

Fundraising Committee Report by Ilene Bell

We had a an absolutely fabulous fundraiser for Antelope Valley Democrats for Change.

Many folks have even said this was the best fundraiser ever.

Our original goal was \$25,000 and we far surpassed the goal raising \$65,000

Raise your hand if you were a host; if you contributed – Look at all those hands!

We had 55 hosts who mobilized their families and friends. 250 people contributed, about 125 people attended the event, and witness the result \$65,000 - We crushed it.

If you haven't yet contributed or want to contribute more, the site is still active so go to it!

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mw4d1>

The success of the event was not only in the amount raised but in the utterly inspiring and exciting presentation made by Joey XXX and Samantha XXX who are spearheading this youth driven movement. Joey and Samantha spoke from the heart, and shared their organizing approach to building Democratic Party strength in the AV for current and future elections. Their plan is to use the money raised to build a youth driven infrastructure – a Pipeline INSIDE CA27 to keep youth leaders continuously organizing in the district. They have decided to hire 14 youth organizers. Three youth organizers are already on board. They are well on their way.

We are already thinking ahead to our next virtual fundraiser in mid-September to support George Whitesides in CA 27, and the Democratic candidate and CA 47, and to assure those purple districts send a Democrat to Congress in 2025.

We have raised 2.1 million dollars at \$50 a ticket over the last 7 years. Look around and see who we are. This group is formidable! And determined to do our part to take back the House and hold our Democracy. Onward!!