Deeating Trump & Flipping the Senate

Sheila Ruth is Co-Chair of Our Revolution Baltimore City/Baltimore County. She also represents District 44B in the Maryland House of Delegates. At Our Revolution Maryland’s August Statewide Meeting on August 29th, Sheila presented the most compelling argument we’ve heard for voting for Joe Biden in November.

Endorsements!

On our August 29th call, we announced the endorsements of Mia Mason for Congress (MD-01) and Marylin Pierre for Circuit Court Judge Montgomery County. Congratulations are due to Mia and Marylin who join Jamie Raskin (MD-08) and Brandon Scott (Baltimore City Mayor) who have been endorsed by Our Revolution Maryland.
Let Freedom Sing Labor Day March

Our Revolution Anne Arundel and the Freedom Day Foundation are co-hosting Let Freedom Sing, a sing-a-long march centered around raising awareness for “our most powerful non-violent change agent”...the vote. If you seek as we seek for a brighter tomorrow then we ask that you stand beside us this Labor Day, September 7th, 2020. The time is now to start re-imagining a new America.

The Anti-Racism Movement has opened the eyes of our nation. Black and brown Americans face systematic challenges through all aspects of our government. While criminal justice and police reform have been the focus of this moment, we realize it does not stop there. Education is a racial justice issue. Health care is a racial justice issue. Affordable housing is racial justice issue. Access to clean water and healthy food options is a racial justice issue. Obtaining opportunities is a racial justice issue. To join the March, click on the image above or right here.

Rallies in Support of the USPS

Our Revolution Howard County participated in four actions to support the US Postal Service and American Postal Workers:

On Saturday August 22nd members participated at the Columbia Post Office and Tuesday August 25th they rallied at the Highland P.O. and again at the Columbia Post Office. On Saturday the 29th, they were back to the Highland Post Office in a rainstorm.

More Highland P.O. activities (e.g., September 12th) are planned.
MORE USPS RALLIES

Our Revolution Maryland’s State Organizer Hal Ginsberg led Our Revolution’s August 25th USPS Rally in DC. Support came from activists in Our Revolution DC, Our Revolution Maryland, and APWU workers. Click on the image below to watch the recorded livestream.

Phonebanking for our future

Due to Covid, our ability to conduct outside in-person actions has been severely restricted, although we still are rallying on occasion. This has increased the importance of organizing online and phonebanking.

We conducted our first Dump Trump Phonebank Thursday September 3rd and anticipate holding a minimum of one per week on each Thursday evening between now and Election Day. Ten of us called Pennsylvania voters to discuss the race between Trump and Joe Biden and why we believe it is imperative to support Joe Biden.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. We dialed over 1,700 numbers engaged in over 100 meaningful conversations and signed up 32 Pennsylvanians for a Keystone Strategy Session on September 15th. Sign up for our Thursday phonebanks here.

Tuesday evenings, we are phoning to flip the Senate. You can RSVP for our Slack Attack phonebanks here.
September 17th -

In Gavin Guerra's new film, *Let the People Decide*, civil rights icons including Bob Moses, John Lewis, and Harry Belafonte draw disturbing parallels between the vote-suppressing tactics of the Jim Crow era and those employed today.

Join us via Zoom on Thursday September 17th from 5 to 6:30pm as Guerra, Prince George's Delegate Julian Ivey, and Baltimore organizer Betty Robinson, an alumna of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, describe the methods wealthy elites and their operatives are using to keep people away from the polls and what you can do to fight these anti-democracy tactics. Participants will receive a link and key to screen the film a week before the event. Sponsored by Get Money out Maryland, co-sponsored by OurRevolutionMD.

RSVP here.

September 26th -

In conjunction with the Maryland Progressive Healthcare Coalition, Our Revolution Maryland is co-sponsoring American Healthcare's Dual Epidemics: Covid 19 and Racism. We've got a great panel and will provide you with much more information in the next two weeks.
Chapters!

Anne Arundel County

Clayton Northcraft and Chrissy Holt are Co-Chairs. Find us on Facebook here and join here.

Baltimore City/Baltimore County

Jacob Kravetz and Sheila Ruth are Co-Chairs. Please check out our Facebook page for more information or click to join. Contact Jacob and Sheila atormdbaltimore@gmail.com.

Howard County

Our Revolution Howard’s Friday at the Overpass is a County institution. Every Friday, 4-7pm, on Gorman Road where it crosses I-95, Our Revolution Howard activists gather and wave trenchant timely signs to motorists. For more info, click here or just join the throng!

Howard County’s next chapter meeting is Wednesday September 9th. Join by Zoom at 7:30 pm at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86973444427.

The chapter holds bi-weekly “Dessert & Discussion” Zoom events every other Monday (recent topics: Bd. of Ed Races, Defunding/Demilitarizing the Police, Understanding Fascism, Getting ICE out of HoCo).

Paul Baicich is Chapter Chair. Join here.
More Chapters!

Lower Shore Progressive Caucus

Jared Schablein chairs the Lower Shore Progressive Caucus. Their Facebook page is here and you can join them by clicking here. Currently, LSPC is working hard to elect Mia Mason to Congress. Phonebank with them Saturday afternoons by clicking here.

Montgomery County

Don Bosset leads the Montgomery County Chapter. Our group is on Facebook here. Please click to join. If you would like to join our Steering Committee, please email us at orinmoco@gmail.com.

Prince George’s County

Suchitra Balachandran chairs Our Revolution Prince George’s, for more information, please email our.revolution.prince.georges@gmail.com. Join our chapter here. Stay current at our Facebook page.
Some notes from Western Maryland:

Richard Kaplowitz - Steering Committee member is active in registering voters. He discussed some new protocols he is using. He writes, “I have changed what I say to anyone at an event interacting with voters. I no longer ask yes/no questions like “Are you registered to vote?” or “Are you voting by mail”. I now use the following language and ask every member of my team to use the same:

Do NOT ask people a Yes-No question – what you say to every person is “What is your plan to vote and make your voice heard? followed by I can help you with that!”

If they try and blow you off on their answer, like “I've got this”, then ask “How are you voting?”, “when and where”, “do you know that the sooner you get a vote by mail ballot in the better”, "do you know how to be sure the elections board got your ballot?", "what did you find out when you checked for your voter registration status?" - EVERY question is NOT a yes/no answer but gives you a chance to engage a voter to commit to voting!

2 We have been participating in Cocktails of Reason – (next meeting September 8, 2020) A zoom cocktail discussion group that meets bi-monthly to chat about politics, and interact on line.

3 Chris Izzo (Steering Committee member) has been appointed to the Frederick County Climate Emergency Mobilization Workgroup, joint effort to develop recommendations and a report as called for by the Climate Emergency Resolutions (CER) recently adopted by the County Council and the Board of Aldermen.

Western Maryland’s leaders are Chris Izzo and Susannah Lapping. Find us on Facebook here and join our chapter here.