

2023 PLANS, Making Waves for Democracy

This year presents a huge opportunity. It's mostly not an active year electorally, so we want to dedicate ourselves to REALLY LEARNING FROM OUR LOSSES, and to engage in better POLITICAL EDUCATION of you all, and FAR BETTER VOTER ENGAGEMENT. We promise to be ready for 2024!

Although detailed voter analysis is not in yet, we know one thing for sure: Shockingly, California saw a WAY too-low voter turnout. This was not true in Michigan and other swing states -- TURNOUT was off the charts – and abortion on the ballot meant SKY HIGH youth and women's turnout. BUT, like NY and other BLUE states, CA – despite Measure 1 -- saw poor voter turnout. That means we lost districts we should have won including our two districts.

We want to analyze better what that meant. Why did a +10 Dem district like CA-27 reelect extremist MAGA Mike Garcia over Christy Smith??? Why did the amazing Katie Porter need every dollar in her huge war chest of \$30 million to win? And Jay Chen was a great candidate but he couldn't beat MAGA Michelle Steel in the new CA-45, which was a +5 Dem district!

Last meeting, Jeannie mentioned a huge national study of 50,000 voters after each election, and we promise that in 2023 we will dive into that study and others to understand what happened and why, SO WE CAN FIX IT.

Because WE ARE HELLBENT on flipping that last RED House district in LA County – CA-27 -- and we want to help our friends in the OC.... SO....here's what we promise for 2023:

- 1) We will not abandon the Antelope Valley, CA-27. We're not sure what our involvement in voter registration and voter contact will be but we know we love Palmdale and Lancaster, and we've invested 5 ½ years there, and we will continue our work in the AV.**
- 2) Likewise, we know we want to continue in the OC – not sure how or where yet, but we'll keep you posted. We'll follow the lead of our sister group, WAVE and other key informants in the OC.**
- 3) We will continue our FUNDRAISING MACHINERY. We have an incredible volunteer operation: over 400 folks who have been co-Hosts (giving or getting at least \$500); over 5000 individual donors over the years, and incredible volunteer**

leaders – especially the amazing Lauri Crane..... We'll keep you posted!

The other commitment we have for 2023 is to increase our connection to YOUTH and YOUTH ENGAGEMENT – Likely by partnering with a group or groups that engages youth in a meaningful way. Again, we're not yet sure what that will look like, but it's a promise. We also want to revive our Spanish language canvassing focus, and figure out how to best to bring much-needed diversity to our group's work.

I'll take questions in the chat, if there are any....