

BARBARA LEE POLITICAL OFFICE

Press Kit



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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 197 women to office in 33 states. She has helped elect the first woman Vice President of the United States, as well as every sitting Democratic woman Governor and U.S. Senator.



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.

Learn more about BLPO at www.barbaralee.com and follow us on social media:









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Leadership Team.





Barbara Lee

Founder & 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 208 women in 37 states. She has helped elect the first woman Vice President of the United States, as well as every sitting Democratic woman Governor and U.S. Senator.

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 Membership

Member, Women's Leadership Board of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government

Select Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award, Simmons University, 2017
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 Centry, Women's eNews, 2009
Circle of Giving Award, New England Womens 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

Leadership Team.



Amanda Hunter

Executive Director



Amanda Hunter is a political and communications strategist who is passionate about empowering women.

As Executive Director, Amanda Hunter leads the Political Office's efforts to engage women in the political process and to support pro-choice, pro-equality women candidates and organizations across the country. With extensive communications experience, including over six years on Barbara Lee's senior leadership team, Amanda brings her strategic expertise to our work of advancing women's political equality.

Prior to becoming Executive Director, Amanda was the Political Office's Communications Director. In this role, she was responsible for promoting our mission to elect progressive, Democratic, prochoice women by leading communications efforts, including digital strategy and media relations.

Previously, Amanda lived and worked in Washington, DC, where she served as Senior Press Representative at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, leading media relations efforts on events like The Mark Twain Prize for American Humor and Kennedy Center Honors. She was also Deputy Communications Director at the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), the trade association for record companies. She spent two years as Director of Marketing and Communications at The Phillips Collection, America's first museum of modern art.

Amanda graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in English and Communications from St. Joseph's College of Maine.

