

I'm proud that over the 8 years we've been around we've reached out to more than 150,000 voters, mostly by doorknocking, mostly in purple districts, and raised over \$2 million at multiple \$50 events. YOU HAVE DONE THAT!

And we have always believed Action is the antidote to despair, to fear. And we believe in FOCUS! Focussing on People of Color and Youth voters, the two actions we have taken is grassroots Fundraising and Field work, largely canvassing -- though we have also phoned and texted and postcarded.....

As a group, over the years we've supported Senate, Presidential, even LA Mayoral candidates.....But we have mainly worked on the House, on Congressional Districts. We played a major role in flipping that pesky purple northern LA County seat -- twice! And in Orange County, we helped flip two seats, one for Dave Min and one for Derek Tran. We've traveled to Arizona TWICE, in 2020 (during COVID) and in 2024. And we've doorknocked here in Mar Vista for our friend Karen Bass for Mayor in 2022. And more....

***Making Waves for Democracy* has always met the moment! This year -- although most of us were caught up in Kamala Harris' joy bubble -- we pivoted quickly... and we organized quite differently -- you've heard from Barrie and Linda that we focused on building this kickass political community to actively fight Trumpism. We kept you up to date about IMMIGRATION, EDUCATION and LGTBQ rights.... As well as spreading the word and canvassing for Prop 50....**

This coming year is ALL-IMPORTANT!

Today, you will help determine the work we do.

Next month is our annual retreat of the Leadership Team. We will take into account what you say today.

Which House districts we choose to work in and the mix of fighting Trumpism/MAGA vs. hands-on electoral work will matter.

It's up to you!

Let me say that again. YOU WILL HAVE INPUT IN DETERMINING THE MIX OF ELECTORAL FIELD WORK AND FIGHTING FASCISM. AND WHICH DISTRICTS WE CHOOSE....

Let me put this in context and lay out the strategy a bit:

I've learned this year that DEMOCRACY means elections. A robust Democracy means robust elections. And Dems have been winning – by a lot!

Little cracks have become big cracks and Trump is on the down-slide of the bell curve – thanks to YOU and so many others across the country!....First, we WIN THE 2026 ELECTIONS – both the House and the Senate....Then, after we win the mid-terms hands down by 10 % or more, the next step is a General Strike that brings the whole regime down – after protests, after voting, after suing, after organizing, When MAGA doesn't recognize the Dems are in power and they refuse to seat the Dems who won: WE STRIKE!

SO....Next year, the midterms couldn't be more important! That is the real start of the end of Trumpism. We WILL bring the orange fascist down....

Let's boost turnout this year with better registration, mobilization and messaging. In a majority POC state, in 2026 we will have the ability to register more DEMOCRATIC VOTERS, and take advantage of their fading power and reach out to all voters with our messages....

We are determined to WIN, to Build Back Better, to end Trumpism for real. That starts with YOU.....