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Schedule of Activities (Updated 11/04/16)

Sunday, November 13 (DA Partners and Foundation Subscribers Only)

11:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Opens [Elevator Foyer]
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Pre-Conference Activity: Committee on States Meeting [Gallery]
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Activity: DA Board of Directors Meeting [Portrait]
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Pre-Conference Activity: VIP Tour of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of African American History and Culture</p> <p>DA Partners are invited to a special tour of the newest Smithsonian museum, the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Shuttles will depart from the Hillwood Room at 2:45 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, contact Owen Hooks Davis at odavis@democracyalliance.org.</p>
5:00 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>New Partner Reception (New DA Partners & Foundation Subscribers Only) [Capitol]</p> <p>New DA Partners are invited to join the DA Board of Directors and Membership Committee for a cocktail and an orientation to their first DA conference.</p>
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<p>Welcome Cocktails (DA Partners & Foundation Subscribers Only) [Capitol]</p> <p>DA Partners and Foundation Subscribers are invited to join DA Board Chair John Stocks and DA President Gara LaMarche for a special reception welcoming new Partners to the DA and everyone to Washington, DC.</p>
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	<p>Welcome Dinner: The First 100 Days (DA Partners & Foundation Subscribers Only) [Oriental Ballroom]</p> <p>The first 100 days of a new presidency has become an important measure of the early success of a new administration. It's a period typically seen as a time when monumental change can occur as the president, armed with the good will and political capital that comes with being the new president, is able to marshal big pieces of legislation through Congress. If elected, what will Hillary Clinton's first 100 days in office look like? Over dinner, Roosevelt Institute President and CEO Felicia Wong will try to answer that question with League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski, Center for Community Change Executive Director Deepak Bhargava, National Employment Law Project Executive Director Christine Owens, and Brennan Center for Justice President Michael Waldman.</p>

Sunday, November 14 (continued)

9:30 – 11:00 p.m.

DA After Hours: *The Freedom to Marry* Film Screening [Gallery]

Join **Freedom to Marry** Founder **Evan Wolfson** who is widely considered the architect of the movement that led to a nationwide victory at the U.S. Supreme Court in 2015 affirming marriage rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Americans, and filmmaker **Eddie Rosenstein** for a screening of *The Freedom to Marry*. This is an emotional, behind-the-scenes view of the successful organizing and legal strategy that changed a community and a nation.

9:00 – 11:30 p.m.

Late Night Networking [Lobby Bar]



Monday, November 14

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet Open (DA Partners & Foundation Subscribers Only) [Grand Foyer]

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Partner-Organized Caucus Meetings

What's Next: Playing Progressive Offense in 2017-2018 [Sackler]

Hosted by Lawrence and Suzanne Hess, Alan Davis, Shelley and Donald Rubin, Communications Workers of America, Joe Sanberg, Mary Mountcastle, and Paul Egerman

The 2016 election has upended much of what we thought we knew about American politics. It has shown a roiling discontent with the political establishment, and there is ferment in the air. Forces of reaction, caution, and progress will joust for power in the coming period. This caucus spotlights work by **350 Action**, **CPD Action**, **CWA**, **Demos Action**, **MoveOn.org**, **People's Action**, **PICO Action**, **Wellstone Action**, and **Working Families Party**, to intervene in national and state politics beginning early in 2017. The goal: shift the terms of debate and build electoral capacity/candidate pipelines for 2018 and 2020. Join special guests **350 Action** leader **May Boeve**, **Working Families Party** Executive Director **Dan Cantor**, Progressive Caucus Chair **Rep. Keith Ellison**, and **Demos Action** President **Heather McGhee**.

Climate + Equity: Accomplishments and Unfinished Business [Grand C]

Hosted by the Solutions Project, Farhad Ebrahimi, the Surdna Foundation, John Hunting, and NextGen Climate

The impacts of climate change are ever more real and communities on the frontlines are bearing the brunt of their force, creating a chasm between the solutions and those who need them the most. This caucus will feature a discussion with **National People's Action** Senior Strategist **Jordan Estevao**, and New Florida Majority, an affiliate of the **Center for Popular Democracy**, Executive Director **Gihan Perara** that will address climate change policy and politics, along with the role that equity plays in developing solutions.

Innovation Showcase: Technology, Media, and Movement Building [Hillwood]

Hosted by Voqal, Faye and Sandor Straus, Ken Grossinger, the National Education Association, and Wayne Jordan and Quinn Delaney

Join a discussion on the role that innovative technology and alternative forms of media can – and should – play in cultivating dynamic citizen engagement and building the progressive movement, led by experts in the space including **New Media Ventures** Director **Christie George**, **Citizen Engagement Lab** Chief Strategy Officer **Robin Beck**, **Vote.org** Founder **Debra Cleaver**, **MPower Change** leader **Linda Sarsour**, **Owlized** Founder **Aaron Selverston**, and **Boycott** Founder **Ivan Pardo**.

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

DA Partner Meeting (DA Partners & Foundation Subscribers Only) [Oriental]

DA Partners will discuss DA business and receive an update on the DA's 2020 Vision plan including efforts to leverage outside funding for 2020 portfolio organizations and efforts. We will take this opportunity to learn more about one another and some of the Partners' contributions in the progressive space and support each other's efforts to make the Partnership a more vibrant and effective network.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch & Discussion – The 2016 Election in the States [Grand Ballroom]

Opening remarks by Democracy Alliance Board Chair **John Stocks**.

This session will explore the wins, losses, and lessons of the 2016 elections with an emphasis on down-ballot results, voter turnout, and its impact upon the progressive agenda and power-building across the country. We will highlight DA Partners' leadership in Vision 2020 states—including investments in DA-recommended organizations and efforts like the State Engagement Initiative and the New American Majority Funds—which helped impact electoral outcomes for candidates and issues, as well as strategically engage and develop lasting capacity in key communities. This session will showcase the collaborative aligned approach that state-based coalitions and donor tables have developed to win over the next several election cycles; provide Partners an opportunity to ask questions of their fellow Partners about leading efforts in states; and provide an initial forecast of next steps in our march towards 2018 and redistricting in 2020.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Partner-Organized Caucus Meetings

Next Generation Engagement in 2016 and Beyond [Oriental A]

Hosted by Ian Simmons, the Brico Fund, Paul Egerman, SEIU, and the Wallace Global Fund

Engaging Millennials and Generation Z is a progressive priority and critical to our democracy's long term health. Join DA Partner and **Youth Engagement Fund** Chair **Ian Simmons**, Youth Engagement Fund Director **Austin Belali**, **NextGen Climate** Vice President **Heather Hargreaves**, Grassroots Solutions Managing Principal **Anne Johnson**, and **EMILY's List** Executive Director **Denise Feriozzi** for a conversation about 2016 lessons learned, next-generation voting rights, race and discrimination, movement-based engagement, and improving best practices for 2018 and beyond.

Moving a Progressive National Policy Agenda in 2017 [Oriental B]

Hosted by Lee and Amy Fikes, David Friedman, Jim Gollin, Vin Ryan, Joan Huffer, and Roger Milliken

Historically, the biggest changes in domestic policy have come in the first year of a new president's term. This caucus will examine the landscape in 2017, including both opportunities and threats, in areas from infrastructure to immigration to health care and poverty to budget and taxes and feature **Center for Community Change** Executive Director **Deepak Bhargava** and **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities** President **Bob Greenstein**. This strategic discussion will explore actions needed in DC and across the country.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Partner-Organized Caucus Meetings (continued)

Toward Becoming a Progressive, Not Just Blue State [Hillwood]

Hosted by Charles and Fran Rodgers, Arnold Hiatt, Bob Bowditch, Kate Villers, and the Solidago Foundation

Join the caucus hosts for the latest developments in a series of national discussions aimed at how blue cities and states can become the battleground for forging a bolder progressive national movement. Attendees will explore opportunities to align and think big about expanding our strategies to avoid the trap of fostering moderate blue states.

The Working Class Vote [Oriental C]

Hosted by AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Patricia Bauman, Amalgamated Bank, and Anne Bartley

The working-class vote was a high-visibility challenge in 2016, and is likely to be so again in 2018. Progressives engaged this challenge aggressively, and learned a lot from the experience. **Working America** Executive Director **Karen Nussbaum**, **Roosevelt Institute** President **Felicia Wong**, and Congressional Progressive Caucus Co-Chair **Keith Ellison**, and others will share what was learned and how that should impact our strategy going forward.

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

2016: A Major Milestone for Women? [Grand Ballroom]

Opening remarks by **Democracy Alliance** Board Member **Fran Rodgers**.

The 2016 election is a major milestone for women – the first female presidential nominee, the potential for several more progressive women to be elected to the Senate, hundreds of women candidates running for office across the country. Equally important, many policy issues that would have a meaningful effect on women's lives – paid leave, child care – are gaining political prominence and are increasingly becoming framed as core strategies not just for increasing women's economic security but for building a strong and inclusive economy. But the 2016 presidential campaign has also surfaced disturbing and blatant expressions of misogyny, the focus on breakthrough women candidates can mask deeper examinations of the ways that sexism is still manifest. **Voto Latino** President and CEO **Maria Teresa Kumar** will lead a panel of experts including **EMILY's List** President **Stephanie Schriock**, **National Women's Law Center** Senior Vice President for Programs **Fatima Goss Graves**, and U.S. Senator **Kirstin Gillibrand** in a compelling examination of the gains we've made, the backlash we face, and the political, economic, and cultural strategies we must pursue in order to achieve gender equity in this country.

- 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.** **Married on Saturday and Fired on Monday: Next Frontiers in LGBT Equality [Grand Ballroom]**
Introduction by **Democracy Alliance** Board Member **Weston Milliken**.
The U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark ruling that same-sex marriage is a constitutional right protected in all fifty states was an important and hard fought victory, but it was a benchmark, not a finish line, and there is still much to be done in the fight for LGBT equality. The work ahead is no less important as it impacts every aspect of the lives of LGBT Americans from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation (which remains legal in more than half of the country) to “Religious Freedom Restoration Acts” which sanction bigotry based on religious or moral objections and open the door to unprecedented taxpayer-funded discrimination in everything from the provision of important social services like homeless shelters and drug treatment programs to the refusal of private goods or services. And while it is important to ensure everyone’s access to restrooms that match their gender identity, the fight for true transgender acceptance and equality is much larger. **Gill Foundation** Vice President of Policy **Gautam Raghavan** will lead Civitas Principal **Katherine Grainger**, **Gill Foundation** Former President and CEO **Tim Sweeney**, and **National Center for Transgender Equality** Founding Executive Director **Mara Keisling** in a discussion exploring how these and other important issues will define the future of the LGBT movement and how the DA community can continue to play an important role in fighting for true equality.
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **Optional Activity: Building a Progressive California Towards 2018 and Beyond [Oriental C]**
Hosted by Quinn Delaney and Wayne Jordan, Barbara Simons, Faye and Sandor Straus, Rampa Hormel, Lawrence and Suzanne Hess, the Tides Foundation, UFCW, and the JK Irwin Foundation
Hear from the California donor table what happened in 2016 races and initiatives, and plans for progressive outcomes in 2018 state races. Hear recommendations for building much-needed California infrastructure in groups like **State Voices**, **Ballot Initiatives Strategy Center**, **Voices for Progress**, and the **Center for Popular Democracy**.
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **Optional Activity: The Women Effect Workshop: Our 2017 Call to Action [Hillwood]**
Hosted by: Fran Rodgers, Sunita Leeds, Marcy Carsey, Marilyn Clements, and the Rockefeller Family Fund
2017 will be a year for unprecedented opportunity in pursuing political, cultural, and policy changes designed to bring women to true equality. Following the plenary earlier on gender, this workshop will be a roll-up-your-sleeves discussion on a plan for progress in the next year. Featured will be a proposed collaboration to call out sexism and racism when they stand in the way of our important policy goals.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **Optional Activity: Update Your Headshot [Freer]**
Conference guests are invited to have new head shots taken by the conference photographer. Sign up in advance at the registration desk.
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** **Our Progressive Future Party [Grand Ballroom]**
This year’s progressive gala will celebrate the battles and victories that defined the past eight years and the Obama Administration and the movement’s rising stars that will define our future.
- 9:30 – 11:30 p.m.** **Late Night Networking [Lobby Bar]**



Tuesday, November 15

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet Open [Oriental Foyer]**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Partner-Organized Caucus Meetings**

Prosecutor Races: Turning out Black Voters in the Post-Obama Era [Oriental A]
Hosted by Chloe Cockburn, Leah Hunt-Hendrix, Amber Mostyn, Communications Workers of America, and Michael Vachon

In the Post-Obama era, outreach to Black voters with a focus on holding prosecutors accountable significantly increases turnout and has especially powerful persuasive effects. Recent testing may show an upticket effect of this outreach. **Color of Change** Executive Director **Rashad Robinson**, Texas Organizing Project Executive Director **Michelle Tremillo**, Bloc Ohio leader **DaMareo Cooper**, and **Whitney Tymas**, with allies from the **Analyst Institute** and the Women Donors Network will discuss how Black voters, as a core constituency to progressive change, is influencing and winning prosecutor races with state and national impact. Please also toast Chicago's likely next prosecutor **Kim Foxx** at the DA's Our Progressive Future Party on Monday night!

The Fight for an Inclusive Economy [Oriental B]

Hosted by Arca Foundation, Wyss Foundation, Nick Hanauer, the American Federation of Teachers, and SEIU

Since its launch one year ago, the **Inclusive Economy Fund** has invested close to \$2.5 million in winning state and local campaigns that build grassroots power, set new standards for working people and their families, and drive momentum toward meaningful state and federal reform. The campaigns, which advance wage and leave policy, financial reform, and greater public investment in early care and education, expose the failures of trickle-down economic theories, and point to a new, inclusive economy as the solution to gender, racial, and economic inequality. **Roosevelt Institute** President **Felicia Wong** will lead a discussion with the grassroots leaders of these game-changing Inclusive Economy campaigns including ISAIHA, a **PICO** affiliate, Executive Director **Doran Schrantz**, FIRE/Organize Now, a **Center for Popular Democracy** affiliate, leader **Christina Hernandez**, and Arizona Minimum Wage Ballot Initiative, a Center for Popular Democracy affiliate, and LUCHA, a Center for Popular Democracy affiliate, Co-Director **Tomas Robles**. Hear fresh-from-the-field, first-hand reports on the powerful impacts of an inclusive economy debate in this election. And, learn how these campaigns are building a permanent and influential grassroots base of low-income workers, women, and communities of color.

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Partner-Organized Caucus Meetings (continued)

Can Our Elections Be Hacked? Why We Won't Be Able To Verify the Outcome of the 2016 Election [Oriental C]

Hosted by Barbara Simons, Steve Silberstein, Chris Findlater, Donald Sussman, and Elizabeth Simons

In 2002, Congress allocated almost \$4 billion to “modernize” our elections. Much of that money was spent on insecure and unreliable paperless touchscreen voting machines before there were any meaningful federal standards or testing. Statewide databases of registered voters also have been purchased, again with no federal oversight, standards, or testing. Most risky of all, 31 states allow insecure internet voting for overseas military and civilians. We will discuss the security threats to these systems, the lack of relevant laws, and how to make our elections secure and “evidence based.”

9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

A DA Town Hall Discussion on Forging Stronger Alliances Among Issues and Movements to Win [Grand Ballroom]

Over the past several months, many events, including this summer's tragic shooting in Orlando, have highlighted the myriad and complex ways that social identities and systems of oppression interact with one another. In order to advance our vision of a progressive America, we must understand the multidimensional nature of structural inequality and develop new ways of combatting it – “intersectional” strategies that forge deeper and more meaningful alliances between and among progressive constituencies.

We'll first get an introduction to these strategies from African American Policy Forum Co-Founder and Executive Director **Kimberlé Crenshaw**.

Then, in a town hall style discussion moderated by Perception Institute Executive Director **Alexis McGill Johnson**, we'll engage with activists, scholars, funders, and one another, to explore what it means to take an “intersectional” approach and discuss why such an approach is particularly needed in a moment of political demagoguery, when leaders are deliberately stoking racial, ethnic, and xenophobic anxieties and hatred. We'll also lift up new forms of movement activism that are working not only to advance a particular progressive issue or win a particular campaign but to win in a way that helps to achieve social, racial, and economic justice for all.

Special guests participating in this discussion include:

- ReFund America Project Director & **Roosevelt Institute** Fellow **Saqib Bhatti**;
- DA Board Member and Chorus Foundation Founder and Chair **Farhad Ebrahimi**;
- Caring Across Generations Co-Director & Jobs with Justice Executive Director **Sarita Gupta**;
- **United We Dream Network** Co-Founder and Managing Director **Cristina Jiménez**;
- **PICO National Network** Executive Director **Scott Reed**;
- Arab American Association of New York Executive Director and MPower Change Executive Director **Linda Sarsour**;
- NoVo Foundation Executive Director **Pamela Shifman**;
- **Southern Vision Alliance** Youth Organizing Institute Director **Loan Tran**;
- **Center for Popular Democracy** Campaign Coordinator for Housing Justice and Wall Street Accountability **Maurice Weeks**; and
- Henry Cohen Professor of Urban Policy and Management and Senior Vice President for Social Justice at the New School & New York City Civilian Review Board Chair **Maya Wiley**.

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Conference Closing Remarks by DA President Gara LaMarche

Tuesday, November 15 (Post-Conference Optional Activities)

12:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Advocacy Days

DA Partners are invited to join **Voices for Progress** for “Advocacy Days,” a series of small-group meetings with U.S. Senators and U.S. House Leadership to advocate on behalf of a variety of progressive policy priorities. These include opposing Republican demands to roll back rules on climate change, overtime protections, campaign finance reform, and more; encouraging Democratic members to co-sponsor legislation aimed at reducing the influence of big money in politics; and other legislation during the first 100 days of the new Administration. Issue briefings will be provided prior to any meeting with members of Congress.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Voices for Progress National Director Sarah Cotton at (202) 499-5254 or sarah@voicesforprogress.org.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

A Celebration of Major Economic Justice Victories!

*Sponsored by Center for Popular Democracy and State Innovation Exchange (SIX)
Hosted by the Democracy Alliance Inclusive Economy Fund, Women Effect Fund, the Fairness Project, Local Progress, Voqal Fund, Open Society Policy Center, Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, and National Employment Law Project*

All DA Partners are invited to join the host organizations and state and local leaders who ran and won some of this year’s most significant economic justice campaigns. From breakthroughs in fair scheduling to the momentous progress on paid sick days and the historic gains towards higher wages, help us celebrate this year’s victories and look to the future. This event will feature leading economic justice campaigners from ballot initiative and legislative campaigns that were a hallmark of the 2016 election cycle, as well as other state and national economic justice leaders. Light lunch and refreshments will be available at this event.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Uyen Doan at the Center for Popular Democracy at (617) 413-4820 or udoan@populardemocracy.org.

Wednesday, November 16 (Post-Conference Optional Activities)

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Advocacy Days (continued)

Advocacy Days continues with another round of advocacy meetings on Capitol Hill, concluding with cocktails and dinner.