



**LGBTQ+  
VICTORY  
FUND**



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**LGBTQ+ rights are always on the ballot and 2022 was no exception.**

A record number of anti-LGBTQ bills – most of which were aimed at trans kids – paired with relentless harassment by right-wing politicians meant our work was cut out for us. When the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the stakes got even greater as the bodily autonomy of millions of people was stripped away. This wave of anti-LGBTQ, anti-choice sentiment did not deter our community's resolve. Instead, it

motivated more LGBTQ+ people to step up and run than ever before, from school boards to state legislatures to Congress.

**Not only did a historic number of LGBTQ+ people run in 2022, it was also the first time in history out candidates ran in all 50 states.**

Our candidates stood strong in the face of attacks and harassment. One thing about LGBTQ+ leaders is certain: we don't give up. We are already hearing from folks who are gearing up to run again. And when they do, we'll be there.

Every candidate we endorse opens hearts and minds. Every victory places another champion of equality in the halls of power.

Together our historic achievements have built LGBTQ+ political power. None of this important work would be possible without you. While we've come a long way, we are just getting started.

Thank you for joining us.

Onward,

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

**Mayor Annise Parker**  
President & CEO  
LGBTQ+ Victory Fund



## New Name, Same Mission

### We are LGBTQ+ Victory Fund.

We want to recognize and celebrate the diverse range of identities we hold. **Visibility matters.** We are in this together. Our diversity is our strength. While we have a new logo and new colors, our mission is the same. We've been operating for over 30 years now and remain laser-focused on electing pro-equality, pro-choice LGBTQ+ leaders to office. **Achieving equality starts with having a seat at the table.**

# Electing LGBTQ+ Leaders Beating Bigots

Down-ballot races are where LGBTQ+ candidates can have a large impact – and so does LGBTQ+ Victory Fund. While the cost of elections grew in 2022, direct contributions, in-kind donations and the bundling power of the Victory Campaign Board provided many candidates with the resources they need to cross the finish line. Our Political and Outreach & Engagement teams hit the campaign trail to knock doors and spread the word about our candidates, while LGBTQ+ Victory Fund's Communications team secured national and local headlines featuring them.

In 2022 – despite the opposition – a record number of our endorsed candidates prevailed on Election Night driving us to a **71% win rate** for the cycle!

## Historic Impact on Spotlight Races

67%

of Spotlight candidates won, compared to 2020's rate of 47%

61%

of endorsed candidates were cis women, trans men, trans women, genderqueer or non-binary

55%

of endorsed candidates were people of color, compared to 2020's cohort of 44%



For the full listing of our candidates and their election results, visit [victoryfund.org/2022report](https://victoryfund.org/2022report)



# Key Victories

One of the core aspects of LGBTQ+ Victory Fund's mission is to ensure America's LGBTQ+ candidates have the resources, support, and knowledge to win their elections. By elevating our candidates' stories and campaigns, we're winning more elections than ever – and changing the face of American political power.

**In 2022, LGBTQ+ candidates ran to win – and we fueled their victories.**

## ON THE GROUND

We were on the ground providing direct support for more than 40 candidates in 22 states – more than ever before. Nearly half of our campaign work took place in states that are hostile to LGBTQ+ rights.



**VENTON JONES**

Texas State Representative

- In 2022, LGBTQ+ Victory Fund helped Venton Jones become one of the first Black out LGBTQ+ representatives elected to the Texas legislature.
- Jones has been a tireless advocate on the front lines in the fight to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- The members of our Black Leaders Caucus – which helps identify and provide support for Black LGBTQ+ candidates – helped raise critical dollars for his campaign.



**LEIGH FINKE**

Minnesota State Representative

- LGBTQ+ Victory Fund helped Leigh Finke become the first out trans person ever elected to the Minnesota legislature.
- After she defied the odds in the DFL party endorsement process, our team helped Leigh with her campaign plan and secured profiles in *CNN*, *The Washington Post*, *The Star Tribune*, and *The Minnesota Reformer*, as well as several TV interviews.
- In total, 11 LGBTQ+ candidates ran for the Minnesota state legislature in 2022 and each of them won their elections, more than doubling representation in the legislature. Finke alongside other LGBTQ+ lawmakers recently formed the first LGBTQ+ caucus in the legislature. Working with pro-equality majorities for the first time in decades, legislators in Minnesota have already begun passing bills to safeguard LGBTQ+ rights.

“LGBTQ+ Victory Fund played a critical role in restoring LGBTQ+ representation to the South Dakota Legislature. With their help, I am able to serve with a queer perspective in the room where it happens.”

*South Dakota State Representative Kameron Nelson*



# Representation is Power

## *Claiming our Seat at the Table*



In 2022, a group of LGBTQ+ Victory Fund supporters formed the **Black Leaders Caucus** to address the severe underrepresentation of America's Black LGBTQ+ community in government. The Caucus identifies, recruits and supports Victory Fund's Black LGBTQ+ candidates around the country. In 2022, we hosted monthly meetings, giving Black candidates a platform to connect with donors and share their campaign stories.

## AROUND THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Left: Victory Fund staff and volunteers canvass with Nebraska legislature candidate **John Fredrickson**.

Above: Victory Fund staff and volunteers march with D.C. Council candidate **Zachary Parker** in the 2022 Capital Pride Parade.



Right: Iowa State Senate candidate **Liz Bennett** braves the rain to knock doors.

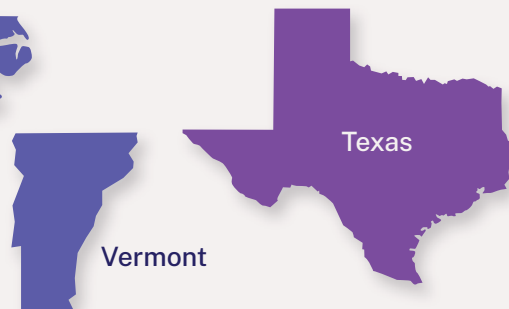
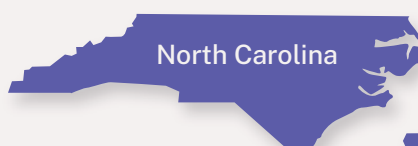


# Long-term Organizing State by State

In 2022, we launched a new program, **Outreach & Engagement**, which is growing LGBTQ+ Victory Fund's presence in the field and forging connections between LGBTQ+ leaders, candidates and key stakeholders. The team hit the road in five different states. A key aspect of this program – building and growing leadership teams in each state – will build grassroots support for our candidates. Our Outreach & Engagement volunteers are focused on bringing together LGBTQ+ leaders and allies and creating an unrivaled on-the-ground movement for equality.



## Outreach Targets



*Left: Providence Mayor **Brett Smiley** and his husband Jim DeRentis celebrate Brett's election night victory with a kiss.*

# 2022 Game Changer & Spotlight Candidates

● = Winner

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

●	Jennifer (Jennie) Armstrong	AK	Alaska House of Representatives
●	Lorena Austin	AZ	Arizona House of Representatives
●	Becca Balint	VT	US House of Representatives
	Jasmine Beach-Ferrara	NC	US House of Representatives
●	Liz Bennett	IA	Iowa State Senate
	James Bowers	NE	Nebraska Legislature
	Patrick Branco	HI	US House of Representatives
	Cesar Chavez	AZ	Arizona State Senate
	Ben Chou	TX	Harris County Commission
●	David Cicilline	RI	US House of Representatives
●	Angie Craig	MN	US House of Representatives
●	Sharice Davids	KS	US House of Representatives
●	Leigh Finke	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
●	John Fredrickson	NE	Nebraska Legislature
	Ron Galperin	CA	California State Controller
●	Robert Garcia	CA	US House of Representatives
	Dom Gelsomino	ID	Idaho House of Representatives
●	Andrew Gray	AK	Alaska House of Representatives
●	Maura Healey	MA	Governor of Massachusetts
	Daniel Hernandez	AZ	US House of Representatives
●	Keturah Herron	KY	Kentucky House of Representatives
●	Jason Hoskins	MI	Michigan House of Representatives
	Celia Israel	TX	Mayor of Austin
●	Venton Jones	TX	Texas House of Representatives
●	Jolanda Jones	TX	Texas House of Representatives
	Mondaire Jones	NY	US House of Representatives
	Malcolm Kenyatta	PA	US Senate
●	Tina Kotek	OR	Governor of Oregon
●	Ricardo Lara	CA	California Insurance Commission

	Ally Layman	WV	West Virginia House of Delegates
	Sean Patrick Maloney	NY	US House of Representatives
●	Christian Manuel-Hayes	TX	Texas House of Representatives
	Zelos Marchandt	OR	Oregon House of Representatives
●	Erin Maye Quade	MN	Minnesota State Senate
●	Kris Mayes	AZ	Arizona Attorney General
	Jamie McLeod-Skinner	OR	US House of Representatives
	Sean Meloy	PA	US House of Representatives
●	Annie Menz	OK	Oklahoma House of Representatives
	Heather Mizeur	MD	US House of Representatives
	Marcia Morgan	NC	North Carolina State Senate
●	Mary Moriarty	MN	Hennepin County Attorney
●	Kameron Nelson	SD	South Dakota House of Representatives
●	Dana Nessel	MI	Attorney General of Michigan
	Eunic Ortiz	FL	Florida State Senate
●	Chris Pappas	NH	US House of Representatives
●	Ty Penserga	FL	Mayor of Boynton Beach
	Janelle Perez	FL	Florida State Senate
●	Michael Pieciak	VT	Vermont State Treasurer
●	Mark Pocan	WI	US House of Representatives
●	Jared Polis	CO	Governor of Colorado
●	James Roesener	NH	New Hampshire House of Representatives
	Will Rollins	CA	US House of Representatives
	Deborah Ruggiero	RI	Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor
●	Erick Russell	CT	Connecticut State Treasurer
	Janelle Sarauw	VI	Lieutenant Governor
	Brian Sims	PA	Lieutenant Governor
●	LaWana Slack-Mayfield	NC	Charlotte City Council
●	Brett Smiley	RI	Mayor of Providence



•	Izzy Smith-Wade-El	PA	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
•	Eric Sorensen	IL	US House of Representatives
	Pat Spearman	NV	Mayor of North Las Vegas
•	Mark Takano	CA	US House of Representatives
•	Joshua Tenorio	Guam	Lieutenant Governor
•	Omar Torres	CA	San José City Council

•	Ritchie Torres	NY	US House of Representatives
•	G. Helen Whitener	WA	Washington State Supreme Court
	Matthew Wilson	GA	Georgia Insurance Commission
•	Mary Yu	WA	Washington State Supreme Court
•	Zoey Zephyr	MT	Montana House of Representatives
	Robert Zimmerman	NY	US House of Representatives

## 2022 General Candidates

•	Kim Abbott	MT	Montana House of Representatives
•	Gabriel Acevero	MD	Maryland House of Delegates
•	Jennifer Adams	AZ	Tempe City Council
•	James Aguilar	CA	San Leandro Unified School District Board of Trustees
•	Victor Aguilar	CA	San Leandro City Council
•	Paloma Aguirre	CA	Mayor of Imperial Beach
•	Cassandra May Albaugh	CA	Cotati Rohnert Park School Board of Trustees
	Kristin Alfheim	WI	Wisconsin State Senate
•	Raghib Allie-Brennan	CT	Connecticut House of Representatives
•	Vernetta Alston	NC	North Carolina House of Representatives
	Brian Alston	SC	Sumter School District Board of Trustees
	Deja Alvarez	PA	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
•	Ra Amin	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Zachary Ammerman	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Danté Anderson	NC	Charlotte City Council
•	Nickie Antonio	OH	Ohio State Senate
•	Noah Arbit	MI	Michigan House of Representatives
•	Dan Arriola	CA	Tracy City Council
	Lakeesha Atkinson	VA	Portsmouth City Council
•	Phillip Bailey	WI	Glendale Board of Aldermen
•	Shannon Baldwin	TX	Harris County Criminal Court
	Chad Banks	WY	Wyoming House of Representatives
•	Imani Barnes	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
•	Howard Bauleke	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission

•	Eli Beckman	CA	Corte Madera Town Council
	Lisa Belcastro	MD	Maryland House of Delegates
•	Rachel Bell	TN	Davidson County General Sessions Court
•	Sam Bell	RI	Rhode Island State Senate
•	Jessica Benham	PA	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
•	Jeffrey Bernstein	CA	Palm Springs City Council
•	Wendy Berry	MN	West St. Paul City Council
	Jimmy Biblarz	CA	Los Angeles City Council
•	Joe Bishop-Henchman	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Ashley Bland Manlove	MO	Missouri House of Representatives
	Blaizen Bloom	VA	Chesapeake Public School Board
•	Tiffany Bluemle	VT	Vermont House of Representatives
•	Pamela Boozer-Strother	MD	PGCPS Board of Education
•	Joshua Boschee	ND	North Dakota House of Representatives
•	Ben Bowman	OR	Oregon House of Representatives
•	Arlyn Bradshaw	UT	Salt Lake County Council
	Precious Brady-Davis	IL	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commission
•	Ryan Braunberger	ND	North Dakota State Senate
•	Florencio Briones	CA	El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees
•	Jabari Brisport	NY	NY State Senate
•	Harry Bronson	NY	New York State Assembly
•	Marcus Brown	CT	Connecticut House of Representatives
	Porscha Brown	TX	Harris County Criminal Court
	Linden Brown-Wren	MI	East Lansing School Board

•	Kyle Bueno	MA	Fairhaven School Committee
	Cole Buerger	CO	Colorado House of Representatives
•	Karen Bushell	MD	Montgomery County Clerk of the Court
•	Hector Bustos	CA	Santa Ana Unified School District Trustee
•	Deb Butler	NC	North Carolina House of Representatives
	Sergio C. Flores	WA	Tacoma Municipal Court
	Summer Campbell	AR	Pulaski County Quorum Court
•	Jennifer Campbell	CA	San Diego City Council
	David Campos	CA	California State Assembly
•	Park Cannon	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
•	Gerri Cannon	NH	New Hampshire House of Representatives
•	Andrés Cano	AZ	Arizona House of Representatives
•	Ken Carlson	CA	Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
•	Tim Carpenter	WI	Wisconsin State Senate
•	Amie Carter	CA	Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools
	Caleb Castaneda	CA	Victor Valley Union High School District Board of Governors
•	Sabrina Cervantes	CA	California State Assembly
•	Pedro Chavez	CA	Santa Paula City Council
•	Justin Chenette	ME	York County Commission
•	Kenneth Cheuvront	AZ	Maricopa County Justice of the Peace
•	Todd Cimino-Johnson	VA	Leesburg City Council
•	Brian Cina	VT	Vermont House of Representatives
	Lenny Cioe	RI	Rhode Island State Senate
•	Domonique Clemons	MI	Genesee County Commission
•	Luke Clippinger	MD	Maryland House of Delegates
	Casey Clowes	AZ	Tempe City Council
	James Coleman	CA	California State Assembly
•	Ed Comer	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Todd Connor	IN	Indiana State Senate
•	Patricia Contreras	AZ	Arizona House of Representatives
	Megan Cottingham-Heath	MI	Saginaw County 10th Circuit Court

•	Jason Cox	TX	Harris County Probate Court
•	Ryan Cudemus-Brunoli	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	April Christina Curley	MD	Baltimore City Board of Education
•	Brion Curran	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
•	Julian Cyr	MA	Massachusetts State Senate
	Salah Czapary	DC	DC City Council
•	Allison Dahle	NC	North Carolina House of Representatives
•	Andrea Beth Damsky	CA	Helix Water District Board
•	Denise Davis	CA	Redlands City Council
•	Dennis Dawson	FL	Mount Dora City Council
•	Oscar De Los Santos	AZ	Arizona House of Representatives
•	Ray Deacon	FL	Duval Soil and Water Conservation Board
•	Satana Deberry	NC	Durham County District Attorney
•	Ron Deharte	CA	Palm Springs City Council
	Nicole "Nikki" Del Casale	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Todd Delmay	FL	Florida House of Representatives
•	Scott Dibble	MN	Minnesota State Senate
•	Ruby Dickson	CO	Colorado House of Representatives
•	Emily Dievendorf	MI	Michigan House of Representatives
•	Douglas DiSabito	VT	Vermont State Attorney
•	Beth Doglio	WA	Washington House of Representatives
•	Tyler Dos Santos-Tam	HI	Honolulu City Council
•	Remy Drabkin	OR	Mayor of McMinnville
•	Karla Drenner	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
	Betsy Driver	NJ	Mayor of Flemington
•	Steve Duble	TX	Harris County Justice of the Peace
•	Angela Duncan	GA	Gwinnett County Superior Court
	Jimmy Dutra	CA	Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
	John Ehrlich	IL	Illinois Appellate Court
	Adam Eisenberg	WA	Seattle Municipal Court
•	Angel Encinas	AZ	Chandler City Council

•	Joel Engardio	CA	San Francisco Board of Supervisors
•	Elisabeth Epps	CO	Colorado House of Representatives
•	Triston Ezidore	CA	Culver City School Board
•	Kris Fair	MD	Maryland House of Delegates
•	Harrie Farrow	AR	Carrol County Justices of the Peace
•	Frank Figueroa	CA	Coachella City Council
•	Shaun Filiault	NH	New Hampshire House of Representatives
•	V Fixmer-Oraiz	IA	Johnson County Board of Supervisors
•	Brian Footer	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	J.D. Ford	IN	Indiana State Senate
•	Matthew Fouracre	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Austin Frerick	IA	Iowa State Senate
	Karl Frisch	VA	Virginia House of Delegates
•	J.R. Fruen	CA	Cupertino City Council
	Julianne Gale	WA	Washington State Senate
	Carlos Garcia	CA	Palm Desert City Council
•	Bryan Gatewood	KY	Jefferson Family Court Judge
	Adam Gentle	FL	Florida House of Representatives
•	Sarah George	VT	Chittenden County State's Attorney
•	Hayden Gise	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Evan Glass	MD	Montgomery County Council
•	Deborah J Glick	NY	New York State Assembly
	Jackie Goldman	RI	Providence City Council
	Georgette Gomez	CA	California State Assembly
•	Nathan Gonzales	CA	San Bernardino Community College Board
•	Amanda Gonzalez	CO	Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder
•	Mary Gonzalez	TX	Texas House of Representatives
•	Jessica González	TX	Texas House of Representatives
•	Cecelia González	NV	Nevada State Assembly
•	Jessica González-Rojas	NY	New York State Assembly
	Nicholas Gothard	VA	Loudoun County School Board
•	Lisa Grafstein	NC	North Carolina State Senate

	Brandon Gray	NC	North Carolina House of Representatives
•	Dacia Grayber	OR	Oregon House of Representatives
•	Raymond Gregory	CA	Cathedral City Council
•	Cheryl Grieb	FL	Osceola County Commission
•	Alyson Grine	NC	Superior Court Judge
•	Reed Gusciora	NJ	Mayor of Trenton
	Stacy Hackenberg	TX	Justice of the Peace
•	CM Hall	OR	Newport City Council
•	Eric Haner	KY	Jefferson Circuit Court
	Jillian Hanlon	NY	Dutchess County Sheriff
•	Patricia Hansen	NJ	Evesham Township Council
•	Jess Hanson	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
	Torrey Harris	TN	Tennessee House of Representatives
•	Kerri Evelyn Harris	DE	Delaware House of Representatives
•	Donavan Hawk	MT	Montana House of Representatives
•	Sahara Hayes	UT	Utah House of Representatives
•	Rosanna Herber	CA	Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board of Directors
•	Denise Hernández	TX	Travis County Court at Law
•	Leslie Herod	CO	Colorado House of Representatives
•	Dustin Heuerman	IL	Champaign County Sheriff
•	Natalie Higgins	MA	Massachusetts House of Representatives
	Dana Hilliard	NH	Executive Council
•	Greg Holland	OR	Mayor of Waldport
•	Athena Hollins	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
	Christy Holstege	CA	California State Assembly
	Justice Horn	MO	Jackson County Legislature
•	Scott Houston	CA	West Basin Municipal Water District Board
•	SJ Howell	MT	Montana House of Representatives
•	Brad Hoylman	NY	New York State Senate
•	Bentley Hudgins	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
•	Matt Hughes	NC	North Carolina House of Representatives
•	Megan Hunt	NE	Nebraska Legislature



•	Aurora Hurd	VT	Winooski City Council
	Kathy Hyzy	OR	Mayor of Milwaukie
	Andrew Iriarte-Moore	RI	Little Compton Town Council
•	Kim Jackson	GA	Georgia State Senate
•	John Jackson	NJ	Red Bank Town Council
•	Corey Jackson	CA	California State Assembly
	Kevin James	CA	Los Angeles City Attorney
•	Kathleen James	VT	Vermont House of Representatives
•	Laurie Jinkins	WA	Washington House of Representatives
•	Ann Johnson	TX	Texas House of Representatives
•	Julie Johnson	TX	Texas House of Representatives
•	Dominique Johnson	CT	Connecticut House of Representatives
•	Teri Johnston	FL	Mayor of Key West
•	Shevrin Jones	FL	Florida State Senate
	Allen Jones	GA	Athens Clarke County Commission
•	Keir Jones	CA	Signal Hill City Council
•	Anne Kaiser	MD	Maryland House of Delegates
	Rebecca Kaplan	CA	Alameda County Supervisor
•	John Kashwick	NJ	Clinton Town Council
	Jessica Katzenmeyer	WI	Wisconsin State Senate
	Michele Keegan	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Heather Keeler	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
	Rashaun Kemp	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
•	Stephen Kenny	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Malcolm Kenyatta	PA	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
	Stephan Kingsley	AZ	Tempe Union School District Governing Board
•	Joel Kinnamon	CA	Desert Community College District Board of Trustees
•	Rebecca Kislak	RI	Rhode Island House of Representatives
	Derek Kitchen	UT	Utah State Senate
	Alex Kithes	RI	Rhode Island House of Representatives
•	Mark Kleinschmidt	NC	Clerk of Superior Court/Judge of Probate

•	Jim Kovach	TX	Harris County Civil Court at Law
•	Alicia Kozlowski	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
•	Ben Ku	GA	Gwinnett County Commission
	Shawn Kumagai	CA	California State Assembly
•	Rebecca Perkins Kwoka	NH	New Hampshire State Senate
•	Ryan LaLonde	CA	Alameda Unified School Board
•	Val Laymon	IL	McLean County Board
•	Josie Leavitt	VT	Vermont House of Representatives
•	Alex Lee	CA	California State Assembly
•	Marybeth Lennox-Levins	VT	Rutland City Board of School Commissioners
•	Elinor Levin	IA	Iowa House of Representatives
•	Jack Patrick Lewis	MA	Massachusetts House of Representatives
•	Davante Lewis	LA	Public Service Commission
•	Christine Lewis	OR	Metro Council
•	Janice Li	CA	BART Board of Directors
•	Marko Liias	WA	Washington State Senate
•	Marvin Lim	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
	Jeffrey Litke	CT	Connecticut House of Representatives
	Colin Lovett	MO	Missouri House of Representatives
•	Evan Low	CA	California State Assembly
•	Jason Lyon	CA	Pasadena City Council
•	Timothy M Cusick	MO	University City Council
	Kevin Macaulay	FL	Marathon City Council
•	Byron Macfarlane	MD	Howard County Register of Wills
•	Tiara Mack	RI	Rhode Island State Senate
•	Ian Mackey	MO	Missouri House of Representatives
•	Nicole Macri	WA	Washington House of Representatives
•	Joe Magee	VT	Burlington City Council
•	Duvalier Malone	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Rafael Mandelman	CA	San Francisco Board of Supervisors
	Kadja Manuel	NJ	Trenton City Council

•	Amanda Maris	NC	Durham County District Court Judge
	Eliz Markowitz	TX	Katy ISD Board of Trustees
	Austin Marsman	MI	Allegan County Commission
	Ashanti Martinez	MD	Maryland House of Delegates
•	Darlene Martinez	AZ	Maricopa County Constable
•	Sara Martinez	TX	Dallas County Justice of the Peace
•	La'Tasha D. Mayes	PA	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
•	Sarah McBride	DE	Delaware State Senate
•	Brian McCabe	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Jamaal Maurice McCants-Pearsall	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Andrew McCarthy-Clark	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Steven McCarty	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Jaylin D. McClinton	IL	Cook County Commission
•	Matt McCoy	IA	Polk County Board of Supervisors
•	Tippi McCullough	AR	Arkansas House of Representatives
•	Mike McFall	MI	Michigan House of Representatives
•	Richard Mehlinger	CA	Sunnyvale City Council
	Lisbeth Melendez Rivera	MD	Hyattsville City Council
•	Jonathan Melton	NC	Raleigh City Council
•	Vered Meltzer	WI	Appleton City Council
•	Heather Meyer	KS	Kansas House of Representatives
•	Beau Miller	TX	190th Judicial District Court
•	Louie Minor	TX	Bell County Commission
	Genece Minshew	FL	Fernandina Beach City Commission
	Mark Moeremans	AZ	Phoenix City Council
•	Harris Mojadedi	CA	Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board of Trustees
	Sergio Mojica	IL	Illinois House of Representatives
•	Samantha Montaña	MA	Massachusetts House of Representatives
•	Jimmy Monto	NY	Syracuse Common Council
	Roger Montoya	NM	New Mexico House of Representatives
•	Eddy Morales	OR	Gresham City Council

•	Marcia Morey	NC	North Carolina House of Representatives
•	Jason Morgan	MI	Michigan House of Representatives
•	Kevin Morrison	IL	Cook County Commission
•	Eric Morrison	DE	Delaware House of Representatives
•	Jeremy Moss	MI	Michigan State Senate
•	Alicia Mousseau	SD	Vice President
	William Muetzenberg	CA	Tracy City Council
•	Emma Mulvaney-Stanak	VT	Vermont House of Representatives
	Landon Myers	MI	Eaton County Commission
•	Eric Nakano	CA	San Dimas City Council
•	DeShanna Neal	DE	Delaware House of Representatives
•	Travis Nelson	OR	Oregon House of Representatives
	Andy Nelson	MT	Montana House of Representatives
	Samy Nemir Olivares	NY	New York State Assembly
•	Greta Neubauer	WI	Wisconsin State Assembly
	Scott Nevins	CA	Palm Springs City Council
•	Tina Nieto	CA	Monterey County Sheriff
	Josh Noblitt	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
•	Rob Nosse	OR	Oregon House of Representatives
	Jim Obergefell	OH	Ohio House of Representatives
	Jim Oddie	CA	Alameda City Council
•	Daniel O'Donnell	NY	New York State Assembly
	Mitch O'Farrell	CA	Los Angeles City Council
•	Andrea Olsen	MT	Montana State Senate
•	Krystal Oriadha	MD	Prince George's County Council
	Jose Orta	TX	Williamson County Commission
•	David Ortiz	CO	Colorado House of Representatives
•	Laurie Osher	ME	Maine House of Representatives
	Heath Ouellette	ME	Maine House of Representatives
•	Clare Oumou Verbeten	MN	Minnesota State Senate
	Beach Pace	OR	Washington County Commission

●	Jorge Pacheco Jr	CA	Oak Grove Board of Trustees
●	Steve Padilla	CA	California State Senate
●	Larry Palm	WI	Dane County Board of Supervisors
	Charles Panfil	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
●	Sam Park	GA	Georgia House of Representatives
●	Zachary Parker	DC	DC City Council
●	E Anthony (Tony) Parker	NJ	Flemington Borough Council
●	Tonya Parker	TX	116th Judicial District Court
	Laura Parmer-Lohan	CA	San Mateo County Supervisor
●	Sarah Peake	MA	Massachusetts House of Representatives
●	Jamie Pedersen	WA	Washington State Senate
	Ashley Peele	SC	Charleston County School Board of Trustees
	Nate Pelczar	CA	Sacramento City Council
●	María Isa Pérez-Hedges	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
●	Sarah Peters	NV	Nevada State Assembly
●	Lucas Peterson	NE	Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board
	Giona Picheco	RI	Rhode Island House of Representatives
●	Marie Pinkney	RI	Delaware State Senate
●	Laurie Pohutsky	MI	Michigan House of Representatives
●	Eliazar Posada	NC	Carrboro Town Council
●	Jeffrey Prang	CA	Los Angeles County Assessor
●	Miles Prince	CA	San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
	Jamin Pursell	CA	Richmond City Council
●	Freddy Puza	CA	Culver City Council
	Joshua Query	NH	State Representative
●	Anthony Quezada	IL	Cook County Commission
●	Caitlin Quinn	CA	Petaluma Joint Union High School District Board of Education Trustee
●	Gabriel Quinto	CA	El Cerrito City Council
●	Neil Rafferty	AL	Alabama House of Representatives
●	Andres Ramos	CA	Compton College Board of Trustees
●	Emily Randall	WA	Washington State Senate

●	Michele Rayner	FL	Florida House of Representatives
●	Sarah Reale	UT	Utah State Board of Education
●	Lois Reckitt	ME	Maine House of Representatives
●	Ed Reece	CA	Claremont City Council
●	Rob Reneau	IL	Peoria County Board
●	Thomas Renner	VT	Winooski City Council
●	Rolan Resendiz	CA	Hollister City Council
●	Nick Resnick	CA	Oakland Unified School District Board of Education
●	Liz Reyer	MN	Minnesota House of Representatives
●	Mike Rice	VT	Vermont House of Representatives
●	Evelyn Rios Stafford	AR	Washington County Justice of the Peace
●	Kathleen Rivers, Ph.D.	CA	Cotati City Council
	Waylon Robert	WA	Washington House of Representatives
●	Lamont Robinson	IL	Illinois House of Representatives
	Joseph Rocha	CA	California State Senate
●	Rich Rockwell	NJ	Bloomfield City Council
●	Adam Rogers	CA	La Habra City School Board
●	Paul Rolli	FL	Wilton Manors City Commission
	Nick Ross	WI	Appleton Area School District Board of Education Member
●	Alex Ruggiers	OK	Norman School Board
●	Susan Ruiz	KS	Kansas House of Representatives
●	Dan Ryan	OR	Portland City Commission
	Illapa Sairitupac	NY	New York State Assembly
	James Santana	CA	Montebello School Board
●	Shelley Santry	KY	Jefferson County Family Court Judge
	Gregory Sargent	NH	New Hampshire House of Representatives
●	Salvador Saucedá-Guzman	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Kristin Savage	NJ	Mount Holly Township Council
	Judson Scanlon	AR	Arkansas House of Representatives
●	Adam Scanlon	MA	Massachusetts House of Representatives
●	Melanie Scheible	NV	Nevada State Senate



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	Shane Seger	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Nandini Sen	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Liz Sheehan	KY	Lexington City Council
	Justin Sheldon	MI	Forest Hills School Board
•	Amanda Shelton	MI	Oakland County Circuit Court Judge
•	Jeremy Sherman	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Daniela Silva	TX	Austin City Council
•	Mike Simmons	IL	Illinois State Senate
•	Tony Simone	NY	New York State Assembly
•	Jerry Simoneaux	TX	Harris County Probate Court
•	Charles Skold	ME	Maine House of Representatives
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•	Greg Smith	AK	City & Borough of Juneau Assembly
•	Michael Smith	FL	Largo City Commission
•	William Smith	MI	Van Buren Township Board
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•	Valarie St. John	MI	Grosse Point Board of Education
	Joe Stanieich-Burke	NH	New Hampshire House of Representatives
	Nnedi Stephens	NV	Nevada State Senate
•	Rebecca Strauss	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Travis Swanson	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
•	Jamie Sycamore	DC	Advisory Neighborhood Commission
	Andrew Taban	CA	William S. Hart Union High School District School Board

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	Cody Thompson	WV	West Virginia House of Delegates
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	Jacob Torgerson	MT	Montana House of Representatives
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•	Bradley Trowbridge	IL	Circuit Court of Cook County
	Maurice Turner	MI	Mayor of Highland Park
•	Mauree Turner	OK	Oklahoma House of Representatives
	Alfred Twu	CA	AC Transit Board of Directors
•	Alex Valdez	CO	Colorado House of Representatives
•	Rae Vander Werf	CA	American River Flood Control District
•	Michael Vargas	CA	Elk Grove Unified School District
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•	Danielle Walker	WV	West Virginia House of Delegates
	Jesse Walker	TN	Goodlettsville City Commission
•	Alton Wang	CA	Pasadena City College Board of Trustees
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•	Mary Washington	MD	Maryland State Senate
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•	Jennifer Williams	NJ	Trenton City Council
•	Tyler Williamson	CA	Mayor of Monterey
•	Claire Wilson	WA	Washington State Senate

# LGBTQ+ Candidates Changing History



In Connecticut, **Erick Russell** was elected state treasurer, marking the first time an out LGBTQ+ Black candidate has won statewide executive office in the U.S.



Nearby in Vermont, two out LGBTQ+ candidates won statewide in November. State Senator **Becca Balint** won the race to replace

Rep. Peter Welch, making her the first woman and first out candidate to represent Vermont in Congress. **Mike Picciak** won his race for state treasurer, continuing Vermont's legacy of LGBTQ+ representation in state government.



On the West Coast, Long Beach Mayor **Robert Garcia** made history as the first out LGBTQ+ immigrant elected to Congress. Garcia – whose family emigrated from Peru when he was 5 – was elected president of the House freshmen Democrats in December 2022.



**James Roesener** became the first out transgender man elected to a state legislature in the U.S., when he won his race in New Hampshire's 22<sup>nd</sup> State House District, Ward 8.



In Arizona, **Kris Mayes** won a tough-fought race against an election-denying extremist to become attorney general.

She's the first out LGBTQ+ candidate elected to statewide executive office in Arizona history. In Michigan, incumbent Attorney General **Dana Nessel** fended off a well-funded challenger and won re-election.



When environmental activist **Davante Lewis** won the runoff for the Public Service Commission against an entrenched incumbent in District 3, he made history as the first out LGBTQ+ candidate elected to state office in Louisiana.



Alaska was among the last three states to have never secured LGBTQ+ representation in its state legislature until 2022, when our candidates **Jennie Armstrong** and **Andrew Gray** won seats in the State House.



In February 2022, **Keturah Herron** won the special election to represent District 42 in the Kentucky State House, becoming the first out LGBTQ+ candidate to win election to the state legislature



For the first time, three out LGBTQ+ governors are serving in states across the country, including the first out lesbians elected to that office – **Maura Healey** in Massachusetts and **Tina Kotek** in Oregon – who join incumbent Colorado Gov. **Jared Polis**.



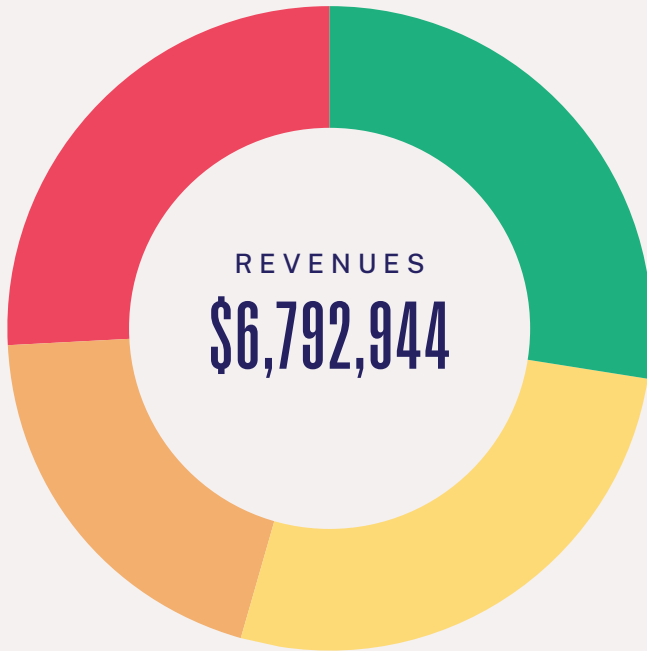
**S.J. Howell** and **Zooe Zephyr** both made history with their Montana State House races. With their victories, Howell became the first out non-binary lawmaker in the state, and Zephyr became the state's first out transgender legislator.



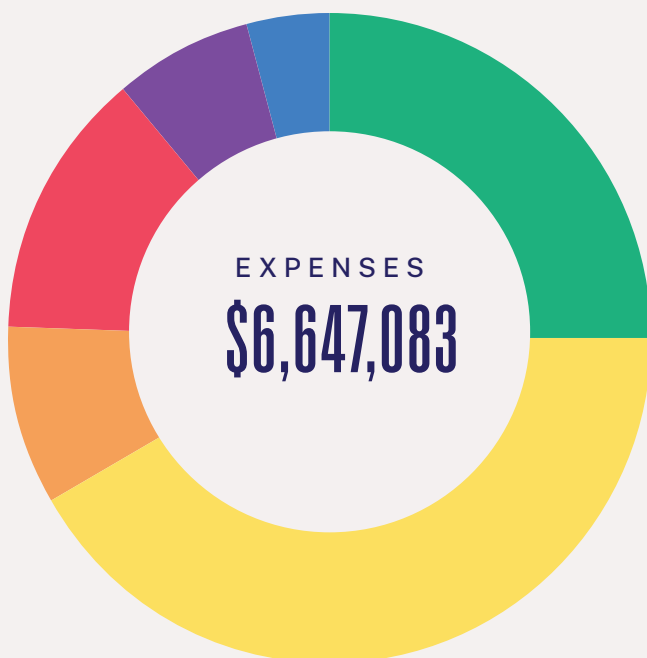
2022 LGBTQ+ Victory Fund endorsed candidates

# LGBTQ+ VICTORY FUND

## 2022 Finances



- Contributions**  
**\$2,293,856** • 28% of total  
*(includes a release of board designated net assets)*
- Donor Candidate Contributions**  
**\$1,672,923** • 27% of total
- Events**  
**\$1,225,144** • 20% of total
- IE Political Contributions**  
**\$1,601,018** • 26% of total



- Political Expenditures**  
**\$2,735,754** • 41% of total
- Donor Candidate Contributions**  
**\$1,672,923** • 25% of total
- Research and Communications**  
**\$603,834** • 9% of total
- Direct Donor Benefit**  
**\$894,598** • 13% of total
- Fundraising**  
**\$457,691** • 7% of total
- Management and General**  
**\$282,013** • 4% of total



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The Victory Campaign Board is the driving force behind our endorsements and candidate fundraising. This growing national board makes the final determination on which candidates to endorse and provides direct contributions and helps uplift our endorsed candidates.

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