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Hi all! Here are the September 16 LINC Meeting Notes....

LINC MISSION STATEMENT: To be a force for social, racial, economic and environmental justice through personal engagement, education and political action.

The meeting was facilitated by Peter Wayne. Welcome to all the new participants! We began with a “check-in “ during which attendees shared some of the activities in which they have been involved—canvassing for Jim Gaughran, Perry Gershon, making phone calls, registering voters, attending candidate presentations.

- **LINC’s SPECIAL EVENT/FUNDRAISER:** Ryan and Bev gave an update on LINC’s upcoming "Mid Terms Matter/Get Out the Vote" event which will be held on September 30, 3-5 p.m. Specific details are on the website and Facebook. **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BRING A FRIEND... OR TWO! R.S.V.P if you are planning to attend.** Carpooling is encouraged. Parking on the street is okay (ignore the signs!) Suggested donation of \$25 – cash only. There will be refreshments and entertainment! Candidates planning to attend and speak are: Tom Suozzi, Jim Gaughran and Steve Stern.
- **Guest Speaker: Shoshana Hershkowitz** – an educator/ political organizer and the founder of Suffolk Progressives, spoke as a representative of TASC (Take Action Suffolk County) a group organized to support progressive candidates, boost voter registration and get more of our neighbors involved in electing Democrats. Voter turnout in the recent primary more than triple that of 2013—opportunity to capitalize on this energy and engagement. Long-term goal is to turn people into “reliable” voters—people who recognize their voices matter. She emphasized the importance of making these face-to-face connections. **TIPS FOR CANVASSING:** Lead with the issues! Find out what concerns the voter. Biggest issues in 2018 are healthcare/taxes. Then share what the candidate stands for. **LINC will be providing anyone who would like to canvass with sample talking points. Tool Kits will be available at the LINC event.**
- FYI—for those who are interested-- candidate lawn signs are available—simply stop by the Democratic Headquarters- 168 E. Main Street.
- **Guest Speaker: Eve Kreif**, local Pediatrician, mother and activist spoke about the current situation of immigrant children who were separated from their parents as a result of the Trump Administration’s zero tolerance policy - 417 still have not been reunited, 6 of these children are under 5 years of age. The parents of 322 of these children have been deported. Our government is responsible and must be held accountable. **Encouraged all of us to contact our members of congress and demand that they use all government resources to reunite these families.** She also gave information regarding the Flores Settlement—which gives undocumented immigrant children being detained certain protections: healthcare, food, shelter, legal assistance and a time limit. Republicans have proposed legislation to overrule Flores if this occurs the government will have the right to detain children indefinitely. The link is below--Please make a public comment--it is immoral, unethical, and against all that America is supposed to stand for to be locking children, indefinitely, in detention. Children need food, healthcare, a safe place to live among family, and if necessary, legal representation. Taking away these safeguards is wrong and most certainly a human rights violation. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LINC.URL/permalink/1950651128568817/>

- Diana Weaver shared: The NAACP Huntington Branch is hosting a **viewing of the PBS Frontline Documentary: The Gang Crackdown, Thursday, September 20, 7-9 p.m. at the South Huntington Public Library**. This documentary is based on Long Island and explores how police policy effects youth of color. You can register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-gang-crackdown-tickets-4857290091>
- Janet Singer—could not attend because she was hosting a “Meet/Greet” for Perry Gershon- left us with information regarding upcoming canvassing events and other ways to get involved. Check out the LINC website for details!
- Voting registration/absentee ballots: Check out the League of Woman Voters page: <https://www.lwv.org/> or voter.org

Many thanks to our passionate, inspiring and informative speakers—Shoshana and Eve! Be sure to check out the LINC website and/or Facebook page for specific links and details regarding any of the topics that were discussed today. Hats off to you all for your commitment and involvement—whatever you do—**TOGETHER WE CAN AND WE WILL!!!** Hope to see you on September 30th!

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