

President's Report

By Lorraine Zamora

Right now, the protests that have rocked this country since the death of George Floyd are surely the first thing on all our minds. They may, at long last, be forcing our country to reckon with its systemic racism and police brutality. Three Parks Independent Democrats supports this movement wholeheartedly. If you have not yet read the statement *It's Time to Act* that we circulated by e-mail, please do so. You can click [here](#) or at the link later in this newsletter.

But, of course, that's only part of what's happening this summer. The general election is still four months away – but that means it's *only* four months away. That's why Three Parks, along with other progressive groups, is eager to continue, and even expand, its activities. This year, instead of

taking a summer hiatus, we'll be having Club meetings with thought-provoking speakers in both July and August. You'll also be receiving newsletters from us this summer, along with emails alerting you to activities in which you can participate.

Here in this issue, you can read about campaign activities that our members have been doing this past month or plan to do as the summer goes on. Under the daunting conditions of COVID virus, many of our usual activities will have to be modified (our phone bank meetings will be on zoom), or dropped (our traditional July picnic-in-the-park has been cancelled), and we will need to come up with new and creative ideas (what to do in place of a Presidential Storefront).

One continuing focus is sure to be supporting the police reforms championed by the Black Lives Matter movement.

Another will be working to help progressive candidates in crucial senate races, especially the relatively nearby one in Maine. As the situation develops, and as conditions permit, we'll campaign in whatever ways we can for our endorsed candidates here in the city, for progressive candidates in nearby districts, and of course, for our Democratic presidential candidate in what may well be the most momentous election of our lives.

I know that all of you are eager to step up and do your part. The Three Parks board looks forward to working with you to help shape the future we want.

I wish you all a healthy and safe summer.