

**Speaker Notes: George Whitesides & Dave Min
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GEORGE WHITESIDES

George Whitesides' campaign knocked on over 5,000 doors yesterday - unions and other groups showed up to canvas. Last week they knocked on over 4,000 doors. This morning they canvassed in Chiquita Canyon, an "environmental justice" area.

George is up by a few points in the polls, but it is a super close race. Whoever works harder will win. He has TV ads, now focusing on Garcia's anti-abortion stance.

Planning for GOTV - people are intimidated by the ballots, so they are having workshops and meetings to help people through the ballots. When people do turn in their ballots, we win.

George's priorities when he is elected are:

- to pass HR 1 and HR 4, to protect the foundation of democracy
- to codify reproductive freedom
- Wildfire protection and insurance coverage for people in wildfire areas
- Gun safety is important to him - Giffords APC has given his campaign \$1 million.
- Protecting Social Security and reducing drug costs

SEN. DAVE MIN

Sen. Dave Min is a former professor at UC Irvine Law School, worked for the SEC on corporate fraud, policy director for Sen Schumer. His specialty is on Banking and Housing Finance. He passed 33 bills during his terms in the State Senate.

He is concerned about young people's distress about the future of this country. He will continue the work Biden started, for example the CHIP Act. His campaign is reaching out to young voters to register and engage them, at UCI and the 3 community colleges in his district.

Katie Porter won by only 3 points and spent \$29 million - an indicator of how hard it is to win in this District. His polls are close. His campaign focuses on how different he is from Scott Baugh - who is corrupt, and a lobbyist for big oil and big tobacco. Baugh supports a Federal abortion ban with no exceptions, and doesn't believe in evolution. Baugh refused to condemn the Jan 6 violence, and he didn't certify the 2020 election.

Dave's priorities when he is elected are:

- Elect Hakeem Jeffries Speaker, and certify the presidential election
- Make sure progress on the economy, women's reproductive rights and climate change continue

- He expects to serve on financial services and banking committees
- Protecting women's reproductive rights, addressing reproductive coercion as a form of domestic violence - adding it to the Violence Against Women Act
- Gun Safety: to ban assault weapons, and have robust background checks
- Reign in the Federal Judiciary and the Supreme Court - restrict funding to the Supreme Court until they come up with an ethics code and enforce it.
- Small landlords are leaving the state, only big investors remain - he wants to sponsor policies that carve out benefits for small landlords, and to expand housing production.
- Law enforcement in his district support him
- Healthcare and housing costs are big issues in Orange County. Young people are leaving - he wants to fund affordable housing and financing for young homebuyers, and keep the healthcare and clean energy job sectors from shrinking (now large in OC).
- He wants to ban offshore drilling and protect the coastline, and protect natural resources and water with restricted coastline building - a big issue in his district.
- "Parents are fatigued with the culture wars" - stop making schools a battlefield, stop book bans in libraries and support public education