



BARBARA LEE

POLITICAL OFFICE

The [Barbara Lee Political Office](#) advances women's equality in American politics by recruiting, electing, and supporting progressive, pro-choice, pro-equality women candidates. The Barbara Lee Political Office has nationwide reach, as our founder and namesake, Barbara Lee, has personally helped elect 140 women to office in 32 states.

We achieve this by:

- **Providing** women with critical resources and knowledge to meet the challenges of campaigning;
- **Working** to elect a progressive woman President by building a pipeline of women governors and U.S. Senators; and
- **Investing** in the next generation of women leaders by recruiting women to run, funding political training programs, and offering strategic support to women candidates.

The Political Office is a leading resource for progressive women candidates, and has a proven record of success in electing women to office. Our work reflects our core belief that electing progressive women strengthens our democracy, promotes social justice, and builds a more representative, productive, and responsive government.

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Barbara Lee, Founder and President

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Barbara Lee is a national leader in advancing women's equality in American politics. She founded and leads the Barbara Lee Political Office and the Barbara Lee Family Foundation.

Inspired by her grandmother's stories of suffragists marching on New York City's Fifth Avenue in the early 1900s, Barbara has worked to elect women since 1998. Through strategic advice, candidate training, direct support, and voter mobilization, she has helped elect every sitting Democratic woman governor and U.S. Senator. With an exceptional eye for emerging leadership, Barbara is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of women candidates.

Barbara's impact is nationwide: She has helped elect 140 women in 32 states.

Knowing that fundraising is essential for electing more women to public office, Barbara has been at the forefront of bringing women donors to the table on behalf of women candidates. When the Democratic National Convention was held in Boston, Barbara convened Revolutionary Women, bringing together many of the nation's best and brightest political minds to showcase women's leadership. She also hosts Women's Senate, a biennial fundraiser that provides critical support for progressive women Senators.

Boston Magazine has included Barbara among "Boston's Most Powerful Thought Leaders," "The 100 People Who Run This Town," and is listed among their "50 most powerful women" in Boston. Women's eNews ranked her among the "21 Leaders for the 21st Century."

A strong believer in increasing women's representation across fields, Barbara is also an advocate for women contemporary artists, both outside of and within her role as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston.

Barbara earned a master's degree from the Boston University School of Social Work and her bachelor's degree from Simmons College.

Board memberships

Vice Chair, Institute for Contemporary Art Boston
Member, Women's Leadership Board of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government

Select awards

Woman of the Year, Emerge Massachusetts, 2012
"Woman of Action" Award, Boston Women's Fund, 2010
The "Wendy" Shattered Glass Award, Women's Campaign Forum, 2010
Leader for the 21st Century, Women's eNews, 2009
Circle of Giving Award, New England Women's Leadership Awards, 2006
Abigail Adams Award, Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, 2002
President's Award, NACW, 3rd Annual National Convention, 2002
George A. Dean Leadership Award, The Women's Campaign School at Yale, 2003
Academy of Women Achievers, Class of 2002, YWCA Boston, 2002



Adrienne Kimmell, Executive Director

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Adrienne Kimmell is a political strategist and policy expert who has dedicated her career to empowering and advocating for women. A recognized expert on women in politics, her commentary has been included in national publications, including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Politico*, *The Atlantic*, *USA Today*, and *Refinery29*, among others.

As Executive Director, Adrienne leads the Political Office's efforts to engage women in the political process and to support progressive, pro-choice, pro-equality women candidates and political organizations across the country. With experience on a broad range of national and local campaigns, Adrienne brings keen political and strategic insight to our work advancing women's political equality.

A career advocate for reproductive justice, Adrienne served as the executive director of the Florida Association of Planned Parenthood Affiliates and the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, where she led Planned Parenthood in advancing their public policy agenda through legislation, organizing, and electoral work.

Before her work in Florida, Adrienne managed state policy initiatives for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in Washington, DC, designing model laws and policies and developing legislative strategy to advance reproductive justice at the state and local level. In earlier work with the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Adrienne developed and implemented state and national political and electoral strategy. She began her career as a grassroots organizer and, later, a lobbyist for the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts.

Adrienne holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University and a Master's degree in public policy from Tufts University.