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Before midterm season draws to a close, one more challenge remains: to urge the people of Georgia to vote in their runoff election, which will determine the final seat in the U.S. Senate.

Read on to find out how you can join our text banking campaign—and participate in a statewide GOTV celebration coming next month. We've also got excerpts from a great post-election interview with Rev. Barber.

Announcement



PPC gears up for Georgia runoff text-banking campaign

During this election season, PPC sent out over 7 million texts to poor and low-wealth, low-propensity voters in 15 strategic states. California PPC supporters demonstrated our solidarity in a big way, with more than 80 of us volunteering countless hours to the national text banking campaign.

But it's not over. Georgia will be holding a runoff election on December 6 to choose their next U.S. senator. Let's make sure every low-income voter in the state has the information they need to vote in this historic election.

Take a moment to [learn more about the runoff](#), which pits incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock against Herschel Walker, and check your inbox later this week for info on how you can sign up for a text bank.

(Photo of Georgia State Capitol by [MMann1988](#))

Upcoming meetings

Faith Working Group

Monday Nov. 21, 4pm | [RSVP](#)

Calling all California faith leaders and people of faith and conscience: Join us as we review our GOTV efforts and the upcoming text banking for Georgia. Bring reports from your region!

This will be Rev. Beth's last CA PPC FLWG meeting. We will celebrate her leadership over the past years and wish her well in her new congregation.

We will look at the next steps for the CA Faith Working Group. Take a look at our [agenda and notes](#) to see what we've been up to. Forward together, not one step back!

Statewide GOTV wrap-up

December: stay tuned for details!

As the year comes to a close, join our online gathering to celebrate our GOTV efforts. We'll share stories and photos of our actions, from the top of the state to the bottom, and we'll outline our plans for 2023. There will be time to get to know each other, learn from each other and get inspired for another action-packed year.

For now, enjoy a few pics from this year's fieldwork. From top to bottom: Orange County, Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Sacramento.





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

Rev. Barber considers the midterms on NPR

On last Sunday's [All Things Considered](#) broadcast, NPR's Michel Martin asked Rev. Barber what stood out to him about the midterms.

"It is important for people to see that we don't necessarily have to repeat history," Rev. Barber replied. "You know, it doesn't necessarily have to be that a party in power loses tremendously during a midterm—that, in fact, you can put forth an agenda that can rally the people."

Many of you will remember our sustained efforts to convince Senators Manchin and Sinema to deliver on promises they'd made to their constituencies and use their power for the good of all Americans. Certainly Rev. Barber does: "Imagine, if you will, for a moment, if Democrats had not had two of their own run renegade and that they had been able to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights bill and restore the Voting Rights Act and to pass living wages of \$15 an hour. You know what the turnout would be, because people would be connecting their votes to their daily lives and to the transformation of their experience on an everyday basis."

Check out the whole interview [here](#). We'll leave you with one more insight from Rev. Barber: "The real swing vote in this country is not some elusive suburban vote. It's poor and low-wealth and low-wage people."

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