Advocacy 101 How To Find Your Rep with Paloma Arroyo



STEP 1

Find out who represents you

- Start with trusted resources like <u>Common Cause's Find</u> Your Representatives tool.
 - When it comes time to find out who is on your ballot, we recommend you check out this resource from When We All Vote and Ballot Ready.

STEP 2

Visit official office/campaign websites

- A quick search of your elected leaders' official websites should point you to an email, phone, or address that you can use to get in touch with them about your concern/issue area.
- It will also give you an idea of what committees they sit on, bills they may be sponsoring, press releases they've shared, and community events they're hosting that you can attend.

STEP 3

Google is your friend

This may seem like an obvious one, but when traditional channels don't work, you may have to get creative. Start with the elected official's name and an issue you're interested in learning more about. For example, "Pramila Jayapal" and "Student Loans." This will lead you to news articles that may have covered their stance on an issue or point you to press releases with additional information. Just make sure the results you find are from legitimate sources.

STEP 4

Peep their social media

Facebook, Twitter (er, X? Who even knows), Instagram, Threads, etc. are all good places to start. Follow the politician or candidate you want to know more about and search the individual platform similar to what you did above. This will point you in the direction of past content from them, community members, or organizations that may have helpful information about where they're leaning.

STEP 5

Get involved!

- Start with trusted resources like Common Cause's Find Your Representatives tool.
 - ☐ Sites like Mobilize or Eventbrite (or even social media) are a great way to find events led by organizations in your area.
 - ☐ Still can't find anything?
 Join Supermajority's
 events and trainings to
 learn how you can be a
 badass organizer in your
 own right.

RESOURCES

(in order mentioned)

- Use <u>Common Cause's Find</u> <u>Your Representatives</u> tool.
- Find out who is on your ballot with <u>When We All Vote and</u> Ballot Ready.
- 3. <u>Is your news source</u> <u>legitimate?</u>
- 4. Find events near you using Mobilize or Eventbrite