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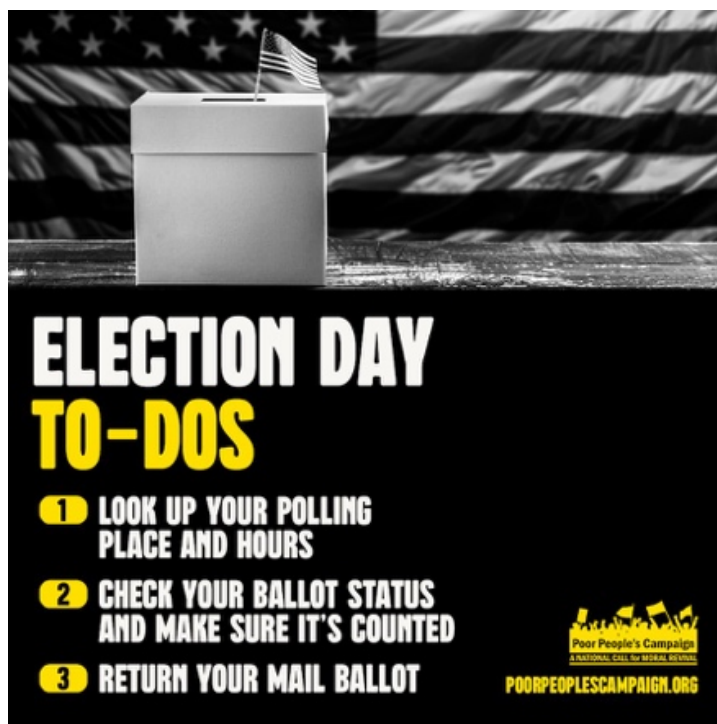
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Good morning! In this issue...

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- Make sure Gov. Newsom hears our housing-justice demands
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Announcements



Have you voted?

Yes? Make sure to [track your ballot](#).

No? That's okay, there's still time—but you should make a plan now.

Visit [Vote.org](#) to check your registration, register to vote, find out what's on your ballot and learn about early voting options as well as where to vote on Election Day.

It's the final stretch—there's still time to reach last-minute voters!

Our [PPC GOTV flyers](#) are available in English and Spanish and can be used by all of us, for tabling at final GOTV events, for door-to-door canvassing and to share widely (libraries, senior centers, congregations)—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, 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.

**NO ONE SHOULD BE
DISCRIMINATED AGAINST
BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE,
COLOR, CREED, OR HOUSING
STATUS.**

Housing, not handcuffs!

On October 15, the Equal Rights for Every Neighbor coalition, of which California PPC is a member, sent a [letter to Governor Newsom](#), telling him that California must lead on housing and houselessness—not [further crack down](#) on houseless Californians. The letter is in response to the [Grants Pass decision](#) and Governor Newsom’s [Executive Order N-1-24](#), which ordered the state and urged local governments to displace encampments.

We sent a reminder on October 24 and have not received a response. Now it’s time to act and make sure the Governor hears our message: Housing solves houselessness, not handcuffs and fines. You can use [this toolkit](#) to find sample messages to post on social media.

With the slogans “Where Do We Go?!?” and “Housing Not Handcuffs,” protest encampments of people refusing to be swept and communities rallying to support them have emerged, and CA PPC Bay Area voter engagement activists visited one of those encampments in Berkeley. For more information, contact Where Do We Go Berkeley: 510-999-WDWG (9394) / wheredowegoberk@gmail.com

With Election Day less than a week away and at a time when we are fighting to preserve our democracy, the erosion of the constitutional, civil and human rights of Americans living in poverty is one of the deepest cracks in our democratic institutions. We want our elected officials to recognize what we already know: Affirming the equal rights and dignity of unhoused Californians and Americans is integral to preserving a healthy, just democracy.

Meetings & events

Los Angeles regional meeting

Sunday Nov. 3, 3pm | [RSVP](#)

Angelenos, join us just two days before Election Day to be in community and ground ourselves for the days ahead. We’ll share stories, videos and music as well as lastminute actions you can take to get out the vote. And we’ll talk about ways to protect the vote and what we can do to alleviate some of this anxiety that we all feel during the final countdown.

Invite your neighbors, family and friends—all are welcome!

We Know What We Must Do and Why We Must Do It

National sermons on what's at stake for faith and democracy

Repairers of the Breach is hosting national sermons that will raise a prophetic voice to the nation, calling attention to what is at stake for both our faith and our democracy in this critical election. These sermons are not just opportunities for political discourse; they are declarations of the deep moral and spiritual implications of this election. These faith leaders embody a sacred duty to speak truth to power, defend the oppressed and inspire our communities to vote with compassion, justice and love.

Dates and Locations

Nov. 3 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., 8am PT | [RSVP](#)

Nov. 3 at Union Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC, 4pm PT | [RSVP](#)

Vote for Love for Poor and Low-Income Families

Sunday Nov. 3, 5pm PT | [Online](#)

Red Letter Christians is hosting its final Red Letter Revival of this year to create a space for Christians who want to see love and justice at the center of policies. Instead of solely condemning the way their faith is being manipulated for political gain this election season, they are “practicing something better,” as Father Richard Rohr, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation, says. There’s that old saying, “Be the change you want to see in the world,” and they’re committed to being the change they want to see in the Church.

Our own Rev. Liz Theoharis will be a featured speaker in the series this Sunday, with the theme “Vote for Love for Poor and Low-Income Families.”

Election Day 2024 “Sing-In”

Tuesday Nov. 5, 5–9pm | [In person or online](#)

Crenshaw United Methodist Church (3740 Don Felipe Drive Los Angeles, CA 90008)

Join your Los Angeles neighbors, in person and from anywhere online, as we "SING-IN" songs of hope and harmony until the polls close on this historic Election Day 2024! All voices are welcome to this free and heart- and soul-filled event. Don't miss this opportunity to raise your voice through your VOTE and your SONG. Hosted by our very own theomusicologist Arnaé Batson of the SSING Network (**S**haring **S**ongs ~ **I**nspiring **N**eighborhood **G**atherings). See you there!

News



“The seven things that God hates”

Last Sunday, Bishop Barber gave a [“sermon to the nation”](#) from the historic Riverside Church in New York City. As the newsletter [Word&Way](#) observed, the sermon took place on the same day as Donald Trump’s Madison Square Garden rally. Needless to say, the two events offered unmistakably different messages. At times during the sermon, Bishop Barber seemed to be commenting directly on the candidate’s parade of hatred and conspiracy mongering.

“What do you do when everything the Lord hates has seeped into our politics?” Bishop Barber said. “Proverbs 6 says this: ‘There are six things that the Lord hates and seven that are detestable to God: proud eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, hearts that devise wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush to evil, false witnesses who lie against their people around them and a person who stirs up conflict.’ All seven things that God hates have seeped their way into our politics.”

Final Moral Monday Prayer Vigil held at U.S. Capitol Moral Monday Press and Prayers for the Nation and Our Democracy

Bishop Barber shared the [livestream](#) from the final Moral Monday Prayer Vigil and press conference, held at the U.S. Capitol ahead of Election Day, concluding six months of prayers and action by a diverse group of faith leaders who have energized the PPC and been a compass throughout this GOTV season.

Watch the final Moral Monday Prayer Vigil on [Facebook](#).

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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In the media



“Rev. Barber and the Poor People’s Campaign Make Final Voting Push”

The [Atlanta Voice](#) wrote about the PPC’s massive voter mobilization efforts, relating its work to record early voting turnout in Georgia, among other states.

When asked why the PPC was focused on waking the sleeping giant of poor and lowincome voters, Bishop Barber shared that “politicians campaign without addressing the issues that matter most to these communities.” He added that it was also a problem in churches, where, according to a Pew study, poverty is seldom mentioned. “Churches aren’t addressing poverty, and that’s why poor people are not engaged in the political system. They are ignored by campaigning politicians, and their issues are not addressed.”

Freedom Church of the Poor celebrates Diwali

Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis shared the latest [Freedom Church of the Poor service](#) on social media, noting that participants were honoring Diwali—the annual “festival of lights” celebrated by more than a billion people in India and worldwide.

“In these dark and unsettled times,” Rev. Theoharis wrote, “the rise of violence, genocide, and war; accelerating climate disaster, deep division and hatred toward the other, we gather to celebrate Diwali with Hindu brothers and sisters around the world, and with some leaders from our movement who will bring reflections on what does the story and tradition of Diwali offers the world and our movement in this moment? How do we ground and sustain ourselves and the struggle for liberation in such dark times?”

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