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# CALIFORNIA



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## Announcements



### **Table time! Canvass o'clock!**

With less than six weeks until Election Day, California PPC is taking to the streets to Get Out The Vote! Join one of our upcoming actions or start your own canvassing events. We've got all you need to know right here.

### **Inland Empire tabling with Ontario Future Alliance**

**Saturday Sep. 28, 10am–2pm Free Will Baptist Church (810 E. Princeton St., Ontario 91784)**

Inland Empire PPC activists are partnering with the Ontario Future Alliance for a back-to-school day, offering voting info as well as school supplies, health screenings, food and other community resources.

### **Los Angeles canvassing and tabling at LACC jobs fair**

Angelenos will be canvassing in East Hollywood and Koreatown for the next three weekends. This Saturday from 11am to 2pm, we'll have a booth at the jobs fair at Los Angeles City College. For more information, contact Nancy at 323-422-2830.

### **Oakland canvassing**

The Bay Area PPC is canvassing with the Wood Street Commons and Friends organization of homeless helping homeless. They provide basic needs support and harm reduction supplies to people living in encampments in Oakland. If you're in the Bay Area and want to support, email [california@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:california@poorpeoplescampaign.org).

### **Voter Empowerment Event: Mills College at Northeastern University**

**Monday Sep. 30, 6:30pm | In person**

**Mills College at Northeastern University (5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, auditorium in Lisser Hall, B2; [campus map](#))**

Rev. Dr. Monica Cross, CA PPC Quad chair, will be speaking at this Mills College voter empowerment event to discuss various voter suppression tactics and strategies to confront them. She will highlight the PPC's work to get out the vote among poor, lowpropensity voters—the largest untapped voting block in the country.

### **CA PPC on the radio!**

**Monday Sep. 30, 1pm | [Online](#)**

Elaine Karas, host of the program Resiliency Within, will be speaking with Nell Myhand, CA PPC Quad chair, who will be sharing our GOTV work. Resiliency is about cultivating individual and community capacity to lean into our strengths with compassion during the most challenging of times. Nell will talk about the CA PPC's organizing and how resilience is fostered by community-building to address injustice. Listen to the [interview](#) next Monday at 1pm.



## PPC resources for your GOTV efforts

Our [PPC GOTV flyers](#) are available in English and Spanish and can be used by all of us for tabling at events, for door-to-door canvassing, to share with libraries, senior centers, congregations—in other words, anywhere in your community where low-income voters will see them. Be creative! You can find all of the following resources [here](#).

- **Presidential candidate scorecard:** A nonpartisan, thoroughly fact-checked flyer showing where the presidential candidates stand on issues that matter most to our community. Remember: Our campaign is not about left or right; it's about right and wrong!
- **Voting information:** A flyer to help people check their voter registration status, register to vote and get information about polling places and early voting; includes voter hotline numbers, including 866-OUR-VOTE.
- **Remember You Can Vote:** A flyer specifically for California to reinforce the rights of our unhoused neighbors and formerly incarcerated people to vote.
- **Voter Protection Poster:** A bold, colorful flyer to display in public places, listing hotline protection numbers in various languages.

We'd love to know what you're doing so that we can be aware of the amazing work happening across the state. Please take a moment and fill out this brief GOTV [feedback form](#) and let us know any questions you have.

Important: These are the approved GOTV graphics and materials. Reminder that these GOTV materials cannot be combined with materials containing the PPC's 17-point agenda, materials for candidate campaigns, materials for ballot initiative & referendums, or dispersed on social media or in person with any materials or accompany language that call folks to vote for or against candidates, vote for or against ballot initiatives & referendums, or to vote for candidates or initiatives that support the PPC's 17-point agenda.

### 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

### **Guaranteed Care Income Pilot launch**

**Tonight! Thursday Sep. 26, 6pm | [RSVP](#)**

**Crossroads Women's Center (2973 16th St. #300, San Francisco)**

Celebrate with us this historic inaugural pilot: Ten single moms at risk of criminalization and/or losing their kids to child welfare are receiving payments that support their caregiving. Tonight's event will feature a pop-up gallery, plus remarks from pilot participants, members of the planning group, Department on the Status of Women (DOSW) executive director Kimberly Ellis and more.

### **Los Angeles regional meeting**

**Sunday Oct. 6, 3pm | [Online](#)**

Help us get out the vote throughout the county! We've got voter outreach and canvassing events throughout October, and we'd love to plan more. Whether you've got a whole day or a few hours, all hands and hearts are needed. Join us to learn about our campaign and how you can be part of it. Invite your neighbors, family and friends—all are welcome!

## News



### **Bishop Barber joins faith leaders in Ohio to stand in solidarity with Haitian community members**

Last Sunday, Bishop Barber and PPC activists joined faith leaders in Springfield, Ohio for a press conference and prayer vigil to stand in solidarity with the Haitian community and local community members who are standing up to the attacks perpetrated by Donald Trump and his running mate, and instead focusing on love, truth and justice. Asking all to [sign an open letter](#), Bishop Barber said that the lies spread by the former president “have not only made these immigrant neighbors less safe; they have made an entire community less safe.”

After a group song, Bishop Barber declared, "How we treat the immigrant is a top policy concern of God. We didn't come here as Republicans or Democrats; we came in the moral tradition of love and truth and justice. What's going on here doesn't just hurt the Haitians, it hurts all of Springfield, it hurts Ohio, it hurts America."

He continued, demanding, "We come to say 'Stop it!' This should not be at the center of a national campaign. This takes us away from what we really ought to be talking about. If we were really concerned about the politics of justice, what we would be talking about is: How are we going to fix the fact that there are 3.7 million poor and low-income people in Ohio—32.8 percent of the population?"

You can watch the [livestream video](#) of the gathering.

### “The missing swing vote whose voices we need to hear”

In its first story on the dearth of coverage of the needs of low-income voters, [Forbes](#) reported on how often “middle class” and other voter categories were mentioned in recent politics coverage, and honed in on the media’s “discomfort with talking about chronic poverty and the concerns of poor Americans.” Subramaniam Vincent spoke with Bishop Barber on why this is finally changing, and the work of the PPC to get out the vote. Stay tuned for the second article in the coming weeks.

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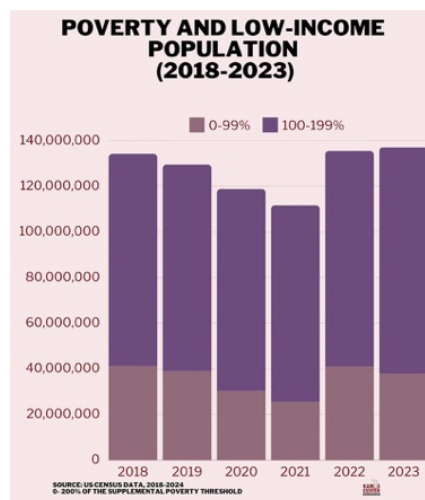
We are the swing vote! Join our GOTV team!

*"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.*

**SIGN UP**

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### Latest Census data shows alarming rise in poverty 41 percent of population poor or low-income

Shailly Gupta-Barnes, policy director of the Kairos Center, recently shared [a series of graphs](#) to illustrate the latest U.S. Census poverty data. “The new poverty numbers were released this week,” she writes. “In 2023, 41 percent of the US population was poor or low-income, just one emergency away from economic ruin, a return to the conditions that led to the worst public health crisis in a century.”

So what caused the lapse? Gupta-Barnes explains: “In the midst of the Covid-19 crisis, and because of the relentless, long-term organizing of countless organizations around our basic needs, pandemic policies were enacted that kept people in their homes and expanded their

access to food programs, health care, unemployment insurance and other income supports. Together, these programs made 20 million people more economically secure than they had been for years. When those programs ended abruptly...all those gains were swiftly undone.”

Urging action (hint: prepare to vote!), she concluded, “We cannot erase those years and accept today's conditions as a ‘return to normal’ because we know what to do. We can re-enact and improve on the pandemic-era policies, we can expand health care, institute a living wage and make sure everybody has a place to live and thrive. We can tax corporations and Wall Street and the ultra wealthy, we can reduce military spending and move these resources to meet our needs, now. Because it is possible, let us make it so.”

Read more in this [CalMatters article](#) or this [Public Policy Institute of California factsheet](#) for a detailed look at poverty in California.

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*Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email [california@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:california@poorpeoplescampaign.org).*