



DEMOCRATS ABROAD FRANCE OFFICIAL BALLOT

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Riviera Chapter

Instructions / Method of Submission:

All members of DAF - Riviera will mark online each name(s) of the candidate(s) for whom they wish to vote, using the approved [Google Form](#). Each member will self-identity themselves before submitting their online ballot, including their official DA Account Number. Each member's Account number will be shared in a direct email or seen in their individual account settings on the DA website. Alternatively, this document can be signed and mailed in as a ballot to *6 rue Caffarelli, 06000 NICE, France*. Voting will close with the March Political Wine on March 3, 2021 at 19h00.

The second page includes each candidate's declared statement.

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Chair: Vice-Chair: Secretary: Treasurer: Members At Large: <i>(Select up to 5)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott BAKER
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph VOELKER
	<input type="checkbox"/> Marion CURLIN
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia ADAMS
	<input type="checkbox"/> Frederick CURLIN
	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather LOUNSBURY
<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth MONTAGUE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Garland WALTON	

I the undersigned hereby attest that I am a U.S. Person and a member of Democrats Abroad France:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____
printed *signature required by Democrat Party rules* *mm - dd - yyyy*



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<p>Scott BAKER - candidate for Chair</p> <p>Being both a past Chair and past Vice Chair, I am thankful to have such a valuable and energized Executive Committee within Democrats Abroad – France. We have provided the Riviera chapter opportunities for American political discourse and strengthened our fight against the political influences that want to concentrate power to a selective few. Consequently, I am continuing to dedicate time and energy to carry the torch within the Riviera chapter so that Americans can benefit from the resources that Democrats Abroad can provide.</p>	<p>X – no candidate for Vice Chair</p> <p>xxx</p>
<p>Joseph VOELKER – candidate for Secretary</p> <p>I moved to Nice with my partner at the end of 2014. For the previous 11 years, we lived in London. I hold dual nationality: USA and UK. I joined DA Riviera shortly after moving here and have served on the executive committee as member-at-large, treasurer and chair since 2015. I've been a life-long Democrat, and volunteered for the 1993 presidential campaign and for various state and local campaigns in Loudoun County Virginia. I trained as a lawyer and have been a managing editor for what is now Bloomberg BNA. In recent years, I was Director of Marketing, Communications and Development for a prominent UK educational institution.</p>	<p>Marion CURLIN – candidate for Treasurer</p> <p>It is with great pride that I am a very active Democrat living abroad. I spent my childhood in the great state of New Hampshire. After obtaining my BED and MED, I spent my career as a teacher. I have taught from 1st grade through university. I have had the wonderful experience of teaching in such venues as a little rural two-room schoolhouse in Vermont, a large city school in CA (where I became our Union representative), a US base school in Germany, and a university in west Africa. Following many years of government work, my husband and I chose to retire in southern France. We love it here and are proud to be part of the American community that recognizes that we have a responsibility to work together to help our home country, which is now in great disarray. I have never felt more compelled to join in with my fellow Americans living abroad to work to restore and maintain the great values we all hold dear. With this in mind, I hope to continue my efforts as Treasurer of our Riviera Chapter of Democrats Abroad, France.</p>
<p>Cynthia ADAMS – candidate for Member-At-Large</p> <p>I believe there is a need for us (Democrats) living abroad to be informed and inform others of our involvement in National issues. We also have to be an active voice so our concerns are addressed Stateside.</p> <p>I have had the privilege of being a member of the executive committee of Democrats of the Riviera for the past year, and an active member for about four years. Prior I was involved in Democrat activities/elections while in Philadelphia for years. I feel this is the best organization to discuss our likeminded political concerns and a place for interaction, celebration of our National holidays.</p>	<p>Frederick CURLIN - candidate for Member-At-Large</p> <p>As an ex-elected official, committed to the importance of promoting the principles of the Democratic party, I have been actively working with Democrats Abroad France since I discovered its existence. I have been interviewed by local French TV, set up a polling place, with the cooperation of the US Consulate, here in Nice, for US expats to vote in the national elections in 2008, helped arrange President Obama's Inauguration Celebration here in NICE following the 2012 elections, and have, since 2015, been an active member of the DAF Riviera Executive Committee also serving as Media Contact. I hope to continue to work with fellow DAF members to help elect and support honest principled leaders.</p> <p>As a retired American physician, a former Lt. Commander in the US Naval Reserve, a former physician for the US Dept. of Defense, and a concerned citizen, I hope to continue to work together with my fellow DAF Riviera Chapter members on the Riviera executive committee as a member-at-large to help further our goals.</p>



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Heather LOUNSBURY - candidate for Member-At-Large

I have decades of experience and passion to share with Democrats Abroad. My interest in politics started by participating with my mom in demonstrations in favor of passing the Equal Rights Amendment in the early 70s. I campaigned for a local politician passing out leaflets at the tender age of ten. I have gone door to door, phone banked, fundraised for John Kerry, President Obama, and Joe Biden. I've volunteered dozens of hours for DA. I phonebanked for Jaime Harrison and the Georgia runoffs as well. I would be a great asset in helping DA with its mission.

Elizabeth MONTAGUE - candidate for Member-At-Large

I was born in New York but am also an Irish citizen. In fact, I have lived most of my adult life in Ireland and France. And I am a fiction writer, with five novels published in Ireland along with numerous short stories and book reviews.

I am pleased that DAF makes it possible for myriad Democrats, from every state, to gather here in our chosen home in order to influence policy decisions as the US moves away from a very dark period into the promising Biden years. I would very much like to participate more fully in DAF-Riviera as a member-at-large.

Garland WALTON - candidate for Member-At-Large

I'm interested in another term serving our DA-Riviera chapter as a member at large on the Executive Committee. I have professional experience running political campaigns and working on the legislative side in city and state government. My early experience in the Illinois legislature on education issues led me to Connecticut, where I lived for 20 years working on education and youth issues for our future governor, then for a large regional nonprofit helping disadvantaged, disconnected youth. This year, I volunteered nearly full time as Democrats Abroad France's deputy GOTV coordinator, ensuring our members voted in the 2020 general election and the January 2021 Georgia runoff elections. Having lived in France since 2016, I think our organization's work is vital, helping expats stay connected and involved in issues affecting us and our stateside friends and family members. In my lifetime, it's never been more important to be active in preserving and strengthening our democracy. Democrats Abroad makes those efforts rewarding, fun, and fruitful.

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