



Weekly Newsletter

Chair Check-In

Happy Friday everyone!

Let me start by saying what an *incredible* AAPI heritage event we had in Gaithersburg on Wednesday night. If you weren't there, you missed out. It was a PARTY. We got a chance to show our endless love and appreciation for our friends in the AAPI community and we had almost 600 Marylanders in there, it was a packed house. The food, the attire, the children's singing group - all of it was truly a remarkable experience and showcase for the beautiful culture our AAPI communities have. It was authentic and it was inviting, we really loved every minute of it. I want to thank my dear friends Bel Leong-Hong and Devang Shah for hosting and allowing all of us to be a part of a special night.

We always remind everyone that our party and our state are proud of the fact that we do not hide from our diversity here in Maryland, we embrace it, we lift it, and we love it. It's our greatest strength so why would we let anyone try to dim our brightest light?

We know that Maryland does not move, *does not even get out of neutral*, without our Black, Brown, and AAPI communities making it happen. If anyone somehow still doubts that, look at the leaders who came out Wednesday night to celebrate with us. Our first Black Governor and our friend Aruna Miller - the first South Asian woman ever elected lieutenant governor in the United States, our state's first Asian American lieutenant governor and first immigrant to hold statewide office in Maryland.

Our Governor and Lieutenant Governor are authentic, genuine humans who lead from the front and who have left a trail of shattered glass ceilings from here to Takoma Park, Maryland and Hyderabad, India. They are a rare kind of true leadership because they listen before they lead. They hear your concerns, they *feel* your challenges, and they lead us all to a place where we can feel true pride in our state. With them at the helm, our state is stronger than ever.

There are challenges creeping closer from that horizon, though. In the past, when our party has lacked a common enemy, our focus has strayed at times. But make no mistake, we do have a common enemy, two worthy opponents - disengagement and apathy. That is what we must fight against right now because those two things can be poisonous to everything we're trying to accomplish. We cannot allow ourselves to be complacent. And we cannot allow ourselves to have in-fighting. In our state, the only force strong enough to bring us down is ourselves. We cannot let it happen.

We've come too far, and we have too much work still to accomplish. Wednesday night was a chance to reunite and refocus, it was inspiring to see. And now we must use that momentum and move together, united, onward.

In Unity & Solidarity,
Yvette Lewis

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GALA **2023**



HONORING
CONGRESSMAN
STENY HOYER

Martin's West

6817 DOGWOOD RD,
BALTIMORE, MD 21244

JUNE 22ND

VIP RECEPTION 6:00PM

GENERAL RECEPTION 6:30 PM | MAIN EVENT 7:00PM

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FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC GALA

06/12/2023

Dutch's Daughter
581 Himes Ave Frederick MD 21703

MEETING TIME : 6:00PM-9:00PM

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2023 Training Series

VAN and Election Data

+ Calculating Your Win Number

TUESDAY MAY 23RD 2023

JOIN US THIS MONTH FOR A REVIEW OF THE ELECTRONIC TOOLS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL DCC'S FOR ELECTIONEERING. WE WILL SPECIFICALLY BE COVERING HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE VAN AND BOARD OF ELECTIONS DATA.

VIRTUAL EVENT



7:00PM-8:30PM



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Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

**Del.
Harry
Bandhari**

*First Nepali
American state
legislature in the
United States.*



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The **Howard County Democratic Party** showed up and showed out last night at the **Maryland Democratic Party AAPI DLC event!** Happy **#AAPIHeritageMonth**





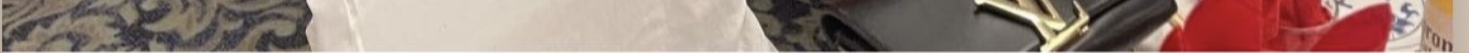


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mddems What an amazing turnout! Thank you to everyone in attendance for our AAPI Heritage month event, honoring our state's AAPI communities, culture, and contribution to Maryland. Special thanks to our honored guests @iamwesmoore and @arunamiller with a special shout-out to the AAPI Diversity Leadership Council for their hard work and commitment to the Party.

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Mental Health Awareness Month



"In order for our state to do what our state needs to do, we need for the issues that you are advocating for to be lifted up, to have resources put behind them and to know that you're going to have champions on every floor of the State House and champions throughout every corner of this state."

-Governor Wes Moore addressing the Mental Health Association of Maryland

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mddems "This month - and every month - it's important to take care of yourself. Nothing is more important than how you're feeling inside. Mental health is a never-ending battle, and we just want you to know that you have a team here with the MD Dems that supports you and values you. Lean on us. Lean on each other. And always prioritize your mental health."

-Yvette Lewis, Chair.



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Team @saforamerica at the
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Tonight!







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