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Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

It's hard to believe that, after a year of tremendous work, we're on the other side of the midterms. However you feel about the results, we hope you're as proud as we are to be a part of this movement. Read on for a summary of our GOTV efforts, some Election Night commentary from Rev. Barber and an invitation to an event that will help us envision the work ahead.

News



California reaches voters across the state—and the nation Student teach-ins.

A march through the streets of the state capital.

A GOTV webinar.

Tabling at parks, homeless shelters and welfare offices.

Community gatherings in senior apartment complexes and neighborhood centers.

Rallies, concerts, block parties and ballot breakdown get-togethers.

Door-knocking in working-class neighborhoods.

These are the ways California PPC supporters worked to get out the vote. We reached thousands of people in our communities, from the top of the state to the bottom.

One special way Californians contributed to the PPC national efforts was by volunteering at text banks. Last Sunday afternoon, 17 CA PPC members joined in a national text banking session. Our target states were Georgia and Arizona, and we sent out thousands of texts in less than an hour.

Union de Vecinos in Los Angeles made a special contribution to text banking efforts by bringing 14 volunteers doing text outreach to Spanish-speaking voters. They reached more than 60,000 voters in key states like Texas, Arizona, Georgia, Wisconsin and North Carolina. Many more of you joined in text banking throughout the campaign.

Every person who has participated in these GOTV actions has contributed to our initial 5 million goal. In fact, we contacted *more than 7 million* low-wealth and low-propensity voters in crucial states!

We have been involved in waking up a sleeping voting body. This note is in deep gratitude to everyone who has joined us in building a movement that votes.

Below, a few photos of our efforts this year. Enjoy.



Top: a ballot discussion in Richmond; photo by Nell Myhand. Bottom left: tabling at Alexandria House in L.A.; photo by Nancy Berlin. Bottom right: on the march in Sacramento; photo by Pamela Anderson.

A banner for a Kairos Center community call. It features a black and white photograph of Rev. Barber speaking into a microphone. The text "Kairos Center Community Call" is overlaid in white. The Kairos Center logo is in the bottom right corner. A red bar at the bottom contains the date and time: "NOV 16, 2022 8pm ET / 7pm CT / 5pm PT" and a registration link: "Register at: bit.ly/11-16-22-kairos-call".

**Kairos Center
Community Call**

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Kairos Center to host community call Wednesday Nov. 16, 5pm PT | [Register](#)

Now that the elections are over (except for the many races yet to be called), what did we learn and what comes next? Join Kairos Center director and Poor People's Campaign cochair Rev. Liz Theoharis in a discussion about the midterms and what they mean for our continuing work to end poverty and systemic injustice.

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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Rev. Barber on Election Night

On Tuesday, [Democracy Now!](#) ran a three-hour Election Night program, and Rev. Barber was asked to weigh in on races in southern states such as North Carolina and Georgia. But he had a broader message to deliver. "We cannot continue to ignore poor and low-wealth voters," he warned. He called out the Democratic Party and their consultants, saying "87 million poor

and low-wealth voters and you're not speaking to them." He noted that poor voters can close the gap in close elections, and he called these voters "the hope for democracy in our country." You can check out the [full interview](#) (beginning at 2:07) or an [excerpt on Twitter](#).

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