

The Time for Action is Running Out





LET'S DO THIS!!!

Preserving Democracy Coalition General Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2026 6:30 pm

Cowan Creek Community Center - Florence Room

Sprint Time



- The PDC mission is clear:
 - we believe in our democratic form of self-governance and the guarantees set forth in the Constitution to protect people from governmental overreach
 - We oppose any slide toward authoritarianism, and its inevitable threats to democratic (small “d”) liberty and freedom
 - We support public servants who uphold those principles, regardless of party affiliation
- The upcoming elections will determine what type of government will hold power thereafter
- Midterms are 5 weeks away

*<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2026/09/28/talarico-masculinity-trump-paxton-texas/91698074007/>

PDC Actions



- PDC Events
 - Yard Sign Project
 - Post Card Project
 - Phone Bank Project (tentatively)
- Shared Events
 - Door Hanger Project
- Examples of Other Groups Whose Efforts Are Aligned
 - Activate America <https://www.activateamerica.vote/>
 - Center for Common Ground
<https://www.centerforcommonground.org/>

Activate America



www.activateamerica.vote

Impact Key Races, Reach out to Voters.

Postcard Program

Handwritten postcards can help break through the campaign noise and reach voters with critical information. Last cycle, our volunteers sent over **9 million postcards** to infrequent and newly registered voters to help get out the vote for close US House and Senate Races.

Postcarding is a great way to take action in key races from wherever you are! Click the link below to see our postcard campaigns and you can get started writing today.

Help hold Republican lawmakers accountable by writing to their constituents! Click below to read more about all of our active campaigns.

[→ Sign up to write postcards to voters](#)

Phone Banking

Phone banking reaches voters and provides them with the critical information they need to make a plan to cast their vote—like helping them sign up for absentee ballots or reminding them about voter ID requirements.

Virtual phone banking allows you to make calls to voters from wherever you are. Click here to learn more about phone banking.

Join us virtually for weekly phone banks as we reach out to voters and ask them to hold their Republican members of Congress accountable by making a call to their office! Click below to sign up for a shift.

[→ See Our Current Actions](#)

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Center for Common Ground





Make Phone Calls

Join our phone bank team to get election information to voters!

[Make Calls](#)



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Postcards

Send postcards with election information to Black voters! Check out the postcard page to connect with your regional organizer.

[Write Postcards](#)



Center for
Common Ground

Get involved with us

Sign up with Center for Common Ground to be notified about events, action campaigns, and volunteer opportunities.

[Join Us](#)

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Important Election Dates



Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 5, 2026
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 19, 2026
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, October 23, 2026
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, October 30, 2026
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)

Early Voter Locations

(<https://goelect.txelections.civixapps.com/ivis-mvp-ui/>)



Texas Secretary of State

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Welcome to your personal voter portal.

Register To Vote

Are You Registered?

First Name*

Last Name*

Suffix

Date Of Birth*

MM/DD/YYYY

Selection Criteria

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11500 EL SALIDO PKWY, AUSTIN, TX

DIRECTIONS

CENTER

16318 GREAT OAKS DR, ROUND ROCK, TX

DIRECTIONS

LIBERTY HILL ISD GYM ANNEX

301 FORREST ST, LIBERTY HILL, TX

DIRECTIONS

THE OAKS COMMUNITY CENTER - SUN CITY

301 DEL WEBB BLVD, GEORGETOWN, TX

DIRECTIONS

GEORGETOWN FIRE STATION #6

6700 WILLIAMS DR, GEORGETOWN, TX

COOL WATER MUD CLUBHOUSE

401 FIGHTING SEABEES RUN, JARRELL, TX

ISLAMIC CENTER OF BRUSHY CREEK

1950 BRUSHY CREEK RD, CEDAR PARK, TX

DIRECTIONS

LISD SUPPORT SERVICES BUILDING

1900 COUGAR COUNTRY DR, CEDAR PARK, TX

DIRECTIONS

LAKELINE OAKS WILLIAMSON TRAVIS

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PDC Financial Report

Ken Patterson - Treasurer

- Status of Bank Account
- General Fund Balance
- Yard Sign Contributions
- Mid-Term Project Expenses



Bank Account Status

We are an Entity!

Approved as a Texas Non-Profit Association - Non-Partisan

IRS, TX Secretary of State, Texas Comptroller

Not a 501C 3 or 4; Contributions not tax deductible

We were able to open Business Checking Account

Now can accept/deposit checks made to Preserving Democracy Coalition

Accounts



General Fund Current Balance = \$391 (for room costs, website/email, etc)

Mid-Term Yard Sign Project - \$4500 Contributed

Thank You Supporters! (Recognition List on PDC Website)

Mid-Term Program - Financials

Objective: Get Out the Vote!



Yard Sign Project contribution (\$4500) fund signs plus other MT projects

Signs - spent \$600 to procure 40+ requested yard signs, various candidates

Postcards - forecast at approx. \$2100, for cards, postage, address list

Door Hangers - materials donated

- only PDC cost was our “in-kind” volunteer hours
- stuffing bags and hanging materials on doorknobs

Phone Calls - forecast at approx. \$500, for targeted call list program

Postcard Project



Signs of Justice

A community-funded get-out-the-vote campaign sending handwritten postcards to progressive voters in swing states.

Most elections are closer than you think.

In 2022, control of the House came down to **about 6,670 votes across five districts.**

546

Case in point: Lauren Boebert kept her seat by **546 votes.** 166,000 registered voters in her district stayed home.

The majority doesn't lose. It stays home.

Postcard Project



The votes to win are already out there. They just need a nudge. **Your postcards do that.**

You don't have to change anyone's mind.

Our whole strategy rests on one insight: **millions of progressives vote in presidential elections — and skip the midterms.** Roughly **50 million voters** who show up for presidential elections stay home in midterms.

They already agree with you. **They just need a nudge.**

Across **125 randomized experiments**, voter mail lifts turnout about **1.3 points**. A 1-point nudge sounds small — until you remember a seat in Congress was kept by **546 votes**.

Postcard Project



We have 2500 postcards to write and mail. The total cost of the Postcard Project is approximately \$2000.

A MESSAGE YOU CAN USE:

Hi [First Name], I am voting Tuesday, November 3, and hope you will join me. Voting is one way we look out for one another. Thank you for being a voter!

[Sign Your Name]

Doorhanger Project



One Proposed Action Project (if enough funds raised) was
DOOR HANGERS

PDC was asked to help with the WILCO Dems'/ SC Dems'
Voter Registration Project

Made better sense for PDC to support that far larger and
already underway project

Doorhanger Project



- Co-sponsored with member Carol Hubbard a “Stuffing Party”
 - An E-Blast went out on 8/18 seeking help/ Just 1 day later all 20 slots were filled
 - Members then also signed up for the other 4 available dates.
- Goal was 2-3k per party/ 10k total - PDC party did 3,800 bags, total Carol returned 18,239 bags
- THANKS PDC! And organizers Carol Hubbard, Dorothy Fontanella & Alayne Jurgens!
- PLUS PDC Members also answered the call to hang the bags on door knobs – in the heat!

Phone Banking Project (Should we?)



- **Cost Breakdown by Calling Model –**
 - **Volunteer-Driven Virtual Phone Banks (Lowest Cost):** Using free or low-cost virtual platforms (such as NGP VAN's OpenVPB or basic tiers of tools like Call Hub) keeps direct software costs minimal. Volunteers use their own phones and laptops from home, meaning overall costs primarily cover voter file access, data integration, and setup, running roughly **\$0.50 to \$3.00 per live conversation (That's a \$500 to \$3000 expense to make 1000 calls, and requires callers)**
 - **Automated / High-Volume Dialers:** Using predictive or auto-dialers to accelerate outreach generally costs between **\$0.15 and \$1.50 per dial**, or fractions of a cent per minute plus platform fees. Reaching a 10,000-contact list via automated dialing typically runs around **\$350 to \$400** in direct carrier/dialer usage fees.

Phone Banking Project (Should we?)



When you don't have enough volunteers:

- Calling is a people-heavy task. And depending on the type of calling you're doing you'll need from a handful to tens or hundreds of volunteers to run phone banks. A single volunteer manually dialing through a list can dial around 35 numbers and talk to about 10-15 people (not everyone on your list is going to pick up the phone). If you're using an automated dialer that'll increase to about 45 dials and around 25 conversations per hour. With a predictive dialer, it increases to around 110 calls dialed and 45 conversations. Bear in mind that these numbers are dependent on your contact list.

36 Days Until the Midterms



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