

Orange County Plans – MWD 2023-4

Okay, so a lesson I learned from the midterm elections: the OC is NOT blue yet. It's purple. Katie Porter had to fight hard and spent every dime of her \$20 million to hold on to her seat..

In 2024, we MUST hold on to CA 47, that coastal district (now plus Irvine). We have a connection to the area; we've been working in much of it since 2017 when we got rid of that notorious homophobe Dana Rohrabacher who we'd hated for 30 years.

So that's our priority at Making Waves for Democracy: holding on to that D+3 CA 47 seat.

Here's the scoop on our current thinking about the OC.

1. ONE: We need a lead for our canvassing organizing in the OC. If you're looking for a volunteer leadership gig and have an interest in the OC, please put your name and contact info in the Chat....(Kay Gilbert, interested?)

2. TWO: Right now our thinking is, we will focus on holding CA 47. With Rep. Katie Porter running for US Senate, she's have to give up that seat and there are a bunch of folks competing to succeed her, our friend and founder of Women for American Values and Ethics,

or WAVE, Joanna Weiss among them....We'll wait and see how that race shapes up but without endorsing yet, we'd like to start canvassing BEFORE the primary to connect with voters so we hold that seat....More to come on CA-47.

3. And, we'll see about the other OC House seats near to us; there are two of them, both represented by Republicans, but both districts went bigtime for Biden in 2020. CA 40 is currently held by Republican Young Kim although it went +15.5 for Biden in 2020. In CA 45 where we door-knocked weekly but Jay Chen lost, has MAGA Michelle Steel despite going +10.9% for Biden. There's a potentially great candidate (Kim Nuyen) running this time, but our plan is to wait till the primary to see how she fares. We might step in earlier IF Nuyen has great momentum and/or we have the internal strength.

That's the current thinking on the OC!