

The Host Committee and the CAPA Board



Welcome you to the
44th Annual Fall Benefit



A Panel Discussion with
**Representative Delia Ramirez (IL-3),
Jacqueline Luqman and Paul Street**

Moderated by
Will Tanzman

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Welcome from the Co-Presidents

Founded in 1978 to address the threat of nuclear war, CAPA is now working to address two existential threats. While nuclear proliferation is an ever-present danger to life on this planet, our capitalist system is failing to facilitate the energy transition needed to mitigate the climate crisis. In these complicated and dangerous times, we are grateful to you, our steadfast supporters. We are also inspired by the organizing of our youth as they rise up to voice their demands for the system changes that we need now.

CAPA's board, two working groups, and student chapters are composed of volunteers who strategize to maximize the impact of our education and advocacy for peace and planet. Our work stands on the foundation of your financial generosity and active participation. Your responses to CAPA eblasts - signing petitions, writing letters, making phone calls and lobbying elected officials - reflect the engaged citizenship at the heart of both CAPA and a healthy democracy. We need broad societal engagement to meet our daunting challenges, and so we hope to take away

A Sketch of the Evening

<i>Guests Arrive - Conversations Enue</i>	All
<i>Buffet Stations Open - Enjoy!</i>	All
<i>Kick-Off and Acknowledgements</i>	David Borris
<i>Student Network Updates</i>	Charles Johnson
<i>Introduction of the Evening's Panel</i>	Catherine Buntin
<i>Panel - "Threats to Democracy: How We Rise Up and Resist!"</i>	Jacqueline Luqman, Rep. Delia Ramirez, Paul Street and moderator, Will Tanzman
<i>Question and Answer</i>	CAPA Volunteers
<i>And That's it for Now - Onward!</i>	David Borris

from this evening's program insights on "How We Rise Up and Resist" the current threats to voting rights and democracy in America.

In closing, we hope that in the coming year YOU will join us in our electoral letter writing campaign through Vote Forward. And knowing that there is strength in numbers, we also hope YOU will help us grow our organizing by reaching out to like-minded folks to join CAPA. We value all that we can do together to make this planet a safer and viable home for future generations and are so proud to be on this journey right alongside YOU.

Catherine Buntin and Jack Kelly
Interim Co-Presidents, CAPA

***I want you always to remember that organized power
is realized power - when we organize, we win.***

In solidarity, Ayanna Pressley, U.S. Representative, MA

Panelists and Moderator



Jacqueline Luqman brings a background in activism and in journalism, and describes herself as a “Pan-Africanist, anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist revolutionary.” Jacqueline co-hosts the weekday radio show, “By Any Means Necessary,” on Radio Sputnik as well as the weekly Black Power Media show, “Luqman Nation.” She also is the organizer of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Black Alliance for Peace and is an organizer with Pan-African Community Action.

Representative Delia Ramirez was elected in 2022 to represent Illinois’ 3rd Congressional District and became the first Latina Congresswoman in the Midwest.

Within her first year in Congress, she has introduced and passed out of committee legislation to help student veterans, is co-leading the Dream and Promise Act, and is introducing legislation that gives tenants the right to organize. She serves as Co-Chair of the Strengthening Democracy Task Force, Vice Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Committee, and Vice Chair of the Equal Rights Amendment Caucus.



Paul Street is an independent progressive policy researcher, award-winning journalist, historian, author and speaker based in Iowa City, Iowa, and Chicago, Illinois. He is the author of seven books to date including his most recent, *This Happened Here: Amerikaners, Neoliberals, and the Trumping of America*.

His writings, research findings, and commentary have been featured in a large number and wide variety of media venues, including The New York Times, CNN, Al Jazeera, the Chicago Tribune, WGN (Chicago/national), WLS (ABC-Chicago), Fox News, and the Chicago Sun Times.

He currently sits on the Editorial Board of the national organization Refuse Fascism, which was formed in the immediate aftermath of Donald Trump’s election in 2016.



Will Tanzman has been organizing since 1999 and has been with The People’s Lobby and its predecessor organizations since 2008. Will organized The People’s Lobby’s successful campaign to raise the minimum wage in a number of Cook County suburbs, and led a campaign of mass actions and civil disobedience that played a major role in closing \$125 million in corporate tax loopholes in Illinois. Will grew up in Chicago and began organizing as a high school student in Chicago Public Schools, where he started an organization of students across the state working for a more just education system, successfully changing citywide standardized testing policies and practices.

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CAPA Highlights 2022-2023

Complete list at chipeaceation.org/events

Sept 28th, 2022: VICTORY!: CAPA joined climate activists nationwide in calls and letters to demand Congress reject Joe Manchin's and Chuck Schumer's planet-harming "Energy Independence and Security Act of 2022." Due to widespread public pressure, the bill was withdrawn.

Oct. 14th, 2022: "Say No to Nukes": CAPA and partners held informational picket lines at the offices of Senators Tammy Duckworth and Richard Durbin, as part of a nationwide action demanding steps to reduce the risk of nuclear war; our picket appeared in local news as well as Democracy Now!

Oct. 16th, 2022: "Protect Our Planet One Pipeline at a Time" CAPA and partners held an event at Lake Michigan to fundraise for water protectors, while highlighting the fight against Enbridge's tar sand pipelines Lines 3 and 5, and a proposed CO2 pipeline through Illinois.

Oct. 20th, 2022: "Educational Justice Teach-In and Book Swap" by CAPA DePaul: discussing the US education system, including harmful censorship of curriculum, attacks on queer and trans students, the uneven distribution of funds, leftist theory, and more.

Oct. 27th, 2022: Vote Forward GOTV Effort: CAPA Climate Group helped write coordinated writing nearly 5,000 letters encouraging swing-state voters to participate in the democratic process- Vote Forward, the organization we teamed up with, has written five million letters nationally.

Oct. 30th, 2022: CAPA joined local partners in a rally to seek U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky's support for H.R. 2590, the Palestinian Children and Families Act. We had colorful banners, speeches, and petitions to make noise and raise awareness of our demand.

Nov. 9th, 2022: "Treatment Not Trauma" referendum passes! Uplifted in phonebanking efforts by CAPA DePaul, Treatment Not Trauma overwhelmingly passed in Chicago wards where it was on the ballot. TNT is a campaign to move funds and tactics toward non-police first responses and support for those in crisis.

Dec. 6th, 2022: CAPA Loyola hosts film screening and discussion of "Yemen's Dirty War" by filmmaker DW Documentary, to discuss the U.S. actively supplying weapons and logistics to a Saudi Arabia-led coalition to attack and blockade Yemen's cities and ports.

Dec. 9th, 2022: "Build 2 Heal" Event: CAPA and friends joined this kick-off event for a local movement to push back the dominant narrative about people in communities impacted by criminalization, violence, and incarceration. With activists, spoken word performers, musicians, visual artists, educators, and directly-impacted subject matter experts.

Jan. 12th, 2023: "Protect Illinois Communities Act" passes! CAPA and partners celebrated a victory as IL passed a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, the result of hard work from groups like People for a Safer Society, IL Alliance to Prevent Gun Violence, One Aim IL, and other friends.

Feb. 15th, 2023: "Why and How to End the War in Ukraine", a webinar organized by CAPA and partners featuring Marcy Winograd of CODEPINK, Jacqueline Luqman of Black Agenda Report, and retired Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, followed by Q+A. We had over 175 attendees for this important discussion.

Feb. 28th, 2023: VICTORY! CAPA and partners celebrate the historic election of police district councils in Chicago, giving our communities control over how and to what extent policing occurs. The Empowering Communities for Public Safety (ECPS) ordinance that created the councils follows years of organizing by local justice partners including CAARPR.

March 16th, 2023: CAPA Loyola and the Feminist Forum hosted an in-person Build a Blanket event-cooperating to create blankets and gathering to prioritize community care, as part of a larger discussion on resources for all and housing as a human right. All blankets were donated for the use of Chicago residents.

March 18th, 2023: "Fund People's Needs, Not the War Machine." CAPA organized this rally with CODEPINK, ANSWER Coalition, PSL, Black Alliance for Peace, and friends in Chicago to protest on the 20th anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and demand an end to the wars in Ukraine and elsewhere.

April 1st, 2023: CAPA Student Peace Summit 2023: "Fighting the War Machine: In Chicago and Beyond." CAPA's Student Network hosted a full-day peace summit to help organize, empower and educate activists from all backgrounds and experience levels; topics ranged from Palestine, Yemen, and Ukraine to local youth-led peace and anti-imperialist work.

April 6th, 2023: "ITHAKA" Film Screening: CAPA and partners host an exclusive screening of the movie about Julian's family's search for justice followed by an in-person Q&A with renowned Chicago human rights lawyer, Flint Taylor, and Julian Assange's father (John Shipton) and brother (Gabriel Shipton).

May 11th, 2023: "Peace in Ukraine Teach-in." Hosted by CAPA, Black Alliance for Peace, CODEPINK, Party for Socialism & Liberation, and partners- an in-depth discussion where all were welcomed to share and learn together. Featuring presentations on the history of the conflict, the role of African nations, options for ceasefire and negotiations, and more.

June 9th, 2023: "End the Era of Fossil Fuels": CAPA mobilized in coalition with 350 Chicago, Fridays for Future, People vs Fossil Fuels, and more as part of a nation-wide week of action to demand the Biden administration end the era of fossil fuels. Including music and marching to call awareness to this emergency!

Highlights continued - Complete list at chipeaceaction.org/events

June 13th, 2023: SUCCESS! CAPA members met with Rep. Jan Schakowsky about the Earth Bill, which includes numerous forward-thinking climate provisions that are missing in competing bills. Afterward, Rep. Schakowsky's office confirmed she has now signed on as a co-sponsor.

June 28th, 2023: "The Climate Crisis: WATT's Next for Energy?" CAPA organized this presentation by Dr. Seth Darling of Argonne National Laboratory. Dr. Darling explored strategies to address carbon emissions, including Adapting, Geoengineering, and Decarbonization, followed by Q+A. This program was covered in the *Evanston Round Table*.

Aug. 5th, 2023: "Hiroshima: History or Prelude?" CAPA and partners rallied both to remember our past and warn of a future whose grim likelihood barely catches the gaze of mainstream media or government- to shift the discourse, it must be from the bottom up.

Aug. 27th, 2023: "Better Without Boeing: an Anti-Militarist Field Day." CAPA members joined Dissenters' Boeing Arms Genocide (BAG) campaign in an anti-militarism field day outside the Museum of Science and Industry; with community-building games, coloring pages, skits, and workshops to expand our imaginations.

Sept. 13th-17th, 2023: Golden Rule Action Week: CAPA helped welcome the Golden Rule sailboat of Veterans for Peace finishing an 11,000-mile journey. We sponsored a teach-in at Lake Street Church with the Peace and Justice Committee there. The crew made presentations and connected with local community members in solidarity for the need for nuclear abolition and ending U.S. militarism.

Sept. 15th, 2023: "End Fossil Fuels" march- CAPA joined with Fridays for Future Chicago, Climate Youth Coalition Chicago, 350 Chicago, and more, in a youth-led, intergenerational action which is part of the regional actions supporting the March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City on September 17th.

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