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Next week, we launch a campaign to reach millions of Americans and once again unleash the power of poor and low-wealth voters. Details below, plus invites to some important meetings and events, an update on efforts to save Oak Flat and a thorough accounting of the Biden Administration thus far by PPC policy director Shailly Gupta Barnes.

Announcements



Voting is Power Unleashed text-banking campaign kicks off next week
Tuesday Sep. 20, 5pm | [Join](#)

Join Campaign co-chairs Rev. Barber and Rev. Theoharis and state campaigns next Tuesday for the launch of our Voting is Power Unleashed National Text-banking Program. We'll hear from the co-chairs about the significance of this effort and get trained as PPC texters. We need all hands on deck to reach 5 million poor and low-wealth low-propensity voters across 15 strategic states. No previous experience required.

Why are we working to get voters to the polls? Because votes tell the world that we won't be silent anymore, that we are demanding that the issues of America's 140 million poor, lowwealth and low-wage people are addressed by those in office.

Laney College PPC hosts Our Government, Our Choice: People Power vs. Fascism
Thursday Sep. 29, 11am | [RSVP](#)

Join Laney College PPC supporters at their Teach-in Fall 2022: Our Government, Our Choice: People Power vs. Fascism. Anticipated special guests include Denise Castro from

Education Trust West, who will speak on student debt. This teach-in is cosponsored by the Women's Economic Agenda Program (WEAP) and UMOJA-UBAKA of Laney College. It will be held online, and everyone's invited.

Upcoming meetings

California Faith Leaders

Monday Sep. 19, 4:00–5:30pm | [RSVP](#)

Join the California Faith Working Group as we gather to engage with the 50 Day Push: Mobilizing, Organizing, Registering, Educating & Voting Forward for Democracy and Justice Toward the Elections and Beyond! We will look at the 50 Day Calendar and talk about how we are working on getting out the vote and spreading info about the Poor People's Campaign in our towns and cities and regions. Forward together, not one step back!

Orange County Region monthly meeting

Thursday Sep. 22, 7pm | [RSVP](#)

Join us in planning and executing our next steps forward to the polls this fall and beyond. Can't join us for our monthly meeting? Stay up to date on the latest actions and announcements on our [Facebook group page](#).

Support the California PPC!

When over 140 million Americans are poor or living with low-wages, it's time for systemic change. We are building a movement led by poor and impacted folks, building across all lines of division, in order to topple the interlocking pillars of racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction and this country's distorted moral narrative. Please help us achieve this goal by clicking below and chipping in whatever you can.

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News



California PPC activists show support for Apache Stronghold

Last week, CA PPC members participated in an Apache Stronghold vigil in front of San Francisco City Hall. (Photo above by Rande Webster.) Dr. Wensler Nosie and approximately 40 supporters participated in a day-long prayer vigil in support of rehearing the case to save Oak Flat from the Resolution Copper Mining Company. The Bay Area Faith Working Group and their First Mennonite Church partners provided food, beverages and prayers to our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

The Ninth Circuit is expected to hold its vote on rehearing in early October. If it agrees to rehear the case, it will schedule another hearing in San Francisco. If it declines to rehear the case—meaning the panel’s original ruling stands—Apache Stronghold will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Apache Stronghold vows to pursue all avenues to protect Oak Flat. You can learn more about their efforts [here](#).

Kairos briefing considers the Biden Administration’s track record

A September 9 [policy briefing](#) authored by Shailly Gupta Barnes, policy director for the PPC and the Kairos Center, reviews the Biden Administration’s track record on poverty, noting the advances and retreats in his agenda as the country has faced assaults on our democracy. It’s an important summary of the President’s agenda—and our impact during this period.

“The policies that have been enacted are due in part to the tireless efforts of the PPC, and many others, who kept calling for policies that centered the poor,” Shailly writes. But she doesn’t only celebrate these wins: “Equally, every time a policy fell short of the PPC’s

demands, the Campaign took careful note. Whether it was around guaranteeing access to affordable health care, ensuring living wages, paid leave or childcare, making the pandemic expansion of the CTC and EITC permanent or securing and expanding the fundamental right to vote, several gaps remain.”

Shailly urges us not to lose hope.

“If tens of millions of voters could be organized to take action—across race, religion, and other lines of division and not only at the ballot box, but in the courts, the legislatures and the streets—we could not only win back voting rights, but also protect and expand our democracy. We could even win the agenda that the PPC has been pushing for these past months and years.” That’s our call to action as we now organize to Get Out the Vote during the midterm elections!

Read the entire briefing [here](#).

Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email california@poorpeoplescampaign.org.

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