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Links for Your Convenience

If you're excited about the changed election landscape, here are some good ways to contribute to the Dems' new momentum:

DONATE TO CVILLE DEMS



CHECK VOTER REGISTRATION

And you're invited to stop by the Charlottesville Democratic Coordinated Campaign Office,1410 Incarnation Dr., Suite 203 to see what's going on and how you might want to plug in to help us win!



Event Report: September 10 Debate Watch Party

An energized crowd of about 75 turned out for a Debate Watch Party at Fry's Spring Beach Club on Tuesday evening 9/10

(preceded by free cocktail reception, Josh and Minhee Throneburg made great drinks!)... and the partygoers more than got their money's worth! Vice President Kamala Harris was magnificent and clearly won the debate; Trump's face here pretty much says it all. A great night that gave yet another boost to Harris and down-ballot candidates. No wonder everyone in the crowd photo below was smiling!

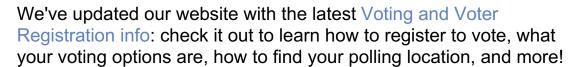


Early Voting Starts September 20

Early Voting at the Office of Voter Registration starts Sept. 20 during office hours (normally 8:30am-4:30pm, Mon-Fri) and ends at 5pm on Saturday, Nov. 2. The Registrar's Office is open the last two Saturdays before the election and may later set additional hours.

Three great reasons to do Early Voting:

- 1. Avoid potentially long lines on Election Day!
- 2. Once you vote you'll stop getting emails, texts, and door knocks from the campaigns!!
- 3. You'll know that your vote will be counted (no complications from illness, travel, etc.)



NOTE: If you miss Early Voting for any reason, you can still vote at your precinct voting location on Election Day (11/5).



Fun-Looking September Dem Fundraisers



- 1. Come out next Saturday 9/21 to this very fun-looking fundraiser (tickets are \$100) SwingLeft is hosting at the Opal Lounge in Belmont (above Mockingbird). Food and drink are covered by your ticket purchase, the Jen Tal Band is providing music, and you'll be helping raise money to bring about the Democratic candidate victories that we desperately need. More information at this Mobilize page.
- 2. One week later, Saturday 9/28 (rescheduled from 9/21), three movement instructors are getting together in Earlysville to do a 3-hour "Move for Kamala: Fundraiser for Harris/Walz in 3 Movements": Salsa with Julie Boyer, Dance Cardio with Atticus Gore, and Nourishing Movement with Susan McCulley. A suggested \$47 donation (Kamala will be our 47th President!) gets you a place on the dance/exercise

floor! Time, location, and other details here.



You Can Help Gloria Witt Win



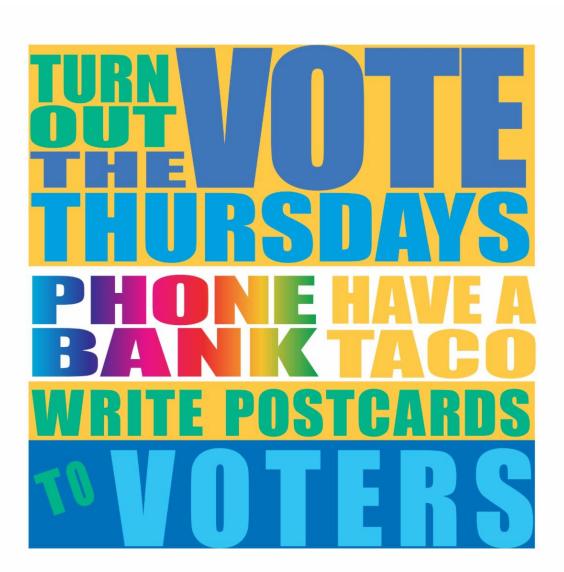
There are many ways to help Gloria win the Fifth District; we're including ideas in each newsletter (for more, visit her How to Get Involved page):

- Talk to your friends and family about Gloria:
- Share the "Gloria Witt for Congress" flier with a friend.
- Tell people why it's critical that they vote in EVERY election our democracy depends on it!
- Talk about why you're supporting Gloria Witt for Congress on November 5. Early voting starts September 20.
- Host a meet-and-greet to build community awareness and engagement.

Gloria will be at the following out-of-area events this weekend:

- 9/14-Appomattox Dems Flip the 5th, 3-5pm, Abbitt Park
- 9/15-Goochland County Ice Cream Social, 2-5pm, Goochland Rec Center
- 9/15-Powhatan Hot Dogs & Snacks, 4-6pm, New Greenbriar Church

Volunteer – Lots of Options Every Thursday 5-7pm



WOW, it's mid-September already! We've accomplished so much in the past few months but...we still have work to do!

We're at Ix Park from 5-7pm on Thursdays (today!), gathering by the picnic table outside of Brazos Tacos. From there, we spread out to do a number of different tasks. If you're planning on writing postcards or making phone calls, bring a blanket or chair so you can sit on the lawn under the trees. If you want a drink or snack while you are working, you can sit at a table on the patio of Brazos. And, if you can't stand the heat (or rain), you can grab a table inside Brazos.



Another way to help get Kamala, Tim W., Tim K., and Gloria elected is to canvass and phone bank with the Coordinated Campaign:

Saturday Canvassing: 10am, 1pm, and 4pm

Sunday Canvassing: 1pm and 4pm

Charlie and Jack, the "field team" at the coordinated Harris/Kaine/Witt office, will train you and then (on your already fully-charged cell phone!) set you up with a great list of doors to knock, and give you a paper map and candidate literature to pass out. To get to the doors more quickly, download the MiniVAN app to your phone and create an ActionID in the app before you arrive for your shift.

- Saturday and Sunday Phone Banking: 1pm
- Tuesday Phone Banking: 5:30pm

Canvassers and phone bankers should come to the Coordinated Campaign's office at 1410 Incarnation Drive, Suite 203. It's best to sign up in advance at https://www.mobilize.us/timkaine.

Let's keep the huge national momentum going here! Volunteers are signing up and working at record rates for the Dems, and we need everyone's assistance.

Canvassing is...

- A lovely walk with a purpose.
- Getting to know Charlottesville.
- Enjoying your neighbors.
- Helping good candidates like Gloria Witt to win.
- Being a part of American history.
- Knowing you're doing important





Help Others Register to Vote (Help Save Your Nation!)

Saving Democracy on the Downtown Mall are Voter registration volunteers Suzanne Michels, Kate Fraleigh, Beth Neville Evans, and Mary Barrick (left to right).



Meet Our Newest Intern

Kushaan Soodan is a second year UVA student from Great Falls, VA. He's looking to major in Public Policy and Economics at UVA's Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy. Kushaan is deeply interested in learning about youth engagement in politics and community organizing.

He's involved with UVA's International Relations Organization, where he's helped staff and organize Model United Nations

conferences for high school, university students, and the broader

community.

Outside of politics, he enjoys playing tabletop games and is an avid Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) player. After graduation he hopes to pursue a career in public service with the federal government.

Yard Signs for Harris/Walz Have Arrived!



Signs are available at the Coordinated Office for Harris-Walz, Sen. Kaine, and Gloria Witt. If you're interested in distributing signs, please contact co-chair Nancy Damon at NancyCDamon@gmail.com.

Community Events

1. U.S. Democracy Day (Saturday, September 14)

DEMOCRACY DAY 2024Celebrate 248 years of freedom!

Noon - 3pm Market Street Park (101 East Market Street)

MUSIC & DISPLAYS

SPEAKERS

Delegate Katrina Callsen, 57th District
Senator Creigh Deeds, 11th District
Meg Heubeck, League of Women Voters
David Toscano, former Delegate & House Minority Leader
Eli Weinger, President, Students for Equity and Reform in Virginia

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Cville Center for Peace & Justice, League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, Cville National Organization for Women, Belmont-Carlton Neighborhood Association, Cville Friends Meeting, Peace & Social Concerns Committee, Students for Equity and Reform in Virginia

The U.S. Democracy Day collaborative was launched ahead of the 2022 midterms to encourage news organizations across the country to report more — and better— information about the crisis facing our democracy.

The Goal: Draw Attention to the Crisis and How Individuals Can Respond

Democracy Day is an effort to provide the public with the context and information they need, and bring all types of people and media together, to sound the alarm collectively.



2. Cville Sabroso Festival — Saturday September 21, 1-10pm

Come to Ting Pavilion for the 12th Annual Cville Sabroso Cultural Festival to celebrate the richness and vibrant diversity of Latin American culture and help support a great local community advocacy nonprofit, Sin Barreras ("Without Barriers").

The Festival is a family-friendly fiesta + culture faire, 9 hours of live music, lively dance performances, Latino food, artisan crafts, and interactive cultural activities for kids. More info on the Cville Sabroso Facebook page, tickets available here (kids 12 and under are free).

The Cville Dems will have a table there, and Nancy Damon (nancycdamon@gmail.com) is looking for a few people to help us there. Sin Barreras itself also needs a few more volunteers; putting on a show for 5000 attendees takes a village! If you'd like to generate some goodwill for the Dems from the Latino community, volunteer at its SignUp Genius page (Spanish language skills are *not* required).

Reminders of Upcoming Events!

Longer descriptions of each of these events are in the newsletter, see above!

Canvasses every Saturday: 10am, 1pm, and 4pm

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9/14–U.S. Democracy Day

9/20-Early Voting Begins

9/21-SwingLeft Fundraiser at Opal Lounge in Belmont

9/21–Cville Sabroso Latin American Cultural Festival, Ting Pavilion

9/28–Move for Kamala: Fundraiser for Harris/Walz in 3 Movements

Partner Organizations

Our friends the UVA Dems, Albemarle Dems, Greene County Dems, Nelson County Dems, and the Charlottesville Area Young Democrats are doing good things too, check them out!

Charlottesville Democratic Party ("Cville Dems")

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