

Subject: This week around the Draft AOC movement.

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Dear Theo,

Another week has flown by, and I hope your week of activism has been as fulfilling as mine. At Draft AOC, our mission is clear: to identify a voter in every block across the United States who will proudly display a yard sign in 2027 saying, "AOC President 2028."

For our new activists joining today, you can catch up on past updates by visiting the **Draft AOC Wiki**: https://wiki.draftaoc.us/index.php/Past_Draft_AOC_Newsletters.

The California ADEMs - Voter Registration

Last week, we focused on identifying leftists to run for ADEMs. This week, our objective is to have them register to vote by visiting <https://ademelections.com/register/mail> before **January 24th, 2025**.

We understand how challenging it can be to encourage people to register to vote while Californians, particularly Angelenos, are enduring such devastating hardships. Offering only thoughts and prayers feels inadequate, but we must continue to push forward, even in these difficult times.

The system we have is deeply unequal, but it's the one we must navigate-and the only way to transform it is by organizing within it.

<https://ademelections.com/register/mail>

The California ADEMs - An update from California

Here's a sobering update from one of our CPUSA comrades working with DSA and PDA:

In my opinion, this election is already lost. The moderate slate is too well funded, and the moderate groups are too organized and unified. The progressives have dragged their feet and are months behind on everything.

I think the biggest hurdle is that DP clubs and progressive groups in the Bay Area and larger California have not taken seriously enough the need to unify and exercise every bit of people power we can muster.

The mods have the money and establishment support. We have the messaging, but nobody even knows how to acquire a list of all registered Democratic voter emails so that we can make our case to them. Even if we did, our orgs are too disunified to get on the same page about strategy.

The purpose of Draft AOC is to overcome these challenges by organizing proactively to build a united progressive front.

Call to Action

We need advocates in every county to champion AOC's cause. Please forward this email and encourage others to register at draftaoc@register.repmyblock.org. (Remind them to check their spam folders!)

So far, 145 activists have registered with Draft AOC, but only 17 have completed the full email registration process. Let's push these numbers higher!

First Socialist International

Awaiting response to our invitation.

Second Socialist International

Social Democrats of America

The Social Democrats of America are refining their socialist platform. Preview it here: <https://www.socialists.us/docs/misc/US-20240303-DraftSDAManifestoBasedOnPES.pdf>. This is based on the 2024 Rome Socialist Congress Manifesto: <https://events.pes.eu>.

Third Socialist International

Awaiting response to our invitation.

Fourth Socialist International

Awaiting response to our invitation.

Fifth Socialist International

Awaiting response to our invitation.

Green Party

Awaiting response to our invitation.

Working Family Party

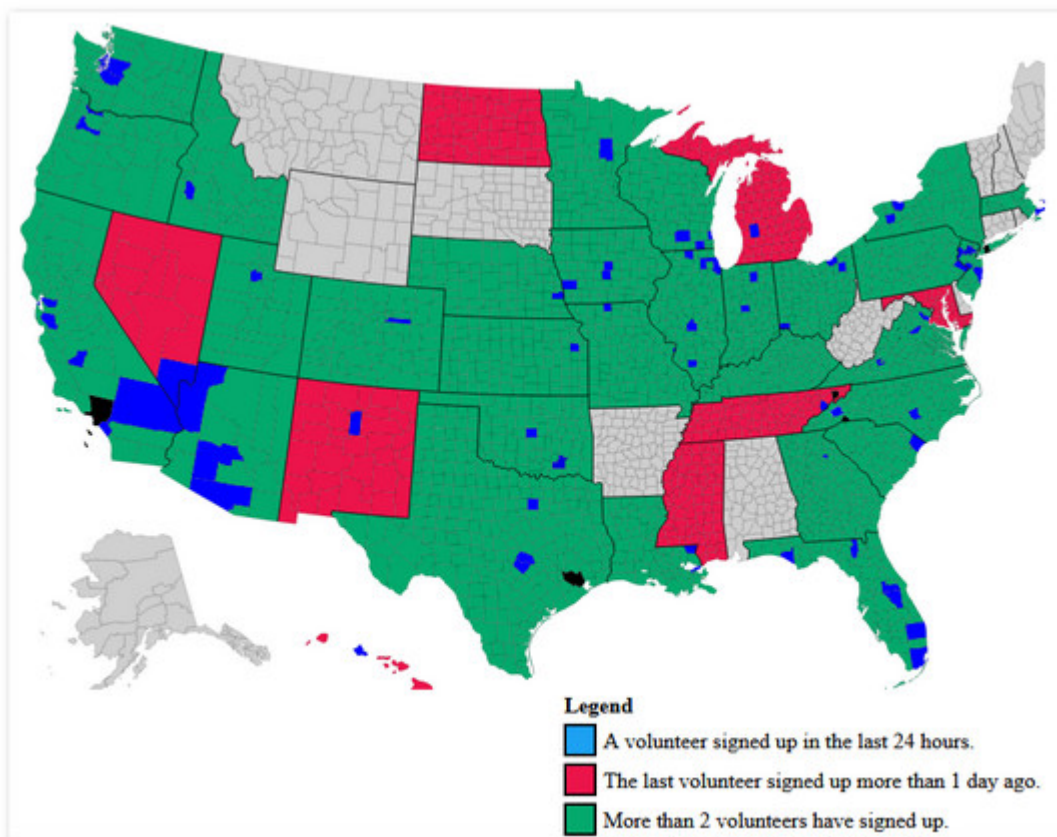
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Volunteer Opportunities

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,

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