

Bringing Science and Community Expertise to Canvassing: Role Play in CA-27

Conversation starts after Introductions & Canvasser IDs which Voter they are speaking with:

Canvasser: Good Afternoon Xiomara! My name is Brandon and I'm a volunteer with your local Democratic club. We're talking to neighbors in our community to see if they're planning to vote for Democrats in the March 2024 Primary Election. Can we count on your support?

Voter: Honestly, yeah I'm a Democrat but I don't see much of a difference between them these days – they all seem the same to me – always empty promises, lies, or another scandal. I used to vote, I did in 2020 to beat Trump, but I am honestly just so tired of it all and I don't have enough time as it is for politics.

Canvasser: I hear you there – it's hard to tell the difference between two parties when it feels like nothing ever changes or only gets harder. While Democrats have accomplished a lot there's a lot more work left to do. We know progress takes time but we also know the stakes could not be higher, Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans will roll back what progress we have made and threaten our rights and freedoms with their dangerous policies. That's why I'm a voter. Can you tell me, when you vote, what is on your mind and what issue is most important to you?

Voter: Well, now that you put it like that, women's reproductive rights are really important to me. My sister had to make a tough decision a few years ago when her pregnancy turned out to be high-risk. If she had carried the baby to term, her life would have been in severe danger. She had an abortion, and it was already a difficult choice without politicians or the Supreme Court trying to take away her right to make that decision for herself.

Canvasser: Thank you for sharing your sister's story. This issue is so personal for many people and the impacts of these extreme political decisions are dangerous. Sadly our local Member of Congress, Mike Garcia, has made it one of his top priorities to attack women's reproductive health and rights. He signed a legal brief urging the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade, and they did, he supports a national abortion ban without exceptions for victims of rape or incest, and voted against protecting access to birth control. He hasn't just talked about, he's dedicated time and energy to rolling back our rights.

Voter: Wow, I didn't realize Mike Garcia was that extreme. All I knew was that he was in the military. I definitely don't want someone like him representing me or my sister.

Canvasser: That's why voting in this election could not be more important. We know what we have to lose if Trump and Mike Garcia win in 2024, so I have been talking to

your neighbors and we all plan on voting in the March Primary. Are you aware of the upcoming March primary election?

Voter: Wow, so soon?! I didn't know about the primary being moved up to March, but now that you mention it, I need to set a reminder to return my ballot.

Canvasser: That's great! Early voting can make the process more convenient, and every vote counts in an election like this. Everyone receives a ballot in the mail about 30 days before the Election. Your ballot will arrive in early February. You can find information about early voting locations and hours at LaVote.Net. And if you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Voter: Thanks for taking the time to talk with me and inform me about Mike Garcia's dangerous positions and the March Election. I had no idea. I'll definitely consider voting early and do some more research on the candidates.

Canvasser: You're welcome! It was great chatting with you. Remember, your vote matters, and together, we can create positive change in our community. We're all counting on one another to vote. Have a great day!

Voter: You too! Thanks for stopping by.