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### **Happy New Year - Welcome to 2021**

The challenges we faced last year carrying into this year with the atrocious riots this week in D.C. and across the country – as Missourians and as Americans – have uprooted our lives and rearranged our priorities. As we reflect on the turbulence of 2020 and prepare for this New Year and work ahead, we at the Missouri Democratic Party hope you and yours make time for rest and for celebration.



## **Missouri Democratic Party calls on Josh Hawley to resign or be expelled**

[St. Louis, MO \(January 9, 2020\)](#) – This week Josh Hawley became the face of the insurrection that led to the invasion of the Capitol. Missouri Democratic Party Chair Michael Butler released the following statement:

“Josh Hawley aided and abetted an attack on our democracy and the U.S. Capitol. He does not deserve to be called a U.S. Senator. Since the attack, Hawley has accepted none of the responsibility that falls squarely at his, Ted Cruz, and Donald Trump’s feet. His stunt to benefit his own political ambitions ended in bloodshed and death, and that will forever stain his resume. I am calling on Josh Hawley to resign from the United States Senate, and if he will not, he should be immediately expelled from the Senate.”

United States Constitution Amendment 14, Section 3: “No Person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.”

## **Day of Service/MLK Day & Presidential Inauguration**

The Missouri Democratic Party is partnering with our friends over at the Kansas Democratic Party for a virtual Inauguration celebration event on Wednesday, January 20th, at 8pm. Hold it on your calendars and we’ll be sending out more details soon!

Also check out the Biden Inauguration website and [sign up to attend a Day of Service event](#) or [host your own event](#).

## **January Activist Challenge**

The monthly Democratic Activist Challenge is designed to build infrastructure for Democratic campaigns and organizations through grassroots engagement. Are you ready to accept the challenge, and help elect Democrats up and down the ballot?!

We are starting off our new Activist Challenge Training Spotlight with a subject that is core to building our Democratic infrastructure. Learn more below!

- Spotlight Training: Review our “Building your County Party Infrastructure” video to learn how you can build and strengthen your local organizations to ensure that your teams remain ready to support Democratic candidates.
  - To access this training, sign up for our [BPI Victory Vault](#) (new members added each Wednesday). If you are already a member and need a refresher on how to access the BPI Victory Vault, review our [instructions](#).

- Once in the Victory Vault, open the folder labeled, "Campaigning During COVID-19"
- Find the training video titled, "TBPP Organizational Stability- Building your County Party Infrastructure"
- After reviewing the training video, identify at least one new idea to implement within your local organization.
- Once you've completed the challenge, take a selfie and create a post on social media that includes the following information:
  - Missouri & your city/town/area
  - A brief explanation of how you completed this month's challenge
  - The hashtag "#BPItraining"
  - And don't forget to tag "[@MODemParty](#)" and "[@TheDemocrats](#)"

### **Looking for your first or next political job?**

The [DNC Talent Bank](#) is a resource to help state parties and campaigns find the best applicants for a wide range of positions, from field organizers to digital directors to communications staff, and more.

If you are interested in pursuing a campaign position, please sign up for the DNC Talent Bank in order to receive information on available positions and other career opportunities. All levels of experience and fields of interest are encouraged to apply.

Also check out [LeadMO](#) and [HiredUpMissouri](#)

[The Missouri Democratic Party is seeking our next Executive Director](#). The application deadline is tomorrow, January 10th.

### **2021 Membership Drive!**

We held an online election last month to choose our 2021 membership card and the "I vote blue in beautiful Missouri" card one won! We're now in our 2021 Membership Drive. Membership dues are due for committee members (state and local) and elected officials, and optional for other Missouri Democrats.

If you have any questions or if you're unable to pay due to hardship reasons, please let us know at [info@missouridems.org](mailto:info@missouridems.org).



### Membership Dues

U.S. Congress & Statewide Offices: \$1,000

Executive Committee Member: \$500

DNC Member: \$500

State Committee Member: \$200

State Representatives & State Senators: \$100

County and City Elected Officials: \$50

General Party Members: \$35

General Party Members Youth (35 & under) & Senior Rate (65+): \$25

[You may pay online here](#) or by mail to:

Missouri Democratic Party: 4218 Roanoke Rd., Suite 306, Kansas City, MO 64111

### **We Need YOU to Run for Local Office! - DEADLINE**

We're building power from the ground up by heavily recruiting for 1,500 local offices all over the state. MDP is partnering with "Contest Every Race" to recruit Democrats to run for school board, county commissioner, assessor, city council, board of aldermen, and many more.

The filing deadline to run is coming up quick on January 19th and the spring elections will be here before you know it. Check out all our resources for folks considering a run for office [here](#).

### **NDTC Training Guide for Local Leaders**

The National Democratic Training Committee has compiled a handful of resources specific to Local Leaders (like you!) to assist with planning, evaluating, and growing your organization into a well-oiled, Democrat-electing machine.

[As your club or committee are gearing up to make improvements, check out their guide!](#)

## Find Your Local Democratic Club!

We all know politics is local, so if you haven't gotten involved with your local-level Democratic club, [check out our new Local Clubs page on our website to get connected!](#)

If your active club isn't on our page yet, shoot us an email with your contact info, name of president, and website or social media accounts to [info@missouridems.org](mailto:info@missouridems.org) and we'll make sure supporters can find you!

## Dressed to Chill

Stay cozy, show off your politics, and support the Missouri Democratic Party all winter long! [Check out our merch store today!](#)



## Run a Better County Committee or Democratic Club!

MDP's County Committee Manual is a 60-page comprehensive guide for Central Committees and Clubs. Topics include: goal-setting, how to organize and run meetings, manage conflicts, how to run phone banks, how to recruit volunteers, how to be active online, and tons more

If you're involved in a committee or club, take your organization to the next level by [utilizing these resources](#).

## We Have Online Training Resources for You

The "Portal" is the MDP's online library of resources where you'll find training docs, guides, and best practices for candidates, county committee members, volunteers, and staff. Get trained up today and make an impact in your community!

[Access the portal here](#) but please allow a couple of days for approval as MDP staff vets all requests to make sure everyone accessing our materials is a Democrat in good standing.

### **Submit Your Event!**

Is your club, committee, or allied group hosting an event? Let us know so we can publicize it on our website. A sense of community is even more important these days as we're staying home and not gathering together in person. [Submit your event here!](#)

### **Community COVID Testing Events**

The Missouri Dept. of Health & Senior Services offers free coronavirus testing pop-ups in communities both urban and rural all across the state. [Find one near you here and stay safe](#)

### **Stay in Touch**

Don't forget to follow the Missouri Democratic Party on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)! Know folks who might want to receive this newsletter? Get them signed up [here](#)!

### **IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS**

- 1/19 - Filing Deadline for spring municipal races. [Interested in running?!](#)
- 1/20 - Inauguration Day! -- details on our events to come!

Happy New Year!

Onward,

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Missouri Democratic Party



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