

## Things I'm Going To Do Between Now And November To Try To Prevent The Further Rise Of Fascism In America

### Volunteer

- Attend at least one in-person event per month with [Sister District](#), [Indivisible SF](#), or [Swing Left](#)
  - **To do:** pick and attend events
  - **So far:**
    - July: Phone banking for TJ Cox with Swing Left
      - Did it on 7/21
      - Happens every Saturday; [RSVP here](#)
    - August:
      - Hosted a [Swing Left Academy training event](#) at Double Union on 8/18
    - September:
      - Hosted Midterms & Mimosas, Saturday 9/22
    - October:
      - Wrote and sent 15 + 10 + 10 + ??? postcards for Phil Bredesen
      - Organized & did canvassing in Turlock for Josh Harder with Tina, Eve, and Ezra on 10/13
      - Canvassing in Modesto for Josh Harder on 10/28
      - MORE THINGS??
    - November
      - Canvassing in Kansas City! Nov 1-6
      - Sign up for [Sharice Davids](#) and [Claire McCaskill](#) canvassing shifts
        - Also KS Governor is a toss up O\_O
- Help expand Wikipedia pages for progressive candidates
  - **To do:** it
  - **So far:** haven't done it :(
- Attend two events with [SURJ Bay Area](#)
  - **To do:** pick & attend events
  - **So far:** Did not do this :(
- Reach out to friends with this doc and see who wants to join me
  - **To do:** email friends
  - **So far:** shared on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram
- Organize 2 fundraisers for progressive candidates
  - **To do:** ~~pick candidates~~ and organize that shit
    - Sharice Davids
      - <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/omgsharice>
      - Trying to raise \$5,000
      - Final tally: \$600 (\$500 of which was me)
        - \$5k was a little ambitious
    - Maybe a Great Slate fundraiser?

- Raise \$5,000 more for them?
  - I did not do this
- **What I did:**
  - I had [a birthday fundraiser](#), and raised \$1,315 for my own slate of progressive candidates
  - Also asked my dad for donations for Christmas 2017 and for my 2018 birthday :D
  - I did a little bit of fundraising, but mostly donating, to Sharice Davids
  - Instead of a specific fundraising event at my house, I hosted Midterms & Mimosas, where I had everyone [fill out a worksheet](#) where they committed to volunteering, donating, and talking to friends/family about their

## Outreach

- Reach out to friends & family (esp in key states like Ohio & Missouri) to check in on their voter registration status & plan to vote
  - **To Do:** make a list of family members and plan when/how to reach out
  - **So far:** texted with one family member who is going to register & vote in Missouri! Encouraging other family members to talk to people they know in Missouri.
    - I did get that person to register!!
    - Text several other KC people, most of whom were already registered and planning on voting
- March, especially for justice for black & brown people
  - **To Do:** Watch out for marches / follow the right accounts to know when they are happening
  - **So far:** Families Belong Together march and A March for Our Lives
- Something at work? Calling members of congress?
  - **To do:** find a work buddy to organize this with
  - **So far:**
    - Started a #themidterms slack channel for people to organize / share events in
    - Hosting a Prop-o-rama lunch & learn for people to learn about the CA props and hopefully be more civically engaged
    - Had a couple of #midterms lunches that resulted in people being less scared of canvassing/phonebanking
- To Do: Recruit people for the last weekend!
  - <https://thelastweekend.org/>
- Inspire people to do stuff
  - The Tillberg's hosted a postcard party!!
  - People gave money and signed up to volunteer at the Mimosas brunch
  - People filled out their Midterms Madness worksheets

## Donate

- Donate money to progressive candidates
  - Will give at least \$3,000 more to candidates TBD
    - **To do:** research & donate
      - Maybe [Sean Bowie](#)? (via Sister District)
      - [Sharice Davids](#) in KS-03
  - Also give money to orgs doing general GOTV
  - **So far:** given
    - \$3,000 to the Great Slate in Dec 2017 (primary)
    - \$100 to Virginia Madueno (primary)
    - \$1,000 to the Great Slate in June 2018 (general)
    - \$500 to Sharice Davids
    - \$1,500 more to various Great Slate folks on Sept 30, 2018
    - \$160 to various progressive candidates (general)
    - \$25 to Poppy Sias-Hernandez (Michigan State Senate)
    - \$25 to Shelia Stubbs for State Assembly
- Donate money to causes to help offset the terrible policies of the Trump administration
  - Will give more money for abortion access (probably an abortion fund) & LGBTQ rights (lambda legal)
    - **To do:** pick an abortion fund and donate
  - **So far:**
    - \$100 to RAICES
    - \$150 to the Tech Equity Collaborative
    - \$30/month to Tech Solidarity (Jan-Sep 2018)
    - \$150 to Stay Woke for GOTV efforts

## Self Care

- Put down Twitter when it's more outrage than action
- Read novels and watch TV to escape (except when it's Samantha Bee or John Oliver, and then hopefully the laughs will make it worth the horrible news of what's happening)
- Try to add two exercise sessions a week to my routine
- Try to balance the need to do everything possible to help with the knowledge that I can't actually do everything and still need to do my job and take care of my baby and keep the household running and sleep.