Making Waves for Democracy July 14, 2024 Welcome remarks Barrie Levy

Welcome to a Trump-free meeting of Making Waves for Democracy! And for those of you who are new to our group, we're here to inform, inspire and engage progressive Dems to take action, to take back the House....and protect our Democracy.

Rebecca Solnit recently wrote about "wise hope, not foolish optimism." Hope is essential! She says, "We make something more likely, more widely believed, by saying and repeating it. Our rhetoric encourages or discourages. Which is why sports teams chant a version of 'I believe we will win."

We must, as she tells us, feed our stubborn ferocity, not our fear.

"Our opponents would love for us to believe that it's. hopeless, that we have no power, that there's no reason to act, that we can't win. Hope is a gift we don't have to surrender, a power we don't have to throw away."

So during the next couple of hours, join us with a vision of what we hope, what we want, what we are WORKING FOR – and take in the facts about what we – and our Dem admin in DC – has already accomplished, and WILL continue in the future.

Today you will get to hear Patti Crane, marketing expert and political organizer, and our messaging guru, tell us what she has been learning about effective new messaging strategies for Democrats. Jeanne Miranda will highlight the progressive accomplishments of the Biden administration and Congress, and how we compare with other Western democracies at this point. You'll hear about what we're doing to flip the House with our work in Districts 27 and 47, and other actions you can join to channel your "stubborn ferocity"....