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For 2018 U.S. midterm elections, Democrats Abroad organizing and mobilizing American voters in Berlin

Activists are registering, calling, and texting U.S. citizens living in Germany to register and vote in the historically significant 2018 midterm elections

Berlin – On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, voters in the United States will go to the polls to decide on all 435 representatives in the House, 35 U.S. Senators, 39 governors, 87 state legislatures, and many more state and local elections. By then, the 6.7 million eligible U.S. citizens living overseas will have already voted, sending in their ballots by post, email, or fax in the preceding weeks.

Early on Wednesday, while the results are still being counted, Americans in Berlin and friends will gather to watch the results of the midterm elections. Many states will still be counting votes, so the action will continue into the morning hours in Berlin at the 2018 U.S. Midterms Breakfast.

Democrats Abroad volunteers primarily reach out to voters in election years through phone calls, reminding them to vote and supporting citizens through the process. This year, they exceeded their phonebanking goal, reaching 103% of targeted members. The nearly 7000 conversations with American citizens living in Germany represent between 15,000-20,000 call attempts by volunteers. In the last weeks before the election, Democrats Abroad pioneered a new SMS outreach campaign, texting voters not previously reached through phone calls.

In Berlin and Leipzig, members have organized more than 20 events over the last few months for U.S. citizens to register to vote and receive assistance requesting absentee ballots from their home states. These events took place all over Berlin, from coffee shops in Mitte to coworking spaces in Kreuzberg to biergartens in Pankow.

2018 U.S. Midterms Breakfast

Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 7:30-10am

Digital Eatery (Unter den Linden 17, 10117 Berlin)

https://www.democratsabroad.org/polexa/2018_u_s_midterm_elections_breakfast_in_berlin

<https://www.facebook.com/events/255971565108992/>

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