

Welcome to Meeting

Making Waves for Democracy Meeting

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Welcome everyone! I'm so glad to see you all – our engagement and connection keeps me going!

This summer has been a bit of a slog so far – kind of exhausting – fires all over the world are ominous, endless cruel wars against civilians, lunacy, lies and lawlessness are getting worse....

BUT here we are – still we persist! We are all doing something, aren't we?! We keep the resistance going strong, and if you watch Rachel Maddow like I do, you know the resistance is going strong all over the US. AND progressives are doing well in the primaries.

Other good news:

A Kansas state court just **permanently struck down** a long list of abortion restrictions, ruling that they violated the fundamental right to abortion, and health care providers' right to free speech under the state constitution.

The Senate has adjourned until September 14 without passing the SAVE Act!

Remember: Democrats hold a **9-point advantage over Republicans** on the economy and a **20-point advantage** among extremely motivated voters. And, believe it or not, Dems are now slightly favored to win the Senate this November!

With midterm election ballots dropping in about a month, we've got plenty to do – this WILL BE A BLUE WAVE IN NOVEMBER!

What will we do? We are all great fundraisers – Our Sept 13 zoom event will help 4 SO CAL candidates get to Washington! **You will meet Marni von Wilpert and Randy Villegas today – they are about to flip their districts as we get rid of Daryl Issa and David Valadao – and Marni**

and Randy are really exciting candidates who will activate a progressive agenda in DC! You will love them!

You'll also hear about actions you can take in Sept and Oct – to canvas and phone bank – for Derek Tran, Marni Von Wilpert and Randy Villegas – WE NEED YOU! Plan to join us in whatever way you can!