

CD48 Accountability Project Presentation
Making Waves for Democracy Meeting
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Parke Skelton and Nelson Goins presented their project targeting independent voters in California's 48th Congressional District.

- **Details**

- Explained CD-48 has Democratic performance rating of 50.1%, extremely close race
- Noted Daryl Issa decided not to run; Jim Desmond (County Supervisor) jumped from CD-49 race to CD-48
- Assessed Desmond as stronger candidate than Issa - no congressional voting record, military background, local government experience, substantial fundraising
- Described strategy to prevent Desmond from consolidating independent voter support during Democratic primary
- Outlined \$450,000 campaign targeting 52,000 likely independent/DTS voters through mail, digital, and field programs
- Explained district spans from San Marcos to Palm Springs, making in-person outreach challenging
- Described volunteer opportunities including texting via Scale to Win platform, postcarding, and phone banking
- Noted Desmond endorsed by Trump and Mike Johnson on same day, positioning him as MAGA Republican
- Stated goal to keep Desmond's primary vote in low 40s to maintain competitive general election

- **Conclusion**

- Project focuses on informing DTS voters about Desmond and identifying Trump support levels for GOTV targeting
- Volunteers can participate remotely through texting and postcarding

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