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Our electoral process can be tricky—especially since the pandemic. But whether you need help casting your ballot or could use a little extra motivation (in the form of a concert or rousing discussion), we've got you covered. Read on for tons of useful election info, plus recaps of some great events and an important article on immigration and political theater.

Announcements



Make a Plan to Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. *That's less than two weeks away.* We all get busy and distracted, so take some time now to decide how you're going to get your ballot in on time. We've included some resources to make it easy.

I've got my ballot. Now what?

You've got options! Once you've chosen your candidates, simply fill out your ballot and mail it for free or take it to a nearby drop box or vote center. California has early voting starting on October 29, so you don't have to wait till the last minute.

Can I still vote in-person?

Of course! You can cast your ballot at a vote center if that's better for you. Check the back of your county Voter Information Guide, call the Secretary of State's voter hotline at (800) 345VOTE or [look online](#) to find voting centers near you.

Yikes, I forgot to register!

You're in California, so you're in luck: We have [same-day voter registration](#). Just head to a vote center, where you'll be able to register and vote.

Share this information with your neighbors, friends and family and help them get ready for the election. Whatever you decide, don't forget to vote!

Statewide text bank on final GOTV weekend Sunday Nov. 6, 3pm | [Register](#)

The PPC National Textbank Program has reached nearly 4 million poor, low-wealth and lowpropensity voters across 15 strategic states. You can help us get up and over our goal of 5 million: [Join our statewide text bank](#) to show our unity across California and our support for our activists in other states.

No previous experience necessary; all virtual gatherings will begin with a training led by a PPC Text bank administrator. You'll see friends and maybe make a few more while helping to get out the vote coast to coast.



Hosted By the Sacramento Poor People's Campaign

FIGHT POVERTY NOT THE POOR



REGISTER TO VOTE WITH THE PPC - WHEN WE VOTE, WE WIN !!

FREE ALL AGE COMMUNITY CONCERT

Oct. 30th (Sun) 11:00am - 3:00pm McClatchy Park - 3500 5th Ave

Performances

Poor Majesty, **Rahman Jamaal**, J Ross Parelli
Ashwut Rodroguetz, 510Shawn, **Meir Rich**, Regina Givens
DJ One Gone, **MZ. Elodie Stixx La.France & Brotha Mac**

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LIVE PERFORMANCES - STAND UP COMEDY

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More Sacramento action this weekend!

Fight Poverty Not the Poor Free Concert and BBQ Sunday Oct. 30, 11am-3pm | [RSVP](#)
McClatchy Park (3500 5th Ave., Sacramento)

This neighborhood event is bringing together impacted families and people who are unhoused with supporters wanting to give back to their community. PPC activists will be giving out information about voting as well as other resources. Join this time to be together and enjoy free food (while it lasts), live music and more.



JUST
CONVERSATIONS
with Kelly Brown Douglas

Rev. William Barber II
Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign:
A National Call for Moral Revival

Tomorrow: Just Conversations with Rev. Barber Friday Oct. 28, 11:15am PT | [Register](#)

You won't want to miss this powerful conversation: Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, dean of the Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary, and Rev. Barber will discuss the upcoming election and the key racial and economic issues uniting poor and impacted communities across the country. This online event is free and open to the public. Details [here](#).

Upcoming meetings

Orange County Region monthly meeting

Tonight! Oct. 27, 7pm | [RSVP](#)

Join us in planning and executing our next steps forward to the polls this fall and beyond. Can't join us for our monthly meeting? Stay up to date on the latest actions and announcements on our [Facebook group page](#).

Recaps



Good times and GOTV at San Jose's Together We Vote block party

PPC activists joined with several groups, including PACT (People Acting in Community Together) and a coalition of Black, Latina and Indigenous women's organizations, to host the Together We Vote Block Party last weekend in San Jose.

Our message to the community was, "Your voice matters, hope IS possible, and you have the power to create the world you want to see. VOTE!" We had a fun, family-friendly day with free food for attendees from local food trucks, a bouncy house and petting zoo—and lots of information in English, Spanish and Vietnamese on how to register and how to fill out a ballot, plus nonpartisan information on California ballot initiatives.

Rev. Mary Blessing, Rev. Rowan Fairgrove and Walter Hudson staffed the PPC booth at the event and engaged with many folks, and told them about the PPC.

(Photo above by Rev. Fairgrove)



Bay Area Ballot Brunch

Bay Area activists once again reminded us that small can be powerful: Hosted by Oaklandbased CA PPC supporter Shirley Yee, the Ballot Brunch brought together a small group who shared a delicious potluck meal and then settled down for two hours of exchanging ideas and information about statewide propositions, local candidates and issues on the ballot. Starting with the CA PPC one-pager "[Vote for Democracy and Justice](#)," we shared challenges we've encountered talking with friends and relatives whose opinions and criteria are often very different from our own.

It was lovely to be in community, working together for clarity and understanding—and maximizing—the impact of our votes.

Support the California PPC!

When over 140 million Americans are poor or living with low-wages, it's time for systemic change. We are building a movement led by poor and impacted folks, building across all lines of division, in order to topple the interlocking pillars of racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction and this country's distorted moral narrative. Please help us achieve this goal by clicking below and chipping in whatever you can.

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PPC in the media

“The War on Immigrants Is a War on All Poor and Low-Income Workers”

We’ve seen in recent news how politicians are turning the plight of immigrants into a kind of political theater. Shailly Gupta Barnes, policy director of the PPC and the Kairos Center, explains the history and underpinnings of these actions and how low-income voters can shift this message—and the political landscape.

In an article posted last week on [OtherWords.org](https://www.otherwords.org), she notes that “Immigration is not a crisis—but the political, economic, and environmental factors that push people out of their homes are. So is the inhumane treatment these displaced people receive.” This situation does not, she adds, adhere to a red/blue binary: “Republicans are most brazenly exploiting these conditions, but its origins cross party lines.”

Texas has become a focal point for the current crisis since Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration allowing him more power and funding to crack down on migrants.

Gupta Barnes points to the solution: the 7.1 million eligible poor and low-income voters in Texas. “If poor and low-income Black, white, and Hispanic Texans turn out and stand together, they could change the outcome of Texas’s gubernatorial race. And from there, they could shift the entire political terrain—in Texas and every other state that’s playing politics with people’s lives.”

Read the whole article [here](#).

Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email california@poorpeoplescampaign.org.