

# Superlocal × Detroit

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### **Nada Al-Hanooti**

Nada Al-Hanooti is Palestinian-American based out of Southeast Michigan where she serves as a community organizer. She was born to immigrant parents who have dedicated their lives to public service. Naturally, she was inspired by her parents' efforts which led her to organize her own campaign for a seat on the Dearborn City Council. Nada led an aggressive race, personally knocking over 4,000 doors. Formerly, Nada served as a field coordinator for Rashida Tlaib for State Representative in Detroit, and was responsible for organizing events and door to door initiatives as well as recruiting and managing volunteers. While pursuing her graduate degree, she conducted ethnographic research on the Muslim women's movement in Morocco. Nada's mission is to educate and empower the Muslim community through civic engagement and political literacy.

### **Liz Erickson**

Liz Erickson is a training consultant and someone who thinks about all things learning for a variety of progressive groups across the country. With experience in grassroots organizing and education, she is passionate about making the country a more equitable place. She currently resides in Chicago and enjoys taking long swims in Lake Michigan.

### **Alicia Garza**

Alicia Garza is a world renowned organizer, activist, writer, and speaker working on the frontlines for Black liberation. After the killing of Florida teen Trayvon Martin, Alicia along with Opal Tometi and Patrisse Cullors created the Black Lives Matter Global Network, an organizing project to end state violence against Black people. With her eyes set to the future, Alicia founded the Black Futures Lab in 2018, an organization dedicated to building political power in Black communities. In her role as the Strategy & Partnerships Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance, Alicia works to build a movement at the intersections of race, gender, and the economy. Alicia's writing has been featured in Time, Mic, Marie Claire, The Guardian, Elle.com, Essence, and The New York Times. She has received numerous awards and honors, including the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize. Alicia has an MA in Ethnic Studies from San Francisco State University and a BA in Anthropology and Sociology from the University of California, San Diego. She lives and works in Oakland, California.

### **Yvonne Gutierrez**

Yvonne Gutierrez is Head of Community Engagement for Supermajority, a member based organization aimed at transforming our country and building an intergenerational, multiracial movement for women's equity, where she builds and oversees strategic partnerships and collaborations. Previously, Yvonne served as Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Texas Votes, the advocacy and political arm of Planned Parenthood in Texas. Active in civic engagement efforts, Yvonne chairs the board of directors for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health and serves on the board of the Workers Defense Action Fund which engages historically under-represented Texas voters in campaigns to elect representatives that care about the needs of working families.

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### **Jeynce Poindexter**

Jeynce Poindexter is the Transgender Victims Advocate for Equality Michigan and has worked on HIV/AIDS prevention and transgender rights issues in the Southeast Michigan region for more than 10 years. Ms. Poindexter has worked in various capacities with such esteemed community groups and organizations as Men of Color, The REC Boyz, The Ruth Ellis Center, the Trans Sistās of Color Project, and the Community Health Awareness Group addressing the health and advocacy needs of marginalized and disenfranchised communities in her native Detroit. Ms. Poindexter is also the legendary House Mother of the House of Mizrahi, one of the most respected international ballroom houses among communities of color. An award-winning advocate and Wayne County SAFE graduate, Ms. Poindexter proudly resides in Detroit, MI.

### **Cecile Richards**

Cecile Richards is a national leader for women's rights and social and economic justice, and a co-founder of Supermajority – a new organization fighting for gender equity. She is also the author of the New York Times bestseller *Make Trouble* and former President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund. For 12 years, Richards worked to increase affordable access to reproductive health care and to build a healthier and safer world for women and young people. After starting her career as a labor organizer, working with women earning the minimum wage, she went on to start her own grassroots organizations, and later served as Deputy Chief of Staff to House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. In 2011 and 2012, she was named one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. Richards is a frequent speaker and commentator on politics and progressive issues. She and her husband, Kirk Adams, have three children and live in New York City and Maine.

### **Siwatu-Salama Ra**

Siwatu-Salama Ra is a mother and organizer who was born and raised in Detroit. She grew up in the environmental justice movement, and is currently the co-director of East Michigan Environmental Action Council. In addition to her work locally and across the country, Siwatu represented Detroit and the United States at global social justice and climate justice events in France, Turkey, and Senegal. She also led youth organizing and media justice work including the Young Educators Alliance and Detroit Future Youth. On March 1st, 2018 Siwatu was incarcerated for defending herself, her mother, and daughter. At the time she was six and a half months pregnant was forced to give birth to her beautiful son during her imprisonment. After nearly nine months at Michigan Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility, Siwatu was released in order to appeal her unjust conviction and was reunited with her family. She continues to fight for her freedom as well as well as organize for environmental justice and a world without prisons. [FreeSiwatu.org](http://FreeSiwatu.org)