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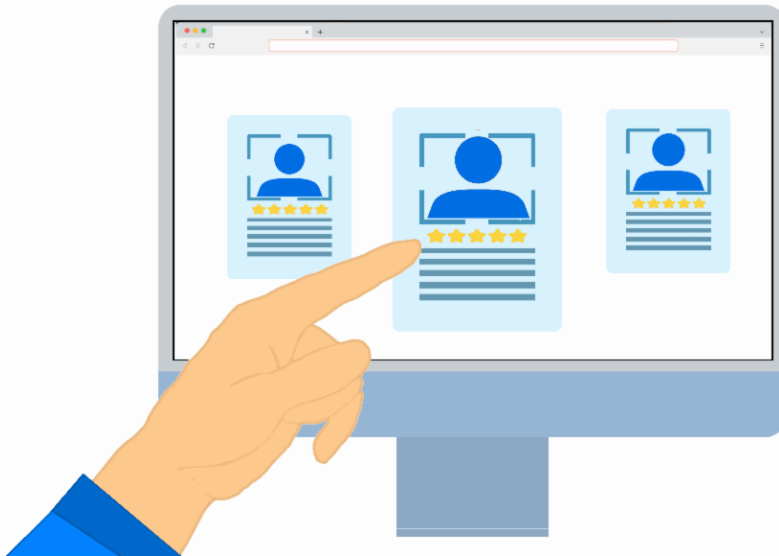
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Volunteers Needed for Committee to Process Paperwork for Primary Candidates

We need volunteers to serve on a Special Committee to receive and review candidates' official Declarations of Candidacy and Petitions of Qualified Voters for June primary elections coming soon.

The Special Committee needs to form soon, since it will start receiving paperwork from candidates on Monday, March 17. The candidate filing period closes on April 3, and the committee must finish its work by April 8.

The Special Committee needs to name a time and place where it will begin accepting candidates' paperwork and check that the paperwork is complete (including verification that each candidate has met the minimum number of qualified signatures on their Petitions of Qualified Voters) before the April 8 deadline.

(Candidates are listed on the ballots in the order of filing, so filing first is a big advantage! If multiple candidates file at the same time, the Electoral Board will draw names to establish the order of names on ballots.)

If you might be interested in serving on this committee, please contact Josh Throneburg (joshuathroneburg@gmail.com) or Nancy Damon (nancycdamon@gmail.com).

Come on, we know you'd like to be an important part of local democracy this year!



HOW WE RESIST TRUMP AND HIS EXTREME AGENDA

By Congressman Jerry Nadler

(This is an excerpt from the full article [here](#)):

The first order of business must be to refuse to allow the normalization of Trump.

Individual citizens and concerned organizations can do much to ensure that we don't normalize. It is essential that the public speak loudly so that elected leaders—both Democrats and Republicans—as well as the media, do not get lulled into a false sense of business as usual. This is precisely what the Trump Administration is hoping for and will try to project daily. They will also accuse those of us in government who resist normalization as obstructers of the popular will of the people. So we must have sustained, loud voices at our backs.

The large-scale protests that have occurred across this country have been a critical first step in combatting normalization. They should certainly continue in the non-violent way they have been conducted thus far. They are already changing the tone of the media around the Steve Bannon appointment [as White House Chief Strategist], for example.

The creative use of every basic organizing strategy to keep this up is what is now essential to fight normalization. Here are some ideas:

- Write letters to media editors every time you see an article or broadcast that utilizes a normalizing tone or doesn't make note of the extreme nature of Trump, his behavior and rhetoric, or his

Administration's actions.

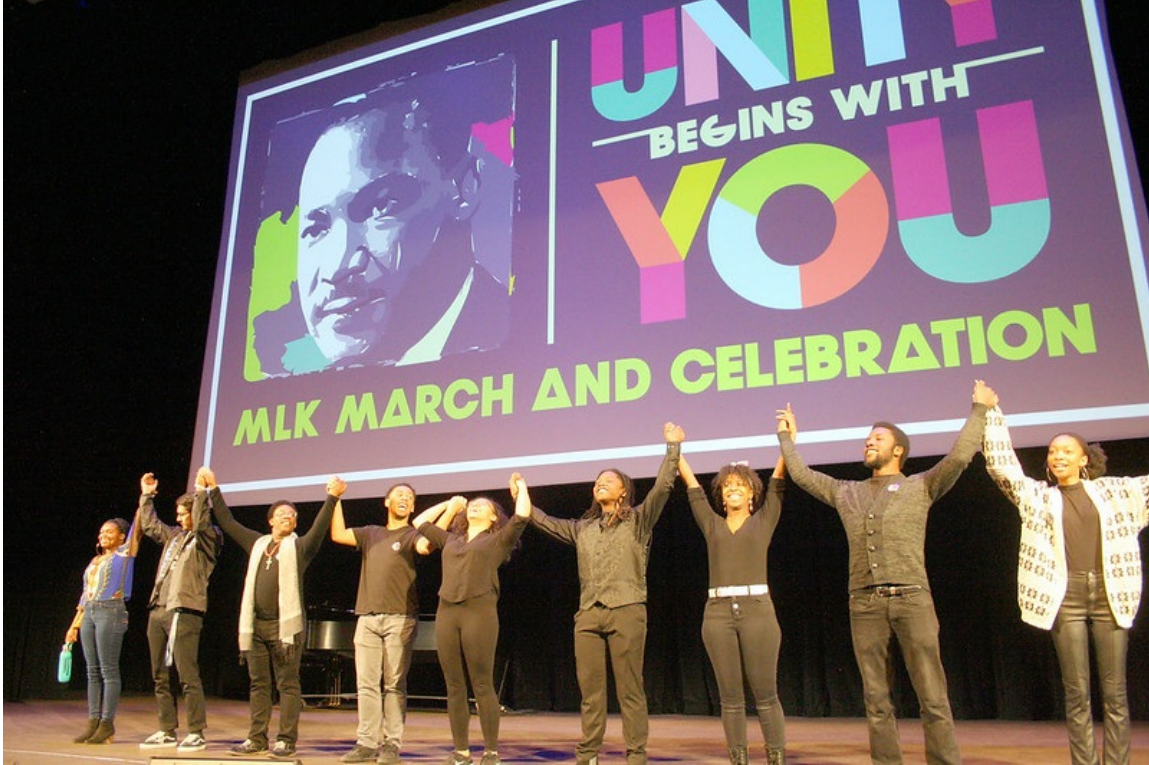
- Use the hashtag #NotNormal or #DontNormalize on your social media platforms.
 - Contact your elected officials via petitions, letters, calls and social media to urge them to resist any action that would normalize the Administration and demand that they loudly condemn any Trump actions that are unbecoming our democracy.
 - Reach out to your friends and family and encourage them to do the same.
 - Support rhetorically and financially those organizations that are stepping up to fight normalization.
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McGuire Co-Sponsors Unnecessary Legislation that Passes House

How well are we being represented by legislators who spend their time working on unneeded potential laws? U.S. Representative John McGuire co-sponsored and voted for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, unnecessary legislation that ensures that babies born after an abortion receive care. (A similar bill failed in the Senate.)

However, the American Medical Association already has a policy stating that if a fetus is born alive following an abortion procedure, physicians are ethically obligated to provide necessary medical care to that infant. They must attempt to sustain its life and provide appropriate treatment as they would for any newborn child; this aligns with the principle of providing care to any living patient.



2025 Community MLK Celebration Keynote Address

Tonight at the Paramount Theater, Michele Norris, award-winning journalist, *New York Times* bestselling author, and one of the most recognized voices in radio, will deliver the 2025 Community MLK Celebration keynote address. An on-stage discussion with Melody Barnes, Executive Director of UVA's Karsh Institute of Democracy will follow. The event is presented by the UVA Division for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, in partnership with UVA's School of Data Science and Karsh Institute of Democracy. Michele Norris will engage the audience in candid discussion about current events, social issues, and bridging the divide in America.

This keynote event is free and open to the public. More info and tickets are available via the [Paramount Theater website](#).

Reminders of Upcoming Events

- **1/30** - Michele Norris keynote at MLK Jr. Community Celebration, 6pm, Paramount Theater (see above)

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!

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