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# CALIFORNIA



Good morning! In this issue...

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## Announcements



### The canvassing continues

This weekend, California will once again be participating in the Poor People's Campaign National Canvass. Join one of our upcoming actions or start your own canvassing events. We've got details right here.

### Los Angeles

We'll be going back to Alexandria House in Koreatown on October 12 to follow up on last month's canvassing there. Also, Alexandria House is a flex voting center and we'll be spreading the word about this super convenient way to vote in the community. For more information, contact Nancy at 323-422-2830.

### Bay Area

Up north, we'll be 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).

### 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!

- **Presidential candidate scorecard** ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)): 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 such as 866-OUR-VOTE. (Note: This flyer is located beneath the [presidential scorecard](#). The two documents can be printed front-to-back.)
- **Remember You Can Vote** ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)): 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 as a poster 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 to fill out this brief [GOTV feedback form](#) and let us know any questions you have.

### **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 reminders to make sure you're where you need to be on Election Day.

## Meetings & events

### **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 all month long, 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!

### **Movement-building in a time of crisis**

**Thursday Oct. 17, 4pm | [RSVP](#)**

As we head into the elections, we are increasingly aware of multiple threats facing our communities, from economic insecurity to the climate crisis. These threats to our democracy and our daily lives are compelling communities to take action for themselves and establish newfound power for the days ahead.

This is why on October 17, the Kairos Center is bringing together experts on the economy, militarism, the rise of authoritarianism and Project 2025, alongside religious leaders (including Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis) and organizers, to offer a concrete analysis of our current context and how our movements and organizations are responding. Join us as we discuss the challenges and opportunities of this "kairos moment"—i.e. a critical time for action—and how we can build on lessons from the pandemic era to develop powerful movements for the long haul.

## Recaps



### **California PPC was in the streets last week!**

In the **Inland Empire**, PPC activists partnered 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. With over 250 people attending, we talked with families about the importance of their vote.



In **Los Angeles**, we were at Los Angeles City College making sure low-wage people, including students, are ready to vote. We made it to the crowded swap meet across the street, too. Volunteer Elena Silba explained, “We reminded people who can’t vote to give our information to family members who can: ‘They are voting for you!’”



In **Burbank**, Burbank First Christian Church shared their table with PPC supporters for the Burbank Pride Day in the Park. California activist Maagic Collins (pictured above with his daughter) and Pastor Brandon Johnson reported that they appreciated the opportunity to work together in the community and get out the vote.



In the **Bay Area**, we were out in force at a voter empowerment event at Mills College at Northeastern University. Rev. Dr. Monica Cross, California PPC quad chair, spoke as a panelist outlining the various voter suppression tactics we face and strategies to confront them. She highlighted our work to get out the vote among poor, low-propensity voters—

the largest untapped voting block in the country. We also had a table where we shared our flyers and enthusiasm.

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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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In the media

### **CA PPC quad chair Nell Myhand featured on Resiliency Within podcast**

On Monday, the podcast [Resiliency Within](#) highlighted the PPC's GOTV work with an interview of CA PPC quad chair Nell Myhand. Nell shared her perspectives on resilience, on the deep meaning of how the PPC began, and how the California PPC is reaching out to people experiencing homelessness, youth, young adults and Spanish-speaking communities to emphasize our power—that we are the swing vote!

On her own experience of resiliency, Nell said, “It makes me think about the history of struggle. I think about my family who moved north during the Great Migration to seek a better life, in the face of a system that at one time considered them to be zero-fifths of a person. Racism was and is systematic and institutionalized in this country. How do we prepare and protect as we launch our young people into this world that is still committed to reducing them to how much profit we can make based on what you do?”

Nell outlined the GOTV work being done by PPC national, text banking and canvassing. She also spoke about the importance of our 1-to-1 outreach to poor low propensity voters for the opportunity to contradict the idea that they don't matter and their vote doesn't count.

[Listen to the interview.](#)

### **Diverse faith leaders host third Moral Monday Season of Prayer and Action**

Sharing a [livestream](#) of the event on social media, Bishop Barber wrote, “A diverse coalition of clergy and faith leaders gather on the steps of Saint John’s Church, Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C. for the third prayer vigil and press conference in continuation of a series of Moral Mondays Season of Prayer and Action calling the nation to put prayers into action for democracy, justice, voting rights and to conduct the ongoing presidential campaigns in a manner rooted in truth, love and equity.”

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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).*