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NEWSLETTER

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Dear <<First Name>>,

The U.S. 2024 election has concluded, shaping the nation's governance for the next four years. To all Ethiopian Americans who actively participated—congratulations! Your civic engagement is vital to strengthening democracy. Regardless of the results, it is now time to unite and focus on the people's business following this democratic process.



AEPAC proudly endorsed 39 candidates this election cycle, achieving significant success and amplifying the voice of our community.

Election Highlights

- **Overall Success:** AEPAC endorsed 39 candidates, and 35 of them won their races.
- **House of Representatives:** All 30 endorsed candidates were victorious, reflecting strong voter alignment with AEPAC's priorities.
- **Senate:** Of nine endorsed candidates, five were elected. The four losses involved Democratic candidates in highly competitive states.

Key Trends and Insights

- **California and Maryland:** AEPAC had an exceptional track record in these states, where every endorsed candidate won.
- **Bipartisan Appeal:** AEPAC endorsed 23 Democrats and 16 Republicans. All endorsed Republican candidates won, demonstrating bipartisan influence, even in Democratic-leaning areas.
- **Senate Challenges:** Losses in swing states like Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Montana highlight the need to reassess strategies in the Rust Belt and Mountain West.

With a 90% success rate, AEPAC's endorsement strategy proved highly effective. This success lays the groundwork for enhanced organization, voter mobilization, and plans to help elect Ethiopian Americans to public office in the future.

Potential U.S. Horn of Africa Policy Under Trump 2025

Looking ahead, a potential Trump administration could significantly shape U.S. foreign policy in the Horn of Africa:

- **Counterterrorism and Security:** Continued focus on combating Al-Shabaab and other threats, potentially through expanded military operations and drone strikes.
- **Aid and Multilateral Engagement:** A shift toward reduced foreign aid and skepticism of multilateral organizations, favoring bilateral agreements.
- **Geostrategic Concerns:** Strengthening ties with Horn of Africa nations to counter Chinese and Russian influence, prioritizing economic and military partnerships.
- **Economic Diplomacy:** Pursuing trade agreements that align with U.S. strategic goals and leverage the region's natural resources.
- **Humanitarian Issues:** Reduced focus on famine, displacement, and other crises unless they directly impact U.S. interests.

The Horn of Africa will likely remain a key region for assessing U.S. policy under Trump, driven by security and economic interests.

White House Gulf Policy and Its Impact on Ethiopia

- **Gulf Leaders and U.S. Relations:** Leaders like Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS), UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed, and Qatari Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad are expected to maintain close ties with Trump, leveraging their wealth and influence.
- **Horn of Africa Rivalries:** Gulf states and Egypt continue to compete for influence in the Horn:

- Egypt and Saudi Arabia support Sudanese Armed Forces, while the UAE backs the Rapid Support Forces.
- Qatar and Egypt oppose Somaliland's secession, unlike the UAE, which partners with Ethiopia and Somaliland.
- Egypt opposes Ethiopia's Nile dam project, while the UAE strengthens its relationship with Ethiopia.
- **Transactional U.S. Policy:** Gulf states and Egypt will likely use investments, arms deals, and other incentives to shape U.S. policy, with the Horn of Africa as a focal point.

Looking Ahead: Building on Success

The focus now turns to engaging with endorsed officials and the new administration to advance Ethiopian American issues and a pro-Ethiopia agenda. Together, we can promote security, stability, economic progress, and democracy for Ethiopia.

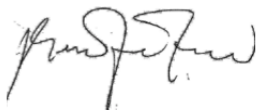
AEPAC's 2025 Work Plan Includes:

- Active engagement with local officials through AEPAC's regional chapters.
- Strengthened lobbying efforts with the executive branch to advance Ethiopian American interests and pro-Ethiopia policies.

Your participation is key to amplifying our community's voice and priorities. Let's continue working together to make a meaningful impact.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Yours Sincerely,
Mesfin Tegenu
Chairman



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