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### Election 2020 + Democracy in COVID-19



**Aimee Allison**

Founder, [She the People](#)

Aimee Allison is a thought leader, public speaker, writer, and expert on women of color in politics. She is the founder of She the People, an organization amplifying the leadership and collective power of women of color. A democratic innovator and visionary, Ms. Allison has led forums and initiatives on race and gender at the Democratic National Convention and Politicon, among others.

Her writings have appeared in The New York Times, Essence, Teen Vogue, The Hill, Huffington Post, and San Francisco Chronicle. In 2018, SF Weekly named her among the top five San Francisco Bay Area leaders “paving a path to social change.”



#### Television

- 3/6/20 - [MSNBC](#)
- 2/6/20 - [MSNBC](#)
- 11/7/19 - [MSNBC](#)
- 7/30/19 - [MSNBC](#)

#### Op-ed/LTE

- 3/24/20 - [Ms. Magazine](#)
- 3/11/20 - [Newsweek](#)



#### Steve Phillips

Founder, [Democracy in Color](#)

Steve Phillips is the host of “[Democracy in Color with Steve Phillips](#),” a color-conscious podcast on politics. He is also the founder of Democracy in Color, a political organization dedicated to race, politics and the multicultural progressive New American Majority. He is the author of the New York Times and Washington Post bestselling [Brown Is the New White: How the Demographic Revolution Has Created a New American Majority](#).

Phillips has appeared on multiple national radio and television networks including NBC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and TV

One. He is a columnist for The Nation and a regular opinion contributor to The New York Times. He is a graduate of Stanford University and Hastings College of the Law.

#### Television

- 3/5/20 - [MSNBC](#)
- 12/9/19 - [CNN](#)

#### Op-ed

- 3/16/20 - [The Nation](#)
- 3/10/20 - [The Guardian](#)
- 2/28/20 - [New York Times](#)



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**Taren Stinebrickner-Kauffman**  
President, [New Media Ventures](#)

Taren Stinebrickner-Kauffman is the President of New Media Ventures, an investment fund for progressive change. Before joining New Media Ventures, Taren was a Senior Product Manager at Change.org, and the founder and Executive Director of global consumer watchdog SumOfUs. Taren also spent years in Democratic politics and the climate and labor

movements, working for groups like MoveOn.org, the Alliance for Climate Protection, and the AFL-CIO.

## Op-ed

- 3/16/20 - [Medium](#)
- 4/1/20 - [Worth.com](#)



**Jonathan Schleifer,**  
Executive Director of [The Fairness Project](#)

As Executive Director of The Fairness Project, Jonathan's team has led ballot initiative campaigns across the United States to fight for economic fairness. Their campaigns advocate for Medicaid expansion, raising the minimum wage, paid sick leave, paid parental leave, and more. Jonathan can speak about how COVID-19 poses a threat to our democracy, specifically around ballot initiatives. He has graduate degrees from the Harvard Kennedy School and Columbia University.

## Radio

- 11/8/17 - [Thom Hartmann Program](#)



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## Racial Justice, Economic Issues



### **Maurice BP-Weeks**

Co-Executive Director, [Action Center on Race and the Economy](#)

Maurice co-founded ACRE to expose systemic racism at the root of Wall Street. He is a nationally known leader and expert in grassroots led efforts addressing corporate accountability and Wall Street greed and extraction from communities of color. He is also the CoFounder of ReFund America Project, which tackles structural problems in the municipal finance system. Maurice worked as the Wall Street Accountability and Housing Justice campaigner at the Center for Popular Democracy before that.

Maurice serves on the Advisory Council of Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity (BOLD). He graduated from Swarthmore College.

### **Television**

- 6/3/19 - [The Hill](#)

### **Print**

- 3/25/20 - [The American Prospect](#)
- 6/26/19 - [The Guardian](#)



### **Saqib Bhatti**

Co-Executive Director, [Action Center for Race and the Economy](#) and the Director of the [ReFund America Project](#).

Saqib is a published research analyst on Wall Street accountability and financial policy. He contributes to campaigns taking on financial institutions responsible for extracting wealth and resources from communities of color and poor people. He was previously a fellow at the Nathan Cummings Foundation, and spent 10 years working on

corporate accountability campaigns at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and UNITE HERE prior to that. Saqib is a fellow at the Roosevelt Institute and serves on the boards of the Midwest Academy and Political Research Associates. He is also the CoFounder of ReFund America Project tackling structural problems in the municipal finance system. Saqib graduated from Yale University.



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## Print

- 7/1/19 - [Retail Dive](#)

## Op-ed

- 2/22/19 - [Inequality.org](#)

## LGBTQ+ Rights



### **David J. Johns**

Executive Director, [National Black Justice Coalition](#)

Based in New York City

David is a recognized thought leader in the racial justice and LGBTQIA+ rights spaces. He previously served as the first executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans under President Barack Obama, after working as a senior education policy advisor to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions under U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). He has also served under the leadership of the late U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), and acted

as a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellow in the office of Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY).

## Video

- 09/11/19 - [The Breakfast Club](#)
- 06/28/19 - [MSNBC](#) (4:40)
- 06/07/19 - [Talk Stoop](#)

## Op-ed

- 03/09/20 - [BET](#)
- 03/13/20 - [The Root](#)
- 12/19/20 - [Shondaland](#)



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## Anti-Amazon Organizing



**Dania Rajendra,**  
National Director of the [Athena](#) Coalition

Dania Rajendra directs the Athena coalition, a powerful force of diverse working people -- people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ+ folks, people who own small businesses, and people who work directly and indirectly for Amazon -- in 40+ organizations working together to break the dangerous stranglehold of corporate power over our democracy, economy, and planet.

A poet and essayist, Dania's writing showcases and fosters solidarity across many kinds of difference. Dania has worked in most corners of efforts for social change in the US and is a frequent speaker on racism, antisemitism, economic justice and the political right.

### **Print:**

- 3/25/10 - [Fast Company](#)
- 3/23/20 - [American Prospect](#)
- 11/26/19 - [New York Times](#)

**\*\*\* Amazon workers from across the country are also available for interviews. \*\*\***



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### Housing Justice

Housing justice advocates from across the country are available to speak on their [recent letter to all Congress members](#) demanding bold, comprehensive solutions to the housing crisis in light of COVID-19. You can view some available advocates [here](#). Below are two sample advocates who can speak to the housing crisis from the national and local levels.



#### **Tara Raghuvver**

Housing Justice Campaign Director, People's Action  
Available from Kansas City, Missouri

Tara Raghuvver is the Housing Campaign Director at People's Action. She is also the Founder/Director of KC Tenants, where she organizes poor and working class tenants in Kansas City, and the Kansas City Eviction Project, a multi-year research project on evictions in the Kansas City metro area.

#### **TV/Radio:**

- 2/14/19 - [KCUR \(local NPR\)](#)

#### **Op-ed/Commentary:**

- 11/21/19 - [Vice News](#)
- 11/12/19 - [The Nation](#)



#### **Celeste Scott**

Pittsburgh United

Celeste Scott is the Housing Justice Organizer for Pittsburgh United, a coalition of community, labor, faith, and environmental organizations committed to advancing the vision of a community and economy that work

for all people. Celeste led the fight to win Pittsburgh's first-ever city-wide affordable housing legislation, the Housing Opportunity Fund. She previously served as a grassroots organizer in affected communities in Greater Pittsburgh with a focus on centering the narratives and lived experiences of Black womyn and femmes of color.

#### **Op-ed:**

- 3/24/20 - [Blavity](#)



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## Immigrant Justice



**Silky Shah,**

Executive Director of [Detention Watch Network](#)

Silky works to maximize the reach and impact of the Network. She manages DWN's program and communications and shares responsibility for shaping its strategic direction. After over a decade of fighting against immigration detention, she deeply appreciates the community forged by the Network and the spirit and resilience of its members.

## Public Health; Undocumented, LGBTQ+, and Homeless Issues



**Jim Mangia, MPH**

President and CEO of [St. John's Well Child and Family Center](#)

Jim Mangia is the President and CEO of St. John's Well Child and Family Center, a network of nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers and school based clinics providing free medical, dental and mental health services to more than 300,000 patient visits in south Los Angeles. Passionate about community health and social justice, Mr. Mangia built the Well Child and Family Centers from a small single-site

clinic serving 1200 patients a year to one of L.A. County's largest nonprofit health care providers with 18 clinic sites. St. John's has experts who can speak on issues faced uniquely by the undocumented community, transgender and gender nonconforming folks, and the homeless.

### **Television:**

- 2/3/20 - [Spectrum News](#)

### **Op-ed:**

- 2/16/20 - [The Hill](#)
- 1/22/20 - [New York Times](#)