

2021

JANUARY

**POSTCARDS FOR U.S. SENATE IN GEORGIA RUNOFF
DEMOCRACY AT THE CROSSROADS: WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO HAVE AN
IMPACT**

You may remember Ms. Paul from JOLT's Embattled Transition event in November. Everything she warned us about has come to fruition. We have asked her to present a follow up to explain how our Democracy is at a crossroads and what we can do to protect it. Her insight is invaluable. JOLT asks you to tune in to be prepared to be an alert aware and involved citizen these coming months.

**FEBRUARY- THE RISE OF THE ALT-RIGHT AND UN-DEMOCRATIC
LEGISLATORS**

You do NOT want to miss this. It's a pleasure and privilege to announce our February speakers, NYU's Brennan Center fellows Caroline Fredrickson Author of *The Democracy Fix: How to Win the Fight for Fair Rules, Fair Courts, and Fair Elections*

And Victoria Basetti author of *Electoral Dysfunction: A Survival Manual for American Voters*, the companion book to a PBS documentary by the same name. Ms. Basetti was a member of the select team of lawyers that oversaw the Senate impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton.

Senior Fellow, Caroline Fredrickson served as the President of the American Constitution Society from 2009-2019, and was an eloquent spokesperson for ACS and the progressive movement on issues such as civil and human rights, judicial nominations and the importance of the courts in America, marriage equality, voting rights, the role of money in politics, labor law, and anti-discrimination efforts, rule of law, congressional oversight, and separation of powers, among others.

Remember the "T" in JOLT is for teach, and we need to learn in order to do that.

**MARCH- AWAKENING TO AAPI DISCRIMINATION: THE FACTS, FIGURES, AND
NARRATIVES BEHIND IT**

Join ATNJ Founder, Winn Khoung as she discusses AAPI discrimination and violence and shares her insight and advice on to how we can be involved in mitigating this.

**APRIL- SHARING SOLAR: ECONOMIC INCENTIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE**

Want to help Governor Murphy meet the goal of 100% Clean Energy in NJ by 2050? Interested in solar but don't have the roof space? Or just want to tell your friends how to do it? As part of NJ Earthweek, JOLT USA is hosting Solar Expert, Kevin Dunshee, for a Zoom to discuss sharing solar in your community and the state incentives and environmental justice benefits of it. It's Earth Month and it's time for You to be part of the solution.

**MAY- MEET AND SUPPORT GENNY ALLARD AND NICOLE MCNAMARA FOR NJ
ASSEMBLY**

Please Join this private, socially distanced meet and greet in her backyard to support two amazing WOMEN candidates for the 40th. Genny Allard of JOLT and Nicole McNamara of

Waldwick Progressives are running for Assembly in the 40th. They NEED our help to win. This is chance to have your voice in the Assembly AND support Murphy's agenda -including climate, education, police reform, gun, family rights, women's rights, LGBTQ rights, minimum wage, pensions, etc.

JUNE- PROTECTING DEMOCRACY PT. 2: INTERRUPTING THE COUNTING COUP

Recounts, voter suppression legislation, appointment of Trump allies in critical election positions, are all part of the Republican agenda to lay the groundwork to question legitimate election results in 2022 Congressional races and beyond. This is a Republican led attempt to undo Democracy. Attorney Patricia Paul will once again share her vision and strategy for addressing this challenge. We cannot afford to rest.

AUGUST TO NOVEMBER- GOVT

POSTCARDS, TEXT BANKS, PHONE BANKS, AND CANVASSING FOR GENNY ALLARD AND NICOLE MCNAMARA FOR ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR MURPHY FOR RE-ELECTION.

DECEMBER- LABORATORIES OF AUTOCRACY WITH AUTHOR DAVID PEPPER

We are so excited to welcome Author and former State Chair of the Ohio Democratic Party, David Pepper to break down the threat to Democracy that we are facing. We must be aware and share our knowledge to fight back.

2020

JANUARY- IMPEACHMENT AND THE CONSTITUTION

LAW & JUSTICE TEACHER AND FORMER PROSECUTOR GENNY ALLARD AND ATTORNEY KIM RINGLER LED AN INFORMATIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF IMPEACHMENT AND THE CONSTITUTION.

FEBRUARY- WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: RACIAL DISPARITY

CAROL LOSCALZO, FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NJ ABORTION ACCESS FUND, REGINA BRANCA, WOMEN'S CLINIC ESCORT (BOTH OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE UU FAITH ACTION AND THE USR COMMITTEE ON REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE) AND KAITLYN WOJTOWICZ, VP OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACTION FUND OF NJ WALKED US THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF RACE AND WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES AS WELL AS THE STATE OF THE LAW ON WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES IN NJ AND IN THE COUNTRY.

MARCH

ARI BERMAN AT RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for a conversation with the *Give us the Ballot* author and Senior Reporter at Mother Jones about voter suppression, the 2020 election, and other important topics. There will be a book sale and signing at the event. Read about his book at <https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250094728>.

LIVE Q&A WITH TERESA TOMLINSON FOR U.S. SENATE IN GEORGIA

Get a chance to speak to U.S. Senate candidate Mayor Teresa Tomlinson of Columbus, Georgia!

Teresa Tomlinson is running in the Democratic primary to face David Perdue in the 2020 election for Georgia's senate seat. She is a proud Democrat and pragmatic progressive who will use her Georgia Gumption to make government work for the people again. She is looking forward to (virtually) meeting all the JOLT members and talking about her campaign for the U.S. Senate in Georgia tomorrow! We value everyone's virtual involvement as we practice social distancing during this time.

COVID-19'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND NJ'S STATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Social Distancing is having some positive environmental effects. And it's highlighting human impact. However, it's also increasing truck traffic due to shipping of online purchases. But there are ways around this and we have some ideas to share as well as some "Asks" from our state. Join Eric Benson of Clean Water Action and become part of a movement that will make sure the environment is taken care of!

APRIL- A CLASS ON RACISM: EXAMINING OUR UNCONSCIOUS BIASES

Please Join Dr. Stephanie Silvera, for this necessary and compelling conversation. There can be no better time to better understand our role in race relations than now. As we confront the unmasked epidemic of institutional violence and the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on people of color, we need to examine our role in the problem and place in the conversation. Under Dr. Silvera's guidance, we will engage in an online exercise to help us see and understand our own bias and the impact that race has on health.

MAY- JUNE- BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS IN RIDGEWOOD AREA JULY-

TURN ARIZONA BLUE POSTCARDS

The road to the White House goes through 4 counties. Maricopa County, Arizona is one of them. Maricopa County is the home of the pardoned Sheriff Joe Arpaio and the Republican Party is looking to overthrow its now progressive voting system. It's also a place where people show up to voting places with semi automatics. We are going to help the Democrats get control of Maricopa County, Arizona and get out the vote to help Mark Kelly on the up ballot.

GOTV EFFORTS FOR "GROUND ZERO" PA-07

District 7 in Pennsylvania is Ground Zero for winning the White House. It's also the subject of a tight Congressional race. The incumbent Democrat, Susan Wild, won by a narrow margin in 2018 and now she is facing a challenge from a wealthy Republican who has a large war chest. Congresswoman Wild needs our help to keep her seat. And we need to get every Democrat out in this swing district to win the Whitehouse. Join us for this informational event on how you can help and learn about the Congresswoman.

SEPTEMBER: GOTV KICKOFF WITH SENATOR CORY BOOKER

We are so excited to have Senator Booker to inspire us, motivate us and represent us and kick off our GOTV!! Please join us to hear his perspective and wisdom on WINNING in November and getting out the vote.

**NOVEMBER
JOLT FOR JOY**

Hi! We are holding a zoom call to rejoice, reorganize, and plan after Joe Biden + Kamala Harris' win this week! We have much to talk about from debriefing about the election and planning to assist Warnock and Ossoff in Georgia. You won't want to miss this meeting!

**EMBATTLED TRANSITION: OBSTACLES TO A SMOOTH PRESIDENTIAL
TRANSITION AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM**

Trump & Co have run interference on every end to undermine the Transition of power. They are pursuing 3 main avenues to overturn the election: lawsuits; firing of heads of federal agencies; and influencing local Republicans to determine their own set of electors. Trump is also limiting Biden's access to information critical to a successful transition. In doing so he has made the country weak and put them in peril. Join Harvard Law alumni and former civil rights attorney Patricia Paul to learn what Trump is actually up to and we can do about it. We must be informed and alert!

AUGUST-DECEMBER: GOTV

Sent 80,000 postcards, 11 canvasses, 10 text banks, 13 phone banks, aired Latinos for Biden ads on local PA radio stations and shared on social media with almost 10k views, and worked with the Secretary of State of NJ to ensure all ballots marked for rejection by staff due to postmark issues are reviewed by the Board of Elections. Supported Biden/Harris, Jon Ossoff (GA), Raphael Warnock (GA), Jaime Harrison (SC), Mark Kelly (AZ), Teresa Tomlinson (GA), Amy McGrath (KY), Human Rights Campaign of Florida, Susan Wild (PA), Corey Booker (NJ), Amy Kennedy (NJ), and Tom Malinowski (NJ).

2019

JANUARY-

ATTENDED WOMENS MARCH ON NYC

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WITH ASSEMBLYWOMAN SHAVONDA SUMTER AND BERGEN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR, BALPREET VIRK-GREWAL

FEBRUARY- NET NEUTRALITY AND PRIVACY. ATTORNEY CLARA LICATA TOOK US THROUGH THE NUANCES OF THE NEUTRALITY REPEAL BY TRUMP AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ATTORNEY DAVE HARRIS AND HUMANITY CO'S LEXA ABRAHAMSON UNVEILED THE COLLECTION OF OUR DATA ON LINE AND OFFERED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOLUTIONS.

MARCH-STRONGER TOGETHER -WOMEN REFORMING NJ

SUE ALTMAN OF SOUTH JERSEY WOMEN FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE AND SAILY AVELENDA OF NJ11TH4CHANGE, WALKED US THROUGH THE INTRICATE WEB OF NJ POLITICS AND THE PROBLEMS WITH LEGISLATIVE AND PARTY PRACTICES AND STRUCTURE. EMPOWERING AND ENLIGHTENING.

APRIL- GREEN NEW DEAL AND NJ GREEN ACTIONS EVENT

CLIMATE REALITY LEADER HARRIETT SHUGARMAN WALKED US THROUGH THE GREEN NEW DEAL AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE REPORTS AND THE PROPOSED HUDSON POWER PLANT, AND ERIC BENSON OF CLEAN WATER ACTION SHOWED US MEASURES WE CAN TAKE TO ADDRESS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

MAY- Q&A WITH ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES AND KNOCK DOWN THE HOUSE

Q&A WITH NJ ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES MARIA CORDONNIER AND MIKE SEDON (40) AS WELL AS CHRISTINE CLARKE (26) AND SHOWING OF KNOCK DOWN THE HOUSE DOCUMENTARY FEATURING 4 WOMEN WHO WON CONGRESSIONAL SEATS AGAINST ALL ODDS

**JUNE- CALL TO ACTION PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND CLEAN WATER ACTION
NEXT LEVEL ACTIVISM TRAINING**

ERIC BENSON (CLEAN WATER ACTION) AND NICOLE MATOS (PLANNED PARENTHOOD) GAVE SUGGESTIONS ON WRITING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, OP-EDA, FILING OPRA REQUESTS, TESTIFYING AT HEARINGS, AND LOBBYING LEGISLATORS

RIDGEWOOD PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION

RIDGEWOOD RAISED THE PRIDE FLAG TO BE FLOWN ALONGSIDE THE AMERICAN FLAG IN VAN NESTE SQUARE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE. JOLT RAISED MONEY FOR THE 25' FLAG AND WELCOMED AT THE CEREMONY.

#WEARORANGE GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS RALLY

STUDENTS DEMAND ACTION, MOMS DEMAND ACTION, SANDY HOOK PROMISE, AS WELL AS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS REMEMBERED ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO GUN VIOLENCE AND ROSE AWARENESS ABOUT GUN SAFETY IN THE HOPES OF PREVENTING SIMILAR SHOOTINGS IN THE FUTURE.

JULY- EMPOWER IMMIGRANTS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS EVENT

IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY CAROLINA CURBELO, ESQ. EXPLAINED ICE DETAINEES' RIGHTS AND CURRENT CONTRACTS WITH ICE IN NJ.

CO-SPONSORED LIGHTS FOR LIBERTY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER IN LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE TO PROTEST THE INHUMANE CONDITIONS FACED BY MIGRANTS IN DETENTION CENTERS

2018-HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY- Women's march on NYC

FEBRUARY- SECOND AMENDMENT EVENT

Presentation by Eric Ruben, Brennan Center for Justice

MARCH

DACA presentation featuring immigration attorney and a Dreamer

Gun Awareness meeting
March for our Lives Hackensack
Town Hall on Gun Awareness with Senator Menendez and Congressman Pascrell
APRIL- Presentation of "An Inconvenient Sequel" and Q&A with Climate Reality Leader
Harriet Shugarman

Earth Day Fare Presentation on use of fertilizers and pesticides on lawns and fracking
MAY - VOTER TO VOTER GET OUT THE VOTE POSTCARD EVENT.

JUNE

#WEARORANGE Table at RIDGEWOOD MEMORIAL DAY RUN and
Ceremony proclaiming Gun Violence Awareness Day
Saily Avelenda of NJ11thforChange and Anna Wong of Indivisible NJ5 instructed and inspired
members on GOTV initiatives.

REUNITE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES rally

JULY thru OCTOBER

JOLT WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday through Election Day- Jolters meet for writing to voters, phone banking and
canvassing.

NOVEMBER- GOTV ELECTION WEEKEND, ELECTION RESULTS VIEWING PARTY

DECEMBER- JOLT HOLIDAY THANK YOU PARTY

2017-HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE-JOLT members proudly flew pride flags at their homes and supported the Town's initiative
to fly a flag in Van Neste park.

JULY-JOLT members participated in phone banks and canvassing for the 40th district.

AUGUST-JOLT members turned out in force for the Candlelight Vigil for Charlottesville.

SEPTEMBER- We worked for LD40 and co sponsored NFRPP seminar on
the Polarization of Politics

OCTOBER- Co-sponsored Network for Responsible Public Policy's seminar "Democracy Under
Threat"

NOVEMBER-Postcards for Doug Jones and Toy Drive for Paterson School

DECEMBER- Postcards for Doug Jones!