



santa clara county 
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
the democratic party of silicon valley

May Newsletter

Dear Democrats,

We hope you and your family are doing well as we all shelter-in-place. Efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 seem to be working, and it's thanks in no small part to each of us. *Thank you* for keeping yourself and others safe!

Below are some resources for helping yourself and others as we fight COVID-19, as well as updates on SCCDP's operation and what our next steps will be:

COVID-19 Resources

- To get or give help locally, visit [Silicon Valley Strong](#)
- To locate local resources for getting food, paying rent, or coping with stress and anxiety, call **2-1-1**, a free, confidential 24/7 hotline in multiple languages
- To locate statewide resources, call **833-422-4255**. The hotline is open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.
- Please take some time to [complete the U.S. Census](#) this month. Your participation is critical to protecting the health of government workers - and to protecting California's federal funding. Starting at the end of May, census takers are supposed to start knocking on the doors of people who haven't yet completed the census. Also, for every person counted in the U.S. Census, California gets an additional **\$10,000** in critical federal funding.

SCCDP Updates & Opportunities

Calling for Christy Smith

On Tuesday May 12, CA-25 in Southern California will hold a special election crucial to keeping the House blue. Democrat Christy Smith is in a close race against the Republican candidate to fill the seat vacated by Katie Hill. So getting out the vote is crucial.

To pitch in, the SCCDP will be holding virtual phone banks today from 5 to 8 p.m. and this Sunday May 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. We will be calling as a group and have live support via Zoom during this window. Sign up [here](#).

More virtual volunteer opportunities are available at [Christy Smith for Congress](#) and [CADEM Day of Action](#).

Calling for Joe Biden

With 180 days left till the presidential election, the SCCDP is gearing up to support Joe Biden.

On Saturday April 25, we hosted a virtual house party with over 100 local Democrats joining the Biden campaign's Soul of the Nation event, to thank our communities' heroes and connect with friends and neighbors - while also highlighting just what's at stake in this election. More information on this event is [here](#).

On Saturday May 9 from 4 to 6 p.m., we will hold a virtual phone bank to contact Biden supporters across the country and to start mobilizing people for the upcoming election. A representative from the Biden campaign will provide training and we will also have live support via Zoom. Sign ups are [here](#).

Opportunities with the DVC

We're partnering with the mid-Peninsula Democratic Volunteer Center to phone bank for key races. Together we've made over 4,500 calls to support:

- Mark Kelly, who's running for the U.S. Senate in Arizona
- Sara Gideon, who's vying for Susan Collins' Senate seat in Maine
- T.J. Cox, fighting for re-election in CA-21, and
- Other Democratic candidates across the country.

The Democratic Volunteer Center's phone-from-home events are held every Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. and every Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Details are [here](#).

Volunteer with the SCCDP

To get more involved with the SCCDP, sign up [here](#).

The Road Ahead

As California Democrats, we have every reason to be proud of our party and our state's response to the coronavirus pandemic. Our governor has put in place programs to house the homeless, deliver meals to vulnerable seniors, and distribute laptops to students who need them to learn from home. We have been able to maintain hospital capacity to treat COVID-19 patients and in late April, the state announced that hospitals could resume elective surgeries.

Meanwhile, Republicans have been showing their values as well: whether by forcing voters to risk illness or worse to vote [in Wisconsin](#), organizing protests against shelter-in-place orders [in Michigan](#), or hastily re-opening nail salons and tattoo parlors [in Georgia](#).

Overcoming a global pandemic requires leaders who operate on facts, trust science, and listen to experts. That's why we need to put in the work now to elect Democrats in our communities, our state, and across the nation - including the White House - come November.

Take care of yourselves and your families during this challenging time when we are all battling COVID-19. Stay safe, stay sane, and stay involved!

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