

AEPAC ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY UPDATE - OCT. 2019

AEPAC Works with Constituents on Registering and Voting in the VA Gubernatorial Election

A race for Governor of Virginia between Democrat Terry McAuliffe and Republican Glenn Youngkin is going on for the November 2, 2021 election.

AEPAC has worked hard with VA Ethiopian Americans to register and vote by using short videos and its website to urge them to come out in their numbers to make themselves recognized as an important group that can make a difference in election results. The two candidates are neck in neck in the polls and experience has shown that such block voting can tilt the balance one way or the other.

The Georgia senatorial runoff election of January 5, 2021, where Democrats won both Senate runoffs which resulted in control of the US Senate is due to Black voters along with Georgia residents of all races including Ethiopian Americans. In situations where the margins are so small, the votes of the 100 thousand strong Ethiopian Americans in VA can make a difference and even decide on election results.

AEPAC Election Campaign Strategy Adopted and Committee Members Being Selected

AEPAC believes current US policy on Ethiopia and Congress legislative efforts are counterproductive to the promotion of US/Ethiopia mutual interests. AEPAC further believes these efforts are counterproductive to the advancement of US interest in the Horn of Africa and in the African continent as a whole.

AEPAC has developed an election campaign strategic plan for the mid-term election cycle of 2022 to support candidates who subscribe to promoting AEPAC's mission of promoting Ethiopian American mutual interests, regardless of party affiliations. AEPAC campaign will be conducted in all states and districts that are identified as priority places for AEPAC during this mid-term election cycle in 2022.

The AEPAC election campaign strategic plan will be executed in full coordination and collaboration with its partners, supporters and volunteers throughout the United States. Based on consensus reached with partners and stakeholders, the strategic plan is adopted and committees are formed at different levels. The next step will be for each state and district committee to identify candidates running for Senate, House, Governor or Mayor positions, evaluate them based on their pro-Ethiopia and pro-Ethiopia & US mutual interest stances and support their campaign accordingly.