



VICTORY  
FUND

# 2021

## *Annual Report*







*Winning as an out non-binary woman of color in the Deep South is an uphill battle—even in Atlanta. Yet Victory Fund believed in me from the beginning and endorsed early in both my campaigns. The team was a constant source of support during and in between my races, holding fundraisers, talking campaign strategy and always being just a phone call away. Their hands-on support is unmatched.”*

**LILIANA BAKHTIARI, ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL**

*On the Cover (from left to right): New York City Councilmember Crystal Hudson, Bozeman City Commissioner Christopher Coburn, Minneapolis City Council President Andrea Jenkins, San Antonio City Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Atlanta City Councilmember Alex Wan, New York City Councilmember Tiffany Cabán and Spokane City Councilmember Zack Zappone.*

# A Note From Mayor Annise Parker

A record number of anti-LGBTQ bills were introduced at the state and local levels in 2021, with politicians targeting our lives and equality for their own perceived political gain. Yet leading the counteroffensive—through fiery speeches, legislative maneuvers and organizing allies—were LGBTQ elected officials. Whether in a state legislature, city council or school board, if an LGBTQ person were serving, they were on the frontline.

That power in representation is why LGBTQ Victory Fund made historic investments in state and local candidates during the 2021 cycle. While many political organizations slowed down after the presidential year, we remained steady, endorsing 177 LGBTQ candidates in 31 states. Nearly 60 percent of these candidates won on Election Day, pushing us above 1,000 LGBTQ elected officials serving for the first time in U.S. history.

While the impact of victories is apparent, perhaps less so is the impact of those who fell short on Election Day. In Pennsylvania, Tyler Titus ran a county executive race that brought national attention to and understanding for non-binary people.

In New Orleans, Mariah Moore put a citywide spotlight on the discrimination and challenges trans women continue to face—and inspired more trans advocates to consider a run.

Every candidate we endorse opens hearts and minds to our community. Each victory places a fierce advocate for equality in the halls of power. Thanks to your support and commitment, we've more than doubled the number of candidates we support in just the last four years. That is no accident. Without you, our historic achievements in 2021 are truly impossible. Thank you.

Onward to 2022,



A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Annise D. Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Mayor Annise Parker**

*President & CEO*

*LGBTQ Victory Fund*



# A History-Making 2021

While many political organizations called 2021 an “off-year” election, it was not the case at LGBTQ Victory Fund. We endorsed **177 LGBTQ candidates** for state legislatures, city councils and school boards, and **59 percent won** on Election Night.

## Big Cities, Big Impact

Victory Fund endorsed candidates won city council elections in major U.S. cities, from Atlanta to Detroit to New York City.

### New York Sets Record

The election cycle began with some concern that LGBTQ representation on the New York City Council could diminish, as all four sitting LGBTQ members were termed out. Yet on Election Night, six out LGBTQ endorsed candidates won their New York City Council elections—the largest group of out LGBTQ councilmembers ever elected in the city.

**Crystal Hudson** and **Kristin Richardson Jordan** became the first two Black out LGBTQ women elected to the council. **Lynn Schulman** and **Tiffany Cabán** became the first out LGBTQ women elected to the council from Queens. **Chi Ossé** became the youngest person ever elected to the council and **Erik Bottcher** preserved LGBTQ representation in his district, an LGBTQ legacy seat that is home to the Stonewall Inn.



### Detroit Breaks New Ground

**Gabriela Santiago-Romero** restored LGBTQ representation to the Detroit City Council and became the first out LGBTQ woman and first LGBTQ Latinx person to serve in the body. No out LGBTQ person had served on the council since 2013.





## Four New Members in Atlanta

The Atlanta City Council was also at risk of no LGBTQ representation in 2022, but **Liliana Bakhtiari**, **Keisha Waites** and **Alex Wan** refused to let that happen. Wan—who previously served on the council and was its first Asian American member—won on Election Night. Bakhtiari and Waites fell just short of the 50 percent needed to avoid a runoff. With Victory Fund support, Bakhtiari conquered in the runoff, winning more than two-thirds of the vote and becoming the first out LGBTQ Muslim elected in Georgia. Waites also won her runoff to become the first Black out lesbian elected to the council. Not long after, Councilmember **Matt Westmoreland** came out, just before being sworn-in to his second term. Atlanta now has the most out LGBTQ councilmembers in its history.



*Liliana Bakhtiari (left) and Alex Wan after taking office.*

## Shattering Ceilings in San Antonio & Beyond



With a runoff victory for San Antonio City Council, **Jalen McKee-Rodriguez** made history to become the first out gay Black man ever elected in the entire state of Texas. He achieved the milestone by defeating an incumbent who he previously worked for and had retaliated against him for reporting anti-LGBTQ discrimination and harassment.

## Holding the Majority in Salt Lake City



*Darin Mano*



*Alejandro Puy*



*Amy Fowler*



*Chris Wharton*

Four LGBTQ Salt Lake City Council candidates won their elections—two incumbents and two non-incumbents—putting four of the council’s seven seats in LGBTQ hands. **Darin Mano** became the first out LGBTQ Asian American elected to the council and **Alejandro Puy** the first out LGBTQ Latinx person. They joined LGBTQ councilmembers **Amy Fowler** and **Chris Wharton**, who both won reelection and are now the council’s senior members.

## Trans & Non-Binary Milestones



*Dion Manley said he ran, in part, to show appreciation for his daughter's teachers.*

### *A Voice in Ohio*

As **Dion Manley's** election for Gahanna Jefferson School Board in Ohio approached, national headlines were focused on riotous school board meetings dominated by anti-trans and anti-Black activists. Yet on Election Night, voters rejected the vitriol and chose Manley, making him the first out trans person ever elected in Ohio.

### *Judicial Progress in Pennsylvania*

Despite just nine out non-binary elected officials in the entire U.S., **Xander Orenstein** ran with pride in their race for the Allegheny County Magisterial District Court in Pennsylvania. After defeating an incumbent primary challenger by just 40 votes, they sailed to victory unchallenged in the general election. Orenstein became the first out non-binary person elected to a judicial position anywhere in the U.S.



### *We're Back in New Jersey*

On Election Night, former Atlantic City Mayor **Don Guardian** restored LGBTQ representation to the New Jersey state legislature, where no LGBTQ person was serving. He also became the first out LGBTQ Republican ever elected to the state legislature.





# Investing Early in 2022

## First National LGBTQ Redistricting Campaign

### Creating LGBTQ-Friendly Districts for 2022 & Beyond

Redistricting has an enormous impact on LGBTQ representation. Districts can be drawn to encompass LGBTQ neighborhoods and strengthen our ability to elect LGBTQ people. Or lines can be drawn that fracture LGBTQ neighborhoods, depriving us of political power and diminishing our ability to elect LGBTQ leaders. That reality is why we launched “We Belong Together” in 2021, the first national campaign to ensure LGBTQ people are considered in redistricting efforts.

Modeled on successful efforts by Equality California in their state, “We Belong Together” worked with in-state partners to identify opportunities to engage redistricting officials and ensure LGBTQ communities were respected. A comprehensive toolkit provided organizations and advocates with the information and tools needed to work with redistricting officials and an analysis of the top 40 U.S. cities gave advocates additional guidance on how to influence the process. The effort brought unprecedented attention to the impact redistricting has on LGBTQ candidates and voters.

Learn more about “We Belong Together” at [victoryfund.org/together](https://victoryfund.org/together).

### The New York Times

As redistricting process begins, advocates push for states to keep L.G.B.T.Q. communities in mind.

The L.G.B.T.Q. Victory Fund is pushing officials to keep L.G.B.T.Q. neighborhoods united when redrawing political boundaries.



## Jump Starting Campaigns

Early endorsements and fundraising dollars can make or break a candidacy, so in 2021 Victory Fund jumped into key 2022 races where it could make the greatest impact. Candidates who received our endorsement and early investment include:

### **Daniel Hernández** (US Congress)

*Would be the first out gay man elected to Congress from Arizona.*

### **Malcolm Kenyatta** (US Senate)

*Would be the first out LGBTQ person of color in the U.S. Senate.*

### **Sean Meloy** (US House)

*Would be the first out LGBTQ member of Congress from Pennsylvania.*

### **Heather Mizeur** (US House)

*Would be the first out LGBTQ member of Congress from Maryland.*

### **Michele Rayner** (US House)

*Would be the first out LGBTQ member of Congress from Florida.*

### **Brian Sims** (Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania)

*Would be the first out LGBTQ lieutenant governor of a U.S. state.*

# Impacting Groundbreaking Races

*Our endorsed candidates receive campaign consulting, fundraising assistance and media visibility support to help them build strong campaigns and win on Election Day. The endorsement also signals to our national network of donors that a candidate is viable and will make a positive impact on equality when elected to public office.*

**235+**

CANDIDATE  
CONSULTING HOURS

**\$598,990**

RAISED DIRECTLY FOR  
2021 CANDIDATES

**\$53,999**

CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY  
TO 2021 CANDIDATES

## Providing Campaign Strategy Support

Many of the state and local candidates running in 2021 have extremely small campaign staffs. That is why our in-house political experts play an outsized role in these campaigns—consulting on their campaign plans, vote goals and get out the vote efforts. Also with our endorsement comes exclusive access to a suite of resources to help candidates build successful campaigns.



*Chi Ossé became the youngest person ever elected to the New York City Council.*

## Raising Critical Dollars

Having the dollars to remain competitive is among the more difficult challenges our candidates face while running for office. LGBTQ people—and especially LGBTQ women and LGBTQ people of color—often have less access to wealthy donor networks. Yet Victory Fund’s endorsement provides access to a national network of donors – an advantage few local and state legislative candidates have.



*Virginia Delegate Danica Roem—the first out trans state legislator—won reelection to a third term in 2021.*





## Securing Media Visibility

State and local candidates often receive little media coverage until the final weeks before their primaries or general elections. We work to build their visibility earlier—both in their local media markets and to national LGBTQ and mainstream audiences. From the *Washington Post* to *Chicago Tribune* to *Marie Claire* and *The Advocate*—the visibility our candidates receive can influence the trajectories of their campaigns.

*As Election Day approached, Victory Fund pitched candidate profiles to national media outlets, including NBC News. Bozeman City Commissioner Christopher Coburn—who became the first out LGBTQ Black person ever elected in Montana—was among those profiled.*

## Amplifying the Endorsement

We teamed up with dozens of electoral partners to secure endorsements and support for our candidates, respond to homophobic and transphobic attacks and identify LGBTQ people to run for key seats. Among our partners:



# Our 2021 Endorsements

LGBTQ Victory Fund endorsed 177 of the more than 430 out LGBTQ people who ran for office in 2021. Only 4.9 percent of LGBTQ candidates we declined to endorse won their elections.

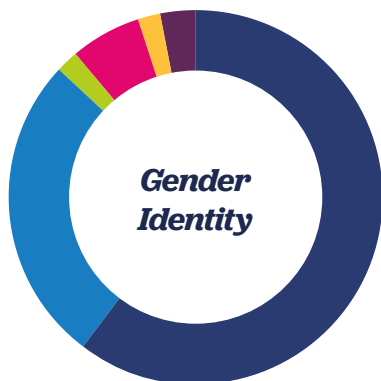
**177**  
CANDIDATES ENDORSED

**104**  
CANDIDATES WON

**73**  
CANDIDATES LOST

**59%**  
OVERALL WIN RATE

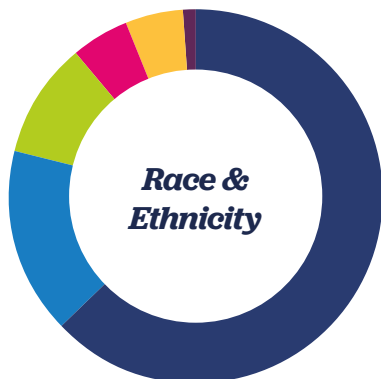
## Endorsed Candidates Demographics & Position Levels



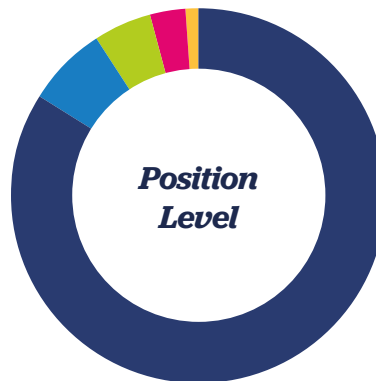
- Cisgender Men (61%)
- Cisgender Women (27%)
- Genderqueer/Nonbinary (6%)
- Transgender Women (3%)
- Transgender Men (2%)
- Gender Non-Conforming (2%)



- Gay (54%)
- Queer (16%)
- Bisexual (14%)
- Lesbian (12%)
- Heterosexual (2%)
- Pansexual (1%)
- Asexual (1%)
- Same-Gender Loving (1%)
- Other (1%)



- White/Caucasian (63%)
- Black/African American/Afro-Caribbean (16%)
- Latinx/Hispanic (10%)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (5%)
- Multiracial (5%)
- Middle Eastern/Arab American (2%)



- Local (84%)
- Mayor (7%)
- State Legislature (5%)
- Judicial (3%)
- Statewide (1%)



# 2021 Game Changer & Spotlight Candidates

• = Winner

Game Changer candidates are those running in federal or statewide races who will make an outsized contribution to equality if elected. Spotlight candidates are those running in potentially history-making state or local races or those running in places where few or no LGBTQ elected officials serve.

|   |                           |    |                                 |  |                         |    |                          |
|---|---------------------------|----|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| • | <b>Liliana Bakhtiari</b>  | GA | Atlanta City Council            |  | <b>Mariah Moore</b>     | LA | New Orleans City Council |
| • | <b>Christopher Coburn</b> | MT | Bozeman City Commission         |  | <b>Darden Rice</b>      | FL | Mayor of St. Petersburg  |
| • | <b>Crystal Hudson</b>     | NY | New York City Council           |  | <b>Vincent Solomeno</b> | NJ | New Jersey State Senate  |
|   | <b>Mark Levine</b>        | VA | Lieutenant Governor of Virginia |  | <b>Tyler Titus</b>      | PA | Erie County Executive    |

## 2021 General Candidates

|   |                                   |    |                                      |   |                             |    |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----|--|
| • | <b>Dawn Adams</b>                 | VA | Virginia House of Delegates          | • | <b>Michael Campbell</b>     | IL | Fox River Grove Memorial Library Board of Trustees     |
| • | <b>Katherine Adams</b>            | OH | Upper Arlington City Council         | • | <b>Guyleen Castriotta</b>   | CO | Mayor of Broomfield                                    |
|   | <b>Marti Gould Allen-Cummings</b> | NY | New York City Council                | • | <b>Kali Clark</b>           | WA | Sammamish City Council                                 |
| • | <b>Marcony Almeida-Barros</b>     | MA | City of Everett School Committee     |   | <b>Mario Clopton-Zymler</b> | OH | Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School Board |
|   | <b>Alex Arroyo</b>                | IL | Aurora Township Board of Supervisors |   | <b>Joshua Cole</b>          | VA | Virginia House of Delegates                            |
|   | <b>Amit Bagga</b>                 | NY | New York City Council                | • | <b>Molly Cowan</b>          | NH | Exeter Select Board                                    |
|   | <b>Bryan Barash</b>               | MA | Newton City Council                  |   | <b>Guillermo Creamer</b>    | MA | Worcester City Council                                 |
|   | <b>Devin Barrington-Ward</b>      | GA | Atlanta City Council                 |   | <b>Shannon Cuttle</b>       | NJ | South Orange Maplewood Board of Education              |
|   | <b>Paul Baumann</b>               | CO | Greenwood Village City Council       | • | <b>James Demetriades</b>    | CT | Cromwell Town Council                                  |
|   | <b>Nick Beaven</b>                | MI | Wyandotte City Council               |   | <b>Alexandra Dermody</b>    | IA | Davenport Board of Aldermen                            |
| • | <b>Tom Beckius</b>                | NE | Lincoln City Council                 |   | <b>Keara Dever</b>          | OH | Kettering Clerk of Court                               |
|   | <b>Danny Bernal Jr.</b>           | NM | Mayor of Belen                       | • | <b>Elias Diaz</b>           | TX | Eagle Pass City Council                                |
|   | <b>Robin Biro</b>                 | GA | Mayor of Tucker                      | • | <b>Sara Dion</b>            | MA | Somerville School Committee                            |
|   | <b>Jeremy Blake</b>               | OH | Newark City Council                  | • | <b>Ryan Egan</b>            | MA | Randolph Town Council                                  |
| • | <b>Erik Bottcher</b>              | NY | New York City Council                | • | <b>Jonathan Estrada</b>     | TX | Pasadena City Council                                  |
| • | <b>Liz Breadon</b>                | MA | Boston City Council                  |   | <b>Justan Fields</b>        | PA | Allentown City Council                                 |
| • | <b>Craig Brendli</b>              | NY | Dutchess County Legislature          |   | <b>Grant Fleegle</b>        | PA | New Castle City Council                                |
| • | <b>David Bria</b>                 | PA | Yardley Borough Council              |   | <b>Wilfredo Florentino</b>  | NY | New York City Council                                  |
| • | <b>Willie Burnley Jr.</b>         | MA | Somerville City Council              |   | <b>Will Garcia</b>          | MI | Mayor of Adrian  |
| • | <b>Tiffany Cabán</b>              | NY | New York City Council                | • | <b>Matthew Gerding</b>      | NH | Somersworth City Council                               |

|   |                                |    |                                     |
|---|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| • | <b>Dustin Gettel</b>           | UT | Midvale City Council                |
| • | <b>Emily Gilbert</b>           | IL | Library Board of Trustees           |
| • | <b>Caitlin Giles-McCormick</b> | NJ | Flemington Borough Council          |
| • | <b>Anthony Gomez</b>           | OH | Cuyahoga Falls Board of Education   |
| • | <b>Adam Graham</b>             | OK | The Village City Council            |
|   | <b>Rob Grilley</b>             | NM | Albuquerque City Council            |
| • | <b>Don Guardian</b>            | NJ | New Jersey State Assembly           |
|   | <b>Jackie Gunderson</b>        | IL | Mayor of Bloomington                |
| • | <b>Shannon Hardin</b>          | OH | Columbus City Council               |
| • | <b>Reggie Harris</b>           | OH | Cincinnati City Council             |
| • | <b>Jeff Harris</b>             | KS | Westwood City Council               |
| • | <b>Patrick Heck</b>            | WI | City of Madison Board of Aldermen   |
| • | <b>Bill Hedrick</b>            | OH | Municipal Court Judge               |
| • | <b>Dana Hilliard</b>           | NH | Mayor of Somersworth                |
| • | <b>Carolyn D. Hoffman</b>      | NY | Monroe County Legislature           |
| • | <b>Jason Hoskins</b>           | MI | Southfield City Council             |
|   | <b>Brad Hoylman</b>            | NY | Manhattan Borough President         |
|   | <b>Jake Hudnut</b>             | NJ | Jersey City Council                 |
|   | <b>Bret Jacob</b>              | RI | Rhode Island State Senate           |
| • | <b>Nathan Jeffries</b>         | WA | Spokane County Water District Board |
| • | <b>Andrea Jenkins</b>          | MN | Minneapolis City Council            |
|   | <b>Marion Johnson</b>          | NC | Durham City Council                 |
|   | <b>Corey Johnson</b>           | NY | New York City Comptroller           |
| • | <b>Nick Kachiroubas</b>        | IL | Crystal Lake City Clerk             |
|   | <b>John Kashwick</b>           | NJ | Clinton City Council                |
| • | <b>Charlotte Kelly</b>         | MA | Somerville City Council             |
|   | <b>Marshall Kilgore</b>        | MI | Kalamazoo City Commission           |
| • | <b>Megan Kilgore</b>           | OH | Columbus City Auditor               |
|   | <b>Scott Kirschman</b>         | OH | Franklin County Municipal Court     |
|   | <b>Justin Klekota</b>          | MA | Somerville City Council             |
| • | <b>Nick Komives</b>            | OH | Toledo City Council                 |

|   |                                |    |  |
|---|--------------------------------|----|--|
| • | <b>Stephe Koontz</b>           | GA | Doraville City Council                                 |
|   | <b>Nicholas Kor</b>            | MN | Minneapolis City Council                               |
| • | <b>Dustin Lambro</b>           | WA | Public Hospital District Board                         |
| • | <b>Kristal Larson</b>          | IL | Avon Township Clerk                                    |
|   | <b>Kelly-Jeanne Lee</b>        | GA | Atlanta City Council                                   |
| • | <b>Scott Lennon</b>            | IL | Berwyn Board of Aldermen                               |
|   | <b>James Lewis</b>             | VA | Alexandria City Council                                |
| • | <b>Malia Lewis</b>             | OH | Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School Board |
| • | <b>Paula Lewis</b>             | OK | Oklahoma City Public School Board                      |
| • | <b>Signe Lindell</b>           | NM | Santa Fe City Council                                  |
| • | <b>Jeffrey Litke</b>           | CT | Naugatuck Board of Education                           |
| • | <b>Luke Londo</b>              | MI | Hazel Park City Council                                |
|   | <b>Mico Lucide</b>             | NJ | Atlantic County Clerk                                  |
| • | <b>Dion Manley</b>             | OH | Gahanna Jefferson School Board                         |
| • | <b>Darin Mano</b>              | UT | Salt Lake City Council                                 |
| • | <b>Stanley Martin</b>          | NY | Rochester City Council                                 |
|   | <b>Graysen Martinez Ocasio</b> | MA | Salem City Council                                     |
|   | <b>Krystal Marx</b>            | WA | Burien City Council                                    |
| • | <b>Rebecca Maurer</b>          | OH | Cleveland City Council                                 |
|   | <b>Stephen McBride</b>         | MA | Boston City Council                                    |
| • | <b>Kerry McCormack</b>         | OH | Cleveland City Council                                 |
|   | <b>John McCrostie</b>          | ID | Garden City City Council                               |
| • | <b>Jalen McKee-Rodriguez</b>   | TX | San Antonio City Council                               |
| • | <b>Kirk McPike</b>             | VA | Alexandria City Council                                |
|   | <b>Rebecca Miller</b>          | MA | Somerville City Council                                |
| • | <b>Randall Moorman</b>         | CO | Arvada City Council                                    |
|   | <b>Jae Moyer</b>               | KS | Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees     |
| • | <b>Alex Myers</b>              | PA | Hatboro Borough Council                                |
|   | <b>Sheila Nezhad</b>           | MN | Mayor of Minneapolis                                   |
| • | <b>Thu Nguyen</b>              | MA | Worcester City Council                                 |
| • | <b>Andrew Nowick</b>           | NJ | Mayor of Lambertville                                  |



|   |                                  |    |   |
|---|----------------------------------|----|---|
| • | <b>Ryan O'Malley</b>             | MA | Malden City Council                       |
|   | <b>Jeffrey Omura</b>             | NY | New York City Council                     |
| • | <b>Xander Orenstein</b>          | PA | Magisterial District Judge                |
| • | <b>Chi Ossé</b>                  | NY | New York City Council                     |
| • | <b>Larry Palm</b>                | WI | Dane County Board of Supervisors          |
|   | <b>Anthony Paradiso</b>          | NJ | Waldwick Town Council                     |
| • | <b>Dontae Payne</b>              | WA | Olympia City Council                      |
|   | <b>Frank Perez</b>               | LA | New Orleans City Council                  |
|   | <b>Josue Pierre</b>              | NY | New York City Council                     |
| • | <b>Michael Poppa</b>             | KS | Roeland Park City Council                 |
|   | <b>Alyssa Porter</b>             | NY | Jamestown City Council                    |
| • | <b>Ed Potosnak</b>               | NJ | Franklin Township Council                 |
| • | <b>Alejandro Puy</b>             | UT | Salt Lake City Council                    |
|   | <b>Alfonso Quiroz</b>            | NY | New York City Council                     |
|   | <b>Jeremy Raines</b>             | TX | Tarrant Regional Water Board of Directors |
|   | <b>Janani Ramachandran</b>       | CA | California State Assembly                 |
|   | <b>Jose Ramirez</b>              | IL | Berwyn Board of Aldermen                  |
| • | <b>Alexander Reber</b>           | PA | Millersburg Borough Tax Collector         |
| • | <b>Kristin Richardson Jordan</b> | NY | New York City Council                     |
|   | <b>Valerie Ridge</b>             | PA | Mayor of Bensalem                         |
| • | <b>Carmen Rivera</b>             | WA | Renton City Council                       |
| • | <b>Danica Roem</b>               | VA | Virginia House of Delegates               |
|   | <b>John Ronquillo</b>            | CO | Aurora City Council                       |
|   | <b>Evan Ross</b>                 | MA | Amherst Town Council                      |
|   | <b>Jimmy Sabatino</b>            | PA | Luzerne County Council                    |
| • | <b>Sarah Salem</b>               | NY | Poughkeepsie City Council                 |
|   | <b>Victor Sanchez</b>            | NY | Rochester City Council                    |
| • | <b>Minita Sanghvi</b>            | NY | Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Finance  |
| • | <b>Gabriela Santiago-Romero</b>  | MI | Detroit City Council                      |
| • | <b>Lynn Schulman</b>             | NY | New York City Council                     |
| • | <b>Jennifer Sciortino</b>        | NJ | Bordentown City Commission                |

|   |                              |    |   |
|---|------------------------------|----|---|
| • | <b>Damon Seils</b>           | NC | Mayor of Carrboro                         |
|   | <b>Eve Seitchik</b>          | MA | Somerville City Council                   |
| • | <b>Mark Sickles</b>          | VA | Virginia House of Delegates               |
| • | <b>Lori Silverman</b>        | VA | Falls Church School Board                 |
| • | <b>Marsha Silverman</b>      | NY | Glen Cove City Council                    |
| • | <b>Tiffany Sizemore</b>      | PA | Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas    |
|   | <b>Donette Smith</b>         | NY | Newburgh Town Council                     |
| • | <b>Kim Smith</b>             | NY | Rochester City Council                    |
|   | <b>Keanuu Smith-Brown</b>    | MD | Annapolis City Council                    |
| • | <b>Ismail Smith-Wade-El</b>  | PA | Lancaster City Council                    |
|   | <b>Allosious Snodgrass</b>   | OH | Cleveland Heights City Council            |
| • | <b>Peter Spadafore</b>       | MI | Lansing City Council                      |
|   | <b>Stephen Spring</b>        | GA | Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education |
| • | <b>Karen Stegman</b>         | NC | Chapel Hill Town Council                  |
| • | <b>Bill Stephens</b>         | MO | Saint Louis Board of Aldermen             |
| • | <b>Cesar Stewart-Morales</b> | MA | Framingham City Council                   |
| • | <b>Sean Strub</b>            | PA | Mayor of Milford                          |
|   | <b>Kari Suhadolnik</b>       | OH | Stow City Council                         |
|   | <b>David Todisco</b>         | MA | Medford City Council                      |
| • | <b>Kate Triggiano</b>        | NJ | Red Bank City Council                     |
| • | <b>Dave Uptegrove</b>        | WA | King County Council                       |
|   | <b>Jose Valdes-Fauli</b>     | FL | Coral Gables Commission                   |
|   | <b>Mauro Walden-Montoya</b>  | NM | Albuquerque City Council                  |
|   | <b>India Walton</b>          | NY | Mayor of Buffalo                          |
| • | <b>Alex Wan</b>              | GA | Atlanta City Council                      |
|   | <b>Douglas Ward</b>          | VA | Virginia House of Delegates               |
| • | <b>Sändra Washington</b>     | NE | Lincoln City Council                      |
|   | <b>Heather Waters</b>        | NY | Onondaga County Legislator                |
| • | <b>Chad West</b>             | TX | Dallas City Council                       |
| • | <b>Chris Wharton</b>         | UT | Salt Lake City Council                    |
| • | <b>Marcia White</b>          | UT | Ogden City Council                        |

|   |                             |    |                              |
|---|-----------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| • | <b>Robert Wofford</b>       | NM | Las Cruces School Board      |
| • | <b>Patrick Wojahn</b>       | MD | Mayor of College Park        |
| • | <b>Gregory Yorgey-Girdy</b> | PA | Philadelphia Municipal Court |

|   |                     |    |                            |
|---|---------------------|----|----------------------------|
| • | <b>Amy Zanelli</b>  | PA | Magisterial District Court |
| • | <b>Zack Zappone</b> | WA | Spokane City Council       |

# Out on the Trail

## Report Finds A Rainbow Wave of LGBTQ Candidates

### LGBTQ Candidates More Diverse Than Ever

More than 430 out LGBTQ people ran for office in 2021—the most ever in an odd-numbered election year—and at least 237 appeared on the ballot in November. Our annual Out on the Trail report also found that between 2019 and 2021 there was a:

## Out on the Trail 2021

2021 LGBTQ Candidate Demographic Report

[VF HOME](#)   [2021 OVERVIEW](#)   [RACE/ETHNICITY](#)   [SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#)   [GENDER IDENTITY](#)   [STATES/POSITIONS](#)   [VF ENDORSED CANDIDATES](#)



"LGBTQ Victory Fund is pleased to present you with our second annual Out on the Trail report - which analyzes the number and diversity of out LGBTQ candidates who ran for office in 2021. Many political organizations call 2021 an 'off-year,' but not us. More than 400 LGBTQ people ran for office - a historic number for an odd-numbered election year - and those who win can have a tremendous impact in their communities. LGBTQ candidates are growing in their diversity, with more Black, trans, non-binary, queer and bisexual candidates than in any other odd-numbered election year. Please enjoy exploring the amazing candidates looking to move equality forward. Together, we can build LGBTQ political power nationwide."

- Mayor Annise Parker, President & CEO of **LGBTQ Victory Fund**  
October 2021

**36%**

OF LGBTQ CANDIDATES WERE PEOPLE OF COLOR

**148%**

INCREASE IN QUEER-IDENTIFIED CANDIDATES

**75%**

INCREASE IN BISEXUAL CANDIDATES

**260%**

INCREASE IN GENDERQUEER AND NON-BINARY CANDIDATES

*Read all 2021 Out on the Trail findings at:*

[victoryfund.org/out-on-the-trail-2021](https://victoryfund.org/out-on-the-trail-2021)



# Our Financials



REVENUE  
**\$4,178,223.50**

- **Contributions**

*\$1,902,383.48 | 46% of total revenue*

- **Donor Candidate Contributions**

*\$1,104,691.53 | 26% of total revenue*

- **Events**

*\$1,062,112.61 | 25% of total revenue*

- **IE Political Contributions**

*\$109,035.88 | 3% of total revenue*



EXPENSES  
**\$3,607,671.22**

- **Direct Candidate Contributions**

*\$1,104,691.53 | 31% of total expenses*

- **Political Expenditures**

*\$822,451.44 | 23% of total expenses*

- **Direct Donor Benefit**

*\$615,485.19 | 17% of total expenses*

- **Research and Communications**

*\$470,251.93 | 13% of total expenses*

- **Fundraising**

*\$401,374.44 | 11% of total expenses*

- **Management and General**

*\$193,416.69 | 5% of total expenses*

# Our Team

---

## LGBTQ Victory Fund Board of Directors

Wade Rakes, **Chair**  
Paul Feeney, **Vice Chair**  
Mellie Price, **Treasurer**  
J.D. Angle, **Secretary**

Sue Burnside  
Sharon Callahan-Miller  
Samuel Garrett-Pate  
Joe Falk  
Richard Holt  
Chris Kehoe  
Chrys Lemon  
Terrence Meck  
Kevin B Morrison  
Jess Nahigian  
Greg Porter

## One Victory Board of Directors

Chris Abele, **Chair**  
Michael Fuller, **Vice Chair**  
Wade Rakes, **Vice Chair**  
Paul Horning, **Treasurer**  
Claire Lucas, **Secretary**

John Arrowood  
Brandon Hernandez  
Mike Holloman  
Mattheus Stephens  
John Tedstrom  
Louis Vega

## LGBTQ Victory Fund Staff

Mayor Annise Parker, **President & CEO**  
Seth Schermer, **Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer**  
Andrea Hernandez, **Chief Financial Officer**  
Elliot Imse, **Vice President of Communications**

Michelle Atwood, **Political Associate**  
Danielle Coppens, **Data Manager**  
Katie Creehan, **Director of Operations**  
Nicole Demchishin, **Executive Assistant and Board Liaison**  
Albert Fujii, **Press Secretary**  
Alex Gabriel, **Political Manager**  
Jarod Keith, **Senior Digital Strategist**  
Shelby Kestler, **Victory Campaign Board Manager**  
Sarah LeDonne, **Senior Communications & Marketing Manager**  
Sean Meloy, **Senior Political Advisor**  
Josh Roth, **Victory Cabinet Manager**  
Curtis Sakow, **Corporate & Institutional Giving Officer**  
Ryan Schaefer, **Development Associate**  
Cesar Toledo, **Deputy Political Director**  
Kristen White, **Events Manager**

## Independent Consultant

Marty Rouse, **Senior Director of Political Programs**



## Victory Campaign Board

The Victory Campaign Board is the driving engine behind our endorsements and candidate fundraising services. This national and growing board makes the final determination on which candidates to endorse and provides direct contributions and holds fundraisers for endorsed candidates.

### Join the Board

If you are interested in getting more involved with Victory Fund as a Campaign Board Member, visit: [victoryfund.org/vcb](https://victoryfund.org/vcb) to learn more or contact us.

### BOARD CO-CHAIRS

*Sue Burnside*  
*Samuel Garrett-Pate*

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

*Jer Adrienne Lelliott*  
*Kyle Ferari-Muñoz*

### BOARD MEMBERS

*Oren Adam*  
*Matt Albert*  
*Cliff Alburger*  
*Marti Allen-Cummings*  
*Mark Alvarez*  
*Jacqueline Anderson*  
*Nick Autiello*  
*Lauren Baer*  
*Neal Baer*  
*Suzanne Beall*  
*Evan Bergeron*  
*Khelan Bhatia*  
*David Black*  
*Eric Blackwell*  
*John Blair*  
*Thomas Blake*  
*Andrew Bly*  
*Tom Bonsaint*  
*Ted Bordelon*  
*Aaron Bos-Lun*  
*Ashley Brown*  
*Jason Burns*  
*Joel Burns*  
*Joey Castaneda*  
*David Catania*  
*Wendi Clifton*  
*Isaiah Cochran*  
*Benson Cohen*  
*Mark Dann*  
*Clifford Davidson*  
*Justin DeJong*  
*Linda di Lello Morton*  
*Beth Doglio*  
*Belinda Drake*  
*Ritchie Engelhardt*  
*Ryan Enright*  
*Joe Forte*

*Glen Paul Freedman*  
*Richard "Ritchie" Fuentes*  
*Elvin Garcia*  
*Kevin Geiger*  
*Jacob George*  
*Ashton Giese*  
*Janessa Goldbeck*  
*Michael Grover*  
*Ed Harnaga*  
*Nick Hellyar*  
*Adali Hernandez*  
*Justin Hill*  
*Bryan Hlavinka*  
*Jon Hoadley*  
*Manilan Houle*  
*Eric Johnson*  
*Matt Kaczmarek*  
*Poonam Kapoor*  
*Leslie Katz*  
*Ashley Kendrick*  
*Lisa Kohn*  
*Joel Kopperud*  
*Alex Levy*  
*John Loport*  
*Desiree Luckey*  
*Kevin Mack*  
*Brian Maloney*  
*Jeffrey Marburg-Goodman*  
*Eliz Markowitz*  
*Chris Massicotte*  
*Michael Mattmiller*  
*Phillip McCarthy*  
*Matthew McClellan*  
*Patrick McCluskey*  
*Matthew McDermott*  
*Mark McLaurin*  
*Marvin McMoore*

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

*Hosseh Enad*  
*Luke O'Connell*

### CAUCUS CHAIRS

*Nick Hellyar, Southern Chair*  
*David Reid, Eastern Chair*  
*Mona Smith, Western Chair*  
*Eric Wilkerson, Midwestern Chair*

### ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

*John Klenert (Chair Emeritus)*  
*Kate Maeder*  
*Jim Schmidt*