. This nation needs to come together — and it has to come together. I believe it will.

What's the issue/action in your past that the press and/or opposition is going to be (or has been) hardest on you about? What has this issue taught you and how has it changed how you

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handle things moving forward?

Funny enough, I've been surprised that it has been about me being Barack Obama's Vice President. I really didn't expect so many folks – especially the press and even fellow Democrats– to take issue with all that we accomplished in the Obama-Biden Administration.

We brought back the economy from the Great Recession. We championed civil rights for all Americans. And we expanded affordable health care access to more than 20 million Americans, stopped insurance companies from denying coverage to those with pre-existing conditions, and made sure that young people can stay covered on their family's health insurance plan until age 26.

But I know that this is a race, so people are going to come at me. I'm happy to defend my record— and the Obama-Biden administration record— any day. What really matters is the fight we're in right now, which is about battling for the soul of the nation. I've learned that no matter what the press, my competitors, or Donald Trump says, we must stay focused on the future and what we're going to get done for the American people.

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What most concerns you about America's current position in the world?

Donald Trump's erratic policies and his failure to uphold our most basic democratic principles have deeply damaged America's standing on the global stage and eroded our leadership on the world stage. I cannot overstate the threat this poses to our nation.

The United States has earned our position in the world, because we lead not just by the example of our power, but the power of example. That's what has allowed us to bring together countries to address global challenges that no one nation can solve by acting alone. Protecting America's security, prosperity, and even our way of life requires the strongest possible network of partners and allies working alongside us.

Trump embraces dictators who flatter his vanity, while insulting our closest democratic partners and undermining the very alliances that underwrite our national security. And make no

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mistake--the world sees Trump clearly for what he is: dangerously incompetant and incapable of leadership. With each new self-inflicted crisis and every late-night Twitter tantrum, another country, its leaders, and its people lose respect for the United States.

We need to restore respected leadership abroad and dignified leadership at home. America has been – and must be again – the world's greatest champion of democracy and the values that unite us with our allies. We must again offer hope to people living under oppression around the world. We must rally and lead the free world to meet the challenges that will shape our future.

What is your proudest political accomplishment? Proudest personal accomplishment?

I've always said that my proudest legislative accomplishment was getting the Violence Against Women Act passed. That still holds true today. But passing Obamacare, and expanding health care access to tens of millions more people, was also ... a big deal.

On the personal side, I'd have to say overcoming my stutter. Not everyone knows that I used to stutter, and it took years to conquer it. My classmates used to call me Joe Impedimenta,' after we learned that word in Latin class. When I was at home with my brothers and sister, hanging out with my neighborhood friends, or shooting the bull on the ball field, I was fine, but when I got thrown into a new situation or a new school, had to read in front of the class, or wanted to ask out a girl, I just couldn't do it. My freshman year of high school, because of the stutter, I got an exemption from public speaking. Everybody else had to get up and make a presentation at the morning assembly, in front of 250 boys. I got a pass. And everybody knew it. Maybe they didn't think much of it—they had other things to worry about—but I did. It was like having to stand in the corner with the dunce cap. Other kids looked at me like I was stupid. They laughed. I wanted so badly to prove I was like everybody else. Even today I can remember the dread, the shame, the absolute rage, as vividly as the day it was happening. There were times I thought it was the end of the world, my impedimenta. I worried that the stutter was going to be my epitaph. And there were days I wondered: How would I ever beat it? It's a funny thing to say, but even if I could, I wouldn't wish away the darkest days of the stutter. That impedimenta ended up being a godsend for me. Carrying it strengthened me and, I hoped, made me a better person. And the very things it taught me turned out to be invaluable lessons for my life as well as my chosen career.

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Who do you look up to?

My wife Jill. Jill is the center of my world, our entire family's world, in fact. She keeps everyone grounded and centered, while also balancing being a full-time teacher, full-time campaigner, full-time Doctoral student during some years, full-time professor, full time Second Lady of the

United States (or, as Jill would call it, "Captain of the Vice Squad"), marathon runner, and I could go on and on. Plus she's a consummate joker, keeping everyone from taking ourselves too seriously. When we were on a pretty intense trip during the White House years, she got back to Air Force 2 before the rest of us after an event and crawled into one of the overhead luggage bins...she waited for the perfect moment and JUMPED out at the staff when they opened it, scaring the hell out of everybody, sending us all screaming with hysterical laughter. I'll never forget their faces. I love that about her.

What did you want to be when you grew up? What called you to a life of political service?

Like most kids in my neighborhood, I wanted to be a professional football player. As my mother used to say "Joey, the Lord had other plans."

In the late 60's, our nation was in turmoil after the assassinations of the only two political heroes I ever had: Dr. King and Bobby Kennedy. The Vietnam War was still raging and the National Guard was still patrolling the streets of Wilmington. I thought I could make a difference if I got engaged in public service. So I applied for work in the public defender's office.

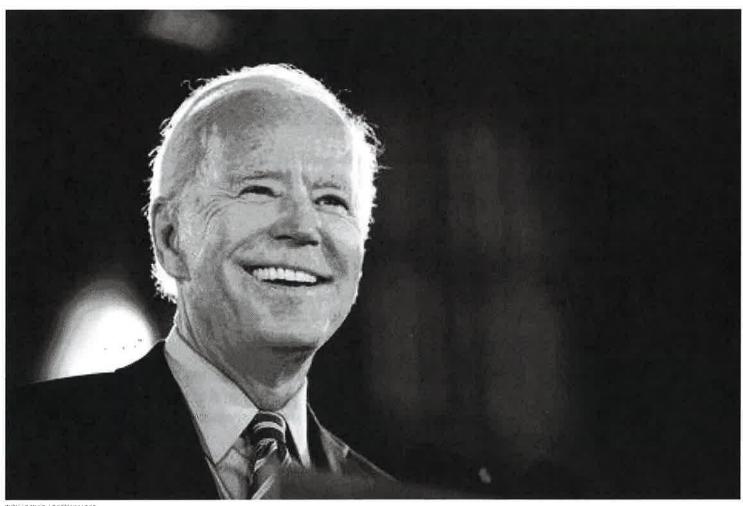
Next came serving on the county council, where I became known as the guy who took on the builders and the big corporations. I was all for businesses creating jobs, but I thought the companies that would profit owed a fair accounting of the real costs. "Let [gas company] prove to us they won't ruin our environment," I'd say. "If they can't prove it, we'll rezone them right out of here." Years later my stance would have made me a "smart-growth guy." What a lot of people called me in 1971 was a no-good SOB who was stopping progress.

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Then a friend of mine asked me to help recruit a strong candidate for the Senate in 72, but everyone we tried to recruit said no! The Republican incumbent was very popular, and hadn't lost a state-wide election in almost 30 years. Then, the Democratic leaders in Delaware turned the tables and started to recruit me to run for the seat. I told them I'd have to think about it...but then I couldn't stop thinking about it. How many people, much less someone younger than 30 at the time, ever get in the position to even consider such a move? As a senator I knew I could have an effect on the issues that mattered to me: civil rights, war and peace, the environment, women's rights. As a senator, I believed, I could help make Delaware and the rest of the country a better place. I could really help people in the way I believed I was supposed to. We narrowly won the seat (by only 3,000 votes), and I never looked back.

My dad used to have an expression - 'It is the lucky person who gets up in the morning, puts both feet on the floor, knows what they are about to do, and thinks it still matters.' It's been the honor of a lifetime to wake up every day and serve. And I believe it still matters.



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What would you do to improve the current immigration policies?

First and foremost, I would make Dreamers citizens. Full stop. These are young folks who were brought here as children and know only America as their home. And we're going to make sure it stays their home.

We have to address the humanitarian crisis at the border. That means reuniting families cruelly ripped apart by this administration-every single one. We need to reform our asylum process and flood the zone with more judges to ensure that asylum-seekers receive the fair hearing to which the are entitled. And, we need to provide a roadmap to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented individuals who are enriching communities all across the United States. It's long past time to bring them out of the shadows.

Instead, Donald Trump is demonizing migrants to spread fear for his own political gain. It's wrong and--as the tragedy in El Paso made all-too-clear--it's dangerous. We can enforce our laws humanely, without tossing aside our values. I would work to improve screening procedures at legal ports of entry and make smart investments in border technology. These are sensible policies that will do more for our security than a wall ever could.

But we won't solve the migration challenge without also addressing the root causes that push people to flee their home countries in the first place. As Vice President, I led a major, bipartisan effort to secure \$750 million in assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, relieving pressure on our border by improving security, reducing inequality, and expanding economic opportunity in Central America, so that people feel safe in their home countries. As president, I'll repair our relationships across the hemisphere, address the challenges we share with our closest neighbors, and work towards achieving our shared goals.

The current administration has rolled back or eliminated many policies that support safe, fair and dignified work and educational environments for a majority of Americans (including LGBTQ, people of color, differently abled, women, the poor). As president, what policies would you work to reinstate?

It starts by overturning every action Donald Trump has taken against these communities:ripping immigrant children from their parents, banning transgender troops from serving in our military, turning our backs on refugees at a time of unprecedented global need, preventing travel from Muslim-majority countries, rolling back protections for student survivors of sexual asault, and so much more. I will repair the damage that has been done and ensure we protect any person whose fundamental civil rights and liberties have been curtailed.

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How will you combat climate change?

I believe there is no greater challenge facing our country and our world than climate change. It's why I outlined a bold plan around called the Clean Energy Revolution — to address the grave threat that the climate change emergency presents.

I will ensure the U.S. achieves a 100% clean energy economy and reaches net zero emissions no later than 2050, make smart infrastructure investments to build a more resilient nation, rejoin the Paris Agreement and immediately work to rally the rest of the world to meet the threat of climate change together.

I will also stand up to the abuse of power by polluters who disproportionately harm communities of color and low-income communities — taking action against fossil fuel companies and other polluters who put profit over people and knowingly harm our environment and poison our communities' air, land, and water. My plan will also fulfill our obligation to workers and communities who powered our industrial revolution and subsequent decades of economic growth and not leave any workers behind.

When you need to dance it out, what is the song you listen to?

No one wants to see me dance!

Who is your "political bestie"? I know you work incredibly hard but which elected official do you ENJOY hanging out with the most?

Barack Obama. Although it wasn't always that way. It's no secret that we're very different in many ways; I always say he made up for way more of my shortcomings than I did for his. But we had a private lunch once a week in the White House and about six months into the first term we were having lunch one day when Barack said to me, "You know, Joe. You know what surprised me? How we've become such good friends." And I said, "surprised YOU?"

What is America doing right? What makes you hopeful?

In 2008, President Obama ran on a message of hope. When I became his running mate and vice president, we championed the idea of hope. Hope was as important to me then as it is to me today.

Donald Trump is the antithesis of hope. He ridicules the freedom of the press while perpetuating his own lies and conspiracy theories. He bans transgender troops from serving their country while coddling dictators like Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un. He demeans immigrants and their families while empowering white supremacists like those that marched in Charlottesville.

Yet, through it all, Americans are coming together.

Millions of allies from every corner of the country gathered in our nation's capital to send Trump a message the day after he was inaugurated. Teenagers from Parkland who witnessed their friends and classmates gunned down right before their eyes created an inflection point for the gun violence prevention movement. Americans up and down the ballot voted out representatives who tried to take away their health care. This is exactly what America is doing right – speaking up, standing up, and stepping up.

As we battle for the soul of the nation in this election, it is these Americans that give me hope.

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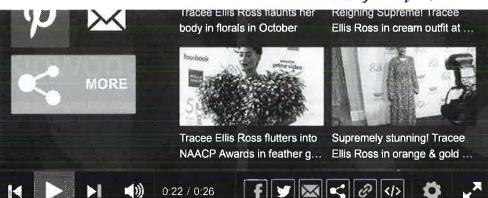


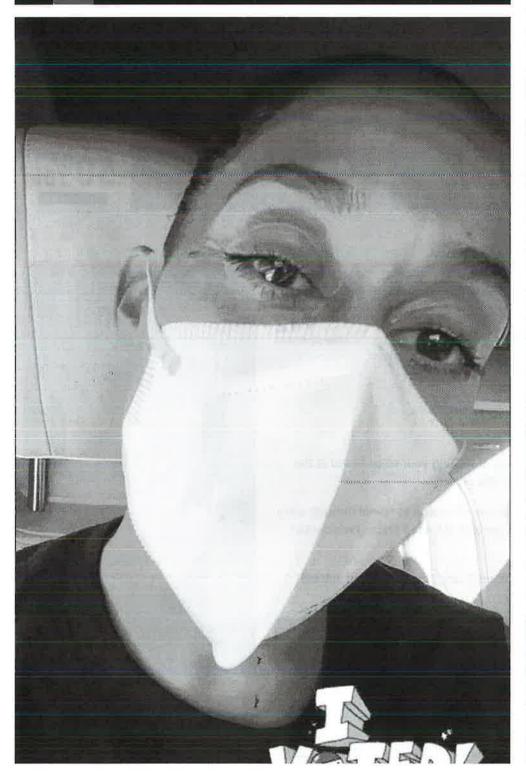






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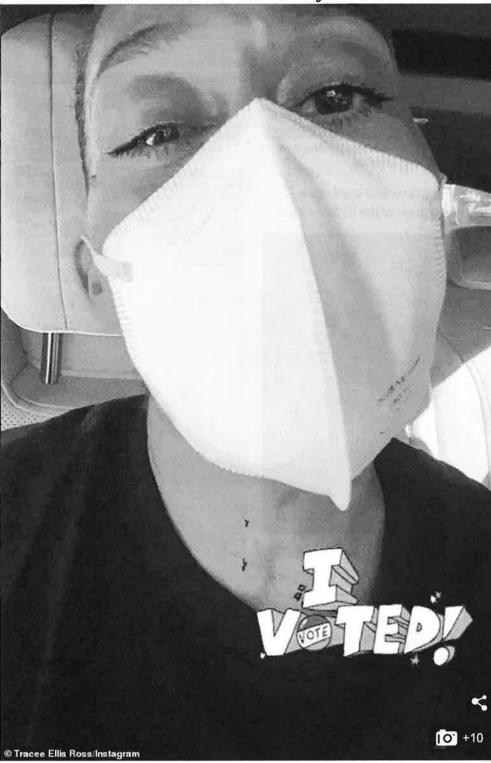
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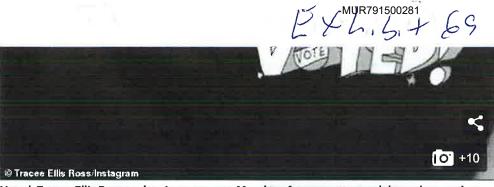


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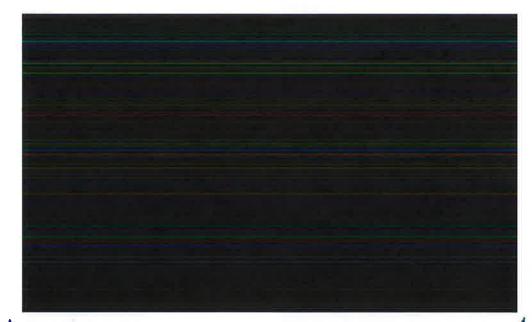
Joyful noise: 'I just dropped my ballot in a box! Yeah! I just voted!' sang the 47-year-old actress from the comfort of her vehicle





Voted: Tracee Ellis Ross took to Instagram on Monday afternoon to reveal through song that she submitted her ballot for the upcoming United States Presidential election

Tracee had her curly brunette tresses tied back into a tight bun and she wore a medical grade mask over her mouth and nose for the duration of her IG Story post.



She has been vocal about her support for the Black Lives Matter movement and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, 77, on and off social media.

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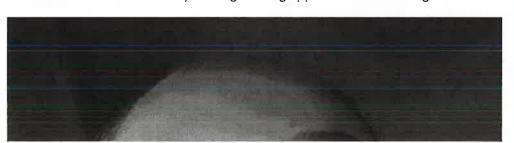


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Ross often shares helpful resources regarding the key propositions in California and what choices best benefit the BLM movement and other progressive agendas.

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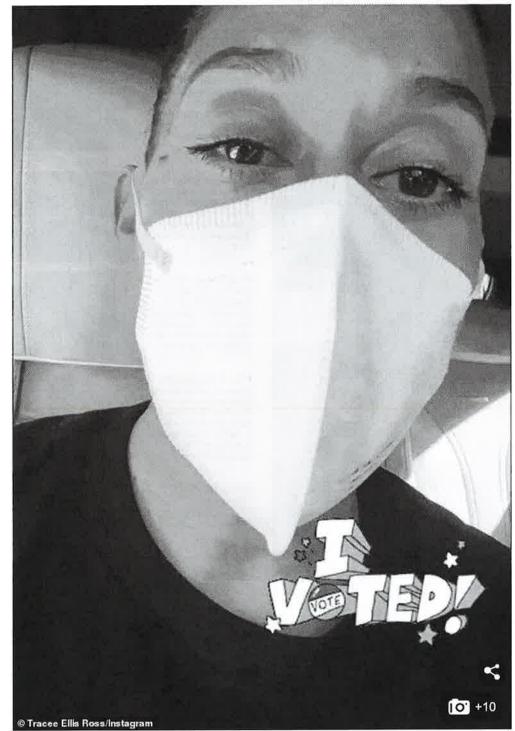
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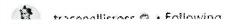


Safety first: Tracee had her curly brunette tresses tied back into a tight bun and she wore a medical grade mask over her mouth and nose for the duration of her IG Story post

'I got my eyebrows done (outside with masks of course),' captioned Tracee on the post seen by her 9.6 million followers.

On October 4, the actress' series Black-ish aired an hour-long special on ABC that directly addressed the impending election and the racial biases that have plagued the election process in the United States.

Ross, who plays Rainbow Johnson, appeared during a segment of the special that discussed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and how it became warped over time.







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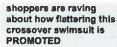
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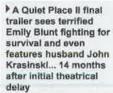


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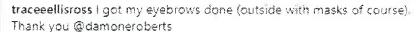








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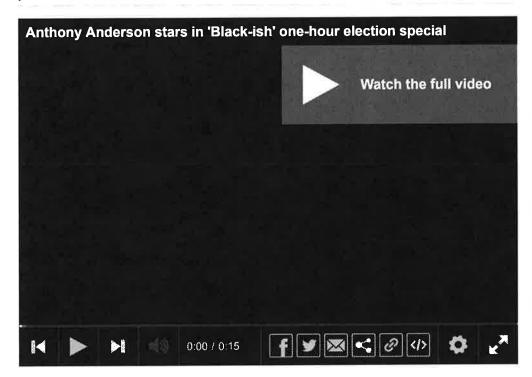




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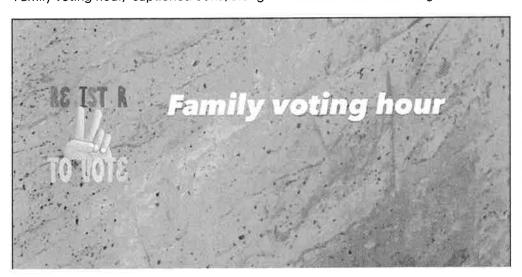
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Fortunately, Tracee Ellis Ross was not the only famous face to set time aside on Monday to drop off their ballot or educate their devout following on the power of that comes with voting.

Lionel Richie's socialite daughter Sofia took a quick snapshot of the two mail-in ballots that arrived on her doorstep for herself and her mom Diane Alexander this afternoon.

'Family voting hour,' captioned Sofia, along with a sticker that read: 'Register to vote.'



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TOMORROW: When We All Vote Adds Tracee Ellis Ross, H.E.R., Jeezy, EarthGang to Registered & Ready Instagram Live Takeover with Michelle Obama

The Registered and Ready Takeover will Include Instagram Live Conversations, Performances, Special Appearances with When We All Vote Co-Chairs, Volunteers and Ambassadors about getting #VoteReady

(Washington, DC): Today When We All Vote announced that Co-Chair Tracee Ellis Ross, H.E.R., Jeezy, EarthGang, Erica Campbell and more will join Mrs. Obama for Registered and Ready, an instagram Live Taleover on National Voter Registration Cau, September 22. The day-long takeover on Instagram Live will feature Mrs. Obama, who will go LIVE on Instagram for the very first time to have conversations with Jennifer Lopez, Zendava, Ayesna Curry and When We All Vote Co-Chair Chris Paul.

Jeff Johnson, Brittary Packnett and more will join the lineup of When We Ali Vate Ambassaciors, including DJ Khaled. Fat Joe, valunteers, partners and voting rights experts. The day will also feature LIVE performances and DJs sets from D-Nice, DJ Cassidy, DJ Envy and Hannah Brontman. Various events will be hosted with select partners including NIKE. Inc. and Emerson Collective. The takeover will end with a virtual #CouchParty to text more than \$00,000 eligible vaters. The complete lineup and schedule is included below and their Additional details on the event are there.



DETAILS

WHAT: Registered and Ready Instagram Live Takeover

WHO: Michelle Obama, Jennife Lopez, Chris Paul, Zendaya, Tracee Ellis Ross, H.E.R., Jeezy, D.J. Khaled, D.J. D-Nice, D.J. Cassidy, D.J. Envy, Fat Joe, Earthgang and more. See the complete lineup Heile.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 22 from 11 a.m. to 630 p.m. ET

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Tracee Ellis Ross Hosts Day Two of the Democratic National Convention

She gave a special shout-out to Kamala Harris.

BY ERICA GONZALES / AUG 18 2020, YOJOP PA EDT



- Tracee Ellis Ross, star of Black-ish and Girlfriends, hosts night two of the Democratic National Convention.
- In her opening remarks, the actress said tonight's program is "all about leadership" and mused on the historic nature of Kamala Harris's nomination for vice president.

racee Ellis Ross is on hosting duties for the second day of the Democratic National Convention tonight. Following an opening keynote address from the party's rising stars, the *Black-ish* actress and Emmy nominee kicked off the night with a speech about the importance of leadership and Kamala Harris's nomination for vice president.

"Tonight is all about leadership," Ross began. "This unprecedented moment calls for leadership. Steady, inclusive leadership. Driven by people who understand that our democracy is based on the value of each and every one of

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us being treated with dignity and respect. Leaders who respond to the needs of hard-working Americans who, right this minute, are unable to pay rent, put food on the table, and keep their loved ones safe.

"As a Black woman, I find myself at a crucial intersection in American politics. For far too long, Black female

leadership has been utilized without being acknowledged or valued. But, we are turning the tide. Hello, Kamala."

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— ABC News (@ABC) August 19, 2020

Harris broke barriers last week as the first Black woman and South Asian woman on a major presidential party ticket. But Ross noted that the California senator is just one of many leaders today representing marginalized communities.

"Her nomination is historic for anyone who believes in 'we the people," Ross continued. "Like Senator Harris and many we saw in the keynote, today's leaders emerged from communities that have long been underrepresented. They're charting new paths in the spirit of Shirley Chisholm, Charlotta Bass, Fannie Lou Hamer, and John Lewis. They get in good trouble, necessary trouble otherwise ignored, elevating our nation, and changing the course of our lives for the better."

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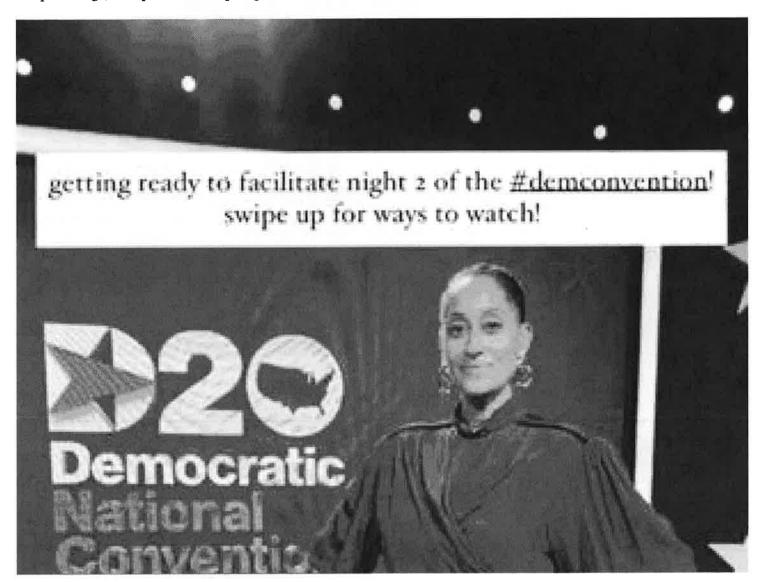


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And, like most guests at the DNC this year, Ross co-signed the Biden-Harris ticket, praising the duo for "heeding voices from within the movement for racial justice, [and] listening to the people, and acting with empathy and compassion to reflect our shared humanity."

Speakers tonight include President Bill Clinton, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Dr. Jill Biden.

Ross dressed elegantly for the hosting televised event, wearing a draped maroon Proenza Schouler dress, layered hoop earrings, and patent black pumps.



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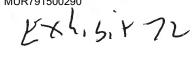


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By Aaron Thomas, WRAL reporter

DURHAM, N.C. — Actors Kerry Washington and her husband, Nnamdi Asomugha, were in Durham on Saturday with a mission in mind to encourage people to vote early.

The two made several stops in the city, including polling places to encourage people to vote for Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden. Washington said she was in Durham because the Tar Heel state will have a huge impact on the election.

"I'm thrilled to be in North Carolina because North Carolina is going to really matter," Washington said.





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During Saturday's stop, the duo held a rally encouraging voters to get to the polls early. Both actors later met with volunteers to pick up campaign items to distribute in the community. They also gathered alongside local business owners and local leaders to discuss bringing about change.

"Here in North Carolina, you're voting on senator, governor and president," Washington said. "You're also voting on local, state reps ... there's so many races and all of those people have an impact on the

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decision that impacts your life."

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Erin Perrine, Director of Press Communications for President Trump, said celebrities like Washington are too out of touch to appeal to everyday people.



"Hollywood doesn't represent America and it doesn't represent North Carolinians, that's for sure," Perrine said.

With voters breaking turnout records, Perrine agrees winning in North Carolina is crucial.

Actress Kerry Washington to

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encourage NC early voters, campaign for Biden in Durham

"North Carolina was a huge part of the victory in 2016, and it will be again in 2020," Perrine said. "It's part of our strategy in the campaign to protect the 2016 map and expand the opportunity."

Biden will be in Durham on Sunday. President Trump will be in Gastonia on Wednesday. Saturday evening, the Trump campaign announced Donald Trump Jr. would be in Arden, N.C. on Monday for a 2:30 p.m. rally. He'll also make a stop in Kernersville on Monday at 6 p.m.

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Kerry Washington, Nnamdi Asomugha to campaign for Biden-Harris in Michigan Monday

Scheduled to stop in Inkster, Taylor and Detroit

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DETROIT – Actress Kerry Washington and her husband, former NFL player Nnamdi Asomugha, will be heading to Michigan on Monday one day before Election Day, according to the Biden-Harris campaign.

Washington and Asomugha speak at volunteer canvass launches at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. in Inkster and Taylor respectively, and take part in a voter mobilization event at 3 p.m. in Detroit, according to the campaign.

READ: Michigan clerks prepare for Tuesday's election: More absentee voting than ever

Also on Monday, President Donald Trump will be in Traverse City before holding a 10:30 p.m. rally at the Grand Rapids based Gerald R. Ford International Airport. The Traverse City event takes place 5 p.m. at Cherry Capitol Airport.

The president stopped in Metro Detroit Sunday, campaigning in Washington Township.

Biden made a stop in Detroit and Flint on Saturday along with former President Barack Obama.

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Kerry Washington on Trump campaign: 'Playing Olivia Pope, I know spin when I see it'

'Voting for Trump is voting against our best interests,' the 'Scandal' actress told Bill Maher

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Kerry Washington Denounces Donald Trump Without Ever Saying His Name

The 'Scandal' star gave a politically charged speech at the GLSEN Respect Awards, where she was honored alongside Zendaya, DC Entertainment and restaurateur Bruce Bozzi.

BY MARC MALKIN OCTOBER 21, 2017 10:54AM



Kerry Washington is scared.

"Sometimes I feel like we are living through a horrific dream," the Scandal star said while accepting the Inspiration

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Award at GLSEN's annual Respect Awards, held on Friday at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. "It is a communal nightmare. The flames of terror and exclusion are being ignited by some of our most powerful 'leaders.' These people who have been entrusted with the protection of our rights, the rights of all of us, of we the people, have chosen instead to traffic in hate."



Washington, who campaigned heavily for Hillary Clinton ahead of last year's presidential election, did not mention Donald Trump or any members of his administration by name during her politically charged remarks.

"We've gone from a White House lit in all the colors of pride to a White House that literally preaches division and discrimination," she said. "So sometimes I worry because the stakes are so high and fear is rampant, and with so many of us, so many disparate communities feeling more vulnerable than ever before, I've been thinking a lot about our young people."

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Despite her worries, Washington does remain hopeful because of organizations like GLSEN, the country's leading advocacy group for LGBTQ students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"The GLSEN research is clear," said Washington, who was presented with her award by her *Scandal* co-star Tony Goldwyn and by one of the evening's six student co-hosts, Em Gentry. "By creating school environments that embrace queer inclusivity, understanding and acceptance, you not only empower LGBTQ students, you help all students. When you ensure the protection of one, you make space for all."

"Through your boldness and your bravery," she continued, "you're making it so that every young person in America has the chance to love and be loved, whether [they're] straight, gay, bi, trans, gender nonconforming, white, Asian, African-American, Latino, First Nation, documented, undocumented, Christian, Muslim [or] Jewish."

Zendaya was presented with the Gamechanger Award by last year's recipient, YouTube star Connor Franta, and student co-host Marisa Matias.

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"To every student here, I admire you," said the *Spider-Man: Homecoming* star. "This award is really for us because we are the game-changers. We are the ones who are literally changing the game. ... We are the future."

For honoree Bruce Bozzi, the evening was a family affair. The restaurateur was presented with the Champion Award by his 9-year-old daughter, Ava, and his stepdaughter, Billie Lourd. Bozzi, who is married to CAA's Bryan Lourd, recalled being bullied as a child. "When you are gay, you never forget the first time a group of kids call you 'faggot,' he said. "But as Billie said to me the other day, 'There should never be a first time.'"

Bozzi garnered some of the night's biggest laughs when he also recounted his sister listening to Peter Frampton, The Rolling Stones and The Who while growing up, while he preferred Barbra Streisand, Olivia Newton-John and, "on a hard day, a little Anne Murray."

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Arrow and The Flash producer Greg Berlanti was on hand to help present the Visionary Award to DC Entertainment with student co-host Nate Fulmer. DC Entertainment president Diane Nelson accepted the award on behalf of the Warner Bros. division. "When it stops being controversial or even newsworthy to feature an LGBTQ character in great entertainment, we will have made strides towards understanding," she said. "When Greg Berlanti chooses to ensure that his shows feature characters of diversity of all kinds, he's working to normalize what should already be normal, accepted and understood. It's for this reason, the power of DC's characters to effect change for the good, that I so happily accept this award."

Not all the honorees were Hollywood-centric: Ose Arheghan was named student advocate of the year.

"In schools, the workplace and everyday life, queer individuals in my town and this country are vulnerable to prejudice and discrimination and violence," said the 17-year-old Shaker Heights, Ohio, high school senior. "In 2017, as a young person, I'm lucky enough to see people like Frank Ocean, EJ Johnson and Amandla Stenberg living their truths as queer people of color. That inspires me to do the same."

Other presenters and guests at the gala included NBC Entertainment chairman Robert Greenblatt, 20th Century Fox chairman and CEO Stacey Snider, Milo Ventimiglia, Wilson Cruz, *The Flash*'s Keiynan Lonsdale, *13 Reasons Why*'s Tommy Dorfman, *Scandal* co-stars Darby Stanchfield and Jeff Perry and *People* and *Entertainment Weekly* editorial



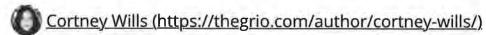
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Kerry Washington is bringing her powerful documentary, The Fight, to us on July 31.

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The actress is one of the executive producers of the project that examines four cases the ACLU has brought against the Trump administration. Of course, they only scratch the surface on the turmoil considering the American Civil Liberties Union has actually filed 173 lawsuits against the current administration.

At this defining moment in our nation's history, the film follows four determined ACLU attorneys as they battle over critical issues, including LGBTQ+ rights, abortion, voting rights, and immigration.

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Here's the official synopsis:

"Only days after the 2017 inauguration of Donald Trump, furious Americans gathered at airports across the country in protest of the Muslim ban. But it was the efforts of the American Civil Liberties Union, waging the fight in federal court, that turned the tide, staying the executive order on grounds of unconstitutionality. The ACLU has never granted access to its offices, even as its battles — on the fronts of abortion rights, immigration rights, LGBT rights, and voting rights — have become more timely and momentous than ever."

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The documentary, directed by **Eli B. Despres, Josh Kriegman**, and **Elyse Steinberg**, premiered at Sundance in January. The cases examined chronicle the attorney's quest to protect abortion rights, challenge a census question on citizenship, tackle immigrant family separations, and the transgender military ban.

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The Fight is produced by **Depres, Kriegman, Steinberg, Maya Seidler, Peggy Drexler**, and **Kerry Washington**, and is distributed by Magnolia Pictures and Topic Studios.

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Kerry Washington to Democrats: 'We're Fighting for the Soul of This Country'

By Cynthia Littleton 🗸



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Actor-producer Kerry Washington opened the third night of the virtual Democratic National Convention with a fiery warning about the stakes of the 2020 presidential contest between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden.

"We're fighting for the soul of this country and for our lives," the "Scandal" star said in introducing a program that is

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to include performances by Jennifer Hudson and Billie Eilish, in addition to speeches by President Barack Obama and Democratic VP candidate Kamala Harris.

Sen. Harris (D-Calif.), appeared at the top of the 9 p.m. ET hour — in the vein of a "Saturday Night Live" cold open — with a plea for viewers to set up a "voting plan" for Election Day, Nov. 3, by sending a text message to the Biden-Harris campaign.

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Harris also noted the rising alarm about voter suppression efforts in the presidential contest. Harris asked the audience to consider "Why is there so much effort to silence our voices?"

She added: "When we vote, things change. When we vote, things get better."

Washington, who for seven seasons played savvy political fixer Olivia Pope on the ABC drama "Scandal," is one of several Hollywood figures tapped as emcees for the primetime portion of the Democrats' four-day political rally. Given the virtual format, the program is more produced than usual, which opens the door for seasoned performers like Washington to handle segues between taped segments.

Wearing a sharp-edged pinstriped suit, Washington welcomed viewers to the "unconventional convention." She urged the audience to engage in the political process to help defeat the threat posed by President Trump and his policy agenda.

"Donald Trump is destroying our country," she said.

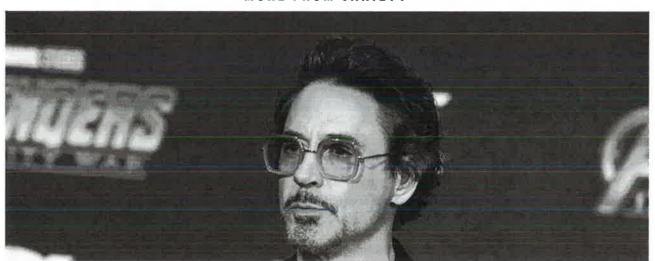
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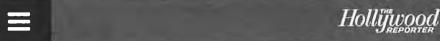
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Tom Hanks Leads Procession of Stars, Former Presidents and Fireworks to Close Inauguration Day





The live special featured appearances by Tom Hanks, Bruce Springsteen, Kerry Washington, Eva Longoria, Justin Timberlake and Katy Perry, among others.

On a chilly night in Washington, D.C., Bruce Springsteen stood alone on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall with just a guitar and a microphone. The Boss had the honor of kicking off the final event of a hectic Inauguration Day, and he did so by announcing he was there to sing "Land of Hope and Dreams," a song with lyrics many hope mirror this moment in American history.

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"Leave behind your sorrows," sang Springsteen. "Let this day be the last. Tomorrow there'll be sunshine, and all this darkness past. Big wheels roll through fields where sunlight streams. Meet me in a land of hope and dreams."

Thus began *Celebrating America*, a 90-minute production produced by Ricky Kirshner and Glenn Weiss, the latter of whom also directed after helming the virtual Emmys and Democratic National Convention. It featured a slew of bigname performers and actors all in the name of celebrating the new administration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Hosted by Tom Hanks, the starry program was a marked change from President Donald Trump's administration. Trump regularly and viciously attacked Hollywood stars, especially A-listers and award winners, while courting a rabid Tinseltown fan base of his own thanks, in part, to the likes of Jon Voight, Dean Cain, Kevin Sorbo, Scott Baio, Kristy Swanson and Kid Rock.

With Trump now out of D.C. and living at his Mar-a-Lago resort, it's clear that Hollywood stars are once again welcome in the White House and, perhaps as important, eager to pull out all the stops for a Democratic administration. But Wednesday night's show was far from an elite affair. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a traditional black-tie inaugural ball, typically a tough invite to score, was replaced by a televised program for the masses that allowed the country to celebrate

as one united audience.

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Celebrating America was carried live by ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, MSNBC and PBS in addition to streaming on the Presidential Inaugural Committee's social media channels and on partner platforms including Amazon Prime Video, Microsoft Bing, NewsNOW from Fox, AT&T U-verse and DIRECTV. With Celebrating America, the PIC closed out five days of programming that included events for National Day of Service, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a moving COVID-19 tribute to the 400,000 lives lost, this morning's official inauguration ceremony, and the Tony Goldwyn-hosted virtual Parade Across America.

The purpose of *Celebrating America* was to "showcase the American people's resilience, heroism, and a unified commitment to coming together as a nation to heal and rebuild," per the Presidential Inaugural Committee. Those themes reverberated in just about every segment, from interstitials featuring everyday heroes and front-line workers to the musical anthems performed from multiple cities by a diverse range of acts and musical genres including John Legend, Bon Jovi (from Miami), Justin Timberlake with Ant Clemons (from Memphis), Yo-Yo Ma, Tyler Hubbard with Tim McGraw (from Nashville), Foo Fighters (from Seattle), Demi Lovato (from L.A.), Black Pumas (from Austin) and a medley featuring Broadway stars.

After Springsteen, Hanks, who seemed to be chilly as temperatures in D.C. hovered around 30 degrees, offered a brief introduction. Though Trump was not once mentioned by name, his legacy impacted the script. "In the last few weeks, and in the last few years, we've witnessed deep divisions and a troubling rancor in our land, but tonight, we ponder the United States of America, the practice of our democracy, the

foundations of our republic, the integrity of our Constitution, the hope and dreams we all share for a more perfect union," said the Oscar winner. "Inauguration day is about much more than the swearing in of our next national leaders. This day is about witnessing the permanence of our American ideals."

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Hanks then announced that memorable passages from previous presidents would be shared as he singled out Franklin D. Roosevelt for rallying the American people; John F. Kennedy, who inspired a new generation to serve; Ronald Reagan, who spoke of a peaceful transition of power during his farewell address that included the well-known line "shining city on a hill"; and Abraham Lincoln, who worked to unite the country after war.

The Hollywood Reporter columnist and NBA hall-of-famer Kareem Abdul Jabbar recited Lincoln's words, Dolores Huerta offered up FDR's, and first female MLB general manager Kim Ng handled Reagan's speech. That left Kennedy's remarks to a young student named Brayden Harrington, 13. He made headlines last year after an encounter with Biden on the campaign trail during which Biden comforted him upon learning that they both shared the same struggle of trying to overcome a stutter. The New York Times reported tonight that Harrington is now writing a book, Brayden Speaks Up, for HarperCollins.

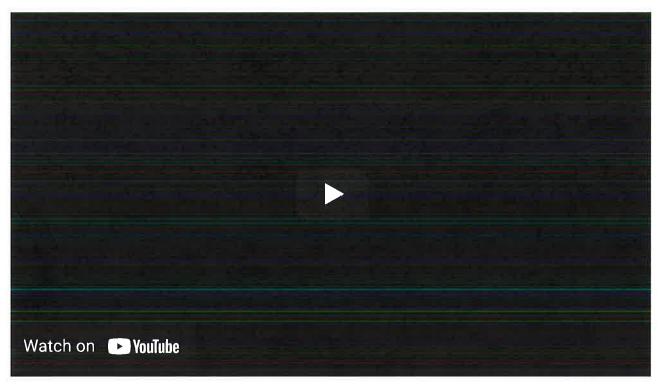
Other recognizable faces popped up during the everyday heroes segments, people who have received media attention or gone viral for their philanthropic efforts, or simply for doing their jobs well. There was UPS driver Anthony Gaskin, who was celebrated by a neighborhood on his Virginia route for his unwavering dedication; Maryland's Cavanaugh Bell, 8, who made care packages for the elderly people and started a pantry with food; kindergarten teacher Mackenzie Adams of

Washington's Glenwood Elementary School, who went viral for videos of her energetic remote lessons; Sarah Fuller of Texas, the first woman to play and score in a Power Five college football team; Morgan Marsh-McGlone, 8, of Wisconsin, started a virtual lemonade stand that has raised over \$50,000; star chef José Andrés, who has rallied massive meal donations through his World Central Kitchen; and New York's Sandra Lindsay, a director of critical care at Northwell Health who became the first American to receive a COVID-19 vaccine outside of a clinical trial.

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Biden and Harris delivered remarks, separately, while standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial. The president appeared first and called the experience humbling, out of respect to Lincoln and the "office we now share." He reiterated remarks from earlier in the day by saying that democracy, while precious, has once again prevailed. He acknowledged the challenges facing the American people, from the pandemic to climate change, but said that he's more optimistic now than ever before.

"This is a great nation. We're a good people. And to overcome the challenges in front of us requires the most elusive of all things in a democracy: unity. It requires us to come together in common love that defines us as Americans: Opportunity, liberty, dignity and respect. And unite against common foes: Hate, violence, disease and hopelessness," said Biden. "The question is: Are we up to it? Will we meet the moment like our forebears have? I believe we must, and I believe we will."



Harris spoke later in the program, following an introduction by football player Fuller. She said the current moment and its challenges require courage to see beyond crisis. "In many ways, this moment embodies our character as a nation. It demonstrates who we are. Even in dark times, we not only dream, we do. We not only see what has been, we see what can be. We shoot for the moon, and then we plant our flag on it. We are bold, fearless and ambitious. We are undaunted in our belief that we shall overcome, that we will rise up," said Harris, referencing American "aspiration" several times. "A great experiment takes great determination. The will to do the work and then the wisdom to keep refining, keep tinkering, keep perfecting. The same determination is being realized in America today."

There's no question that the Biden-Harris administration has a tough road ahead in repairing the damage done by a divisive four years. However, they can count on former presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. The trio appeared together during a taped segment in which they each offered well wishes for the new administration.

EXLISIT P.L Again, Trump was not mentioned by name, but his impact was felt in that he famously broke from tradition by not showing up for the day's inauguration events.

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Said Bush: "I think the fact that the three of us are standing here talking about a peaceful transfer of power speaks to the institutional integrity of our country. America's a generous country, people of great hearts. All three of us were lucky to be the president of this country."

"One of my fondest memories of the inauguration," offered Obama, for whom Biden served as vice president, "was the grace and generosity that President Bush showed me, and Laura Bush showed Michelle." He closed his remarks by offering their support. "Joe, I'm proud of you, and you and Kamala need to know that you've got all of us here rooting for your success, keeping you in our prayers, and we will be available in any ways that we can as citizens to help you guide our country forward. We wish you godspeed."

Other highlights of the fast-paced show included Kerry Washington and Eva Longoria; Lin-Manuel Miranda reciting "The Cure at Troy" by Seamus Heaney and finishing the last line in unison with Biden, who was spliced in at the end; a cadre of Broadway stars performing a medley of "Seasons of Love" and "Let the Sunshine In"; a mini *Pass the Mic* moment with DJ Cassidy that featured Ozuna and Luis Fonsi; a rousing rendition of "Lovely Day" from Demi Lovato; John Legend's soulful cover of "Feeling Good"; and Florida Georgia Line star Tyler Hubbard partnering with country superstar Tim McGraw on the original track "Undivided." The latter performance was also notable in that Hubbard and his FGL collaborator Brian Kelley are working on solo material amid rumblings of a political rift.

Then came the true show stopper. With under five minutes to

go in *Celebrating America*, producers played the show like it was the Fourth of July by handing closing duties to global pop superstar Katy Perry. Decked out in all white, Perry performed her hit "Firework" with the Washington Monument in view. As she belted out the No. 1 hit, the D.C. sky lit up with a colorful display of fireworks.

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Minutes later, with the smoke from the massive fireworks display still hanging high in the air, Hanks summed up the evening and congratulated America's highest-ranking officials one last time. "This has been a uniquely historic inauguration day. Once again, congratulations President Biden and Vice President Harris. Godspeed your efforts."

Glenn Weiss, director of Oscars, Emmys (where he got engaged on stage) and the DNC convention (while barefoot in Brentwood) directed tonight's "America United." He only flew to DC last weekend to pull off a huge production. The visuals were so impressive. pic.twitter.com/EjjbvwnMyQ

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US election 2020: Tom Hanks, Rita Wilson had also made donations to Joe Biden earlier



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World famous actor, Tom Hanks, and his better-half, Rita Wilson, announced they will be voting in favour of presidential candidate Joe Biden in the upcoming US election 2020.

"We have this great reckoning that is going on as far as who we are as a people, about our diversity," Hanks said about the polls earlier.

"That there is an election that's going on here in 2020 is almost like, that's when you

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got to give a nod of the head that something bigger might be at work right here, and there is a chance for a reckoning. Every election comes along, and you can always make the argument, 'This is the most important election of our lives.' This is the most important election in the history of America," he added.

Hollywood's power couple had also made donations to Biden earlier.

In particular, Wilson had also lent her financial support to the presidential campaign of California Senator Kamala Harris in 2019.

Biden, running from the Democrat ticket, has support of as many as 50 worldknown celebrities from across the country.

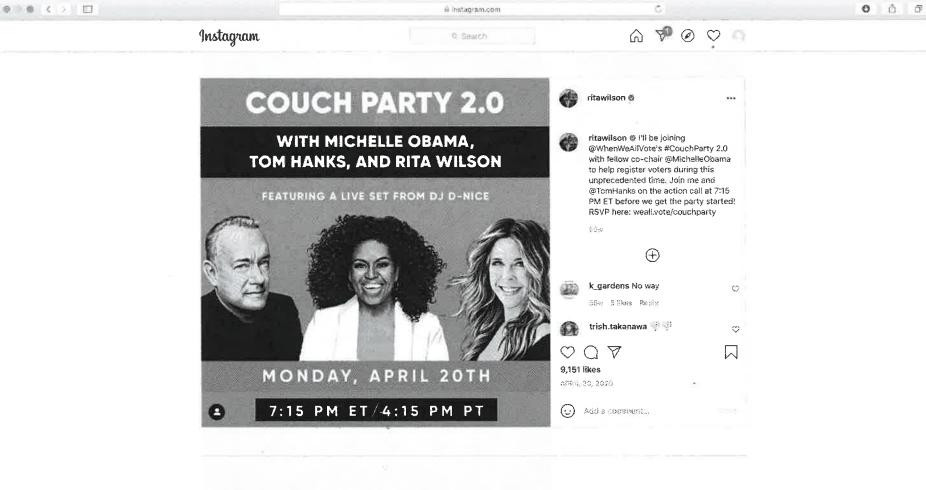






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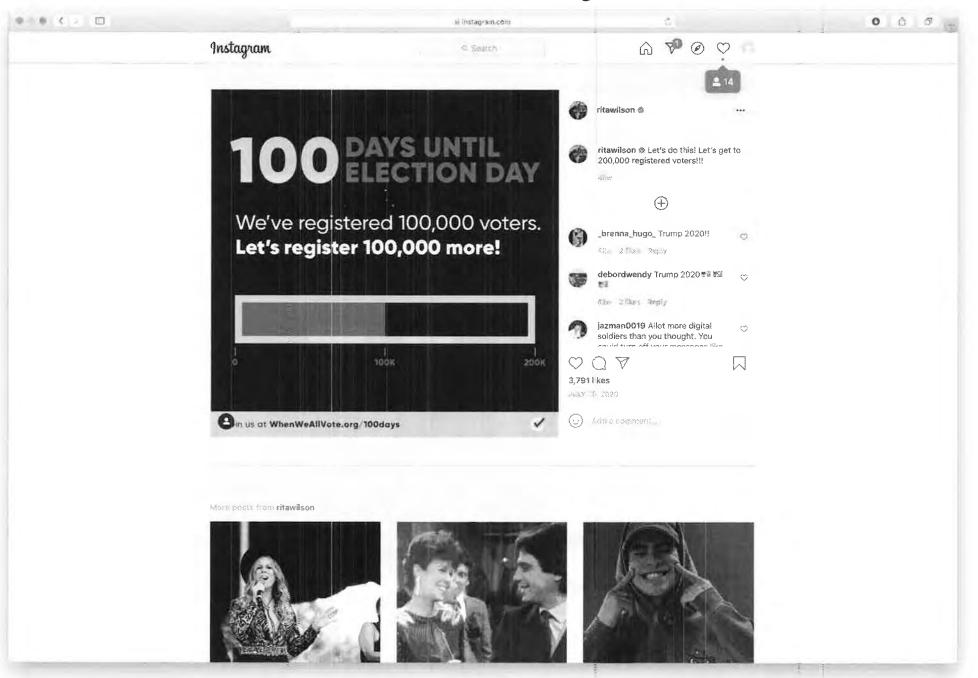




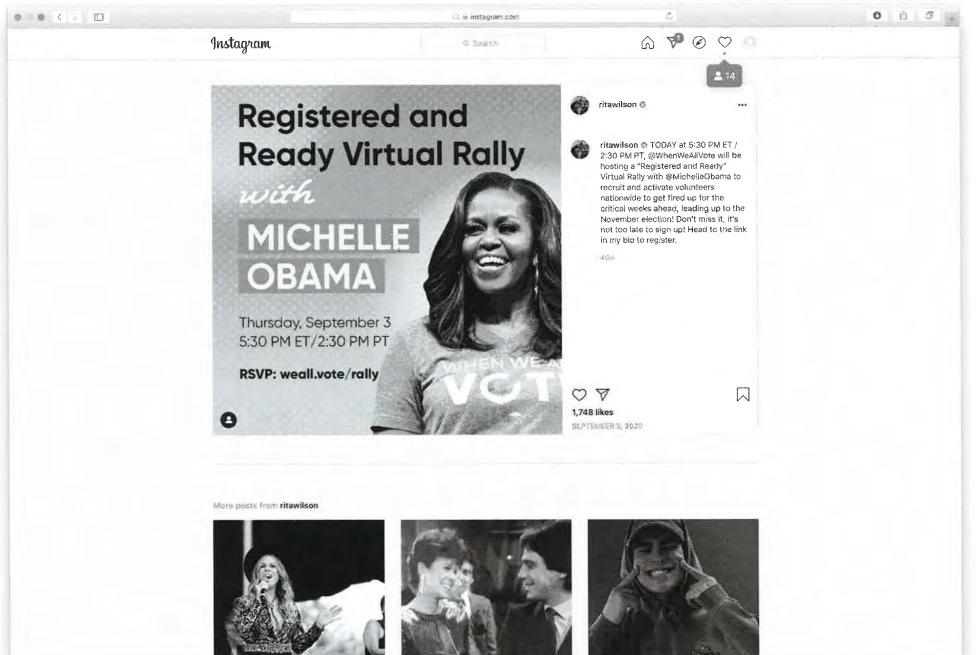


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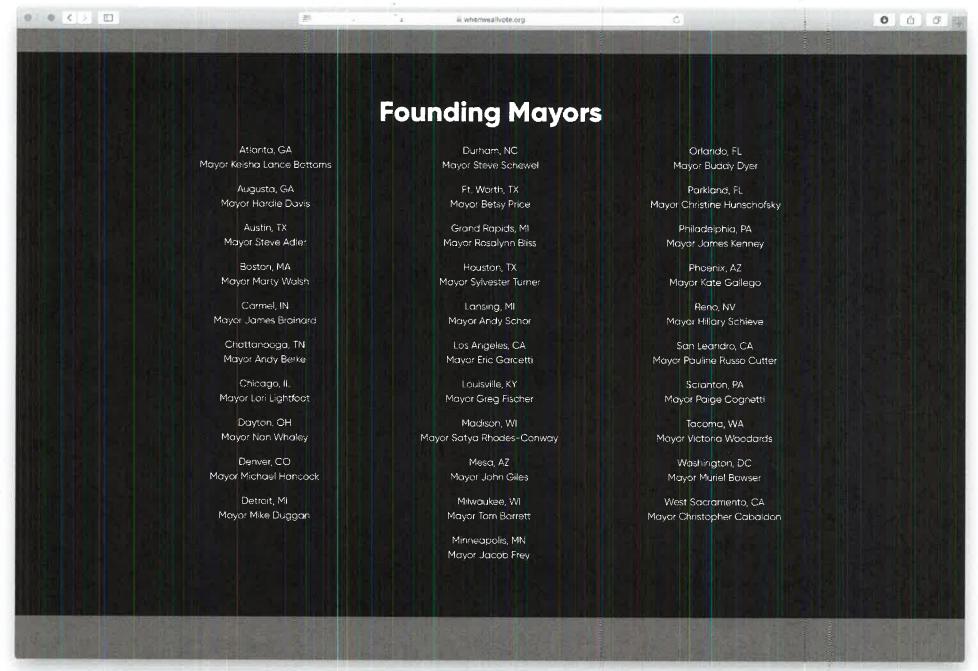


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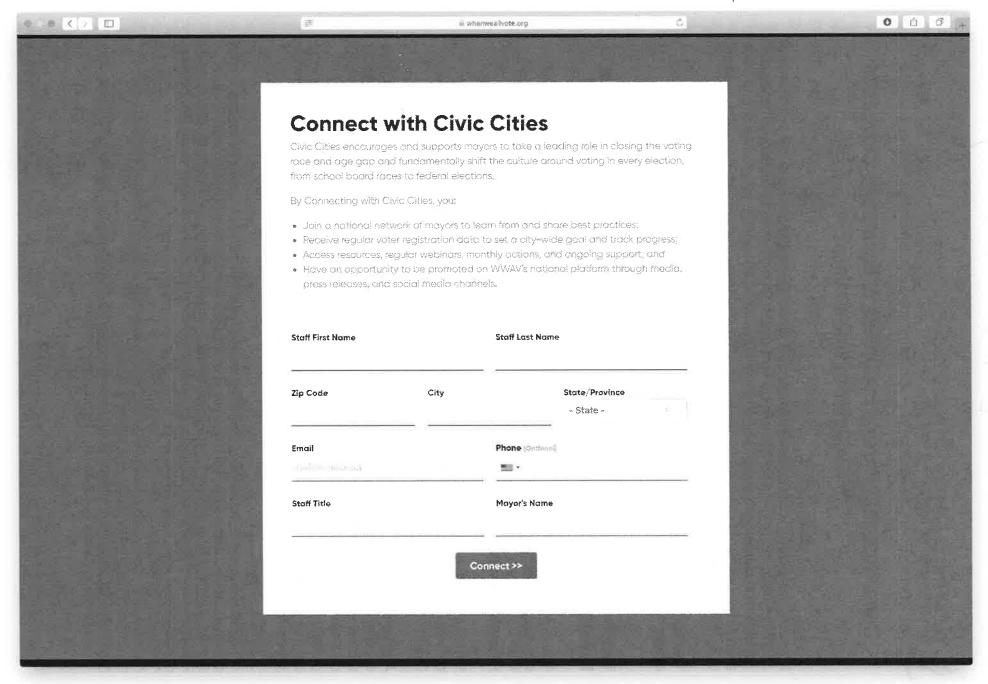
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Can a Nonprofit Provide Incentives to Encourage Citizens to Register to Vote or Vote?

Nonprofit organizations are permitted to conduct voter registration drives or get-out-the-vote (GOTV) efforts. 501(c)(3) organizations can conduct nonpartisan voter registration and GOTV activities that encourage voting by all those eligible, while 501(c)(4)s, labor unions, and trade associations can sponsor voter registration and GOTV drives that can advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates.

This factsheet answers a frequently asked question about voter registration and GOTV drives, whether conducted by a c3, c4, or any other entity.

Can Nonprofits Provide Incentives to Individuals to Register to Vote, to Vote, or to Reward Them for Doing so?

NO. In any election in which a federal candidate is on the ballot, federal law prohibits any individual or entity, including 501(c)(3) nonprofits, social welfare organizations, and unions, from knowingly and willfully paying, offering to pay, or accepting payment either for registering to vote or voting¹.

Penalties include up to \$10,000 in fines and/or imprisonment up to five years.² This prohibition applies only when the act is knowing and willful and does not require that the payment actually be made or that any individuals actually register to vote or vote.

A payment includes anything having monetary value (e.g. cash, lottery chances, the promise of government benefits such as supplemental nutrition assistance, or even a glass of beer or slice of pizza). Therefore, in elections in which federal candidates are on the ballot, it would be illegal for a nonprofit organization to raffle off prizes in exchange for an individual's promise to vote or for registering to vote during a voter registration drive. Similarly, handing out free cupcakes to individuals to register to vote or offering a service at a discounted rate to individuals who provide proof that they voted would be prohibited.

¹ This fact sheet covers federal law prohibitions when a federal candidate is on the ballot, but nonprofit organizations involved in voter registration or voter engagement activities must also abide by any relevant <u>state and local rules and regulations</u>. Bolder Advocacy's <u>State Law Resources</u> offer helpful information on state rules and regulations related to campaign finance and ballot measures, lobbying disclosure, and voter registration.

^{2 52} U.S.C. § 10307(c).

³ See CRAIG C. DONSANTO & NANCY L. SIMMONS, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL PROSECUTION OF ELECTION OFFENSES 47 (7th ed. rev. 2007), available at https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/criminal/legacy/2013/09/30/electbook-rvs0807.pdf; see also United States v. Garcia, 719 F.2d 99, 102 (5th Cir. 1983).

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Permissible Activities

However, offering free rides to the polls or providing employees paid leave to vote are not prohibited activities.⁴ This is because such benefits make it easier for people to vote and does not induce them to vote or reward them for voting. If in compliance with state law, payments may be made to individuals who gather signatures for voter registrations as long as those payments are not shared with the person being registered to vote.⁵

Expenditures for Voting or Withholding a Vote for a Federal Candidate

Federal law also prohibits making, or offering to make, an expenditure to any person to vote or to withhold a vote for a federal candidate. The term expenditure includes "any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value." Nonwillful violations of this prohibition are punishable by fines and/or imprisonment for up to one year, and willful violations are punishable by fines and/or imprisonment for up to two years.

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⁴ DONSANTO & SIMMONS, *supra* note 3, at 47-48; *see also United States v. Lewin*, 467 F.2d 1132 (7th Cir. 1972).

⁵ DONSANTO & SIMMONS, *supra* note 3, at 48.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 597.

⁷ 52 U.S.C. § 30101(9)(A).

⁸ DONSANTO & SIMMONS, supra note 3, at 47.

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Michelle Obama And Common Encourage Black Voter Registration

IN A VIDEO RELEASED FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH, MICHELLE OBAMA AND COMMON RECITE THE BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM TO ENCOURAGE BLACK VOTER REGISTRATION.



BY BREANNA EDWARDS · FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Former first lady Michelle Obama and rapper Common are joining together to encourage more Black people to register to vote.

In a newly released video, a part of the non-profit When We All Vote, which Obama co-chairs,

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both Obama and Common recite lines from the first verse of the Black National Anthem.

As they recite the iconic words, pictures from past voting and civil rights protests including the March on Washington in 1963, and the March from Selma to Montgomery (specifically the infamous Bloody Sunday) of 1965.

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25th March 2020 by BOTWC Staff

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Popular DJ D-Nice made history last week with his **#ClubQuarantine**, a live streamed DJ set that lasted nearly 9 hours and drew over 100,000 people along with iconic celebrity attendees such as Chaka Khan, Stevie Wonder and even Michelle Obama.

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Now, the Forever First Lady has teamed up with the Boogie Down Productions DJ to host another party, this one aimed at getting people registered to vote.

The virtual couch party is a partnership between Nice and Obama's **When We All Vote** initiative. The nonprofit was launched in 2018 with the mission of utilizing grassroots efforts to change the culture around voting and close the race and age gap among voters. Co-chairs of the organization include singer Janelle Monae, actress Tracee Ellis Ross, NBA player Chris Paul, actress Kerry Washington, and producer Shonda Rhimes.

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Michelle Obama will Host When We All Vote Kick-Off Rally in Detroit with Thousands of Eligible Voters

Washington, DC: On Friday, March 27th, Former First Lady and When We All Vote Co-chair Michelle Obama will host the organization's first rally of 2020 in Detroit, Michigan at the University of Detroit Mercy. Mrs. Obama launched When We All Vote, a national non-partisan voter participation initiative, in 2018 to increase voting in every election.

The rally is free and open to When We All Vote volunteers, partners, local high schoolers eligible to vote, leaders in our My School Votes program and 2020 Prom Challenge, college students, and educators. Tickets will be required.

This past November, <u>Michelle Obama released a video message</u> to mark one year out until the general election and to announce 7 new co-chairs, over 50 media, corporate and community <u>partners all joining</u> <u>When We All Vote</u>, and the <u>Voting Squad volunteer program</u> to kick off this election season. <u>In that video she said</u> "Millions of new voters made their voices heard [in 2018] for the first time. Now the stakes are even higher and we are looking to you. Our country—our democracy—is counting on you."

This will be When We All Vote's first rally in 2020 and an opportunity to engage and inspire thousands of eligible voters in Michigan and across the country.

When We All Vote will hold a contest to give away tickets to two people and their guests to meet Michelle Obama backstage at the event. The winners will also receive travel accommodations to Detroit. Members of the public can <u>ENTER HERE</u> for their chance to win.

Press interested in covering the event must RSVP <u>HERE</u>.

To sign up for When We All Vote's updates and to get involved, you can get started here.

DETAILS:

When We All Vote Rally with Michelle Obama Friday, March 27, 2020 Doors Open at 4PM Calihan Hall, University of Detroit Mercy 4001 W McNichols Rd, Detroit, MI 48221

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about attending the event should sign up HERE.

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ABOUT When We All Vote:

When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan, non-profit that brings together citizens, institutions, brands, influential voices and organizations to increase participation in every election. We are committed to closing the race and age voting gap and empowering all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing innovative digital organizing strategies.

Launched in 2018 by co-chairs Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, and Tim McGraw, When We All Vote is changing the culture around voting using a datadriven and multifaceted approach to increase participation in elections.

In the months directly before the 2018 midterm elections, When We All Vote organized 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online about the significance of voting, and texted nearly four million voters the resources to register and get out to vote.

In 2019, When We All Vote announced its new celebrity co-chairs and media partners who will help to reach people where they are and ultimately change the culture around voting.

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TODAY: Michelle Obama, DJ D-Nice, Tom Hanks, Rita Wilson and More to Join #CouchParty 2.0 to Reach, Educate, Inform and Register Eligible Voters

When We All Vote Released a Spotify Playlist Created by Co-Chairs in Celebration of this Event

(Washington, DC) Today, Monday, April 20 at 7:15 p.m. ET, When We All Vote Co-Chair Michelle Obama will kick off When We All Vote's #CouchParty 2.0 during a national call to action live streamed on When We All Vote's website with thousands of volunteers, partners and supporters. She will be joined on the call by When We All Vote Co-Chairs Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, Board Chair Valerie Jarrett and President and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Vanita Gupta.

Following the call with Michelle Obama, When We All Vote will host its #CouchParty 2.0, which will include DJ D-Nice's Club Quarantine live stream. Some When We All Vote volunteers and partner organizations will host their own couch parties in conjunction with When We All Vote's, and reach out directly to their friends, families and communities during their virtual events. When We All Vote Ambassadors Kelly Rowland, Michelle Williams, Alyssa Milano, Kelly McCreary and Erica Campbell will drop into these partner couch parties to thank and encourage volunteers.

During the couch parties, volunteers will help friends, family and voters across the country get registered and learn more about safe and accessible ways to cast their ballot in the upcoming elections, including expanded voting-by-mail and early in-person voting, a part of When We All Vote's three voting principles announced earlier this week.

All When We All Vote Co-Chairs, including Tracee Ellis Ross and Lin Manuel Miranda who joined the first #CouchParty, created a Spotify playlist in celebration of this event.

DETAILS

WHAT: When We All Vote #CouchParty 2.0, virtual voter registration and education event.

WHEN: TODAY, April 20, 2020

- 7:15 p.m. Kick Off Call with Co-Chair Michelle Obama and special guests
- 8:00 p.m. Virtual When We All Vote #CouchParty and partner/volunteer-led couch parties begin
- 8:40 p.m. DJ D-Nice begins Instagram Live stream
- 10:00 p.m. Event ends

WHERE: WhenWeAllVote.org/couchparty

Press interested in covering the online event can RSVP HERE.

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Launched in 2018 by co-chairs Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, and Tim McGraw, When We All Vote is changing the culture around voting using a datadriven and multifaceted approach to increase participation in elections.

In the months directly before the 2018 midterm elections, When We All Vote organized 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online about the significance of voting, and texted nearly four million voters the resources to register and get out to vote.

In 2019, When We All Vote announced its new celebrity co-chairs and media partners who will help to reach people where they are and ultimately change the culture around voting. Exhibit 89 N.3

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Questlove, Malcolm Jenkins to Join Michelle Obama's Nonpartisan Voting Organization When We All Vote's PA Couch Party in an Effort to Reach 250,000 PA Voters

(Washington, DC) Tomorrow, May 21, former Philadelphia Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins and The Roots' Questlove will join When We All Vote, a national nonpartisan organization launched by Michelle Obama, for their first statewide Couch Party to text 250,000 Pennsylvania voters about registering to vote and requesting their mail-in ballots to vote-by-mail in the June 2 primary. Volunteers will use Outvote, a web and mobile organizing platform, to reach voters.



When We All Vote started hosting its virtual #CouchParty in March with special guests including Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Rita Wilson and DJ D-Nice to give supporters a chance to ensure their communities are registered and ready to vote from the comfort of their home. These events reached thousands of people on a national scale, and tomorrow Pennsylvania will have its own #CouchParty to spread the word about how to vote in Pennsylvania's primary election safely and get ready for the general election in November.

This is the first year every voter in Pennsylvania can vote-by-mail, and it is critical that voters know how to make their voices heard without risking their health or their family's health. All Pennsylvanians, and those who have friends and family members in Pennsylvania, are invited to join the #CouchParty and can RSVP participate HERE: weall.vote/pa-couchparty.

With the #CouchParty, When We All Vote is convening key partners and leaders across Pennsylvania to spread the word about voting options, including how to safely vote-by-mail during the #CouchParty and through a week of action to follow. Partners in this effort to mobilize around the approaching vote-by-mail deadlines include: NAACP Philadelphia, NAACP Pittsburgh, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Urban League of Philadelphia and YWCA Greater Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh, Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania, League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, Black Tech Nation, VEEEM Pittsburgh, PennFuture, NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter.

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THE ROOTS PICNIC 2020 PARTNERS WITH MICHELLE OBAMA'S WHEN WE ALL VOTE FOR VIRTUAL FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE

HOSTED BY QUESTLOVE, BLACK THOUGHT & WHEN WE ALL VOTE & EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY LIVE NATION URBAN, TWO ONE FIVE ENTERTAINMENT & DPS

THE EVENT TO STREAM EXCLUSIVELY ON YOUTUBE SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

Event to Feature Performances as Well as Segments with Musicians, Athletes, When We All Vote Co-Chairs and The Roots Echoing the Importance of Registering to Vote

Performances by The Roots, H.E.R., Lil Baby, Roddy Ricch, SZA, Kirk Franklin, Snoh Aalegra, Earthgang, G Herbo, Polo G, D Nice and Musiqsoulchild (backed by The Roots) & Appearances by Michelle Obama, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Chris Paul, Tom Hanks, Liza Koshy, Kerry Washington, Tracee Ellis Ross, Janelle Monáe and Elaine Welteroth.

Starting Today and Continuing Throughout the Event There will be a Call To Action For Fans & Viewers to Register to Vote:

weall.vote/rootspicnic_or Text ROOTS to 56005

(Philadelphia, PA – June 11, 2020) – This year, in partnership with Michelle Obama's national, nonpartisan nonprofit organization, When We All Vote, The Roots are launching the 13th Annual Roots Picnic as a virtual broadcast experience on Saturday, June 27th, exclusively on YouTube. The event is Executive Produced by Shawn Gee (Live Nation Urban), Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and Tarik Trotter (Two One Five Entertainment) and Dan Parise (DPS).

Hosted by Questlove, Black Thought and Michelle Obama, the picnic will be filled with amazing performances by a diverse group of young highly popular hip hop, R&B and gospel artists with the goal of engaging and reaching 500,000 eligible voters. When We All Vote volunteers will sign up to text voters throughout the show through Outvote, a web and mobile organizing platform used to reach unregistered Voters. Volunteers can sign-up to learn how to reach voters before the event here. In addition to music, this event will include pre-recorded segments with musicians, athletes, social media influencers, When We All Vote Co-Chairs and The Roots sharing one simple call to action, register to vote. Fans can subscribe to The Roots Official YouTube Channel and tune into the broadcast stream HERE: yt.be/music/rootspicnic.

Fans can anticipate performances by The Roots, H.E.R., Lil Baby, Roddy Ricch, SZA, Kirk Franklin, Snoh Aalegra, Earthgang, G Herbo, Polo G, D Nice and Musiqsoulchild (backed by The Roots) and appearances by Michelle Obama, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Chris Paul, Tom Hanks, Liza Koshy, Kerry Washington, Tracee Ellis Ross, Janelle Monáe, and Elaine Welteroth.

"Historically, Questlove & Black Thought have always been very active participants in the voting process, however I felt that it was imperative that this year I open up both The Roots and my Live Nation Urban platforms as vehicles for both voter education and voter registration." said Shawn Gee, The Roots manager

and President of Live Nation Urban. "Our goal is to aggressively impact change and we're going to have some fun while doing so. This year, we are incredibly proud to partner with Mrs. Obama's When We All Vote to ensure our audience has the resources they need to register and vote in November's election."

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"As we face one of the most challenging years for our nation, we could all use a moment of inspiration and light to help focus on what we can do to take action together – and that action is voting. When We All Vote is on a mission to change the culture around voting and we are committed to closing the age and race gap of those who show up at the ballot box, increasing participation in each and every election," said When We All Vote Managing Director of Communications and Culture Stephanie L. Young. "To change the culture means we have to be in the culture, and iconic events like the The Roots Picnic, a celebration of the most influential artists of today, is just that."

The partnership comes from a shared ethos of wanting to reach the most underrepresented community of people when it comes to voting, black people between the ages of 21-35. Michelle Obama's When We All Vote and The Roots have a common goal, to educate and inspire communities to use their voices and vote to make a difference. Starting **TODAY** and continuing throughout the broadcast, there will be a call to action to allow fans to register to vote at https://weall.vote/rootspicnic or by texting ROOTS to 56005.* Throughout the broadcast this will be available in the form of a link in the live chat section allowing fans to register to vote in real time while enjoying the show. Additionally, When We All Vote volunteers will work throughout the day and during the show to text and engage 500,000 eligible voters.

This year, with the Picnic in Fairmount Park being postponed until 2021, The Roots are still eager to engage their core audience both in the Philadelphia region and around the world. Over the past 12 years, The Roots Picnic, which is co-produced with Geoff Gordon and the Live Nation Philly team, has become the premiere event and hub for culture for the core audience of Philadelphia and beyond. The picnic is an event known to draw a diverse multicultural mix of Gen X millennial and Gen Z attendees, and is curated and produced specifically with tier interests in mind.

*Text 56005 to receive periodic updates from When We All Vote. Text HELP for help, STOP to end. Msg & Data rates may apply. Privacy policy.

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About Live Nation Urban:

Live Nation Urban (LNU) is a partnership with Live Nation Entertainment, the world's leading live entertainment company. Specifically focusing on Hip-Hop, R&B and Gospel, LNU builds platforms, events, and festivals globally and develops dynamic content strategies based upon the live properties created. Live Nation Urban considers itself the most powerful source for live urban music. For additional information, visit www.livenationentertainment.com.

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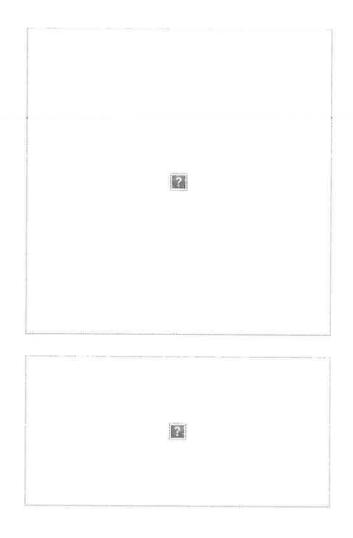
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Radio.com & When We All Vote Celebrates Independence Day with "Party in Place" and "Summer Bash"

Performances from Marshmello, Black Eyed Peas, deadmau5, Disclosure, Diplo, Kygo, Steve Aoki and More to Air on <u>RADIO.COM</u> Stations Nationwide on July 3 and July 4

The event being held in partnership with When We All Vote will remind everyone to get registered to vote



WASHINGTON, DC – June 30, 2020 – RADIO.COM, a leading digital audio and content platform, will celebrate Independence Day with two exclusive music events on July 3 and 4 to remind everyone to register to vote, in partnership with When We All Vote. The organization is on a mission to increase participation in every election and close the race and age voting gap by changing the culture around voting, harnessing grassroots energy, and through strategic partnerships to reach every American. Both events will be streamed live nationwide on-air on select RADIO.COM stations and on the RADIO.COM app and website. RADIO.COM is the exclusive digital home for all Entercom content across its portfolio of over 230 stations.

To kick off the celebration, "Party In Place" will air on July 3 at 10:00 p.m. ET / 7:00 p.m. PT across all <u>RADIO.COM</u> alternative stations nationwide. The three-hour event will feature exclusive sets from deadmau5, Disclosure, Major Lazer, ODESZA, RÜFÜS DU SOL and Toro y Moi, as well as a world premiere and unreleased music from Flume and Rezz, with a special career-spanning mix from Porter Robinson, all performing virtually from their home studios.

The following day, "Summer Bash," will feature performances by Marshmello, Black Eyed Peas, Dillon Francis, Diplo, Kygo, Lil Jon, and Steve Aoki. "Summer Bash" will air at 10:00 p.m. ET / 7:00 p.m. PT on July 4 on all RADIO.COM top 40 stations across the country.

"We're looking forward to virtually coming together to enjoy incredible performances that will bring the festival experience right to listeners' homes," said Michael Martin, Senior Vice President of Programming and Music Initiatives, Entercom. "We're especially proud to celebrate Independence Day by supporting When We All Vote's important mission to increase voter participation, one of the most patriotic acts we can do for our country."

"We All Vote is on a mission to change the culture around voting and we are committed to closing the age and race gap of those who show up at the ballot box, increasing participation in each and every election. Millions of voters are looking for information on how to participate this year," said Crystal Carson, Director of Communications and Media Partnerships, When We All Vote. "We are thrilled to partner with Entercom to share voter resources and registration and fun with listeners this holiday weekend."

To tune in to "Party in Place" and "Summer Bash" visit <u>RADIO.COM/live</u>. Listeners can join the conversation using the hashtags #PartyInPlace and #SummerBash.

Starting today and continuing throughout the broadcasts, listeners are encouraged to register to vote by visiting https://www.whenweallvote.org/partyinplace/ or https://www.whenweallvote.org/summerbash/. Listeners can also donate to When We All Vote by texting DONATE to 56005.

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Michelle Obama's When We All Vote to Host Food & Voter Registration Drive Event in North Carolina

When We All Vote to provide meals to 5,000 attendees while volunteers help eligible voters register to vote inperson

(Washington, DC): On Saturday, August 29, When We All Vote will host "Fuel the Vote," a food and voter registration drive to support North Carolinians impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure they are registered and ready to vote ahead of the November election. This community event will include a live DJ and volunteers focused on helping to provide a critical need while also helping people get registered and ready to vote. Fuel the Vote will serve the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina, in partnership with Project Isaiah, a coronavirus relief organization that has provided more than 2.5 million meals to those in need during the pandemic. Other partners include Wondaland, Live Nation Urban, The United State of Women, You Can Vote, Audiomack and the Office of Mayor Steve Schewel.

"Families are struggling in the wake of unemployment and income uncertainty, and voter registration has plummeted across the country. When We All Vote has been meeting people where they are, and through Fuel the Vote, we hope to do our part in North Carolina to get folks who need food a free meal, and help them with critical voting information, safely and in-person," said Kyle Lierman, CEO of When We All Vote.

American families are facing many challenges, including food insecurity and an overall decline in voter registration due to the pandemic. According to the Civics Center, voter registration rates in April and May of 2020 have declined by as much as 75 percent in some states, in comparison to registration rates during those same months in 2016. Community volunteers will help eligible voters register to vote, assist in answering questions and fielding concerns about the voting process and provide food to 5,000 attendees.

Volunteers will follow social distancing protocols of wearing masks and gloves while assisting participants. Walk ups will not be permitted, and participants will be required to stay in their cars. If individuals do not have a mask, When We All Vote will provide one.

DETAILS

WHAT: Fuel the Vote Food and Voter Registration Drive

WHEN: Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Research Triangle Foundation Headquarters

12 Davis Drive Durham, NC 27709

Press interested in covering the event should email <u>press@whenweallvote.org</u> to RSVP. Members of the community can RSVP <u>here</u>.

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ABOUT Project Isaiah:

Founded in response to COVID-19, Project Isaiah was designed to combat food insecurity and economic uncertainty brought on by the pandemic. Their mission is to deliver meals to those in need while preserving jobs. This effort is solely run by volunteers. The organization partners with Gate Gourmet, a leading airline catering company.

Since their inception, the organization has delivered more than 2.5 million meals to Americans in need, across 11 different cities, in collaboration with over 200 companies. Project Isaiah has also saved over 500 Americans' jobs in the course of their work.

ABOUT You Can Vote:

You Can Vote is a North Carolina nonprofit organization that trains and mobilizes volunteers to educate, register, and empower NC citizens to successfully cast their ballot. Voting is a critical part of civic life that allows citizens to advocate for themselves and their community. You Can Vote's training and evidenced-based education tools answer voters' questions and prepare citizens to understand and use their right to vote.

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ABOUT United State of Women:

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The United State of Women (USOW) is a national organization dedicated to convening, connecting, and amplifying voices in the fight for full gender equity. We are a community for all who identify as women, gender nonconforming, or allies, believe in full gender equity, and want to work collectively to achieve it.

Born out of the Obama Administration's White House Council on Women and Girls, USOW holds a unique position within the movement. We sit at an uncommon intersection of politics, community engagement, culture change, and leadership development.

ABOUT Audiomack:

Founded in 2012 by friends and co-founders Dave Macli and Dave Ponte, Audiomack is a youth-driven, artist-first, music streaming platform. Audiomack allows artists and creators to share unlimited content for free, as well as provides tools to help them expand their audience. Over the years, it has been at the forefront of watershed moments in hip-hop and greater music culture. Key releases on the platform include: Chance the Rapper's seminal Acid Rap mixtape, J. Cole's fabled Truly Yours 1 and 2, the premiere of Eminem's eviscerating Machine Gun Kelly diss track "KILLSHOT," a trio of exclusive freestyles from Nicki Minaj and most recently, the exclusive premiere of NAV's Brown Boy EP. With a focus on hip-hop, electronic, Latin, Reggae, Afrobeats, and other top and emerging genres, plus podcasts, Audiomack has over six million daily active users, and exists as a cutting-edge streaming platform engrossed in music culture, and consistently moving music forward.

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Volunteers at the "Fuel the Vote" voter registration drive didn't have to convince Sherry B. Williams about the importance of casting her ballot.

The Atlanta native has been voting since she was 18 years old.

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"It's everything," she said. "It's everything. Everything that we do revolves around who

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we vote for or who we didn't vote for. If you don't vote then that means you believe that other people know what you need better than you do."

Williams was among hundreds of people who attended the voter registration and census drive and food distribution event at The Home Depot Backyard next to Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Saturday.

There was a steady stream of cars that drove through the area as music pumped from speakers. Volunteers gave away children's books, swag bags filled with Atlanta Falcons merchandise and sandwiches to people who drove through.

Volunteer Michael Yancey, of McDonough and a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, beamed as he handed out boxes of food that included milk, butter, chicken and fresh fruit and vegetables.

People were asked to wear masks for pandemic safety, and many maintained social-distancing guidelines.

"I'm a retired military guy and I've seen a lot of third-world countries," he said. "We have poverty right here in U.S., which is supposed to be the greatest nation in the world. It was very shocking to me."



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He was also supportive of efforts to register people to vote.

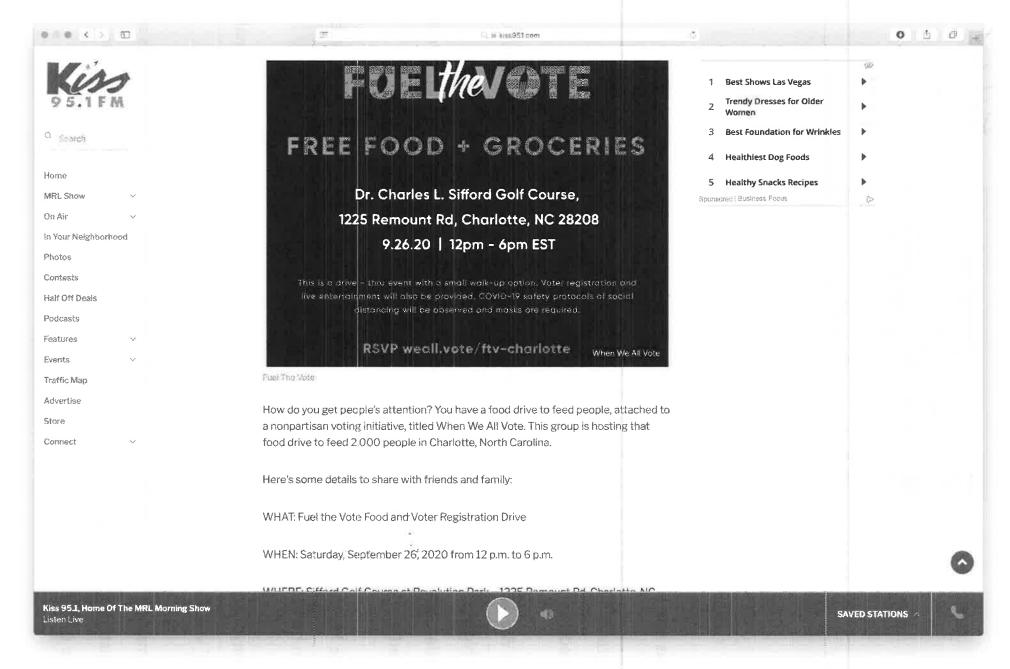
"My grandfather and grandmother told us how important it is to vote and to be involved," he said. "I don't want to let them down. I want to do my part."

When We All Vote was launched in 2018 by former first lady Michelle Obama with other high-profile co-chairs such as entertainers Kerry Washington, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe and Faith Hill. The nonprofit, which is nonpartisan, promotes voter education and registration.

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and the Atlanta hip-hop duo EarthGang were also on hand to urge people to vote.

The mayor said the event was not about supporting one party or the other, but making voters' voices heard.

Bottoms said "2020's been a tough year for so many people for so many reasons and so registering to vote just may not be top of the line for folks," but the event gives people a chance to do it all at one time.



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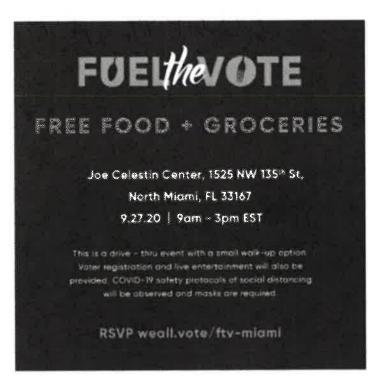


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September 27, 2020, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Joe Celestin Center**, 1525 NW 135th St, Miami, FL 33167



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Join us this Sunday, September 27th for Fuel the Vote! Michelle Obama's When We All Vote is teaming up with Florida Engagement Table, RadicalPartners, and Vote Miami for Fuel the Vote, a food and voter registration drive.

We know this pandemic has been tough on everyone, so let's take care of one another. Pull up to the Joe Celestin Center in North Miami this Sunday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for free groceries for your family, to listen to some great DJs, and learn how you can get registered and ready to vote.

Fuel the Vote is a completely COVID-safe drive-thru event just for our community. Go to When We All Vote's official website for more information!

We'll see you Sunday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.! Don't forget your mask! And don't forget to vote!

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Drive-thru event combines voter registration with handing out food boxes and supplies

Chloe Jones Arizona Republic

Published 3:18 p.m. MT Sep. 27, 2020

Organizers expected about 3,000 attendees at an event Sunday that took a notable approach to registering people to vote, by offering free boxes of food and supplies at the same time.

Cars lined up Sunday morning in the Phoenix College parking lot near Thomas Road and SeventhAvenue to register to vote and pick up groceries, diapers, children's books and clothing.

Drivers flowed through a loop, with volunteers handing out boxes asking if people in the vehicle would like to register to vote on the other side of the loop and vice versa. People stayed in their cars to fill out voter registration forms on clipboards.

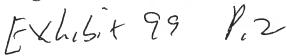
The event, called "Fuel the Vote," was hosted by When We All Vote, a national non-profit aimed at increasing voter turnout, and One Arizona, a local community organization made up of 28 partners.

When We All Vote was launched in 2018 by Michelle Obama and other high-profile figures including singers Faith Hill, Tim McGraw and Janelle Monáe; actors Tom Hanks and Lin-Manuel Miranda; and NBA player Chris Paul. Corazón Arizona, Arizona Center for Empowerment and Arizona Coalition for Change were also at the event.

Araceli Villezcas, program director for One Arizona, said attendees did not need to register to vote in order to pick up groceries and vice versa.

"We could just have a voter registration drive, but here it's coupled with making sure that our families have enough to eat," said Villezcas. "We're taking care of each other."

'Pay it forward'



Jordan Brooks, a senior advisor at When We All Vote, said the Phoenix event was equipped with 2,000 food boxes and about 1,000 sets with sippy cups; baby bottles and diapers; and women's, men's and kid's clothing. She said the pandemic has been hard on families while also making it difficult to register to vote, so the organization decided to combine helping communities in need and voter registration.

"I just want to make sure I'm there and it counts," Alonzo González said, referring to his vote. He said there is a lot riding on the comingelection and thinks it could be one of the largest voter turnouts in history.

Kaylah Gladstone attended the event with González. She registered to vote and said she was going to donate any groceries she picked up and wasn't going to use.

"Pay it forward," she said.

A woman who did not want to share her name because of her immigration status, said she has not been able to work during the pandemic. She said shefound out about the event from her children's school and was thankful for the opportunity to pick up food and supplies for them because the pandemic has hit her family hard.

Villezcas said her favorite part of these kinds of events is connecting with her community and having conversations about voting with people who haven't voted or don't always get targeted for voting, often communities of color and young people.

"It makes me excited because so many people are just really excited to make their voices heard," she said.

Fuel the Vote events taking place across the country

Osman Erives is the regional field director for Voteria AZ, a voter registration campaign by ACE. He said registering people to vote is important to him because, as a DACA recipient, he can't vote.

"We want to make sure that everyone in our communities that is eligible (to vote) is absolutely registered, because a lot of folks are eligible," Erives said. He added that many people may not be educated about the voting process or have internet access necessary to register online, so these drive-thru events are a great opportunity for eligible voters who may not have voted otherwise.

"The main idea is making sure that accessibility is there and making sure that their voice is heard and really representing the community," he said.

Fuel the Vote is taking place across the country, with an event in Miami on Sundayas well. Previous events took place in Atlanta, Detroit, Philadelphia and Charlotte, North Carolina. Three more events are planned in Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and Minneapolis to try to register as many voters as possible before the deadline for the November election.

The deadline to register to vote in Arizona is midnight on Oct. 5. Prospective voters can register at servicearizona.com.

Get in touch with Chloe Jones at Chloe.Jones@arizonarepublic.com and find her on Twitter at @chloeleejones

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'Fuel The Vote' Food Distribution And Voter **Registration Event Set To Take Place**

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By: KDKA-TV News Staff

PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — A food distribution and voter registration event will be taking place at the Heinz Field Stage AE Lot on Tuesday.

It's being hosted by the non-partisan group 'When We All Vote.'

The drive-up event starts at 1:00 p.m. and will go until 7:00 p.m.

Food and groceries will be available.

You'll also be able to register to vote for the upcoming election.

More information about Fuel the Vote can be found online.

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Michelle Obama's When We All Vote & Milwaukee Bucks to Host 'Fuel the Vote' Food Distribution & Voter Registration Drive on Saturday

*When We All Vote to provide food to thousands of attendees while volunteers help eligible voters register in person

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Michelle Obama's When We All Vote (https://www.whenweallvote.org/) and the Milwaukee Bucks are teaming up to host Fuel the Vote (https://www.whenweallvote.org/fuelthevote/), a drive-up food distribution and voter registration drive, on Saturday, October 3, to support those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure they are registered to vote ahead of the general election on November 3.

Fuel the Vote will be held on the former Bradley Center lot, directly south of Fiserv Forum, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Participants will drive up to the site and remain in their cars while they register to vote and receive food. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the event HERE (https://www.mobilize.us/whenweallvote/event/320694/).

Fuel the Vote will help meet a critical need while providing important voting information. Only 48% of 18-to-24-year olds reported turning out to vote in Wisconsin in 2018. During this unprecedented time, voter registration rates, especially among young people and people of color, have declined during the pandemic compared to previous years.

All volunteers and attendees will be required to wear masks and remain in their cars. Volunteers will also wear gloves while assisting participants. If attendees do not have a mask, When We All Vote will provide one.

FUEL THE VOTE FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

WHAT: Fuel the Vote, a drive-up food distribution and voter registration drive to support those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure they are registrated to vote ahead of the general election

WHEN: Saturday, October 3 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Lot south of Fisery Forum (former Bradley Center site)

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About When We All Vote:

When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan nonprofit that brings together citizens, institutions, brands, and organizations to increase participation in every election. Launched by Michelle Obama, the organization is committed to closing the race and age voting gap and empowering all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing digital organizing strategies, with the ultimate goal of changing the culture around voting.

Michelle Obama is joined in this effort by fellow Co-Chairs Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, Selena Gomez, Liza Koshy, Megan Rapinoe, Shonda Rhimes, Tracee Ellis Ross, Kerry Washington, and Rita Wilson.

In the leadup to the 2018 Midterm Elections, When We All Vote organized over 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online about the significance of voting, and texted nearly four million voters the resources to register and get out to vote.

In 2020, When We All Vote is helping to lead in voter education, registration and volunteer engagement. In response to COVID-19, When We All Vote is leading the fight for fair and safe elections by supporting the expansion of access to vote-by-mail, early in-person voting and online voter registration so every American can make their voices heard on Election Day.

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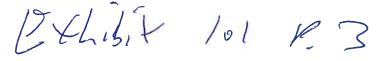


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On Saturday, October 3, When We All Vote will host Fuel the Vote, a food distribution and voter registration drive, in Minneapolis and St. Paul to support those impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic

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and ensure they are registered and ready to vote ahead of the General Election. During these community events, volunteers will provide food and groceries to 1,500 attendees and help them prepare to cast their ballots in November.

Just 43 percent of 18- to 24- year-olds reported turning out to vote in Minnesota in 2018. During this unprecedented time, voter registration rates, especially among young people and people of color, have declined during the pandemic compared to previous years.

According to the Civics Center, voter registration rates in April and May of 2020 plummeted as much as 75 percent in some states in comparison to rates during the same months in 2016. At the same time, many Americans are out of work, and struggling to afford to feed themselves and their families due to the pandemic.

DETAILS

WHAT: Fuel the Vote Food and Voter Registration Drive

WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Minneapolis: Willard Hay Parking Lot

2163 N 14th Ave (cross street w/ Penn Ave N)

and

St. Paul: Mount Olivet Baptist Church

451 Central Ave. W

Volunteers will follow social distancing protocols of wearing masks and gloves while assisting

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participants. Walk-ups will not be permitted, and participants will be required to stay in their cars. If individuals do not have a mask, When We All Vote will provide one.

Fuel the Vote

(https://www.whenweallvote.org/fuelthevote/) Twin Cities is in partnership with Lyft, who will provide discounted rides to the community to get to designated locations. Fuel the Voice is also partnering with the Minnesota Voice, the Minneapolis Foundation, the Minnesota Twins, the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Lynx, Urban League Twin Cities, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Agape Oasis, Urban League Twin Cities Young Professionals and Black Votes Matter.

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(https://www.whenweallvote.org/) is partnering with Project Isaiah (https://www.isaiah.org/), a coronavirus relief organization that has provided more than 2.5 million meals to those in need during the pandemic, as well as Wondaland Arts Society, Live Nation Urban (https://www.livenation.com/), the United State of Women (https://www.theunitedstateofwomen.org/), SoundExchange, New Balance, Stonyfield and Audiomack for all Fuel the Vote events.

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PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — If you plan to visit one of Philadelphia's satellite election offices Thursday, you may want to arrive hungry. Fuel the Vote is looking to drive more people to turn in their ballots.

There's been a long line of people waiting outside the Philadelphia satellite election office at City Hall, where many are excited to register to vote or cast their ballots.



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"My mom was like, 'You better get out there,' so you gotta do what mom says," South Philadelphia resident Kenny Wallace said.

"I need to have my vote cast and voice heard. I don't think we should give up our vote just because it's difficult," said Juliet Wong of Center City.

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With the rollout of Philadelphia new satellite election offices across the city that allow people to essentially vote early, a group of restaurants are now encouraging people to come by with a campaign called Fuel the Vote.

"We want to be here, stand with everyone and say, 'Thanks for coming out,'" Parc general manager Carol Serena said.

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Some of the restaurants participating include Parc in Rittenhouse Square, Pat's King of Steaks, Federal Doughnuts and more. Here's a

list of the seven satellite election offices where Fuel the Vote is happening:

- Center City: City Hall Room 140, 1400 John F Kennedy Blvd, 19107 - Starr Restaurants
- The Liacouras Center, 1776 N Broad St, 19121 Osteria
- Roxborough High School, 6498 Ridge Ave, 19128 Vernick Food & Drink
- Tilden Middle School, 6601 Elmwood Ave, 19142 Angelo's Pizza
- Julia De Burgos Elementary, 401 W Lehigh Ave, 19133 Pat's King of Steaks
- A.B. Day School, 6324 Crittenden St., 19138 Federal Donuts
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BY BROOKLYN WHITE · OCTOBER 23, 2020

On October 23, just one day before National Vote Early Day, the nonprofit When We All Vote is connecting with some of our favorite celebrities to encourage everyone to vote early. A few of the initiative's ambassadors are Common, **DJ D-Nice**, the City Girls and **Elaine Welteroth**. Together, they will discuss how we can be more active in our communities and encourage those around us to head to the polls before election day.

All those who attend virtually will collectively text 250,000 voters, all while getting down to one of DJ D-Nice's famous live sets. Also, attendees will get a first look at Common's new music video

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for his song "A Place in This World," from his upcoming album. The video is set to premiere during the event.

When We All Vote was launched by former First Lady Michelle Obama in 2018 and since then, they've been focusing their efforts on closing racial and age-related gaps in votership. They have partnered with a number of brands and organizations to bring the topic to the forefront of our minds ahead of what is undoubtedly the most important election of our lifetime. It is our duty as citizens to participate because when we all vote, we can create change.

The **We All Vote** LOUD #CouchParty programming will be held on YouTube tonight at 6:30 pm EST. To RSVP, click **here**.

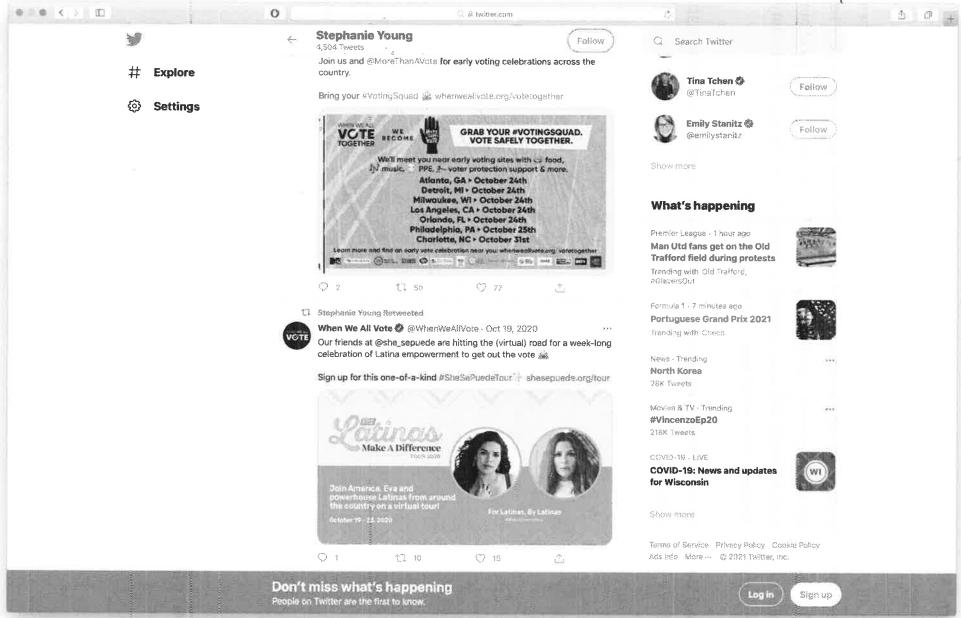
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Michelle Obama's When We All Vote is teaming up with the Georgia Project and Live Nation Urban to host the drive-in, get-out-the-vote concert "Celebrate Georgia!" featuring Rick Ross, Jack Harlow, DJ Drama and more.

The Jan. 3rd drive-in concert aims to raise awareness ahead of the crucial Jan. 5 run-off election in Georgia, which will determine which party con the Senate during the upcoming Biden administration. The event will take place from 5:00-7:30 p.m. ET at the Cellairis Amphitheatre at Lakewood Atlanta.

Among the other acts slated to perform are Monica and Pastor Troy, with Kenny Burns and Su Solo hosting the event. Also slated to make appea are When We All Vote co-chairs Michelle Obama, Janelle Monáe, Tracee Ellis Ross, Kerry Washington and Chris Paul, and Ambassadors Jeezy, Con Jidenna, Darren Criss, Sophia Bush, Tommy Dorfman and more.



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In addition to celebrating the record more than 1.3 million people who've already cast ballots in the run-off election, the concert we encourage those who haven't voted yet to get to the polls on Jan. 5. Click here for more information about tickets for the show.

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The 2020 Prom Challenge grant application is closed as of 3/20/20.

What is 2020 Prom Challenge?

Your senior prom's a big deal. So is voting for the first time.

Prom Challenge is a new program created in partnership between When We All Vote and MTV's +1thevote campaign, with support from Rent the Runway and other brands, to celebrate and recognize 20 high schools across the country integrating voter registration into their schools in the most creative and impactful ways.

The winners of the competition will receive up to \$5,000 to make their school's prom dreams come true.

For General inquiries, please email schools@whenweallvote.org For Press inquiries, please email press@whenweallvote.org

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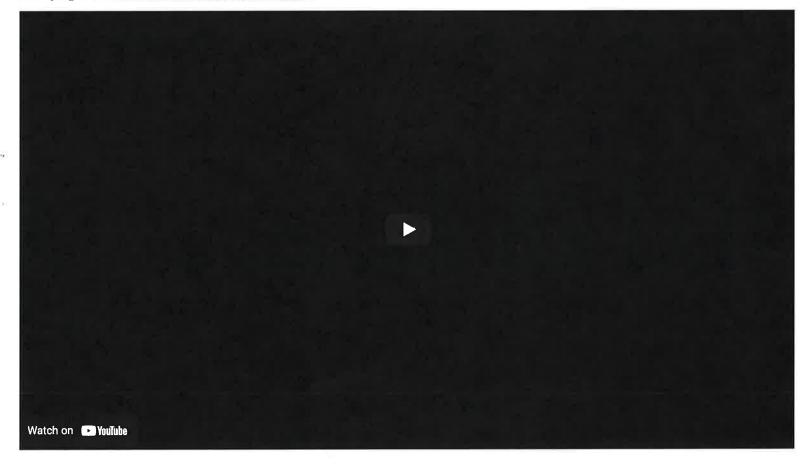
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In partnership with When We All Vote, MTV will host the Prom-athon - a virtual celebration for the Class of 2020 with a special focus on commemorating another important milestone for young people this year: registering and voting in the national election in November. The Prom-athon will be a fun, music-filled experience full of exciting surprises, complete with celebrity appearances and exclusive performances.

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2020 From Challenge Winners

In February, When We All Vote and MTV's +1thevote campaign launched the 2000 in the Colling and a new program to celebrate and recognize 20 high schools across the country integrating voter registration into their schools in the most creative and impactful ways. The Prom-athon will shine a light on the 20 winning high schools and students

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- Westbury High School Houston, TX
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The Prom-athon chaperones are city and state leaders who are committed to lifting up virtual events for the Class of 2020. The group includes a broad representation of the winning Prom Challenge cities and states. We are grateful for their help in shining a light on these students' incredible achievements and commitment to our democracy.

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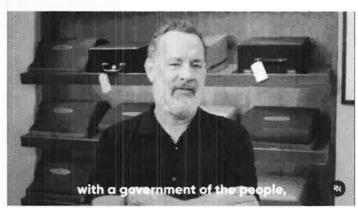
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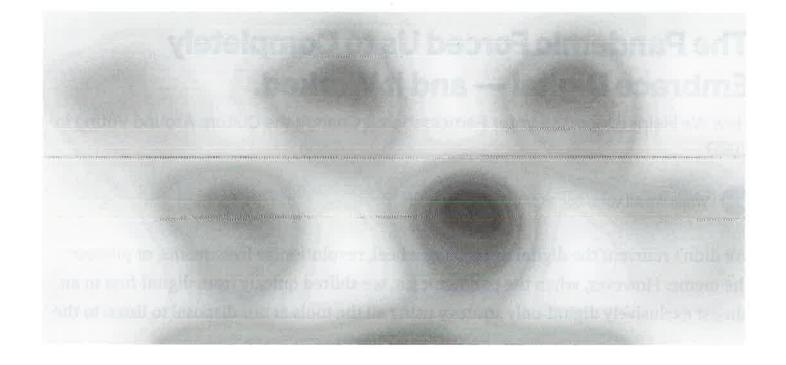
We didn't reinvent the digital organizing wheel, revolutionize livestreams, or pioneer the meme. However, when the pandemic hit, we shifted quickly from digital-first to an almost exclusively digital-only strategy using all the tools at our disposal to listen to the 15 4 L. 3.7 /11

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needs of young people and people of color, meet them where they are online, and provide accurate and accessible voter information with no pretense.

This meant not only using every digital tool for both organizing and information sharing — TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, digital ads, email, broadcast SMS, and peer-to-peer texting — but investing in digital from the top and developing a strategy that used these tools in a targeted and culturally relevant way. This included:

- Building massive volunteer texting teams on Slack
- Engaging both big-name celebrities and hundreds of lifestyle micro-influencers
- Plugging into the latest TikTok and meme trends and Gen Z focused platforms
- Using the digital reach from big brand and community partnerships
- Building out livestream parties on Zoom and IG Live that mixed special guests,
 music, and volunteer trainings together to keep the momentum going
- Plugging into big cultural moments (online of course!) including music festivals like Roots Picnic and Lollapalooza, and the biggest trends on IG like joining in on DJ D-Nice's 'Club Quarantine' and even dropping into the Verzuz battles.



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As a result, we reached over 100 million eligible voters and got 512,000 people to start or complete their voter registration. On top of that, we educated countless more, specifically young people and people of color, to influence the largest voter turnout our country has ever seen. 70% of young people got information about the 2020 election on social media, and we made big strides to provide the facts and make them accessible. On Instagram alone, our content was organically shared 422K times and saved 74K times in the 100 days leading up to the election. Even better, 80% of the 20 most-shared Instagram posts and 70% of the most-saved posts focused on strictly educating voters, voting registration and the act of voting itself.

Here are just a few of our biggest takeaways to engage young people and people of color online in each and every election:

Celebrities and influencers can be used to bring in new audiences and help build

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trust — but only if we let them stay true to their voice.

When we tell a meaningful story, and are honest, vulnerable and authentic, people *listen*. By working with our celebrities and influencers, we were able to: 1) Bring in new audiences who might have been intimidated or feel ostracized by the political process previously, 2) Create more authentic, creative and tell a story, and 3) Increase overall engagement and trust by working with lifestyle micro influencers who have deep, trusting, and personal connections with their audiences.

When We All Vote co-chairs include Michelle Obama, Selena Gomez, and Kerry Washington. We partnered with Lebron James and his organization, More Than A Vote. Our ambassadors, like Billie Eilish and DaniLeigh, drove some of our highest performing content and thousands of visits back to a When We All Vote voter registration portal.

Unpolished creative content & authentic storytelling

But just having talent on board isn't enough to turn people out to vote. Young people can see right through empty sentiments and 'pre-written' slick script nonsense from celebrities. No one wants to be told to vote by someone who is wholly unaffected by the problems of today (yes, like the *Imagine* video).

What talent can provide is a way in, if and when they tell *their story* authentically. For example, when Selena Gomez told her fans that she did not vote in 2018 because of her mental health struggles, but was now more committed than ever before to making change, people listened. When Shaq told the world he would be a first-time voter, it validated and empowered millions who worried about the shame of never participating before either. When Addison Rae asked Kerry Washington to help her make a voting plan for her first time voting, her young fans saw just how easy it was — driving 35,000 people to her voter registration portal in less than 48 hours.

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Out of all the content we produced, our best performing piece of content of *all time* happened to be a 40- second selfie video of Billie Eilish directly telling her fans to use their voice and their vote. It was short, authentic, and relatable because Billie Eilish herself is a first-time voter like the majority of her young fans. This authenticity not only drove 359K views, but also 10K shares and 423K impressions with 96% of all engagements coming from people who did not follow When We All Vote. This wave of engagement drove 19K people to our Instagram profile and resulted in over 700 link clicks to our website and almost 800 new followers. From the traditional marketing funnel perspective, that is pure awareness, consideration, and conversion happening all in one Instagram post.

Expanding Reach to Those Who May Be Left Out of the Convo

On National Voter Registration Day, <u>our Instagram Live takeover</u> that included JLo, Zendaya, Fat Joe, DJ Khaled, Michelle Obama and Chris Paul, allowed talent to speak freely and authentically to their audiences and bring them into the voting conversation. In total over 300K people tuned in to all of our Lives across talent handles. It was so important that the majority of these Lives did not come from our account, but from talent's. Why? To bring their followers, predominantly young people and people of color, into our fold — 49% of 579K accounts we reached with our #NationalVoterRegistrationDay Instagram content did not follow us (yet).

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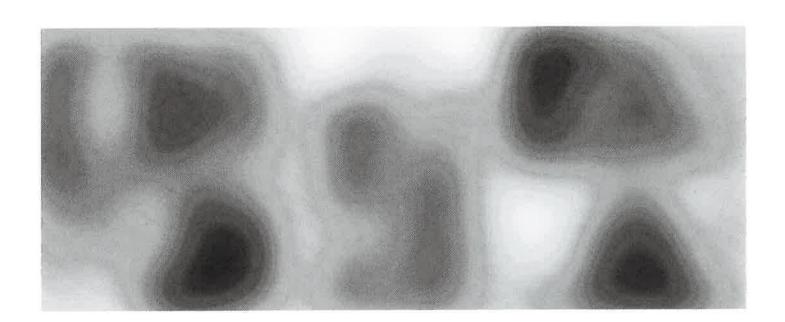
Using lifestyle micro-influencers

While they don't always have the largest reach, micro-influencers have some of the most trusted relationships and highest engagement with their audiences on Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. On top of that, they are able to be used in more targeted ways. We prioritized influencers like Denisse Myrick (@ChasingDenisse), the daughter of immigrants who lives in Arizona and reminded her followers, in Spanish and English, why voting was so important. Or Patrick Starr (@PatrickStarrr), a Filipino-American YouTube beauty expert who posted on his YouTube and Instagram channels. Overall, we worked with 100 of these influencers who helped us reach over 32.2M people outside of our own online universe with an average engagement rate of 9.7% (industry average is 2%). While we had the farthest reach with our millennial influencers, we ended up having the strongest overall engagement with our Gen-Z influencers.



We also tried out combining a big celebrity like Michelle Obama and put her in a Zoom call with 20 lifestyle micro-influencers. Not only did it bring in press, but it was also the content on Instagram that had the most engagement on these influencers' accounts driving 19.9M in reach from 22 pieces of content. Overall, we found that combining both big celebrity reach with micro-influencers' strong engagement worked well to

bring in new people who weren't already engaged with When We All Vote.



Young people want the facts. They don't want bullshit.

Research has shown for years that historically low voter turnout among young people is not an issue of apathy, but access. How do I register? And when? Where is my polling place? How do I fill out a ballot? What does my vote affect in my community? They don't teach you this in most schools.

And because Gen Z and young millennials grew up with the world at their fingertips, they are often scoffed at for not knowing information many older generations (who had civics classes) take for granted.

Social media, especially Instagram, has exploded as a source of information regarding protests, politics, and voting. It is our job to create a safe space for first-time voters. We had to make young people comfortable by speaking their language — using memes, TikToks, interactive Instagram stories, cultural references, and aesthetically pleasing graphics. But we also had to push our audience to take the next step as well, like tagging friends in the comments as a reminder to register.

While the big changes to voting this year due to COVID-19 were a challenge for many voters, it was also an opportunity to set new behaviors for first-time voters, like voting by mail and early in-person voting. Before the end of March we began our educational

campaign around vote by mail: how to do it, how safe it is, and it's positive effects on voter turnout.

Other "explainer" graphics included how your vote impacts the <u>criminal justice system</u>.

We broke down the importance of elected officials other than president that are <u>on your ballot</u>. We outlined the <u>rights every voter has</u> at the ballot box. We provided resources

In the last 100 days before the Election, When We All Vote content on social media was **shared 627K times and generated 420M Impressions**. Our best performing content was overwhelmingly focused on educating voters about current events, voting registration and the act of voting itself: 80% of the 20 most-shared and 70% of the most-saved Instagram posts, 50% of the 20 most-retweeted tweets and 80% of the 20 most-shared Facebook posts.

for questions about voter suppression and voter ID rules.

When reviewing our best-performing posts of all time, educational content represents 65% of the top twenty most-shared posts on Instagram, achieving above average engagement AND reaching new audiences who hadn't previously interacted with When We All Vote.

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On top of that, these educational graphics when posted on Instagram brought in more people who were not already following @whenweallvote. For example, our polling place hours graphic, shared 24 hours before Election Day, had over 52K shares with 73% of the 213K people who reached this post were not following When We All Vote on Instagram. Content shared by celebrities and influencers engages new voters because they are a trusted, relatable source. It also allows new voters to receive important information about voting without having to search for it on their own. Becoming a trusted source of information in a world of disinformation isn't easy, especially in politics. But if we can get young people and first time voters to trust us, to listen to us, and to use our resources to become empowered, we are halfway there!

Don't underestimate the power of sliding into DMs and the 1:1 conversation

With historically low voter turnout amongst young people in the U.S., in this election it was imperative that we engage first-time voters. This age group can be one of the hardest to reach and engage, especially during a pandemic. One of the places we turned was Instagram, one of the best places to reach young people. Our My School Votes' student ambassadors created 100 individual Instagram handles, each handle run by one or multiple students, accumulated over 14,000 followers. The students running the accounts not only pushed out content that was provided to them via toolkits and graphic templates, but also created an abundance of their own content. Some accounts even created their own brand and color aesthetic, and spent time introducing the members of their team on their Instagram grid.

Overall, the students exceeded our expectations by taking it one step farther: These students became their own content creators, making relevant graphics, videos, and engaging posts that spoke best to their peers.

Students used these accounts to run an Instagram <u>direct message campaign</u> that focused on 1:1 conversation, driving voter registration through school and student accounts. In the first wave of the direct message campaign, they sent **over 165,000 voter registration direct messages**, creating a groundswell of traffic to trackable voter registration links via these direct messages and the affiliated links in each Instagram

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bio. As a whole, the My School Votes Instagram accounts brought in 1,554 voter registrations. 85% of those registrations came from direct messages and 15% of those registrations came from people clicking the link in the bios of the student-run Instagram accounts. These accounts were the second largest driver of student voter registrations for the My School Votes program.

Changing culture isn't about just making something "cool" — it's about utilizing the power that relevant brands, companies, and grassroots organizations can bring to the conversation.

What's cool or trendy changes roughly every 5 minutes. Memes can grow stale in less than 24 hours and trends change daily. What is chic one day is cringe worthy the next. While it's important to engage in these moments and be a part of the conversation online, it also requires big brands and national and community organizations to also use their power for good.

In 2020, you saw messages about registering to vote from everyone — from your Lyft receipt to an email from GrubHub to Glossier to the Divine Nine talking to their members. You might have found this repetitive message annoying, but it worked because it reached a lot more people who weren't already hearing the message. Our corporate partnerships yielded hundreds of thousands of registrations. Some of the top contenders were Yelp, Postmates, Supreme, and Glossier. Like using talent or influencers, these brands allowed us to reach new audiences and meet new people where they already are online during a pandemic (ordering food and buying stuff for serotonin). Glossier and Supreme made stickers while Yelp and Postmates added colorful banners to their app's homepage.

But we can't build sustainable power just through big brand partnerships — we need grassroots power too.

You cannot replace grassroots and local power.

That's why we built a community of 27,000 Voting Squad Captains and over 42,100 volunteers who took action in their communities with When We All Vote. These were

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the community members, the teachers, the moms and dads, the aunts and uncles, the sorors, and the congregation members who took Michelle Obama's challenge to get their squad together and make sure that everyone in their community was registered and had a plan to get out and vote. They shared voting information online with their networks, were responsible for texting over 7 million voters with critical voting information in 2020, got their friends and family to join over 40 national digital training moments and festivals (like our Couch Party!), and hosted voter registration and early vote events across their communities. We launched a relational organizing program that empowered our volunteers to reach out to their networks, by brainstorming who in their life they could be an influential messenger for. We provided a framework of training that resulted in almost 50,000 friend-to-friend text messages sent, with simple conversations and straightforward resources that felt genuine to the way so many of us communicate with our friends and family.

We realized that people *are* organically and authentically engaging with their friends, families and communities, so how do we help fuel these conversations around voting? We created the Social Squad with this question in mind. What if, instead of telling volunteers *exactly* what to say, we gave them a simple framework and context? What conversations can they create on their social media accounts when they use their own voice? The result was countless engagements with @WhenWeAllVote on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook where people could share our graphics, but spoke to their communities in a way that felt authentic to themselves. The sort of work we're doing is focused on building and engaging volunteers for the long haul.

And we know that our work isn't ending in 2020. Our volunteer leaders have shown us the power of their communities, and their commitment to turning out their network of friends, family and neighbors — election cycle after election cycle. When We All Vote Voting Captains and volunteers will continue to lead the way in organizing, training and empowering their networks to build long term civic power in their communities, whether it's a race for school board or another national election. These volunteers, and their commitment to their community and to their own civic engagement, will continue to change the culture of voting in this country.

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What we've learned during this 2020 elections cycle is that digital needs to be embraced, invested in, and fully integrated into any voter registration and turnout strategy moving forward. With young people spending an increasing amount of time online, it's imperative we reach them there and engage them through the platforms they use and influencers they look up to.

If we really want to bring more young people and people of color into the electorate, we can't just do this every four years during buzzy presidential elections. We need robust digital organizing strategies for state and local races too.

We have the opportunity at When We All Vote to lead the way as a digital civic engagement organization to not only change the culture around voting, but engage and empower the growing electorate of young people and young people of color that will soon decide every election.

So here's what we do next: We invest in digital technologies and — even more importantly — talented staff that bring their own diverse perspective. We keep educating, informing, and empowering voters. We keep meeting people where they are online. And that is how we keep building the political power of young people and people of color — turning them into lifelong voters.



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Voter registration groups tap into influencer power to reach new voters





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(CNN) - Denisse Myrick often reminds her Instagram followers to vote.

"But this time, I brought some backup," she said.

Myrick, an Arizona-based photographer, is one of several social media influencers who are partnering with voter registration groups to spread the word about voting.

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Celebrities, athletes, models and TikTokers alike are helping groups such as When We All Vote, Rock the Vote and NextGen America engage with communities of potential new voters online.

Former first lady Michelle Obama hosted a call Thursday between When We All Vote, the voter registration group she co-chairs, and influencers including Myrick, YouTuber Patrick Starr, former Team USA gymnast Josh Dixon, model and YouTuber Taylor Phillips and activist Nadya Okamoto. The call encouraged the influencers to use their

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platforms to reach people who are not registered to vote and to ensure that everyone has a plan to vote, according to the group.

Myrick has already started taking such steps. In her instagram story on Wednesday, she told her followers to swipe up -- she had linked to When We All Vote's Voter Resources Hub, a site where people can register to vote and request mail-in ballots.

Myrick also posted a story in Spanish, encouraging her Spanish-speaking followers to do the same.

"We have to meet people where they are, and influencers and micro-influencers have mastered that authentically. They are trusted messengers, and the content they share with their communities resonates. By partnering with them to spread the message about voting, we can reach people who may not respond to our traditional outreach, and target our outreach to people who have historically been underrepresented in our elections, including young people and people of color," Crystal Carson, vice president of culture, communications and media partnerships at When We All Vote, told CNN.

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When We All Vote is also partnering with Community, a platform that enables celebrities to text fans, to drum up enthusiasm for voter registration. The Jonas Brothers and Amy Schumer, as well as When We All Vote co-chairs Kerry Washington and Liza Koshy, have sent text messages to fans on their 18th birthdays to encourage them to register to vote.

Koshy often shares messages about voting with her 18.6 million Instagram followers. Obama recently shared a vote-by-mail explainer led by Koshy with her 41.9 million followers on her own Instagram account.

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Obama and When We All Vote are not alone in tapping into the power of influencers.

This summer, the nonprofit Rock the Vote teamed up with Influential, a tech platform that connects brands to audiences, as part of its "Democracy Summer" initiative to register new voters.

Rock the Vote worked with more than 30 unpaid influencers who posted mostly on Instagram about registering to vote. In addition, the group hosted virtual voter registration events with celebrities including actress Rosario Dawson, actress Logan Browning, singer Katy Perry and The Black Eyed Peas, as well as a celebration of the 19th Amendment that featured House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, actress and activist Alyssa Milano, activist Cecile Richards and actress and singer Hailee Steinfeld.

> "In order to reach and turn out young voters, we have to meet them where they are. Young voters consume a lot of information, but as a whole they don't do it through traditional platforms like cable news. Influencers have real power to engage millions of young people around this election for two main reasons: In most cases they are young people themselves, so they have a unique ability to connect, and they exist on the platforms that Gen Z uses every hour of the day," Carolyn DeWitt, President of Rock the Vote, told CNN.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, much voter registration outreach has been conducted online and digital political

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organizing has entered uncharted territory on platforms like TikTok, Twitch and Animal Crossing.

Still, NextGen America, the progressive youth voter engagement organization founded by businessman Tom Steyer, says it has been using influencers for almost two years to engage with people ages 18-35.

"We've found a way to build a program of influencers big and small; most have around 1,000 followers. Makeup bloggers, Greek life on campus, doggie Instagrams, drag queens and everyone in between have been really receptive to us sliding into their dm's to save democracy. Our influencers are typically nonpolitical and have audiences who trust them, so when they are providing links to register or pledge to vote we see really great engagement levels," said Heather Greven, communications director at NextGen America.

While NextGen has paid some influencers, Greven said, the organization has found that the majority of its influencers don't want to be paid because they believe in NextGen's mission of getting young people politically engaged.

"We've actually found content that wasn't paid for seems to have higher engagement," Greven added.

Bigtent Creative, a digital production company, has paid micro-influencers -- those with smaller followings and niche audiences -- small sums to create TikToks about voting and to spread the word about voter registration to their followers. For example, Bigtent paid Nia Stanford, who has more than 275,000 followers on TikTok. Stanford mostly posts about "blackness, queerness" and short-form raps, she told CNN. Stanford is part of a community on the app focused on Black Lives Matter activism.

Ysiad Ferreiras, who took over as Bigtent's CEO last month, said the goal is "to channel funds to young people -- particularly young people of color -- so they can organize their own communities and have self-determination."

Bigtent recently launched an initiative called TikTokVoters.com, through which it paid young people -- primarily young women of color -- to create TikTok videos leading to direct voter registration. The creators link to the site in their bios, where potential new voters are prompted to register using Rock the Vote's registration tool. Bigtent spent \$12,500 on the initiative and so far has registered more than 1,175 people.

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YOU are the best person to make sure your community is registered and ready to vote.

When We All Vote is a non-partisan effort that believes we can all make a difference in our democracy by inspiring more Americans to make their voices heard at the ballot box. The work begins in our communities — neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend — we can start a conversation about our rights and responsibilities in shaping our democracy. In order to work towards this goal, we need YOU.

Are you ready to organize your friends, family, and community around getting registered and ready to vote? Sign up to be a Voting Squad Captain!

Voting Squad Captains will have opportunities to:

- Join exclusive trainings and briefings
- Get access to coaching, tools, and resources to build their squad
- Be part of a nationwide community of highly motivated organizers working to make sure that everyone participates in our democracy

Need some more info before signing up? Download our Voting Squad Starter Guide.

Sign Up to Be a Voting Squad Captain

Here's how it works:

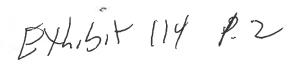


Step 1:

Recruit at least three people to your Voting Squad.

Your first step is to get at least 3 other motivated people who want to join your squad signed up. This could be close friends, co-workers, neighbors, workout buddies, church friends, family — really anyone who wants to make a difference in your community!





Step 2:

Join us in taking action together

Join the When We All Vote team in digital convenings and virtual trainings where we'll provide resources, strategies, and share updates.



Step 3:

Join the Voting Squad Captain online community!

Our nationwide network of Captains will have exclusive access to an online community of highly motivated organizers. Once you sign up, you will be invited to this online community to share best practices, have direct access to ask questions, and get the training and resources you need.

Ready to get started?

Sign up to be a Voting Squad Captain!

Become a Voting Squad Captain

Join a community of leaders working to strengthen our democracy in communities across the country. Become a Voting Squad Captain and build your team to take action together! When We All Vote will provide you with the tools, training, and resources you need to make your voter registration and education efforts a success.



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2019-20 Technology and Democracy Fellow Laura Miller on connecting with new voters

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On January 1, 2017, Michelle Obama moved out of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and became former first lady of the United States. "I think our democracy has it exactly right: two terms, eight years. It's enough," she told Vogue magazine.

Two years later, Obama returned to the political stage. But not in the way many had speculated.

In the lead up to the 2018 midterms, Michelle Obama launched When We All Vote, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to encouraging voter participation, particularly among young people. "It's time. Our nation requires it," she passionately intoned in the initiative's launch video. "Our democracy in the country we love requires our attention, voice, and participation." Obama's words struck a chord with Laura Miller a 2019–2020 Technology and Democracy Fellow at the Ash Center. Miller, a digital communications expert who served as director of Online Engagement in the Obama White House, signed on to help build When We All Vote as its digital director, later becoming mobilization director.

"I wanted to be a part of When We All Vote because I believe voting is actually bigger than any one issue, any one candidate, or any one party," says Miller. "It's about all of us. And when more people participate, we're stronger as a country."

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At the end of the day, a conversation you have with a person in your life is more impactful than any celebrity

While When We All Vote harnesses the star power of the former first lady and co-chairs like Selena Gomez, Chris Paul, and Tom Hanks to create buzz around the importance of voter participation, the organization has also worked hard to generate more personal narratives around voting. "We know that people trust their family and friends the most," says Miller, so When We All Vote strives to empower individuals to talk to those they already have relationships with. "At the end of the day, a conversation you have with a person in your life is more impactful than any celebrity," Miller notes. "Even Michelle Obama."

In 2018, When We All Vote organized volunteers to host 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online, and texted resources to register and get out to vote to nearly four million voters. Now, preparing for the 2020 elections, the organization has launched two new programs: Voting Squads and My School Votes.

For each program, When We All Vote recruits volunteers from across the country to build and lead local teams to register voters. My School Votes teams are often led by students or teachers. The organization provides squads and school groups with tools, training, and resources, like themed voter registration toolkits and lesson plans around voting and civic engagement. "A lot of what we do is online," says Miller. "We're building online communities, but we're also partnering with local organizations on the ground." It is this seamless connection of offline and online activity that allows volunteers to act local but feel connected to the larger movement. "Digital engagement and mobilization have been a part of political and

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advocacy strategy for the past few years but not everyone is able to translate online activity into real-world change," says Teresa Acuña, Associate Director of the Ash Center's Democracy Program. "We were excited to have Laura Miller as a 2019–20 Technology and Democracy Fellow because she has an impressive track record of leveraging digital communications to create authentic connections and on-the-ground action."

For Miller, the Technology and Democracy program—a fellowship for emerging leaders using digital tools to help strengthen our democracy—has allowed her to step back from her work and reflect. "It's something that allows me to take what I'm doing to the next level," she says.

As a part of her fellowship, Miller is working with students, including members of the Harvard Votes Challenge team, to further hone their digital chops. In October, Miller led a hands-on, skills-building workshop at Harvard Kennedy School on Mobilization 101. She taught students what she calls the "ladder of engagement," a metaphor for strategizing the steps to take an online audience from passive observers to active participants in our democracy. Working with markers and large sheets of paper stuck to the walls and tables, Miller advised students as they developed an issue-based campaign of their own and described the steps someone would take to become an advocate for change. Ideas started to come off the page for some students as they began making plans, even starting to record videos on the spot.

"Laura's presentation deepened the way I think about digital engagement, showing its importance both as a way to build on the impact of individual organizing actions and as a way to make campaigns more accessible, personal, and inclusive," reflected Chris Cantwell Harvard College 2022, who participated in the workshop. "Digital organizing is not only useful for broadcasting messages out but is a powerful way to bring more voices into the conversation to make organizing efforts stronger."

The lessons from Miller's workshop will become a part of a larger project in which she is developing a new plan for sharing how best to build a relational

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volunteer program for voter registration and engage with potential voters onand offline. As part of her fellowship, she is building a new playbook that details some of the best practices she has seen from other groups, like March for Our Lives, who have embedded voter registration into their issue activism. These tools and methods can be used to not only register voters but, she hopes, develop a broader culture of voting that increases our perennially meager voter turnout levels.

"As we move into 2020, it's not only about registering as many voters as possible but, more importantly, it's about creating deep, lasting change by shifting the cultural narrative around voting and bringing new voters into the democratic process," says Miller.

Written by Sarah Grucza, Communications Manager

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The Problem:

U.S. voter turnout is lower than in most developed countries, with fewer than 60% of adults casting a ballot in 2016. Nonvoters are younger, more racially diverse, lower-income, and less educated than their voting counterparts, and their absence at the polls keeps government from representing the whole nation. Suppression is one cause of the problem, but so are outdated elections offices that are ill-equipped to communicate with voters and elections information that is difficult for voters to access.

The Approach:

The Center for Technology and Civic Life (CTCL) provides technology and data to boost voter turnout in two ways: 1) Government Services: CTCL trains local elections officials to run more modern, inclusive elections, providing toolkits, trainings, and a professional network to help them to make websites more accessible, to engage on social media, and to collect and use elections data to help voters. 2) Civic Data: CTCL collects and standardizes messy data about voting and government to help civic tech groups and companies build user-friendly tools. So far, it has trained 3,000-plus elections officials in districts representing tens of millions of rural, urban, and suburban voters. In 2016, its data powered both Google and Facebook's main ballot information tools, reaching as many as 65 million voters.

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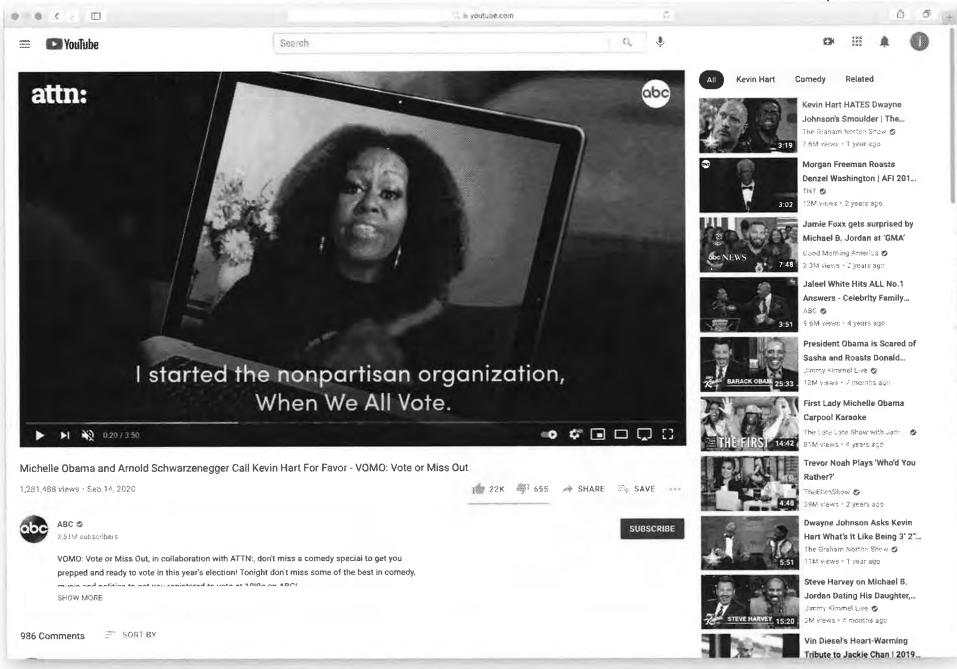
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Schwarzenegger Institute Announces Democracy Grants for Voting Access & Election Administration

Friday, September 25, 2020





On Wednesday, September 23rd, the Schwarzenegger Institute launched the Democracy Grants for Voting Access & Election Administration. See below for the note from our Chairman Arnold Schwarzenegger announcing the launch.

Dear elections officials and good government organizations,

The United States gave me everything I have, and I believe it is my duty to repay the kindness of this country every day of my life. Everything I achieved - my bodybuilding success, my movie roles, my investments, my governorship, my family - would have been impossible anywhere but America.

I've read news stories about over a thousand polling locations closing around the country, even before the pandemic, and I've seen over and over that these closures are based on a lack of funding. As a former Governor who had to make a lot of cuts I didn't like, I completely understand the dilemmas of a budget crunch.

As someone who has been a fanatic about voting since I became a citizen in 1983, I want every American to have equal access to the right to vote – yes, even the people who voted against me! As I read stories about counties that only have one voting location for hundreds of square miles and people who wait in line for four hours to vote, I started thinking about this more and more and realized the solution is easy. If you have a budget problem that keeps you from reopening polling stations, I want to help. I made

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millions because of this country, and spending my money to help my fellow Americans vote is the least I can do.

I am making grants available for local and state elections officials who want to reopen polling stations they closed because of a lack of funding. These grants are completely non-partisan and will be offered to those who demonstrate the greatest need and ability to close gaps in voting access. I don't care if you are an independent authority, a Democratic elections official, or a Republican elections official - I just don't want a single American to lose their ability to vote because of a lack of funding. I think this could be one of the best investments I have ever made.

You can apply for the grants right now, and we will be getting the money out as fast as possible. I know the next month is crucial for setting up this infrastructure, so please apply as soon as you can. You can fill out the form here:

https://www.pollingaccessgrants.org. We will get back to you within a week.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope this can be a win for all of the fantastic citizens of our country.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Her dislike for politics started a looooong time ago

Obama has repeatedly stated she has no desire to run for office herself, which is understandable given the intensity of her husband's time in politics. But Becoming shows us that she's long been leery of politics.

As a child, Obama would routinely (and begrudgingly) accompany her father, a city worker who served as a precinct captain for Chicago's Democratic Party when he visited his constituents. She shares how she was often dismayed by the number of complaints her father fielded and how much time he devoted to the task. In her teen years, she became good friends with Santita Jackson daughter of Reverend Jesse Jackson. Witnessing how busy and unpredictable her friend's father's presidential campaign was, Obama decided that politics was not the life for her. "What I knew was that I personally didn't love the feeling of being out there, thrust under a baking sun amid balloons and bullhorns, amid trombones and throngs of cheering people," she writes. "The fanfare was fun and even intoxicating, but there was something about it, and about politics in general, that made me queasy."

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School Students with a National Virtual Prom for Changing the Culture Around Voting

(Washington, DC) Today, When We All Vote, a national nonpartisan organization, announced that 20 high schools won the 2020 Prom Challenge and a national virtual prom, in partnership with MTV. During a Zoom meeting, Co-Chair Michelle Obama surprised members of the Class of 2020 to share that they won the challenge, and that When We All Vote and MTV would partner to host a Prom-athon on Friday May 22, 2020. Due to Covid-19 and the cancellation of proms around the nation, this virtual event will celebrate the Class of 2020 and shine a light on the high schools and students who organized the most creative nonpartisan voter registration efforts in the country as part of When We All Vote's My School Votes Program and the 2020 Prom Challenge.

The Prom-athon will kick off with an all-day on-air takeover on MTV featuring prom-themed throwback movies and short-form original content highlighting the winning schools and students. Following the takeover is the virtual prom party, which will live stream digitally at 9pm ET on MTV's YouTube. Surprise celebrity guest appearances and live performances from some of the world's biggest artists will make the special night unforgettable.

When We All Vote's My School Votes program and MTV launched the 2020 Prom Challenge in January as a grant competition to challenge and recognize high schools that committed to boosting voter registration in their communities. Schools across the country, from Riverside, CA to Philadelphia, PA all the way to Miami, FL, submitted applications for the 2020 Prom Challenge.

At Norte Vista High School in Riverdale, CA, students have registered nearly 1,000 people to vote in their school and community. At TF North High School in Calumet City, IL, students worked with their state senator to amend the election code to allow students two hours away from school to vote without any penalty. The governor signed this bill at the school. In Florida at Hialeah Gardens High School, students registered hundreds to vote and created teams to collaborate with fellow student leaders from other schools to ensure their peers are registered and ready to vote.

2020 Prom Challenge Winners:

- Dobson High School (Mesa, AZ) invited celebrities like Natalie Portman to visit their school and help bolster registration rates.
- Western School of Science & Technology's (Phoenix, AZ) Prom Committee organized to register 84% of seniors to vote.
- Norte Vista High School (Riverside, CA) began registering members of their community to vote after all eligible students were registered.
- Compton Early College High School (Compton, CA) has made it their mission to pre-register and register every 16 and 18 year old, and nearly 100% of seniors have registered.
- Community Charter Early College High School (Lake View Terrace, CA) informed students about how to register to vote and important election information during daily announcements, homeroom and government courses.
- Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School (Washington, DC) made registering to vote a part of school spirit, and registered 100% of the senior class.
- Hialeah Gardens High School (Hialeah Gardens, FL) hosted a voter registration drive where nearly 200 students registered to vote and continue to organize digitally.
- Meadowcreek High School (Norcross, GA) changed the culture around voting in their school through "Woke Wednesdays," where they educated one another about local voting laws, elections and other important issues.
- TF North High School (Calumet City, IL) worked with their state senator to amend the election code, giving students two hours away from school to vote without penalty.
- Muchin College Prep (Chicago, IL) registered 98% of eligible students through lessons on the history and importance of voting.
- Communication and Media Arts High School (Detroit, MI) created a Voting Squad and hosted two days of action that resulted in 99% of eligible students registering.
- John F. Kennedy High School (Winston-Salem, NC) created a culture around voting in their school by promoting voter registration during open houses, parent-teacher conferences and other school-wide events.
- · R.J. Reynolds High School (Winston-Salem, NC) started having conversations as a school community about voting,

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and nearly 100 students have registered to vote.

- Valley High School (Las Vegas, NV) hosted events during lunch around voting, and about 250 students registered to vote
- Cass Technical High School (Detroit, MI) registered more than 400 students through pep rallies and other events.
- STEM Academy at Showalter (Chester, PA) students are going beyond their school, and registering community members to vote as well.
- Abraham Lincoln High School (Philadelphia, PA) students celebrate their "Almost" 18th birthdays by registering to vote.
- Building 21 High School (Allentown, PA) integrated voter registration into their US Government course.
- Westbury High School (Houston, TX) students created a video to dispel myths about voting as a school community and encourage one another to not only register, but show up for local and national elections.
- Golda Meir High School (Milwaukee, WI) students who are registered marched to city hall to rally around the power of the youth vote.

My School Votes aims to empower educators and students to change the culture around voting in their schools, and ensure that all students are registered and ready to vote in every election. Since launching in 2019, nearly 4,000 students and educators have signed up to create My School Votes teams at their schools. More than four million young people will turn 18 before the 2020 general election, and this prom will also be an opportunity to get registered and ready to vote. Viewers of the Prom-athon can RSVP to the event and register to vote at <u>prom.mtv.com</u>.

ABOUT When We All Vote:

When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan, non-profit that brings together citizens, institutions, brands, and organizations to increase participation in every election. We are committed to closing the race and age voting gap and empowering all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing digital organizing strategies.

Launched in 2018 by co-chairs Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, and Tim McGraw, When We All Vote is changing the culture around voting using a data-driven and multifaceted approach to increase participation in elections.

In the months directly before the 2018 midterm elections, When We All Vote organized 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online about the significance of voting, and texted nearly four million voters the resources to register and get out to vote.

In 2019, When We All Vote announced its new celebrity co-chairs and media partners who will help to reach people where they are and ultimately change the culture around voting.

ABOUT MTV:

MTV is the leading global youth media brand across every platform with operations that span cable and mobile networks, live events, theatrical films and MTV Studios, a unit focused on developing series for SVOD and linear distribution partners.

MTV's <u>+1thevote</u> is encouraging potential first-time voters to register and vote in the November national election with a year-long campaign focused on making voting more social, easier and part of the milestones already happening in their lives.

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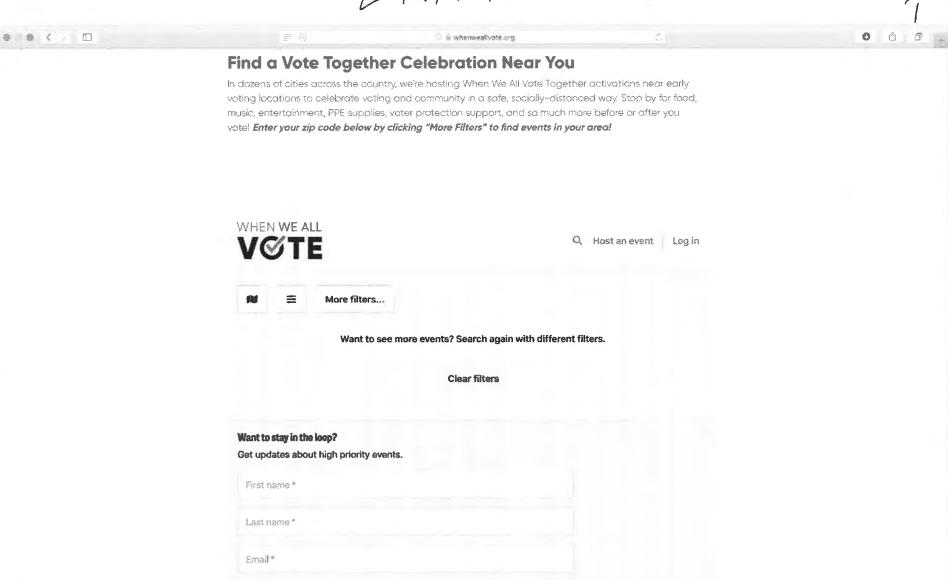
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Michelle Obama's When We All Vote Played a Major Role in Increasing Voter Participation & Changing the Culture Around Voting

When We All Vote Reached Over 100 Million Eligible Voters through Programs, Partnerships, Ambassadors, Virtual and In Person Events

(Washington, DC): Since its launch in 2018, When We All Vote has been on a mission to increase voter participation in every election, close the race and age voting gap and change the culture around voting. In the midst of the pandemic, When We All Vote ran one of the largest nonpartisan voter registration and turnout efforts, creating new and innovative ways to reach voters as the impact of Covid-19 completely altered the trajectory of this historic election.

More than 512,000 people started or completed the voter registration process though When We All Vote. Through robust digital organizing efforts, content, messaging and events, the organization engaged more than 100 million people in an effort to educate them about the voting process and the importance of making their voices heard.

By the end of the vote count, more than 160 million Americans will have voted in the 2020 general election, the highest rate of turnout nationwide in 120 years and more than 100 million Americans voted early, including more young Americans than ever before. Turnout among brown and Black communities was critical in deciding the outcome of elections across the country.

From dozens of virtual events, including the Couch Party series, to launching the Vote 4EVER merch line, When We All

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Vote tapped even further into popular culture by partnering on the iconic Roots Picnic, Lollapalooza and Verzuz battles. The organization targeted youth voters through Vote Loud, a multifaceted marketing campaign, and partnered with MTV on milestone moments with the Prom-Athon and graduation. Through challenges like #MyStartingFive and Rally the Vote, When We All Vote reached sports fans all across the country and inspired voters through our mural campaign displayed on billboards from Times Square to Miami. The "Vote or Miss Out" comedy special with ABC & ATTN and early vote events in partnership with More Than A Vote, all culminated in When We All Vote's influence on major facets of popular culture. As a result of When We All Vote's efforts, this election season:

- More than 512,000 started or completed the voter registration process.
- Volunteers sent more than 15.3 million text messages to 7.3 million eligible voters.
- More than 113,000 people joined a virtual #CouchParty with DJ D-Nice.
- Nearly 500 media, corporate and non-profit organizations partnered with When We All Vote.
- 52 professional sports teams and leagues joined When We All Vote as part of the Rally the Vote coalition.
- Over 26,300 people were trained as Voting Squad
 Captains leading registration and turnout efforts in their communities.
- More than 13,000 people signed up to be poll workers recruited by When We All Vote.
- 21,000 students and educators have signed up for the My School Votes program.

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- Over 143,000 people posted about their #VotingSquad to get their friends and family out to the polls.
- 100 bipartisan mayors committed to increasing voter participation by joining Civic Cities.
- More than 60 organizations partnered for in-person, socially distanced activations across the country including food and voter registration drives and early vote celebrations at polling places.

ABOUT When We All Vote:

When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan nonprofit that brings together citizens, institutions, brands, and organizations to increase participation in every election. Launched by Michelle Obama in 2018, the organization is committed to closing the race and age voting gap and empowering all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing digital organizing strategies, with the ultimate goal of changing the culture around voting.

Michelle Obama is joined in this effort by fellow Co-Chairs Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Chris Paul, Faith Hill, Selena Gomez, Liza Koshy, Megan Rapinoe, Shonda Rhimes, Tracee Ellis Ross, Kerry Washington, and Rita Wilson.

In the leadup to the 2018 Midterm Elections, When We All Vote organized over 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online about the significance of voting, and texted nearly four million voters the resources to register and get out to vote.

In 2020, When We All Vote is helping to lead in voter education, registration and volunteer engagement. In response to COVID-19, When We All Vote is leading the fight for fair and safe elections by supporting the expansion of access to vote-by-mail, early in-person voting and online voter registration so every American can make their voices heard on Election Day.

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