

Candidate Statement

Name: Geeta Abad
Chapter: Munich
Position: GOTV Coordinator
Gender: Female



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I was born to Indian immigrants in Chicago. Both of my grandfathers were Freedom Fighters for India's independence alongside Mahatma Gandhi, so politics and social justice have always been important parts of my life. I earned a Bachelor's degree in music performance in Boston at The Boston Conservatory and during that time, I volunteered for John Kerry's presidential campaign in 2004. I first moved to Germany in 2006 to earn a master's degree in chamber music at the Hochschule für Musik Detmold. A brief stint in Essen brought me to Bavaria in 2010 where I joined Staatstheater Augsburg as a second violinist with the Augsburger Philharmoniker.

My first DA leadership event was in 2020 as the Voting Manager of the GPP in Augsburg. It was an amazing experience and it truly showed me how far and deep DA's reach to American voters everywhere is. Being a member of the AAPI community, I am proud of what we accomplished in Georgia and elsewhere in 2020/2021 - if we organize and collaborate with one another, there's nothing we Democrats can't do. I am looking forward to getting out the vote for the 2022 midterm elections! Please vote for me!

Endorsed by:

Endorsement 1: Katie Solon – DNC Member, Former Global Chair

Geeta Abad really stepped up to reinvigorate the DA group in Augsburg this past critical election year, helping turn out more voters from our chapter than ever before. She helped plan and managed the GPP Voting Center and its volunteers. She led the group that throughout the summer and fall, as covid restrictions permitted, set up voter registration/assistance tables around the city.

Her organizing and communication skills will be critical to building out our chapter GOTV team. She understands DA's multi-pronged approach to voter outreach and assistance, and would help improve it to mobilize more of our members and other US citizens living in Germany to get their ballots and vote.

Add to all this, she gets along with everyone and would work well with her counterparts in other chapters, with the DAG national team and with DA global. It would also be a plus to have leaders from beyond Munich, since our chapter covers such a large part of Bavaria.

I'm so happy Geeta is running for this important position, enthusiastically endorse her and ask you to please vote for her.

-Katie Solon

Endorsement 2: Candice Kerestan – Chair, DA-Germany (based in Munich)

I first met Geeta Abad in Fall 2019 at a Democrats Abroad meet-and-greet in Augsburg. In preparation for the 2020 election, our organization was looking to expand and improve our outreach in mid-sized German cities. Upon meeting Ms. Abad, she was highly interested in helping us reach U.S. citizens in the Augsburg area and eager to get started.

Ms. Abad then began organizing locally and built a sizable volunteer base that, under her leadership, would successfully host a Global Presidential Primary voting center in Augsburg in March 2020. Throughout the remainder of 2020, Ms. Abad continued functioning as a go-to person in the Augsburg area for Democrats Abroad. On the ground, she organized numerous voter registration drives and info stands. Additionally, she voluntarily attended meetings and trainings of Democrats Abroad, including those of the DA Germany Executive Committee, the Global Women's Caucus, and the DA Global Diversity and Inclusion Team.

As DA Germany Chair, each working experience I have had with Ms. Abad has been professional and pleasant, and I am confident that her professionalism, determination, and ability to organize would continue to benefit the Munich Chapter and Democrats Abroad overall. For these reasons, I endorse Ms. Abad for the position of Munich Chapter GOTV Coordinator without reservation, and I strongly encourage you to support her candidacy.