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Good morning! In this issue...

- A CA PPC video to share
- A presidential candidate scorecard, voter factsheet and more
- GOTV weekend recap
- Updates on Oak Flat

Announcements



New resources to Get Out The Vote!

We're excited to share with you new tools to educate our communities about voting.

California GOTV/environmental justice video

California PPC is creating a series of short videos to reach a wider audience through social media. Here's [the first one](#). There are lots of major local elections and ballot measures in every part of our state, and it's important to mobilize our voters close to home. Special thanks to Richard Tucci, who helped make this happen. Please watch and share!

PPC Canvassing materials

These [national flyers](#) in English and Spanish were just released, and we're eager to share them with you to share in your community.

- **Presidential candidate scorecard:** This nonpartisan, thoroughly fact-checked flyer shows where the presidential candidates stand on issues that matter most to our community. Our campaign is not about left or right; it's about right and wrong! When poor voters vote at the same rate as those voters with higher incomes, we have the power to impact elections up and down the ballot.
- **Voting information:** This flyer contains graphics with links to Vote.org to help people check their voter registration status, register to vote and get information about polling places and early voting. It also includes information about voter hotline numbers, including 866-OUR-VOTE.

You can access these flyers and other resources [here](#).

More ways to get involved

Get ready to text bank!

Get your fingers ready: Our national text banking efforts will be starting soon. [Sign up](#) now to get updates on how to participate.

Are you ready to vote?

Visit [Vote.org](#) to check your registration, register to vote, request an absentee ballot, find out what's on your ballot and get election reminders to make sure you're where you need to be on Election Day.

Meetings & events

Statewide meeting

Faith All-Call

Wednesday Sep. 25, 6:30pm | [Online](#)

Come one, come all! Join us as we share canvassing updates and plan further outreach actions to reach low-income, low-propensity voters.

Recap



National Canvassing Weekend

Last weekend, PPC volunteers took to the streets in states across the country as part of our first national canvassing weekend...

Bishop Barber appeared on MSNBC's [The ReidOut](#) to discuss our GOTV work with Joy Reid. Posting the clip on social media, he wrote, "The most crucial part of this election is going to be talking to the 140 million poor & low-wage workers in our country. Candidates must speak to their issues and explain how they will address them in this election season and beyond."



Los Angeles, ¡somos el voto decisivo!

A dozen PPC activists gathered in the Koreatown neighborhood of Los Angeles to get out the vote, starting at Alexandria House's yard sale and food distribution event, and then

fanning out to talk with people on nearby busy streets. We gave out the [PPC voter scorecard and information flyers](#) to more than 300 people and had information on hand to remind those who are unhoused and formerly incarcerated that they have the right to vote.

“Our materials in English and Spanish made it easier to start conversations with diverse people we met in the neighborhood,” said volunteer Sidney Ross-Risden.

“We were able to engage with many young people of high school age who were interested in our materials to learn more about the differences in political parties,” said Tina Mata. “There was an overall interest and eagerness, and an acknowledgement of the privilege to vote.”



Oakland, are you ready to vote?

"Are you ready to vote?" is how a team of Bay Area CA PPC organizers approached people living in a homeless encampment in Oakland during Sunday's national canvassing day.

Joining the regular Sunday outreach for basic needs organized by the Woods Street Commons and Friends (WSCF) called Homeless Helping Homeless, the team distributed literature highlighting that 1) voting does not require that you be housed, 2) you can vote even if you are on parole and 3) Alameda County has a mobile voting program that can deliver voting equipment to facilitate full and fair access to the ballot box.

Highlighting the importance of the GOTV outreach, Genie Sullivan, CA PPC Coordinating Committee and member of WSCF for several years, said, "When people experiencing homelessness get swept, they may lose their ID or their birth certificate, which makes it harder for people impacted by bad policies to vote."

We are the swing vote! Join our GOTV team!

"If just 20 percent of poor and low-wage voters in swing states vote, they could shift the outcome of the election, becoming the chief cornerstone of this society. The Bible speaks of the stone that the builders reject becoming the chief cornerstone, the builder of society." —Bishop Barber

We are mobilizing 15 million poor and low-wage workers and people to the polls this November. You can be part of this effort.

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In the media



Save Oak Flat: Apache Stronghold delivers appeal to the Supreme Court

Rev. Liz Theoharis joined Apache Stronghold members, leaders and activists last week as they marked the end of their months-long journey to the U.S. Supreme Court, where they delivered an appeal that will, they hope, save the sacred land of Oak Flat, Arizona. “We pray the Supreme Court judges make the moral decision to hear the case,” she shared on [social media](#). “The following words were shared by a child at the Festival Center in DC welcoming the Apache Stronghold: ‘Oak Flat is important to me because I don’t want any Land to be destroyed, when trees and animals would die and water would be polluted. I can’t imagine somebody destroying a place that was special to me. Oak Flat is where people worship and pray. It’s a sacred space. Where will they practice their traditions and pray if it’s destroyed? That’s why I care about Oak Flat.’ Follow [@protectoakflat](#) and join us in prayer.”

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