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**Manhattan Neighborhood Network and Free Speech TV to Broadcast  
*America's Midterms — The Blue Wave***

**New York, October 11, 2018** — Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN) and Free Speech TV (FSTV) are premiering the second episode of *America's Midterms — The Blue Wave*, Friday, October 12 at 8:00 pm ET. This limited series will continue to premiere every Friday evening through November 9 on both MNN-FSTV (Spectrum channel 1301 and FiOS channel 39 for Manhattan viewers or streaming online worldwide at [mnn.org](http://mnn.org)) and Free Speech TV (DISH 9415, DIRECTV 348, and streaming on Roku, Apple TV, Sling TV and at [freespeech.org](http://freespeech.org)).

From Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in New York to Beto O'Rourke in Texas, progressive candidates took the primaries by storm and are gearing up for a blue wave this November. Will they receive the votes they need to unseat Republicans and take back America?

MNN and FSTV's latest production, *America's Midterms — The Blue Wave*, is a political talk show hosted by Women's March co-organizers Tamika Mallory and Bob Bland, Democratic pollster Matt McDermott, and progressive Pennsylvania state House candidate Summer Lee. The show will offer commentary on national and local races, insights into progressive issues, and interviews with progressive candidates from across the country.

"We're thrilled to be able to bring bold progressive leaders and candidates together to discuss their visions for the country and we hope this series empowers voters to make educated choices at the polls this November," said MNN President and CEO Dan Coughlin.

Taped at the MNN's 59th Street Studios in Manhattan, *America's Midterms — The Blue Wave* is a co-production of Free Speech TV and Manhattan Neighborhood Network. Guests featured in this episode include:

- Gabriel Acevero — Democratic Candidate for Maryland's House of Delegates (District 39)



- Liuba Grechen Shirley — Democratic Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives (NY-02)

“Fresh, bold, and disruptive, progressive candidates are running for office at every level,” said Ron Williams, Executive Director of FSTV. “The *Blue Wave* will cover their stories, the issues that animate them and the game-changing potential of their campaigns.”

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Broadcasts are scheduled as follows:

- Friday, Oct. 12 - 8:00 pm ET
- Friday, Oct. 12 - 9:30 pm ET
- Saturday, Oct. 13 - 4:30 pm ET
- Saturday, Oct. 13 - 9:30 pm ET
- Sunday, Oct. 14 - 9:30 am ET
- Sunday, Oct. 14 - 5:30 pm ET

#### **About Manhattan Neighborhood Network**

Founded in 1992, [Manhattan Neighborhood Network](http://Manhattan Neighborhood Network) is New York City’s free public-access cable network. Operating seven channels ([Community](#), [Lifestyle](#), [Spirit](#), [Culture](#), [HD Community](#), [MNN-FSTV](#) and [NYXT.nyc](#)) and reaching over 600,000 cable subscribers in the Manhattan area, MNN is the largest public-access cable network in the nation, with programs airing in more than 40 languages. Find MNN on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and at [mnn.org](http://mnn.org).

In 2012, MNN opened a state-of-the-art community media center at the old Engine Co. 53 Firehouse on East 104th Street in East Harlem. The facility features three HD production studios, including a three-camera studio, as well as editing services and a Youth Media Center. The Firehouse offers classes in English and Spanish and hosts community events throughout the year.

MNN also produces the cable and digital channel NYXT.nyc (pronounced next dot N.Y.C.). Presented in partnership with more than 60 Manhattan community-based organizations, NYXT.nyc shines a spotlight on groups that are working to connect people and build neighborhoods. NYXT.nyc is available on TWC 1992, FiOS 38, and online at [nyxt.nyc](http://nyxt.nyc).

#### **About Free Speech TV**



[Free Speech TV](#) is a national, independent, nonprofit news network committed to advancing progressive social change. As the alternative to media networks owned by billionaires, governments and corporations, Free Speech TV elevates unique perspectives through daily news programs, independent documentaries and special events coverage.

Free Speech TV reaches more than 38 million households nationally on DISH (channel 9415), DIRECTV (348), Sling TV, and over 150 community cable affiliates. Free Speech TV streams live 24/7 at [freespeech.org](https://freespeech.org), is available on-demand and streaming on Roku and Apple TV, and maintains an active presence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). Free Speech TV believes a more just and democratic world is possible when the media empowers people with the information they need to fight for what matters.