

Notes from George Whitesides Talk

Making Waves for Democracy Feb. 1, 2026 Meeting

MWD has huge power to make a difference for candidates – George is happy to connect us to Derek Tran.

Our democracy is at stake right now - why we worked hard to flip CA 27. Critical now to flip the House – to win all the 5 new seats that opened up as a result of Prop 50. There are amazing people running in those 5 districts.

We must also protect CA Dems – Derek Tran and Adam Gray – who have tough races ahead. We must all step up to get them re-elected. We must hold the seats that we already have now to keep the House. We finally flipped a Republican seat in Texas this week.

We now have ONE VOTE in the House that separates us from the Republicans – it is SO CLOSE, Democrats must show up for every vote AND Republicans will have a harder time because they have fractious votes on their side.

We know that this is a dangerous time, AND we know this is NOT America – not who we are – I know we will reclaim this country.

Derek is incredible, one of my closest friends in Congress. I know the profound goodness of Derek Tran's heart. He is stepping up, with very young kids at home – he knows he has to step up. Lending a voice of conscience in our caucus. It's not easy – day-do-day stepping up for folks in his district and in CA. I get emotional talking about him. Get him re-elected!