

T.O. on the PRIMARY, in 27 and 47.....

We didn't endorse in our two targeted House districts before the primary but now we're all in for GEORGE WHITESIDES in CA-27 and State Senator DAVE MIN in CA-47 – and FYI we'll be hosting a joint Zoom \$50 fundraiser September 15, 4-5 p.m., for BOTH Dems. You'll hear more about that as time goes on....

Making Waves' folks have been regularly talking to voters in the Democrat-rich, more working-class Antelope Valley for over 7 years. Here are some thoughts on CA 27, post primary election:

1. Candidate Profile Matters -- CA 27 is a Dem district that voted + 12% for Biden/Harris in 2020 (and NO on the 2021 Newsome Recall by 67%!). It should be easy to flip, AND the ELECTORATE is increasingly Latino: 31% (Note: they're 42% of population, although that number includes undocumented folks). While the electorate is still 53% Anglo – though only 38% of the population -- every election it's less white. That district is 10% Black, 9% Asian, 4% mixed race – and it's the last affordable area in LA County; more working class, with lots of ex-offenders who don't yet know they can vote in CA. This is exactly the kind of district where a Latino with a bio like MAGA Mike Garcia gets Democratic votes.

2. So, winning in 2024 is vital to Democrats – and, as Brandon said, the next 90 days is KEY. Our aggregate Dem vote count in March was only 45%. But a reminder – the primary is ONLY about the TOP TWO, getting into the runoff -- and George was SMART and spent his time clearing the field of real competitors. He could have spent \$2 million more of his now-\$2.5 million and bought a few more points, but why?

If he doesn't beat Garcia in November, it's not about Garcia's extreme Right-wing politics – Remember, he's co-author of the Abortion Ban, for gods' sake! It's about identification. It'll be hard for a white person, or any non-Latino for that matter, to win in the future. A bunch of us tried and failed to find a winning Latina/o candidate this cycle, and I don't see anyone in the pipeline. So we gotta FLIP IT this November.

So, look for lots of local, working class, Latino/a validators – such as Palmdale Latina Moms talking up George and the contrast with MAGA Mike. _____

OK, on to that beautiful coastal Orange County seat that we flipped in 2018 – getting rid of that AWFUL Dana Rohrabacher! – That district, post redistricting, now includes Irvine – It's currently Katie Porter's seat, +3 Dem advantage, exactly Porter's margin of victory in 2022 after spending \$29 million.

Decline-to-State voters are 30% of the total, and key. And, importantly, the District's electorate is 25% Asian (who overperformed in the Primary at 30%), 48% Anglo, 17% Latino, and 1.5% Black. Biden/Harris won the seat in 2020 handily and 62.5% voted NO on the Recall in 2021.

Republican Scott Baugh is a degraded candidate, with 9 felony indictment counts against him I've canvassed here many times over the years so I believe:

1. Min fits the district well – Firstly, his current Senate seat covers nearly 80% of the Congressional district. Secondly, in politics, Sen. Min matches this district MUCH better than Republican Scott Baugh (and arguably even better than Porter who's probably too left for voters there). Like Min, DTS and Dem voters in CA-47 tend to be moderate, pro-public-safety but are strongly pro-environment, and progressive on abortion, gun safety, and LGBTQ and immigrant rights although they skew libertarian.

2. Young voters – particularly UCI students – will be vital to a Dem victory.

There must be a turnout machine unlike ever before.

3. Voter contact always matters, but in 47 it's VITAL! We need to UNITE behind Min and tell the negative story about Baugh; an indicted criminal is much worse than a candidate with a DUI.