

Benefits of Becoming a Chapter

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PDA knows that grassroots involvement needs grassroots support, and everyone in PDA started at the grassroots. PDA provides a sturdy support system for its chapters:

1. Affiliation with the fastest growing politically progressive movement in the country! Since our launch in Boston in July 2004, PDA has taken the lead in pushing the Democratic Party back toward the left-reminding the party to respond to its base outside of the Beltway-on issues such as the wars, Medicare for all, a green economy, fair immigration policies, government accountability, corporate personhood, and fair trade. We're working to strengthen the progressive wing of the Democratic Party through our inside/outside strategy, which provides a place at the table for everyone, and provides the opportunity to build coalitions with like-minded organizations.

2. Organizational support-our Field Team offers constant organizational and networking support. With organizational tools such as the PDA Chapter Handbook, we support you in initial chapter organization

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- When you plan your first meetings, we will send an announcement to everyone on PDA's database in your town, city, county, state and/or region letting them know about it!
- We'll give your chapter access to our contact management system so that you can contact fellow PDA activists in your congressional district (CD), add events to our calendar, and much more!
- We'll keep you up to date with our weekly staff reports.
- We'll give you first-hand briefings with PDA national leadership on fast-breaking news from inside the beltway.
- Our Field Team will be available to help you tell your story through press releases, articles, and stories.
- We can even help you line up nationally known speakers for your major events and fundraisers.
- PDA offers political support in candidate recruitment and development, leveraging progressive power within the Democratic Party and developing and networking national political action.

Chapter Relationships

PDA chapters will establish an organizational name independent of PDA, such as "Progressive

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Democrats of Pima County” or “Progressive Democrats of East Peoria,” but will be authorized to include the PDA name and logo (along with a statement that the chapter is affiliated with PDA) on their Web pages, press releases, and other identifying documents.

An individual PDA chapter will at no time speak for other PDA chapters or for PDA. Endorsements that include PDA’s name will be made on behalf of duly recognized individual chapters only. PDA will nationally endorse a candidate or initiative when every official PDA chapter within the geographic area related to that candidate or initiative agrees to the endorsement.

PDA reserves the right to withdraw chapter status and/or its links if PDA is misrepresented in any way, or if mismanagement, discrimination, illegal activity, or patterns of unethical behavior occur.