

## **CA 27 Spanish Speakers' Action Team Plans** **By Xiomara Flores-Sholguin**

If we're going to "vote out" Mike Garcia in the next election, we must reach out to the Spanish-speaking Latino (Hispanic/Latinx) Democrats. There appears to be less outreach to the Latino/Hispanic community and when they are contacted, this connection does not appear to be very effective for the following reasons:

We must engage and speak in the primary language of our Latino/Hispanic Democratic voters and recognize and acknowledge that they come from different countries and for different reasons. On a personal note, I know that when I phone-banked in Spanish during Christie Smith's campaign the Spanish-speaking Democratic voters wanted to talk about the election and they had many questions about it too.

If we're able to assemble a Spanish Speaking Action Team in the AV, we'll be able to make a difference between Mike Garcia and the Republican party especially since Mike Garcia has a Spanish last name. \*Although he has a minor in "Spanish" it is unknown if he speaks Spanish.

Join us to make calls in Spanish or canvass in Spanish as we start the work in CA 27 - "Unidos Llamando y Unidos Caminando" to effectively discuss the issues, explain the voting process and tell Spanish-speaking voters that their vote matters. Please sign up when we share the poll.

Thank you/Muchas gracias.

\* Today, I had to contact MAGA Mike Garcia's office to inquire if he was Spanish-speaking or not ( I should have called before our meeting, however, I've never called a Republican's office - it was a very difficult call to make). I was informed by Jackie, a staff member, that he is NOT comfortable speaking in Spanish but that he did speak at a Spanish-speaking Baptist Church in Palmdale during his last campaign! Additionally, I checked his profile and he's not listed as a Spanish speaker.

