

Candidate Statement

Name: Esther Lofgren

Chapter: Kaiserslautern

Position: Chair

Gender: Female



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I'm asking for your vote to be the Kaiserslautern Chapter Chair. I would like to represent your voice in making sure Democrats Abroad supports initiatives you believe are beneficial for our community, and expand our chapter's efforts to empower voting, encourage beneficial policies, and strengthen, grow, and diversify our membership.

This year's elections showed the collective power of Democratic voters abroad. I was grateful to be able to work alongside many members of the Kaiserslautern Chapter in helping more than 500 voters register in several voter registration drives on military bases this summer, and to become our Chapter's GOTV coordinator. With in-person opportunities limited this year, it was great to join the Call Hub team through DA's phone banking program, helping Germany-based members register and successfully return their ballots. My family and I also wrote postcards for DA's postcard campaign. I supported stateside phone and textbanking efforts for the Warnock/Ossoff campaigns in Georgia and Voto Latino in Florida. I also wrote 500 letters to swing state voters with the Vote Forward campaign. There are so many opportunities to get involved. I am already working with our current Chair to better support all our chapter members in accessing opportunities that fit your interests and availability.

Our Kaiserslautern Chapter, which comprises parts of Rheinland-Pfalz and the Saarland, stands out in Germany with the strength of our diversity, driven by our military, civilian, contractor, and veteran/retiree populations. I would like to work to strengthen the Kaiserslautern Chapter's organizational and GOTV relationships with other local organizations and clubs that support diverse populations. I would also support efforts within our chapter and in the broader DA organization to diversify and grow our leadership and membership.

I have greatly benefitted from working alongside Kaiserslautern Chapter members in our GOTV and other efforts this year. I look forward to continuing to work with and learn from everyone in our chapter to better understand our chapter community's goals and needs. Perhaps the most critical leadership skills are listening to and supporting one's team, and I am eager to keep learning from our experienced (and new!) members and helping initiatives important to you succeed. I ask for your vote as Kaiserslautern Chapter Chair so that we can move forward together to ensure that all Americans in our area exercise their right to vote in U.S. elections.

Endorsed By:

Endorsement 1: Terese Sarno, Kaiserslautern Chapter Chair

I enthusiastically support Esther Lofgren's candidacy for Kaiserslautern Chapter Chair. During this presidential election year, Esther, who stepped up to be the Kaiserslautern Chapter GOTV Coordinator, was an integral member of the Kaiserslautern Chapter Absentee Ballot Team which registered over 500 American voters on the military bases in the Kaiserslautern area to vote as well as request their absentee ballots. With the large community of U.S. government employees in the Kaiserslautern Chapter, the primary focus of the chapter is to ensure that Americans exercise their right to vote.

Esther initiated voter outreach activities in the Department of Defense community, participated in the Kaiserslautern Juneteenth Black Lives Matter rally, supported the chapter's Global Presidential Primary in Landstuhl, and successfully spread the DA message on social media as well as through phone banking and curing ballots in the special Georgia Senate run off elections.

Esther's enthusiasm and energy in supporting Democrats Abroad knows no bounds and she would be a positive force to further the Democrats Abroad goal to reach all the American voters in the military communities in Germany. Through her energetic efforts on behalf of Democrats Abroad during this crucial presidential election, Esther has clearly demonstrated her organizing skills and willingness to get out the vote. I ask you to join me in support of her candidacy as the next Kaiserslautern Chapter Chair.

Endorsement 2: Robert V. Scott – DPCA Voting Representative

I am Robert V. Scott, a representative of the Democratic Party Committee Abroad (DPCA), and I would like to endorse Esther Lofgren for the office of Chapter Chair, for the Kaiserslautern Chapter of Democrats Abroad. Ms. Lofgren is an active participant in many of Democrats Abroad activities through her Kaiserslautern Chapter. Some of these activities include Chapter Get Out to Vote (GOTV) Coordinator, Black Lives Matter Juneteenth Celebrations, Phone Banking, and she initiated several Voter Outreach efforts. I first met Esther while working with the Absentee Ballot Team in 2020. We went to military installations in the Kaiserslautern Area helping to register and request 2020 Absentee Ballots for Active-duty Military members and their families. Esther was always very professional and ready to help. The teams consisted of three or four members working these events, and Esther would always manage to help more people than anyone of the rest of us on the team. She was simply more efficient and effective than the other team members. She always had a very positive attitude and was always ready to help. Working with her was a pleasure, and it would be an honor to work with her in the future.

Esther Lofgren demonstrates the kind of energy, and leadership that would make her an outstanding Chairperson for the Kaiserslautern Chapter of Democrats Abroad. She has distinguished herself as an exemplary human being, and I would highly recommend her for any position of higher leadership and authority.

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