

WHAT CAN WE DO AS D.C. RESIDENTS?

EDUCATE AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO VOTE

Since achieving statehood for the District of Columbia requires a vote in the House of Representatives and the Senate it is important that we work to **encourage voter turnout** in the working class, youth, senior, etc. community in the battleground and swing states.

Please access the following resources to impact **voting** in swing states through remote activity such as post card writing, calling and texting infrequent or new voters:

- Seed the Vote (<https://seedthevote.org>)
- Progressive Turnout Project (<https://turnoutpac.org>)
- Next Generation American (<https://nextgenerationamerica.org>)
- Rock the Vote (<https://www.rockthevote.org>)
- Maryland State & DC AFL-CIO (<https://www.mobilize.us/mddcaflcio/>)
- Power to the Polls (<https://www.powerthepolls.org/aflcio>)

REGISTER TO VOTE

If you are not sure about your voter registration or need to update it, please go to the League of Women Voters website at <https://www.lwv.org/elections/vote411>.

CREATE A VOTING PLAN

Check for your polling location and plan your transportation needs.

Registration Deadlines

Online

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

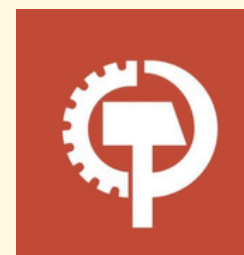
By Mail (received)

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

In Person

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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**MAGA'S
THREAT TO
DC STATEHOOD
AND HOW WE FIGHT BACK**

DID YOU KNOW?

D.C. residents face a **greater threat to democracy than the rest of the country** if MAGA Republicans win control of the presidency and Congress.

The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, supported by Trump allies, plans to:

- Ban abortions,
- Eliminate the Department of Education,
- Eradicate civil rights protections for millions of people,
- Dismantle public sector unions,
- Erase child labor protections and more.

These initiatives would harm the entire nation but would hit D.C. especially hard.

THE THREAT TO D.C.

Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened to “take over” D.C., describing it as a “horrible killing field” and vowing to “renovate” the city.

Republicans have also included in their platform the idea of **reasserting federal control over D.C.**, threatening to repeal the D.C. Home Rule Act, effectively **abolishing local governance and our right to vote.**

MAGA REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY ATTACKED D.C.

MAY 2024

- D.C. Police dismantle the Gaza Solidarity student encampment at GWU due to a Republican congressional hearing.
- The House passes the D.C. CRIMES Act, limiting D.C.'s ability to alter sentencing laws and increasing penalties for youth offenders.
- They also target the Local Voting Rights Amendment Act.

JUNE 2024

The House Appropriations Committee imposes further restrictions, including:

- Banning the use of local funds for abortions, commercial marijuana, and emissions standards;
- Allowing out-of-state concealed carry permits;
- Prohibiting discrimination laws based on reproductive health decisions; and blocking funds for COVID-19 mandates.

JULY 2024

Sen. Mike Lee introduces a proposal to **remove Home Rule in D.C.**, echoed by three House representatives last year.

These actions undermine our democracy and self-determination. We must fight for D.C. statehood to secure our future.

THE CALL FOR D.C. STATEHOOD!

D.C. residents, numbering nearly 700,000, lack full voting representation in Congress despite being U.S. citizens who pay federal taxes and serve in the military.

We pay the highest federal taxes per capita and have our budget and local laws subject to Congressional review. This lack of state status means we don't get our fair share of federal resources.

The D.C. National Guard reports to the president. In June 2020, President Trump used it to suppress a peaceful Black Lives Matter rally, which many D.C. residents saw as a "hostile invasion." **On January 6, 2021, quicker aid might have been possible if the mayor controlled the National Guard.**

As a state, D.C. would have the highest proportion of Black residents, and its exclusion contributes to the underrepresentation of voters of color in Congress.

HOW DO WE FIGHT BACK?

