Ideas about MWD 2023 Plan of Actions From MWD members MWD Meeting 11/20/22

Issues for Policy Education

1. Rights

- Reproductive, Women's, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+
- Promote actions to codify Roe V. Wade and same sex marriage protection

2. Homelessness and housing

- Focus on land use (the R1 folks are determined to stop building of new multifamily housing)
- Join with Bill McKibben's group, Third Act
- Support Karen Bass and her homeless agenda

3. Climate Change and Climate messaging

- Understand the carbon economy
- Recast things into a hopeful light rather than a dire one
- Use climate change policy as a tool toward energy independence, cleaner environment, and jobs
- Climate messaging—learn from young people ways to address the rest of the population. To anyone other than young people, climate change is an abstract.

4. Gun control

5. Voter groups to focus on

- Youth Vote. Find ways to reach young people with social media.
- Democrats in general focus on getting younger people and more women and people of color elected (they are our future and we need even more representation from women and POC).

6. Voter mobilizing

- Training in strong messaging will be very important to our organizing.
- Learn how to mobilize voters; learn how to challenge complacency.

Ideas for Plan of Action for 2023

- 1. Aim to work mainly on SoCal/CA issues
 - Help people pay attention to school board and local races because that's where the political bench starts.
 - Focus on local Water Districts.

2. Keep our focus on elections

- Listen to what constituents in the districts we focus on care about and not focus on our own priorities.
- Republicans are already sending out robocalls re the 2024 election. We should be starting early to take back the House, keep the Senate and elect a Dem President
- 3. Stay focused on taking the House back through CA House districts
 - Continue our commitment to CA-27 as a main focus--regardless of who ends up running there to unseat Garcia. They'll need our help with \$ and volunteers.

4. Focus on voter registration and getting out the vote

- Register voters all over LA County -- particularly in Palmdale, Lancaster and places with large BIPOC communities.
- Recruit young Gen Z to be part of MWD, to get out their voters.
- Do small brainstorming sessions on how to get low-propensity voters to the polls. How do we make voting a habit?
- 5. Continue to fundraise to support targeted candidates

6. Coordinate with other grassroots democratic organizations

- Is there a way to absorb or conjoin all the grassroot democratic organizations?
- 7. Find ways to influence DCCC and DSCC re their support for our candidates
 - How do we advocate with the DCCC to put money into California races? How do we help them understand or appreciate the importance of grassroots organizing?
 - Try to work our way into the state Democratic Party and use our connection to Karen to help us with that.