

Three Canvassing Experiences

Barrie Levy

When I was talking with voters in Palmdale last week, the husband of the registered Dem in the family asked why I didn't have him on my list – Oh!, he said, I'm registered Republican! But I haven't voted for a Republican in years – they have changed, they're destroying our country.

Many of the voters I talked with had never heard of Mike Garcia or George Whitesides! When they learned about what Mike Garcia has been doing in Washington, they were shocked. They were glad to learn about George Whitesides and what he will bring to the AV to improve their lives and to protect their rights. Imagine if we hadn't gone out there and talked with them.

Carolynn LaRocca

Although many people didn't necessarily know that George Whitesides was the Democratic candidate, they were very unhappy with what Mike Garcia has done and hasn't done (meaning support Trump, vote against the confirmation of the duly elected President and Vice President (Biden/Harris), and that he's voted against all bills that would support their needs: Healthcare-related, Infrastructure, Chips Act, etc., then took credit for the acts' passage.

Also, one family was multi-generational, foreign-born but US Citizen parents, and all planned to vote for Democrats up and down the ticket.

Another was a younger man who said he didn't need the hardcopy literature, that he does his research online, but that he was very likely planning on voting for the Democrats based on Garcia's performance (or lack thereof).

And another man who's still working, is on kidney dialysis, and his insurance is no longer covering his monthly expense of several thousand dollars (coverage ran out after two years). He also felt strongly that the Democratic Party is the party of the people and the only one getting things done.

All of these folks were interested in voting down ballot for Kipp Mueller for CA Senate District 23 and Juan Carrillo for CA Assembly District 39.

Xiomara Flores-Holguin

Xiomara shared that the more you canvass, the more comfortable you become with canvassing and speaking to voters. Additionally, the canvassing event provides for reunion meetings with members of Making Waves for Democracy and other partner organizations: AVDC, Grassroots Dems HQ, Swing Left, Indivisible AV, and other

important groups. As the important election nears, we must be united in our message to elect our Democratic candidates.