

Candidate Statement

Name: Karena Detweiler

Chapter: Munich

Position: Chair

Gender: Female



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Hello, my name is a Karena and I have lived in Munich since 2016, voting in Massachusetts. While I started my career as an International Relations major working in and around politics in Washington, DC, I have since pivoted to the business world, where I remain passionate about the political process. A critical part of that, is the citizens making their voices heard in that process. One of the most powerful instruments of that is, of course, voting, and since moving abroad, I became the “go-to” person amongst my fellow American friends living all across the world, to remind and inform them how to vote. This past election season, I was able to extend that passion by working with the core DA Germany get out the vote (GOTV) team, reaching out to academic institutions across Germany, trying to inform all Americans and German-Americans dual citizens of their right to vote, as well as talking directly with US citizens at an information table set up near Marienplatz on weekends in September and October.

I see Democrats Abroad Germany as a great way for American citizens living in Germany to not only stay in touch with their community, but also stay engaged with the issues in discussion in the US. The conversation for me is two-way, with DA keeping American citizens informed about current discussions in the US, but also as a conduit for Americans living abroad to communicate back to the Democratic party, and contribute their views to those discussions. Democrats Abroad has done an amazing job to promote the organization as representative of Americans living abroad, but that is only possible thanks to an active and engaged membership. It would be my role as chapter Chair to foster that engagement, and I hope not only for your support in this election, but also to make the Munich chapter a welcome and vibrant community for Americans living in Munich and the surrounding areas.

Endorsed by:

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

I enthusiastically endorse Karena Detweiler for the position of Munich Chapter Chair. In this past election cycle, I worked with Karena at the Voting Center in Munich, on voter registration / GOTV and on outreach to students.

Karena's passion for voting rights with her organizing skills, professionalism and agility make her an excellent fit for this job (and nice to work with!). She took up responsibility for student outreach early in the spring...before it became clear that, due to covid, many students wouldn't arrive in the fall or would be hard to find. Karena organized our lists, filled in data gaps, used and created resources, drafted scripts and emails, collaborated on strategy, built a team, and coordinated with other DA teams in Germany and globally.

Please vote for Karena!