

Between Elections:

- A. Organize/maintain APAC in the local groups and citywide/statewide
 - 1. Increase organizational strength for future campaigns by making APAC jobs year-round: adapt them to voter registration, move the ACORN agenda on precinct/division and ward-level party organization where that makes sense, and incorporate their work into local group maintenance and campaign tasks
 - 2. Move inside strategy (coordinated with ACORN outside strategy) on local party organization where that advances the ACORN Commission fight for real representation by moving pressure for ACORN demands up from the precincts
- B. Make plans for future APAC campaigns
 - 1. Research the local/state/federal election calendar
 - 2. Analyze local politics: who are the political players and forces, how do they work, who and where are the non-voters, and where does APAC fit into the picture?
 - 3. Identify APAC campaign opportunities both in the near future and several years down the road as well
 - 4. Begin specific planning of APAC campaigns well before the political players and forces involved start moving in ways that limit the options open to APAC
- C. Follow the actions and positions taken by elected officials on a regular basis
 - 1. To assess the accountability of APAC-endorsed officials
 - 2. To assemble full background information on officials who may be interviewed as candidates in future races
- D. Provide a vehicle for orderly and accountable development of plans that involve an ACORN member becoming a candidate
 - 1. APAC can legally advance or protect ACORN's interest in this situation, but
 - 2. An ACORN member who becomes a candidate must establish a separate campaign committee since APAC cannot legally coordinate or consult with any candidate or authorized candidate campaign committee -- not even in the case of an ACORN member -- no matter how closely the candidate and ACORN or APAC might work before and after the election campaign.

As with the elements of an APAC election campaign, these ongoing elements of APAC's work will be forged into a plan for permanent APAC activity and responsibility differently in different places at different times, based on particular goals and capabilities. The key thing is to use the basic elements to make a plan and move it.

It is impossible to over-stress the point that APAC is the political arm of the ACORN body and exists for the purpose of enabling ACORN to strike blows for the political power of ACORN. ACORN represents the constituency of low and moderate income people by organizing and moving people to fight for justice, and that fight is best fought by using all the limbs and faculties of the ACORN body together. That means landing 1-2 punches with the political arm and the issue-campaign arm while advancing on the two legs of organizational growth and maintenance. APAC must always seek direction, connection, and coordination with the roots and aspirations of ACORN as they relate to issues, principles, goals, and strategies.