

Subject: Happy New Year and what can you contribute to the Draft AOC movement?

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Date: 1/5/2025, 7:58 PM

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Dear Theo,

Happy New Year!

This week flew by, and I didn't have time to break this newsletter down by county, but the same principles will apply across the United States.

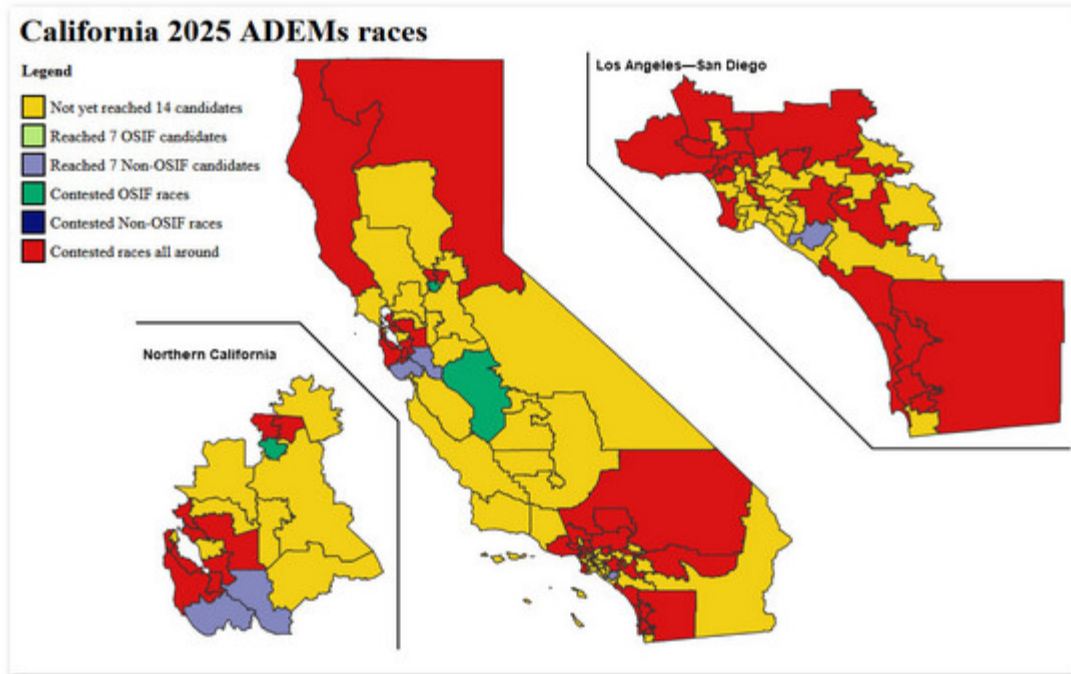
The California ADEMs

If you are in California, are a registered Democrat, and can spare some time, I encourage you to run for California Assembly District Delegate by filling out the form at <https://ademelections.com/home>.

If you've contacted the California Progressive Delegates Network and they haven't responded, fill out the form on the CADEM website. You'll automatically become part of the Draft AOC slate.

If you know anyone in California, encourage them to fill out the registration form at <https://ademelections.com/register/candidate>.

This body represents 33% of the California Democratic Party. The more Draft AOC delegates we elect, the more viable AOCs leadership will become.

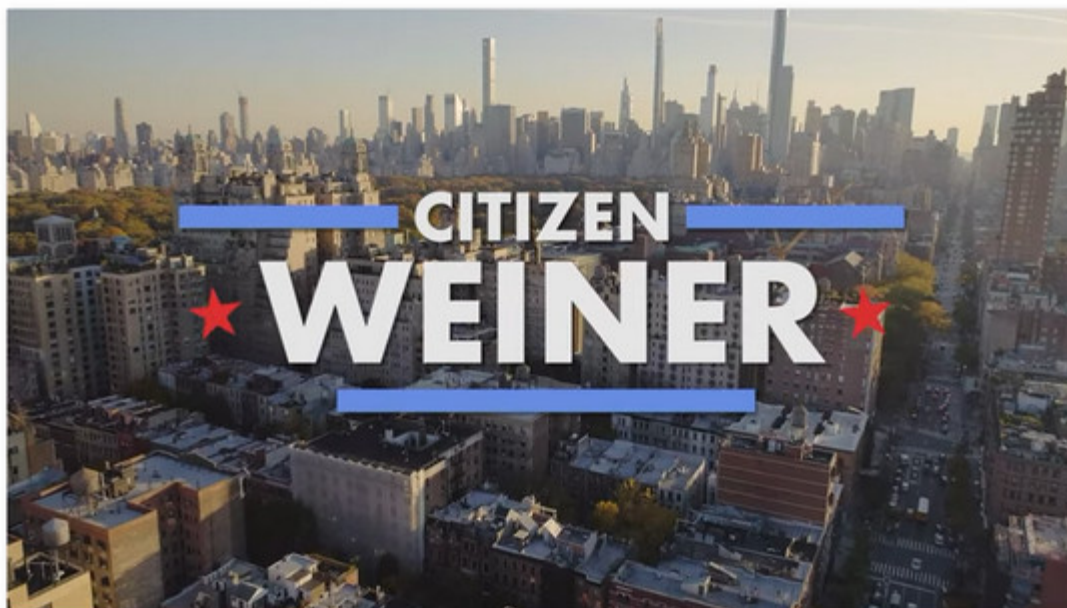


<https://draftaoc.us/county/ca>

The Municipal Election in New York City

If you have the means, I encourage you to buy and stream Citizen Weiner. Its an insightful look at how the establishment discourages voters from engaging in politics. Zack, whom I know personally, documents his unconventional campaign for City Council.

You can stream the film on major platforms: https://youtu.be/J_OO4OaUOvk. If you have 20 minutes, I recommend watching the Citizen Weiner Q&A session, particularly the Election Lawyers comments at minute 9: <https://youtu.be/DVE6f59y-nA>.



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The goal of Draft AOC is to promote voter choice and teach that Election Lawyers are not essential to the process. I am not an election lawyer, but since 2017, all our candidates who followed the Rep My Block process successfully made it onto the ballot despite resistance from election lawyers.

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I am running for Public Advocate to advance the values of Socialism and Draft AOC. The first Democratic Club is organizing a candidate debate for this position.

If you're in New York City on January 8, 2025, join us in person to experience the energy needed to challenge the Liberals. The event will be held at The Youth Hostel, 891 Amsterdam Ave, at the corner of West 103rd Street, in the Ballroom. <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Three-Parks-January-2025-Newsletter.html?oid=1101858131800&aid=RSCXXBJrMnw>

At minute 31:40 of the film Knock Down the House, <https://youtu.be/YCSo2hZRcXk?t=1900>, AOC explains the critical issue. Just as many candidates before her including Zach, Paperboy Prince, Cynthia Nixon, and myself have discovered, these debates are vital to viability. Unfortunately, many Democratic Party Liberal leaders work to prevent our participation.



<https://youtu.be/YCSo2hZRcXk?t=1900>

I spent 11 minutes discussing campaign viability with the Democratic Leader representing this club. He argued that my lack of fundraising should exclude me from presenting, while I argued that removing money from politics is integral to my campaign.

We concluded with my suggestion to let the membership vote on whether I should speak. I will respect the decision if the question is posed fairly.

Persistence is key to drafting AOC. We have three years to practice and succeed.

On Saturday, Jan 04, 2025 at 8:15 PM, Daniel Marks Cohen wrote:
Hi Theo:

We have invited candidates who have qualified for matching funds, or at a minimum have raised enough money to be on track to qualify for matching funds, and at present you have not raised any money at all for a city-wide office. We have to be respectful of the membership with multiple people running for each political position and we just do not have time to hear from candidates who are not in a position to be competitive for public office.

Feel free to call me if you have further questions.

Dan Cohen

On Friday, January 3, 2025 at 09:26:27 AM EST, Steve Max wrote:

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Re: About the January 8 three parks events - Re: Two events on January 8 ...
Date: Sat, 4 Jan 2025 23:28:56 +0100
From: Theo Chino
To: Daniel Marks Cohen
CC: Theresa Canter , Lorraine Zamora , Steve Max

Daniel,

As you know, we do not consider matching funds as the primary metric. In the last election, I garnered 70,000 votes without relying on matching funds.

I must also point out that you seem to prioritize candidates aligned with Trump and non-progressive views. Is that a trick to make Jumanee look like the progressive that he is not?

This approach does not reflect democratic principles. I have always regarded Three Park as a beacon of openness, not a club that plays the matching fund game.

In solidarity,
Hasta la victoria, ¡siempre!
Theo

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Three-Parks-January-2025-Newsletter.html>

Call to Action

We must recruit advocates in every county who will champion AOC's cause. Please forward this email and encourage others to register at draftaoc@register.repmyblock.org. (Don't forget to remind them to check their spam folders!)

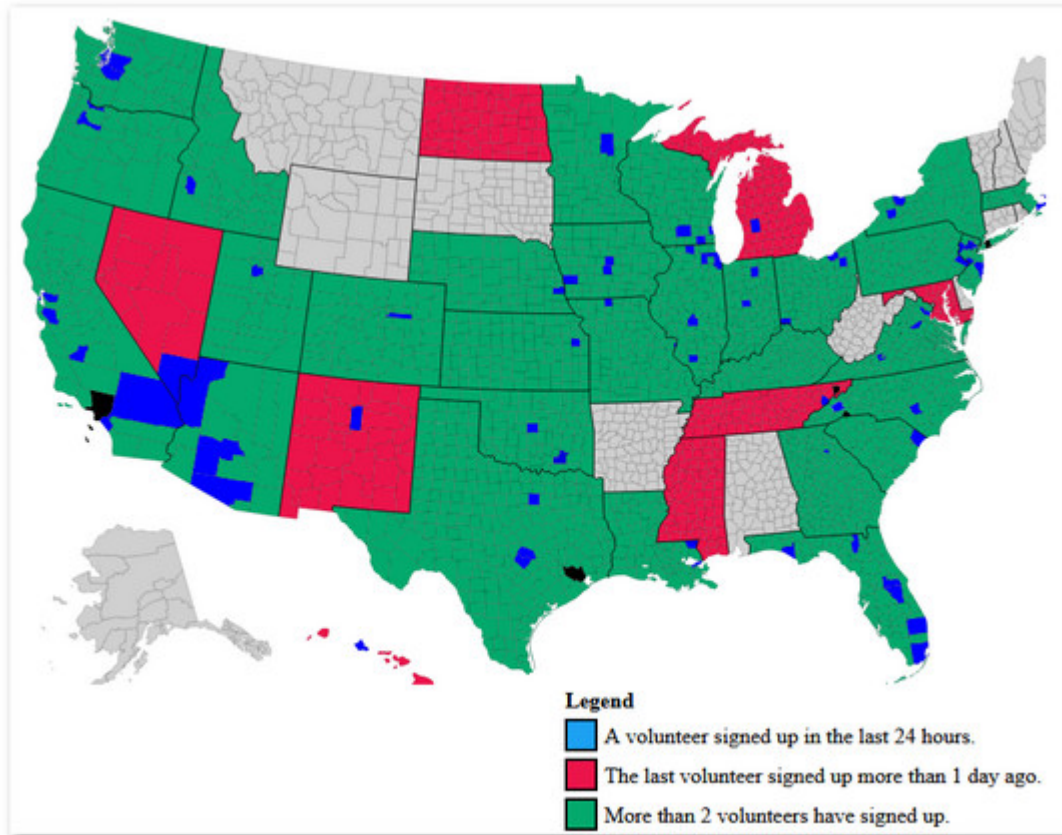
Volunteer Opportunities

We urgently need volunteers to:

- Maintain and update the website.
- Create reports like this one.
- Keep Wikipedia pages (<https://wiki.draftaoc.us>) current.

- Manage and organize various Facebook pages and groups.

I will continue sending out brief weekly updates until someone volunteers to compile them into a comprehensive report each Sunday.



<https://draftaoc.us>

Thank you for being part of this critical movement. Together, we can build a real path forward.

In solidarity,
Hasta la victoria, ¡siempre!

Theo Chino,
Committee of the Second Socialist International.
Acting First National Secretary of the Social Democrats of America