

Anya Leonhard first came to my attention when she was running for Delegate to the DNC for Bernie Sanders (and I was a Sanders elector). She was so impressive that I talked her up to all the other electors, since her poise, confidence and tenacity were evident in the 10 minutes I spoke with her. Of course, she won a spot as a delegate!

Anya continued to demonstrate her professionalism, and excellent German skills when representing Democrats Abroad Germany in nationwide media in the run-up to the November 2020 Election. Her translations of talking points into German were an invaluable resource to me when preparing for my own media appearances. She also demonstrated an admirable willingness to do demanding and nerve-wracking live television appearances.

She also has contributed to the internal organization of Democrats Abroad by being involved in the formation of the Global Asian American and Pacific Islander American Caucus, participating in Diversity and Inclusion initiatives and leadership workshops. I look forward to working with her on the 2021-2023 Executive Committee.