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NEWSLETTER

September 2024

Dear <<First Name>>,

On behalf of the American Ethiopian Committee Board and myself, I extend my warmest wishes for a blessed Ethiopian New Year.

As we look ahead, AEPAC has completed the process of finalizing its 2024 congressional endorsements.



AEPAC 2024 U.S. House of Representatives Candidate Endorsees



AEPAC 2024 U.S. Senate Candidate Endorsees



These endorsements are based on a candidate's electability, their dedication to supporting Ethiopian American interests, their commitment to advancing pro-U.S.-Ethiopian policies, and their involvement with the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Africa. These carefully considered endorsements will be pivotal in the upcoming election, and I'd like to highlight why voting is so essential for our community:

- **Civic Duty:** Voting is a cornerstone of democracy, empowering us to shape the future of our community and nation.
- **Representation:** Casting your vote ensures that the concerns and interests of Ethiopian Americans are represented in the political sphere.
- **Advocacy for Key Issues:** Voting allows us to influence critical policies that directly impact our community, such as immigration, healthcare, education, and economic opportunities.
- **Preserving Rights:** Your vote helps safeguard civil rights, ensuring equality and justice for all, especially for minority communities.
- **Influence Policy:** Elected officials shape policies at all levels of government. Voting ensures these decisions reflect the needs of Ethiopian Americans.
- **Opportunities for Future Generations:** By voting, we build a foundation for future generations in a society that embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- **Community Strength:** The more Ethiopian Americans participate in elections, the greater our collective influence on policies that impact us.
- **Holding Leaders Accountable:** Voting ensures that elected officials are held accountable for their promises and actions.

Each vote contributes to strengthening our community's role in the American political landscape.

AEPAC has shared these endorsements across social media, and each endorsed candidate has received a formal letter. To unite and demonstrate our capacity to mobilize and fundraise, AEPAC is hosting a **Town Hall and Fundraising Event** on **October 12, 2024, from 5 PM to 10 PM** at **Vista Banquet Hall** (7846 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22306).

This event will provide Ethiopian Americans with an opportunity to engage with legislators and network with one another. We encourage you to purchase your ticket by visiting www.aepact.org/donor. United, we can amplify our voices and make a meaningful impact!

Discussion with 2024 Congressional Candidates Over Dinner

OCTOBER 12, 2024
5.00 PM - 10.30 PM
7846 RICHMOND HWY,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22306

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!*

- **Engage** with your future representative and share your vision for our community.
- **Discuss** pressing issues that matter to you.
- **Connect** with fellow community members and local supporters.

Entrance Amount : \$ 100

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● MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND RSVP TODAY ●

UN Genocide Prevention

Recently, AEPAC leadership, in collaboration with representatives from the World Council of Churches and His Holiness Abune Petros, Secretary General of the Ethiopian Orthodox Synod and Archbishop of New York, met with **Alice Wairimu Nderitu**, United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. Ms. Nderitu's role is to translate the concept of genocide prevention into practical measures at the regional, national, and community levels. She is closely monitoring the ongoing crisis in Ethiopia.

Ms. Nderitu has reaffirmed her commitment to continue following the developments in Ethiopia and to address concerns over human rights violations and atrocities. AEPAC will maintain its active engagement with her office as we seek to promote peace and justice in Ethiopia.



Philadelphia Ethiopian Day

On **September 7, 2024**, the Philadelphia Ethiopian community came together to celebrate **Ethiopian Day**. The event saw the participation of several Ethiopian Americans and local elected officials. As a key participant, AEPAC underscored the importance of voter registration and fulfilling our civic duties. The event was a valuable opportunity to connect with our community and emphasize how each vote contributes to shaping a better future.











We greatly appreciate your continued support and involvement.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mesfin Tegenu'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'M'.

Mesfin Tegenu
Chairman

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To keep up to date with AEPAC, follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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Want to help push the voice of American-Ethiopians to the audiences who matter? Then please share these Tweets so that AEPAC's message is seen by more people across social media: [AEPAC Mission Video](#)

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