

Reggie Hubbard: Good evening everyone and thank you for joining the October 7th Resist and Win National Organizing Call. Whether you're on the line or online via live stream, we're grateful for your attendance this Sunday evening especially on the heels of the unfortunate confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. I'm Reggie Hubbard, the Washington D.C. Coordinator for MoveOn and as we begin the call allow me to share some announcements. First of all, thank you to those who have teamed up with us to host these calls, Gail Lee Coves and the Center for Popular Democracy.

Reggie Hubbard: Thank you also to the other organizations on the call and those who have joined us in the streets, there are too many of you to name one by one but you know who you are. In the next hour we will hear from a strong line up of movement leaders and we'll also have some interactive polling and time for questions near the end of the call. All in the spirit of empowerment, healing, focus and community. If you're on the phone and want to ask a question, press star three to connect with one of our screeners who will get your question into the queue.

Reggie Hubbard: So where are we now? For the last several weeks a powerful, fierce outpouring of courage, honesty, determination was put towards stopping the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and you know we all know what happened yesterday. We worked hard on this fight as we have in every fight thus far in the Trump era and came up just a little bit short. While there may be tremendous sadness about the outcome of the Kavanaugh nomination, we should all take tremendous pride in taking an uphill fight to the brink, even making Mitch McConnell blink which many said was not possible.

Reggie Hubbard: We should take courage that in 30 days our chance to put an end to this national nightmare will be upon us in the mid-term elections. This Sunday night while we process and come to terms with recent events in keeping with my Baptist roots and yoga teacher training, I'm here to give a word of encouragement. We honor and respect all feelings but this call is also a call to action, not just a pep rally. Taking out feelings, whatever they may be, and channeling them toward the end goal of winning convincingly in the mid-term election, that's the goal.

Reggie Hubbard: We will all feel better with a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives. Some see our current circumstance purely in terms of loss which is completely understandable. I also see it as the last days of a paradigm rooted in prediction and projection of privilege. I see it as the rising of the masses to speak truth to power. I see energy to bring forth change and transformation we desperately desire should we have the discipline, focus, determination to finish strong and close the deal. I'm confident in our people and our actions, I'm laser focused on the task at hand, committed to be a ruthless in our righteousness as some are with their iniquitous protection of privilege. I'm inspired by the tens of thousands of you who have taken action, hitting the streets, flooding senate offices in Washington, D.C. and in your states

and making phone calls. Speaking truth to power in a mighty way that has made a difference, that is a beautiful thing.

Reggie Hubbard: I'm blessed by the courage of Dr. Blasey Ford and all other survivors who stood strong and bravely spoke their truth, many for the first time. To the women and survivors who traveled from all over the country, even as far as Alaska, Arizona, and Maine, to speak truth to power here in Washington, this courage to speak and shine brightly has undoubtedly inspired not only the future of this movement, but it has inspired a season of healing that is long overdue. For tonight's call, we will discuss how we the people gain GOP control of Congress. We will talk about how and why MoveOn is running a massive campaign to elect progressives at every level of government across the nation.

Reggie Hubbard: Our lineup includes Congressional candidate Rashida Tlaib, who will become one of the first Muslim women to serve in Congress. She'll talk about her path to the US House of Representatives and the experiences that brought her to this moment, and what choices we face in this election. Ana Maria Archila, she's a long time activist and leader, and the co-executive director of the Center for Popular Democracy. You may have seen a recent video of two brave activists confronting Jeff Flake in an elevator during the Kavanaugh hearing, Ana Maria is with us tonight to talk about our next steps as a movement and as a country after the hard fought campaign against Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation. My colleague Lisa Changadveja, Director of MoveOn's state and local election program, will fill you out on our massive state and local program and why it's so important to be involved with your local candidates at the same time as we seek to end GOP control of the House. We'll also hear from Dede Alexander, a local movement leader who has been taking action in her community in Dallas as a resistant movement leader.

Reggie Hubbard: For folks joining for the first time, welcome. For those who have tuned in before, welcome back. We have thousands of you on the line right now and tens of thousand of you more on the live stream. Again, if you're on the phone, you can press star three at any time to ask a question, which we'll get to later in the call. Let's begin with an interactive portion for some of our polling. I mean what is an election if you don't have a poll, right?

Reggie Hubbard: The first question is, if this is your first resist and win call, press one. If you listened in before, press two. As that tabulates, a little bit of background on the call. The purpose of these calls is to connect you directly with the information that you need to take action in your communities. We will have four calls from today leading up to the election with a similar format as tonight with special guests including Senators Cory Booker, Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders, and Elizabeth Warren in the coming weeks, and others we have not yet confirmed. You can subscribe to all of these free national organizing calls and see the schedule at moveon.org/resistandwincalls. That will be available tomorrow.

Reggie Hubbard: A brief overview of what will happen before we go into the program, what has happened? Judge Brett Kavanaugh passed a narrow confirmation vote in the Senate and was sworn into the Supreme Court despite unprecedented aggressors mobilization against the nomination, laughable negligence by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and mendacity by Judge Kavanaugh. For those of y'all who don't know what mendacity is, I'll make it plan. Lying through his teeth behind that contemptuous sneer and those crocodile tears. What do we need to do now? It's clear what we need to do. We need to clean House and clean Senate starting November 6th. What's happening next? This election will be won on the doors and in the field. MoveOn's Wave Program will have hundreds of events touching thousands of voters in the coming weeks in support of our endorsed Congressional and down ballot candidates. Visit moveon.org/waves to find out more information and sign up to attend or host.

Reggie Hubbard: How does this tie into this call? In 30 days, we will have the mid-term election. Notice I said 30, not only 30. There is no need to create unnecessary tension. If God can create the world in six days and rest on the seventh, we can surely organize, strategize, and mobilize and execute in the next 30 days. Yes, some anxiety is natural, but I'm far more excited about what can and will happen when we the people win. When we win, we will have a Congress more in line with the diversity and beauty of the United States, not one that is monochromatic, misguided, and malleolus. This mid-term election is our chance for redemption, and with all of our effort, focus, and intention, we will succeed. Enough from me, we're going to go to another poll question and then get to our Resist and Win leader Dede Alexander. As a quick reminder, again, for those of you joining via phone, webcast, or Facebook live, if you're on the phone press star three to ask a question and our screeners will work on getting your question into the queue.

Reggie Hubbard: You can also go to moveon.org/resistandwincalls to listen to this live call on your computer or device and watch the slide presentation there. Poll question number two, do you believe we're going to flip the House in November? Press one if you think we will. Press two if you think we won't. Press three if you're not sure. Moving forward, we're gonna go to Dede Alexander, our first speaker Dede Alexander is from Texas, Dallas, and is one of the hundreds of Resist and Win leaders from all over the country. Dede has been organizing in her community to elect progressives and is so excited to share her experience with us and share her tips. Dede, so happy to have you on the call. The floor is yours.

Dede Alexander: Thank you for having me on the call. I want to thank everybody who is also listening. I am an Resist and Win leader. I have been working in Dallas, Texas, and we have a lot of exciting races going on. I'm very excited to have MoveOn to help me get involved. One of the reasons why I decided to get involved in this election cycle has been because I am a public servant. I'm a long time public servant. I've been working with juvenile youth and youth at risk for pretty much my whole career, and when I see what's going on in the community and what's going on with politics and how we are treating kids, and how we are not taking

care of them, I knew that I couldn't just serve the kids. I had to do something more. I decided to become a Resist and Win leader and get some training, and start to host wave elections. What is a wave election, you may be thinking, or a wave event, sorry.

Dede Alexander: A wave event is a really easy event to organize. A wave event is where MoveOn members who are all over the place, we come together and support a candidate in a local or nearby swing district. I get to live in both of those districts. In a swing district, though, I have lots of opportunities, but you probably do as well. Through the power of MoveOn and all of the connections and all of the people who are already part of this network, you will be asked to become a host, and I was able to host an event here recently for Colin Allred. MoveOn will help recruit members to come to this event and when you are at these events, you are gonna be meeting other MoveOn members, which is cool because you get to meet other local activists and you get to lead a free meeting, hand out signs and stickers and buttons, and you're gonna be a point person to make sure that the candidate knows that the MoveOn members are going to be attending that particular event, whether it be a block walk or a phone bank or whatever action that they're taking on that week.

Dede Alexander: The wave events are really easy, really fun. I was not nervous thankfully when I hosted, because I had met a lot of these members through other events. What you'll find is that when you're hosting these events, that you will meet people that you never knew who were active in politics, but you happened to meet them in other things that you do in your life. It's a really fun event. It's really great. It's really heartening to see a lot of people come together to work on the candidate's campaigns. These are some great candidates. It feels good to get out there and do something rather than be discouraged. We get a chance to actually do something about it. My three tips are to just do it, just go ahead and host, go have fun and bring your walking shoes are the main things.

Reggie Hubbard: Dede thank you for that. Poll question number three, thank you for the work that you're doing in your community. Like I said, this election will not be won from the top down. It'll be won from the bottom up. Question number three, based on Dede's remarks, wave events are happening all over the country now 'til the election, and you're invited. Every volunteer counts in this election so the question is, will you commit to host a wave event in your Congressional district or the closest swing district? If you will commit, press one. While that comes in, I'll talk about the result of the last poll. 65% of you said you think we will likely flip the house. 5% of you said no, and 35% of y'all said you're not sure. That doesn't, that adds up to 105%, so I'm not quite sure what that is, but I'll take the 65%. For those of you who aren't sure, hopefully you will have some clarity by the end of this, because that is our job here tonight. Next on the call ... During the next segment we will talk about how many people signed up for the event.

Reggie Hubbard: Ana Maria Archila is the Co-Executive Director of the Center for Popular Democracy. She immigrated to the United States from Colombia at age 17 and

has become a leading national voice for immigrant justice, grassroots organizing, and LGBTQ rights. Ana Maria has helped build the Center for Popular Democracy into one of the largest community organizing networks in the country with 50 organizations in more than 30 states and Puerto Rico. At CPD, Ana Maria oversees campaigns to advance justice for immigrant communities, helping lead the resistance to Trump's awful decision to repeal DACA, and organizing Puerto Rican communities in the wake of hurricane Maria. Ana Maria, thank you so much for being here. The floor is yours.

Ana Maria A.: Hi everyone. Good evening. It is so good to be in community right now. What happened yesterday inside the Senate, the Capitol, was a tremendous, tremendous leap hook of our broken democracy. But what happened outside of the Capitol was thousands and thousands and thousands of people showing up who raised their voices together against the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh, against the nomination of someone who had been accused of sexual assault, and most importantly, against the culture that has enabled sexual assault to be such a widely shared experience and not just an experience violent against women, not just expressed and sexual assault, but also in the political assault that occurred yesterday by ignoring our voices.

Ana Maria A.: You may have seen me in an elevator trying to talk to Senator Flake about the responsibility that he had to send a message to the country that was different than the message that he was about to send when Maria Gallagher and I confronted him in the elevator. Ultimately he failed, but that moment was an important moment because it showcased the ... It forced him to really engage in ways that usually politicians don't ever do, to listen to the rage and the pain of people that they were about to impact with their votes and with their policies, and to not just listen but actually hold the emotion of the moment and understand the gravity of their power and of their responsibility.

Ana Maria A.: I want to tell you the story of how we got there. For many, many weeks, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of activists, healthcare activists, disability rights activists, women who were fighting for reproductive justice for many years, workers, were showing up to Washington, D.C. to storm the hallways of Congress to tell their stories about why Brett Kavanaugh was so dangerous. And by doing that, build momentum to that forced an actual national debate. That started to happen in the summer at a time when the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh was considered a done deal. Then the allegations of sexual assault came to light. Thousands and thousands of women began to tell their stories in solidarity with Dr. Blasey Ford, and as a way to build a community that would allow us together to share the burden of the pain that was so unique to us, but so collective.

Ana Maria A.: It was a beautiful, the combination of action and storytelling created a reckoning. In that reckoning, lots of people took action for the first time. Every day that I was in Washington, D.C., I met new people, new people that came because they got an email from MoveOn, new people that came because they

got an email from UltraViolet, people that came because they saw something on TV, they saw the protests and they heard a voice inside that said, "I must do something. I can't just sit still and watch this travesty happen." The day that the Judiciary Committee was supposed to vote to advance the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh, I showed up in the Capitol to participate in the protests. In that moment I met Maria Gallagher, who had just come for the first time.

Ana Maria A.: She had watched the hearing of Dr. Blasey Ford the day before, felt enraged and decided to take the morning off from work, got an email from MoveOn that said, "Show up to the Capitol at 8 AM," and she did. She heard that voice inside her that said show up and she did. We met, and she said she met the organizer from UltraViolet who said, "You should go to Senator Flake's office or someone should go." So she asked me, "Can you come with me?" I did. We waited outside for half an hour, and then as we were waiting we saw the news that Senator Flake was ready to vote for the nomination of Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

Ana Maria A.: We found him as he was walking to the elevator and forced him to hear our voices, and said something that the country has been asking elected officials to do for every day, which is look at me and tell me that my story doesn't matter. In that moment, he was forced to look at us, to look at two women that were yelling at a man who did not understand the gravity of his decisions and his power in that moment. So, I know that Kavanaugh was ultimately nominated, but the energy that has been generated over the last several weeks of struggles, and the reckoning with a culture that perpetuates and affirms sexual violence is here to stay.

Ana Maria A.: In these moments, our task is to transform the rage and the pain and the frustration that we feel into power, into power that is lifting us up, both power within and power with each other, and to really listen to the voice that says, "Do not despair. Do not despair." Yes, feel the rage, but the way that this country changes, the only way that we advance social change in this country is when so many of us feel inspired by someone else who's taking a risk and then we join them. Courage is contagious. What we've seen over the last few weeks is lots of people stepping beyond their fear and in that way forcing a true reckoning. So, we may not have won the fight around the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh, but we are definitely forcing the country to examine who we are and creating the conditions for more of us to be included in this promise of freedom.

Ana Maria A.: The lesson for me is that we have to continue to force politicians to do something that they almost never do, which is to look us in the eye and to answer our questions and to listen to our stories. We have to organize in the places where they will be held accountable. I wish, I so wish that we had been supporting and joining the amazing people that have been organizing in Maine for so long to shore their organizing and their efforts. Courageous people have been doing incredible work in Maine, and they need our support, and we have to do this in every corner. Now we have the elections in a few weeks. We have a tremendous opportunity yet again to show our ability to force elected officials

to look at us and to listen to us. We can use the wave events as a way to channel our energy and our frustration in these moments and convert it into power that feeds us for the long haul.

Ana Maria A.: I want to say one more thing. In the process in Washington, I saw so many children who went with their parents to witness what was happening, and who saw in moments of ... Who witnessed disobedience, who witnessed people telling their stories through a human microphone, who heard those stories and asked questions. They are transformed and they need us to demonstrate to them that we are not giving, that we are using these moments to redouble our efforts to take back the Congress, to use the power that we have built, and to continue to build upon it. I want to say thank you to all the members of MoveOn who showed up so many times. MoveOn has been a force in every important fight in this administration and before. We should take a moment to express the gratitude to the women that told their stories, survivors of all genders that have shared their stories. Together our stories are allowing the country to look at itself and ask the question, "Is this who we want to be?" I think we know the answer is no, and we will work to transform this country into one where we all can live with dignity.

Reggie Hubbard: Ana Maria, thank you for that powerful speech, your powerful testimony, and for your, the one thing I take of what you just said is that courage is contagious. We need to remember that. In that vein, I'd like to now introduce Rashida Tlaib. If you know anything about Rashida, you've probably heard that she's the first Muslim woman to serve in the US Congress, or will be one of them with Ilhan Omar from Minnesota. She's also the activist mother who was very publicly thrown out of a Donald Trump speech in Detroit in 2016. But, she didn't just magically appear as this history making figure. She's also a former three-term state legislator, former ranking member of Michigan's House Appropriations Committee, and she's part of a network of young progressive leaders from Detroit's diverse southwest neighborhood that's been winning seats for state House, state Senate, and City Council for the last decade. Without further adieu, Rashida the floor is yours. Welcome to the call.

Rashida Tlaib: Thank you so much Reggie, and thank you everyone who is being engaged on this call and the incredible testimony and the tremendous work that so many of you are doing right now on the ground. I want to start with talking about what's happening at home, for me at home in the community. It's something that I'm seeing, and if you're not seeing this, then help create it, because I watched the third poorest Congressional district go from an average of 45-50,000 people to come out and vote in the mid-term primary election to 89,000 people coming out this last primary election. That's over 30% increase. It's tremendous to see that kind of engagement. I mean these are people that have not voted in probably four or five of the last mid-term elections, especially in the primary. That tells you just how incredibly engaged folks are.

Rashida Tlaib: This is a district that for me, it's 60% African American. It has part of Detroit, but it has 40% of surrounding neighborhoods that are predominantly White, so you see this turnout that is increasing, especially in working class communities. Have some hope that if it's doing that right now in just the primary election, that if we continue doing what we're doing, I know it doesn't feel like we're working fast enough, that's how I always feel like, we didn't move fast enough, we didn't work fast enough, but this is just how it has to happen for it to be authentic, is for it to organically happen. That's what I'm seeing right now. I just want you to know, yes, I'm a first and Ohana's a first, and Jahana and Ilhan, every single one of us incredible people have become these firsts.

Rashida Tlaib: First Native American Deb Haaland, all of these incredible women of color that are getting elected. But, what's really exciting is that we're not only exchanging the look of Congress, but we're also changing how we talk as a member of Congress, how we talk to people, how we engage them, how we serve them. Many of us are community organizers by trade, teachers, servants through non-profit work. So what I love is that we come from challenges that many average Americans face today, which is student debt ... It's so exciting to have members of Congress that have student debt that would understand that we're not accessed to quality education. It's true Reggie, and many of us are sending our kids to school that are oversize and underfunded. So, it's not just, again, about these incredible firsts, which are so inspiring, especially in a moment of darkness right now, to have those lights, those moments where we're all celebrating in a very, very impactful way. But, I'm more exciting about the fact that we come with all these challenges.

Rashida Tlaib: Over half of the members of Congress are millionaires. A lot of people don't know that. We need to really work harder to have people like us running for office. That's why I'm really, really excited about the already over a dozen women of color, especially that are heading to Congress in November. I want to also talk about, as we're all engaged in the incredible grassroots work that MoveOn does, especially not only with candidates, but even on issue campaigns and engaging people, is not to forget the direct human contact and working with what you know.

Rashida Tlaib: I used to have a pastor who used to tell me, "Rashida, you gotta work your block." And I was like, "What do you mean? I go up and down my block." He's like, "No, your brothers, your sisters, your cousins, there are people within your network, within your community, at least 20-25 of them that don't feel compelled to vote, compelled to even be engaged." And yeah, it could be deep rooted, but honestly, some just need to be reminded through a text message. I mean I'm the eldest of 14, and if I don't text three of my siblings who I know it's like seven o'clock at night and the poll's about to close in an hour, I have to sometimes go and pick them up and take them to the poll, which, many people think it's crazy, but that's the kind of engagement that needs to happen and for people to really get folks to want to come out and engage and vote.

Rashida Tlaib: Pastor Vaughn is an African American pastor in my district this cycle. I was sitting in this church. I'm of Muslim faith, and he looked at me and the crowd and he said, "We're a country that's not divided. I know it feels like that," but he said, "We're actually more disconnected. We're not divided, but we're disconnected." That resonates so much with me. As somebody that, as of Muslim faith, when I go to various mosques and a young sister will say to me, "Rashida, how come people are not saying enough about what's going on with Islamophobia with the Muslim ban?" And I tell her, "Sister, what did you say when Trump called Mexicans rapists? What did you say when the issue of police brutality was happening right here in your community?" That's where there was a moment of silence and people thought about it for a moment.

Rashida Tlaib: As we're all obviously trying to get incredible candidates elected and trying to change how Congress interacts, not only on our issues that matter, but with us in a very human way. We don't feel like that connection is there. Use those moments where you think, "Well, I'm not an immigrant or I'm not a certain background. I'm not gonna say anything." I already see it organically happening, where I see some of my LGBTQ brothers and sisters I mean just completely coming out against the Muslim ban side by side with me. That is what needs to happen is that connection that I think can really uplift us at this moment and be something that can result in having people like myself and people like us that are not gonna be sellouts, that are gonna be authentic, that are going to be there, and come from a place of love and respect.

Rashida Tlaib: Be inspired by the fact that we're coming. I mean this rainbow of women are coming. I'm so sorry we're not there now, but we're coming. When we're there, don't you leave us alone. You have to engage us. You have to learn from what we're learning from within the institution to teach us to even be more effective, to know how to be 10 steps ahead of them, because all of it to me is a corporate assault. It's all corporate greed. No matter Democrat, Republican, I always remind people put that aside, this is about corporations behind the curtain pushing against our working families, against women, against children within our communities. Not only is our education system becoming an industry, a for-profit industry, our corrections system is beyond that, military, all of it is being driven by this corporate assault.

Rashida Tlaib: So please, be inspired by what you've heard, but also be inspired by, MoveOn is helping elect people like myself, but they also need that continued partnership for you to create what I've seen alone in the 13th Congressional district. Again, the third poorest in the nation. I've seen over 40,000 more people come out to vote for the first time in over 10 years. And so I'm really honored to be hopefully inspiring many of you guys, all of you, to want to do more and to know that it will come. The change will come. Again, thank you, all of you, for your incredible partnership and incredible work you do in your communities.

Reggie Hubbard: Rashida, thank you so much for your passion, your wisdom, your words, your spirit. I look forward to welcome you to Washington, D.C. soon actually. Thank

you also to the 317 people who have agreed to sign up for or host a Resist and Win wave this weekend or in the coming weeks. Thank you for your courage. This election is gonna be won at the doors, but it's also not gonna be won inside our comfort zone. We have to step outside, like Rashida said. We're disconnected. We have to connect with one another. We have to talk to our neighbors. We have to talk to our family. In some cases that will be the margin of victory in some of these tight races, so we have to be mindful of that. Like she said, they're coming. They're not in Congress yet, but when they get there, her, Ayanna, so many people are gonna bring your wrecking ball against this corporate assailants and craziness that isn't looking out for anyone but themselves. That time is almost up.

Reggie Hubbard: We also know that progressive champions do not just manifest, they come from hard-fought, hard-won local campaigns. Our communities and our country needs strong individuals implementing progressive values at every level fighting for our community, shaping public policy, and defending our democracy. My colleague Lisa Changadveja is MoveOn's Resist and Win state and local director. I like to call her wonder woman. She will fill us in on her and her team's work that is helping endorse and elect more than 100 progressives in state and local levels. Lisa, the floor is yours.

Lisa C.: Thank you Reggie. As everyone on the line knows, November's election is gonna be our big opportunity to send Donald Trump and the Republican party a resounding message that we reject their sexist, their racist, their xenophobic vision for our country. In addition the hundreds of Congressional seats up for election, there are thousands of races at the state and local level. In this election cycle, MoveOn for the first time, has launched a very ambitious program specifically targeting state and local elections.

Lisa C.: Over the last decade, Democrats have lost 12 governorships, 958 seats in the state legislature, and this year MoveOn's members have endorsed over 100 progressive champions across the country running for a wide range of offices from lieutenant governor, to attorney general, to state House and state Senate, the city council. While state and local races haven't historically attracted the same sort of attention as their federal counterparts, their importance can not be overstated in this current political climate.

Lisa C.: State governments can play a vital role in stopping extreme agendas from the federal government. State and local elected officials create policies that affect our daily lives such as deciding sanctuary city status, ensuring public safety and holding police accountable, to determining the quality of our schools, to rent costs and affordable housing, and so much more. Not only that, the majority of our nation's most important issues are often decided at the state level first. From voting access to access to health care to immigrant rights to workers' rights to gun safety, and again, so much more.

Lisa C.: We know that Republicans have plans to defund Planned Parenthood, are gonna increase the voter suppression laws, they want to bust unions, and they want to implement even more harmful legislation. Meanwhile in Democratic controlled states, we're pushing for Medicaid expansion, Medicare for all, \$15 an hour minimum, and automatic voter registration. State elected officials also have the ability to write the rules of our election including national ones. State elected officials even decide how we draw or redraw Congressional districts.

Lisa C.: Did you know that the Texas Land Commissioner sits on the Texas Redistributing Commission? Currently that position is held by George P. Bush, who I think is the only Bush to endorse Donald Trump. MoveOn members earlier this year endorsed Democrat Miguel Suazo in that race against Bush, and we hope to help him get elected as Texas Land Commissioner. So not only are MoveOn endorsed candidates running for very important seats, but these candidates also have some of the most inspiring stories about why they're running. Joanna Cattanch is running for Texas state House in 108. One of the reasons she's running is because she saw how Republicans in the state reg last year tried to pass a bill that could prevent LGBTQ, Muslim, Jewish people, from adopting children. As a child of the foster care system herself, she's running for office so she can fight to protect children by investing in our education system and our foster care system.

Lisa C.: Another example is Anna Eskamani, a former MoveOn intern, and of course a long-time MoveOn member, is running for Florida state House 47. It's a district that also includes Orlando's Pulse Nightclub. Anna is one of the founding members of the Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and has seen gun safety legislation defeated over and over and over in her state. She's running to flip the seat from red to blue to fight for the common sense solution and to make sure that we pass some gun safety legislation.

Lisa C.: So not only are our candidates running for important races and have inspiring stories, they're also winning. So far, MoveOn endorsed state and local candidates have already flipped two seats from red to blue, Helen Tai for Pennsylvania state House. She's up for reelection this November, and Lee Harris for Mayor of Shelby County in Tennessee. Our candidates have also defeated over 10 problematic incumbents. In New York, there was a group of Democrats who caucused with Republicans called the IDC, and four of our progressive MoveOn endorsed New York state Senate candidates defeated their IDC incumbents just a few weeks ago. Wesley Bell, a criminal justice reform and Black Lives Matter advocate, defeated a seven time incumbent prosecuting attorney who mishandled the Michael Brown case in Saint Louis County, again, just a few weeks ago.

Lisa C.: One of our candidates, a MoveOn member, Liz Warren in California even helped lock out Republicans out of an Assembly seat that Democrats have never held in California. I would be remissed if I didn't mention that most recently we helped Jo Comerford, a long time MoveOn member and former staffer at MoveOn win

her election as a write-in candidate for state Senate in Massachusetts. She got over 14,000 write-in votes. So we've had a few victories. Now we need your help to win some more. Next weekend, Saturday October 13th, and Sunday, October 14th, MoveOn will host a state and local weekend of action for people to get involved with their MoveOn endorsed state and local candidates.

Lisa C.: The actionable tasks will vary between door knocking, phone banking, and postcard writing, but either way it will be a great chance for you to help out on the ground with a nearby state and local candidate and meet other motivated campaign volunteers along the way. All right, so this is time for the next poll, poll number four. Will you sign up to attend a state and local weekend of action on October 13th or 14th to help elect strong progressive candidates into local office? If you'll take part in our state and local weekend of action near you, press one now and we'll be sure to follow up. So again, press one if you plan to attend a state and local weekend of action October 13th and 14th. That's this coming weekend. With that, I see some results coming in. Wow. That's a lot of votes. That's exciting. Over 1,000 people saying that they are committing to attending a state and local weekend of action. I love it. With that, back to you Reggie.

Reggie Hubbard: Up to 1,500 now. Oh God, you know technology is a funny thing. You blink your eyes and things change. In a moment we're gonna open the line for questions. Again, if you're on the phone, press star three to ask a question. Our screeners will get to you. We've talked about a lot of ways you can make an impact. One is to host a wave event to help end GOP control of the house this November. Visit moveon.org/waves for more information on that. Lisa just talked about some of the great work that we're doing down ballot, so the down ballot week of action is this weekend the 13th and the 14th. You can visit moveon.org/weekendofaction to join a state and local day of action near you. Similar to the 1,500 people that just said they would, thank you all for that.

Reggie Hubbard: Two things that are a little less practical, a little more existential, talk to your friends, like Rashida said, work your block. You may know people in your family group, at your work, who don't even know the ... They may not even be registered to vote. There's still time in some places, so work your block. Talk to your friends and family to get them engaged and excited. Lastly, before we open up to some questions, one thing I would like everyone to consider is to suspend skepticism. That's a hard thing, especially given the tarn of awfulness that has been the Trump year. The election is 30 days away. Redemption is near and we have to believe it to achieve it. On that note, let's open up to some questions. Judith Clark from Warwick, Rhode Island, you're on.

Judith Clark: Hi. I was just listening to everyone talk, and I know MoveOn is primarily trying to get out the vote, but what happens after the vote takes place? For example, I was listening to some of the Democratic candidates and some that are already in office talk about this Kavanaugh situation and it seems to me like they don't ... I don't know if they can live up to what we're asking of them. I watched Chris

Coons just today suggest that we should not consider impeaching Kavanaugh if we have a blue wave in November, because we should just start the healing process, which is such an insult to Dr. Ford, and such an insult and a betrayal to all sexual assault victims. I'm wondering if after you get that vote, after you get people to the polls and they are elected, how do we get Democrats to be more aggressive in going forward in staying there and actually making a difference against the lying and corruption of the GOP, the lying and corruption of the President, and now we have this dubious Supreme Court Justice. I really feel a turning point during the hearing of Kavanaugh was trying to rebut Lindsey Graham's tirade and no one did. I'm just concerned about that.

Reggie Hubbard: Thank you Judith for that. One of the ways I think that we get this ... Like Rashida said, once people are elected, we have to stay engaged. Winning the election is just the beginning. Staying engaged, going to town halls, forcing your Congressman and Senators to have town halls, that's part of it. Getting them into office is not just one thing. Sometimes being on the Washington, D.C. team people come to D.C., and D.C. is a different world. Sometimes lobbyists get a hold of this, that, or the other; however, if we remind them, and one of the focuses of my work in MoveOn, if we remind you that 25,000 people in your district supported you and they're not gonna be happy with the vote you just cast, the one thing that I know that elected officials care about than just about anything is getting reelected. So if we remind them while they're in office and hold them accountable, that's the best way to do it. For those that are in office, Judith, the best way to do it is to vote them out. That's what I would say to that. Thank you for your question and for being on the call. Matthew Call from Minot, North Dakota, welcome.

Matthew Call: Hey there, how's it going? I want to keep this short so that you have more time. Obviously I'm in North Dakota, so I'm wondering how we can help Senate candidates that are in really close races, especially with Heidi Heitkamp up here. How else can ... I'm one of the leaders in a local progressive group here, so I was wondering should I host a wave event and caveat that into a door knocking or what? Because Heidi, she took a big step there, and she voted with us to not confirm Judge Kavanaugh, and in the coming weeks I know that there's a lot, they're gonna ratchet up a lot more spending here in North Dakota to try to vote her out. Can you give us any pointers here in North Dakota, what else I should be trying to do so that I can convey that to other people in our state that are trying to mobilize and make sure that people are gonna turn out to vote?

Reggie Hubbard: Yeah Matthew, thank you for that. Maybe one of my colleagues may want to jump in and answer the question, but I'll offer this. If Heidi did the right thing, it is incumbent upon those of us that support her to hope to have her back. So if you have an event, do so on her behalf. Knock on as many doors, tell as many of your friends, tell people that you're not so friendly with that she did the right thing. The courage that she took to take that vote and stand up for what's right, that is not common as we've seen in the Senate, so doing what you can to get in contact with everyone, especially in a place like North Dakota. The margin for

victory could be so slight that it could be 100 or 200 votes. Every vote matters in that race. That's what I would say to that. Maybe one or two more questions.
Eleanor Foreman in Manhattan, New York.

Eleanor Foreman: Hello.

Reggie Hubbard: Hello.

Eleanor Foreman: My question is, MoveOn says that it's trying to support progressives getting elected. Has MoveOn ever supported a progressive who was not also a Democrat?

Reggie Hubbard: Yeah, so Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is a Democratic Socialist. Several of our down ballot candidates are either Independent and/or Democratic Socialists, or outright Socialists I would say. You don't have to express parture and Democrat to receive our endorsement. We're more focused on someone who is seeking to implement progressive values more than a party affiliation.

Eleanor Foreman: What about Greene?

Reggie Hubbard: If Greene's applied for our endorsement process ... We can't necessarily just list an endorsement. People have to apply to us, so if they apply to us, they're definitely open up to that process.

Eleanor Foreman: Thank you.

Reggie Hubbard: Thank you for that. Yes ma'am. Thank you. For our last question, hmm ... There's a lot of good questions here. Carol in New Jersey.

Carol: Hi. Thank you for talking to me.

Reggie Hubbard: Yeah Carol, thank you.

Carol: In reference to your caller before, I was thinking you know how they organized the million woman walk? God bless Heidi Heitkamp for doing what she did. Maybe we can have a million woman walk to the poll, or walk to vote. Have all the men and women that support this, the way they organized it before. But my thing, what I was talking about before is, I know everybody wants impeachment, but I think that's just riling up the Republican base. One step at a time, let's get these people in. We need people to put a check on Donald Trump. That might even bring your independents in. The Congress, the Senate we have now, they're just like a cult. We need people who would actually keep him in check. I think we need something to motivate the people to the poll that will not necessarily motivate the opposition.

Reggie Hubbard: Right. Thank you Carol for that. One thing I would say is that, Rashida talked about it in her remarks, in districts that aren't necessarily the most known for

voting in mid-terms, they've seen 30% increases in voting. That's not a fluke. The energy's out there. Again, we just have to believe it to achieve it. In terms of, I used to be a civics teacher with one of my jobs a few years ago, more than a few years ago actually, and Congress is not supposed to be the handmaiden to the President. The Congress is supposed to be a coequal branch of government to have a check when the President is out of line. That hasn't happened. I have full faith and confidence that it will happen going forward. We just have to go out and knock on these doors and turn out the vote.

Reggie Hubbard: I'm gonna check with my colleagues here to see if I'm missing anything, but we're near the end of the call and I have a few remarks that I'd like to make in closing. Just your forbearance as I figure out one or two things. Thank you for your patience. For the poll that Lisa said, 1,683 of you have committed to attend a state and local weekend of action. There's still time to say yes. You don't even have to say yes to the poll, just go online and say that you're gonna do it. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reggie Hubbard: As we close, I want to thank you everyone for being on the call, whether that be on the phone or online, Facebook, or some other webcast. Later this evening we will post the audio recording of the livestream link and a PDF of the slideshow to moveon.org/readytoreisist. If you haven't already, you can sign up to RSVP for the coming Resist and Win calls on every Sunday except for the 21st through November 4th. We will have Cory Booker come on here, [inaudible 00:51:34] Elizabeth Warren, and many more of our progressive champs. That should be available tomorrow, or by 10 PM tonight actually. By Wednesday, we'll post a transcript of this call, the audio recording, and a PDF to the moveon.org/readytoreisist.

Reggie Hubbard: In closing, on this call we talked about speaking truth to power, focusing our energy toward the end goal of the mid-term, the incredible courage of survivors as you mentioned in Ana Maria's stories and her activism this week. To put our actions in context before we look forward, I just want us to remember the right to vote for women is not even 100 years old. Beginning at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, that's when the movement for women's suffrage began. So in that context, and the Civil Rights Movement, which many people think is ancient history, it happened when my parents were children, and began in the Abolitionist Movement prior to the Civil War.

Reggie Hubbard: After the Civil War, reconstruction gave birth to Jim Crow, which we still see in visages of the Mississippi Constitution and Florida with respect to mass disenfranchisement. So while we've experienced the fruits of the struggles in the age of Obama, these successes are still relatively recent. The arts of the moral universe is long and does bend towards justice, but brothers and sisters, we're the ones that have to bend it. It's not gonna happen on its own. It's up to those of us who've reaped the benefits of these past struggles to put in the work to protect and expand these rights.

Reggie Hubbard: The idea of America is liberty and justice for all. Since its inception, America has been set up to protect the interests of the privileged. It is the job of people to strategize, organize, and demand the ideas established in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights be made manifest to all. We're in a stormy period, but the sun is still shining through the clouds. Now is the time to look for rainbows. The storms we have weathered until now have made us stronger. Now is the time to step into that strength. Yes, the past few weeks have been hard and challenging, but social change is not easy.

Reggie Hubbard: Daring to dream and act toward changing the world and making it better is not easy. It's a time for perseverance. It is time for resilience, and it's a time for courage. It's a time for energetic alchemy, for both of my colleagues, you knew energy was coming because I'm a yoga teacher. We need to elevate the fire of anger into a slow burn of ruthless focus and execution. We need to change disappointment into determination. We need to move beyond fear and cynicism into hopeful action and social change.

Reggie Hubbard: I want to close with some remarks about the power of intention in language. Referencing the earlier poll about whether you think we can win or not, about 65% of you think that you can. If you don't think you can win or if you're skeptical, you're not giving us your full commitment. Saying if we can win is non-committal and cerebral. There's no heart in that statement. It's all in your head. Using the phrase, "When we win," is declarative. It is setting is one's sights on that stated goal and directing energy and focus towards that end. If we win, then we might. We don't have time for might, so when we when, then we will. That's the frame I want us to lead with.

Reggie Hubbard: I'm here to tell you, where there's a will, there's a way. We have the will, and together we will make a way. When we win, we will transition from the fleeting nature of resistance power to the transformative nature of institutional power, powered by the people. Under victory brothers and sisters, thank you to each of our speakers and each of you for tuning in. For those of you who want more motivational stuff, find me online, social media. I'm doing a motivational speech once a day for those of us in the struggle. See you next week and in the streets. Love, peace, and power.