

My team and I are responsible for all the events that will take place at the convention center, at the Charlotte convention center. Those will include the media workspace for the over 15,000 media who will be coming to the convention. We will also house the caucus meetings. The caucus meetings – there are thirteen caucuses. And the caucus meetings will be held Monday through Thursday. They will consist of the delegates. They are discussing issues such as – well actually the caucuses are divided up into interest groups. So there's an African American caucus, there's a youth caucus. And so there are thirteen of them. And they take place at the convention center as well and those are open to the public.

The caucus meetings help develop the platform for the convention. And so they discuss issues around the platform. In addition to the media workspace and the caucuses, we also have volunteer check-in – we have over 10,000 volunteers that will work on the convention. Some of them have started already, assisting us. But 10,000 volunteers will come through the convention center to sign in and to get their credentials and their assignments for that day. Each day they will come to the convention center to pick those items up.

The media are very important. In a lot of instances – my background is convention and media planning. And in a lot of events that we do that the media participate, you're trying to keep them out. In this case, this is their space. You're trying to make sure that people who do not belong in their space are not in their area, in their way so they can get their work done. So they are a big – a huge stakeholder for the convention center.

Allied groups are defined as any outside group or organization that supports the Democratic Party platform. Some of the space will be occupied by allied groups who will hold events post-gavel, or at the end of the convention day in the evenings. So after the proceedings that take place at the arena happen, the gavel – again, post-gavel – people will come back to the convention center for those events in the evening.

The democratic process requires people to be involved in order for it to work. And if you don't participate, then your needs and your wants are not accounted for. So it's incredibly important to pay attention to

what's going on. Just because they can't vote now doesn't mean they can't effect change. It doesn't mean they can't be involved. I became involved as an older person. I wasn't involved when I was younger. And technically, what I was doing before I came here was not political. I worked – I helped plan meetings and conferences that were political in nature, but my specific job was not in politics. But I have been active on a personal level as a volunteer. And that's a good way to get involved – as a volunteer. If they can volunteer for campaigns on at the city level at the state level. And you know there are even things they can do on a national level if they go to our website to check it out.