

RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS INTRODUCTIONS

MARA ZIEGLER (presented by Torie Osborn)

Mara has always been active. Just a few days ago, she sent me a Michael Moore podcast, texting me: "This 29 minutes will make you feel that every step we took, every door we knocked and dollar we donated was worth it!" This cycle, Mara phone banked for Karen Bass for Mayor, donated to every single event, and also canvassed BOTH for Christy Smith and for Jay Chen -- always organizing others to join her, usually her family members. She is one of the few Making Waves regulars who communicates with me directly, sending articles or podcasts to inspire me, and when she was in doubt or fear herself, turning to me for support. Mara has taught me more than anyone how we take turns leading so we end up doing this together. MARA, thank you! You totally deserve this RECOGNITION as an OUTSTANDING MEMBER!

LAURA CRANE (presented by Jeanne Miranda)

Making Waves for Democracy has raised over \$2 million for Democratic candidates. This would not have been possible without the leadership of Lauri Crane. Lauri can best be described as a congenial, quiet FORCE OF NATURE. Whether dealing with parking issues or permits to hold an event, or wrangling ALL the co-Hosts of several events, Lauri is able to quietly overcome any barrier to make our events successful. She is one of the most competent individuals I know, ranging from technology feats to amazing organization of the information necessary to make our fundraising successful.

JOHN MONTGOMERIE (presented by Linda Garnets)

In addition to all the other ways John actively engages in MWD canvassing and fundraising, he generously has offered his home for several of our MWD fundraisers, and for pop-up canvassing for Karen Bass—that involved canvassing every Sunday for a couple of months during both the primary and general elections. I've also frequently seen him in the Mar Vista neighborhood out on his own canvassing for Karen Bass. Thanks, John, for all you've done!

ASHLEY HILL (presented by Jeannette Bronson)

Those of us who work behind the scenes know how important it is to find support folks who are selfless, willing, and able! Ash is just that. In addition, every month she checks with me to see what I need. Being the backup is difficult, because most of the work is sitting ready, with your hands ready to take over the wheel... and that can be tedious! We love Ash. Couldn't do it without her!

MICHAEL CHASKES (presented by Marley Powell)

The 15,000 doors our group knocked happened because of the consistency of our volunteers and no one committed more to canvassing this past cycle than Michael Chaskes. He numbered the most canvasses in the Antelope Valley from our group by

far, going to Making Waves canvasses but also joining others as well. He adopted the AV as a passion project for himself. He has been committed for years and is determined to turn the Antelope Valley blue. Michael's an example of something that is great about our group: someone willing to leave their community to spend time in another to speak with people and connect directly about what matters to them and what they can do to change their community. He's also a great figure of our group in that he came into our group from the match between his commitment and our commitment to action. Michael's an example of Making Waves for Democracy's growth from our action work and our commitment to bridging communities in new ways. I'm honored today to award Michael our Champion Canvasser award.

JOAN LING (presented by Leigh Curran)

It's my pleasure to present the Champion Canvasser Award to Joan Ling. Joan was putting a group of canvassers together to go to Palmdale to knock on doors for Katie Hill and I was fortunate to be invited - and scared as I'd never canvassed before. Joan was relaxed, on it, dedicated and determined to keep showing up with whoever could fit in her car. She also had a nose for great places to eat in the area and enjoyed introducing us to the community through food as well as door knocking. Since then Joan and her friends have shown up for Christy, Harley and Jay and they were all better for it! Congratulations to Joan Ling - a canvassing law unto herself!

JUDY MACLEAN AND KATHY HESS (presented by Torie Osborn)

Judy is one of my favorite people, and oldest friends. She and I met in 1972, at the founding conference of the New American Movement (later became Democratic Socialists of America), went through the politics of the new left and the women's movement and lesbian feminism together (it's a long, juicy story I don't have time for now!)...and we've stayed in touch since. Kathy and she have been together since the mid 90s. They live in Berkeley, and in recent years have become regulars at Making Waves Zoom meetings. They drove down to LA from the Bay Area, stayed with me for nearly two weeks, and - during that time -- drove the long way to canvass both for Jay Chen and Christy Smith, 8 times. AND they cooked meals for me, we hung out, and I got to know and love Kathy too. They are the finest example of the kind of dedication and commitment we hope to inspire and I'm THRILLED to recognize them for their OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION.

ILENE BELL & PAUL KOEGEL (presented by Barrie Levy)

Ilene and Paul are not able to be here today. We are appreciating them for their many roles in the work of MWD: fundraising events, hosting and getting contributions, canvassing all the time everywhere, active participation in meetings, and just plain showing up!

JEANNETTE BRONSON (presented by Linda Garnets)

This is a special surprise award to our own Jeannette Bronson—our Tech Whiz Extraordinaire! Besides Jeannette being part of our Leadership Team from its inception, she has been responsible for running ALL the monthly Zoom meetings,

helping to create and send out e-mails and mailings that we send to all of you regularly, and website design and upkeep. She is truly indispensable!