

**Welcome to Meeting**  
**Making Waves for Democracy Meeting**  
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Welcome to Making Waves for Democracy! Have you all been busy? What a lot to do! Canvassing, calling, postcarding, donating – for so many candidates and ballot measures! AND Reading your ballot, again and again, consulting with friends, making decisions then changing them, reading the ballot again, and VOTING.

We love election season – it’s exciting to participate in our (threatened) democracy, and it’s great to tire ourselves out making “good trouble”....

**Today** we will focus on our favorite thing to talk about – THE BLUE WAVE! With more data on the House and Senate races. Brian Colker, our favorite data geek, will share what he’s been learning from his research on polls, and how it looks at this point for the House and Senate. This meeting is totally focused on the House and Senate, even though we know there are other races we are all thinking about.

We will also give you an update on actions we are sponsoring and that you can join in the coming month.

**There is Good news** in the midst of the chaos and destruction: we have seen lots of blow back, opposition to the Trump “slush fund” for his own personal army, and the name change of the Kennedy Center has been blocked!

April **was the first month** when wind and solar combined to produce more electricity worldwide than natural gas did.

Scientists at Oxford University **are developing a new vaccine** that could be ready for clinical trials within two to three months to help tackle the Ebola emergency.

A federal judge **dismissed** human smuggling charges against Kilmar Abrego Garcia. His long ordeal may finally be over!

A judge **largely barred ICE agents** from making arrests in immigration courts in New York City, putting an abrupt halt to a policy that emerged last year as the centerpiece of the Trump administration's NY immigration crackdown.

Federal Courts have **dismissed** the DOJ's attempts to force Maine and Wisconsin to turn over their voters' sensitive data.

Chris Rabb and Bob Brooks **both won** their primaries for Congress in PA, defeating the establishment and a ton of dark money. In fact, **all six Working Families Party candidates won their primaries in Pennsylvania!**

Voters in Louisiana have launched a statewide petition drive to **recall** Gov. Jeff Landry after MAGA Confederates eliminated one of the state's two Black-majority districts.

The U.S. Senate **advanced** a war-powers resolution to end the Iran conflict unless Trump obtains congressional authorization, marking a rare rebuke 80 days after hostilities began.

An ICE agent was **charged** in the shooting of a Venezuelan immigrant in Minnesota. The agent is the second federal officer to face felony charges in Minnesota stemming from the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.

The Supreme Court **rejected a series of appeals** from several of the nation's largest drugmakers challenging a program—instituted under President Biden—that is expected to save taxpayers and the federal government billions of dollars by requiring the companies to negotiate with Medicare on the prices for some of their most popular drugs.

So let's cheer for these and many other successes in the fight to protect our democracy!