

Candidate Statement

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Some of my earliest memories are of my family and I sitting before the television during the election season as my parents would discuss the major issues of the day and the importance of voting. Part of this discussion always included the stories of their own parents getting dressed in their Sunday best to go to the polls – knowing they only recently could take advantage of this right in the South. My parents also stressed that these rights could be stripped away if we did not continually fight for them. Admittedly, after Donald Trump was voted into office, the lessons of my childhood came flooding back and I understood it was not just enough to vote, but that civic responsibility meant we do more.

My job transferred me to Berlin in March 2017 and a Democrats Abroad event on climate change was one of the first meetings my husband and I attended. There I met many really interesting and *interested* people from so many backgrounds. I knew this was a group I wanted to be involved with further.

Since that time my husband and I have expanded our family with the birth of our daughter and son. I juggle this along with a demanding job as a management consultant. That said, I have also found time to volunteer at the voter registration events in 2018 in advance of the midterm elections as well as voter Q&A sessions in 2020. I mention this to say that I understand the demanding schedules many of us have; however, our love of country and the knowledge that we play a role in protecting our democracy means we make time to do our part. If I were elected to the role of Membership & Volunteer Chair, I would use this appreciation for our different time constraints and furthermore our *capabilities* to connect DA Berlin members to the right volunteer opportunities. Additionally expressing this appreciation would be equally important.

DA members were able to do a tremendous amount during the 2020 election season and that was in no small part due to the leaders who mobilized our efforts. I would be honored to have the role of Membership & Volunteer Chair for the Berlin Chapter in order to further encourage and promote member participation.