

**Notes from Jin Suh's Talk,  
Derek Tran's campaign manager  
Making Waves for Democracy Feb. 1, 2026 Meeting**

They have already been canvassing for a month, and in February will have canvassing events on Feb. 7 in Norwalk and Feb. 28 in Stanton. They'll do the same every weekend in March. They are starting phone banking this month. There are thousands of new voters [because of redistricting] who have to be introduced to Rep. Tran – in Norwalk, Stanton and Western Santa Ana.

Who are voters in CA 45? Multi-lingual district: Korean, Taiwanese, Spanish as well as Vietnamese-speaking residents (most expensive race in the country because of that). Issues such as immigration are more complicated for this district than others. AAPI voters are concerned about crime and want to see the rule of law and public safety respected. But they are also against the chaos created by ICE.

The top 2 issues for voters are immigration and the cost of living (mostly because of increasing housing and childcare costs). The immigration “issue” is how ICE agents are conducting themselves. They have heard that they are ramping up raids in Santa Ana soon. They want to hold the Administration accountable for their crimes and violation of constitutional rights. They understand border security as a function of DHS, but what is ICE doing inside the country? Not keeping criminals accountable and protecting safe streets.

Rep. Tran has pushed back against Trump, proposing legislation holding ICE agents civilly liable for violating people's constitutional rights, not allowing them to wear masks and other gear, and requiring them to wear body cameras – the same requirements of other law enforcement agencies. He signed articles of impeachment for Kristi Noem

Rep. Tran has started a Dad's Caucus and a Lowering Costs Caucus. He has worked on extending health care premium cost limits, and to continue the tax credits for health insurance premiums; extending deductions for childcare; paid parental leave; universal pre-K; baby formula protected from increase in tariffs; universal healthcare (in the future).

The district skews more toward NPP (No Party Preference) voters – some of whom are left or Dem-leaning. Latinos are truly swing voters. There are many infrequent voters as well – but more people are paying attention these days. The district ethnic breakdown: 34% Vietnamese and other AAPI; 21% Latinx; 5% Korean; 41% Caucasian.