

# The First 100 Days and Beyond

Dear Democrat,

As Joe Biden closes in on the first 100 days of his presidency, we are savoring the power of a leader who is competent, compassionate and visionary.

Already, Biden has achieved passage of a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, and has reached his target of getting 100 million vaccination shots into the arms of Americans. He has used the power of his office to denounce racism against Asian-Americans.

He has been charting a course on immigration that respects the sovereignty of our borders while treating unaccompanied minors seeking asylum humanely. It will take time to fix the mess he inherited, but he has begun the effort.

Yet if the Biden administration is slowly putting our country back in order, there is still plenty that requires our vigilance: there are voter suppression bills across the country, and a Republican-led effort to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom.

To find out what we are doing on these fronts, as well what we are doing to help local residents put the pandemic behind them, read on.

### **Fighting voter suppression**

Republican-controlled statehouses across the country have introduced voter suppression bills that are simply unworthy of who we are as a people.

To help Americans raise their voices in opposition, we will be partnering with the non-partisan Center for Common Ground on Sunday April 11 to host a guided **phone bank into Arizona**, where three voter suppression bills are moving through the state legislature.

Phone bankers will be able to patch voters directly into their state legislators' voice mailboxes, and our local party volunteers will be on hand via Zoom to offer support.

Please consider joining us. If Sunday April 11 doesn't work for you, find other guided phone banks co-hosted by CCG <u>here</u>.

These phone banks are making a difference. While Georgia's voter suppression bill, SB 202, is now law, limiting the use of ballot drop boxes among other things, **Republican legislators were forced by public pressure** to drop key provisions including restrictions on early voting.

# Stopping the Newsom Recall

Unfortunately it appears that the effort to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom will be going to the ballot in California. This attempt to overturn a fair election will

needlessly cost our state \$100 million when there is a scheduled election for governor next year.

To frame the danger the recall campaign poses, consider this: it has drawn anti-vaxxers and anti-maskers to its ranks , and it is being funded by Republicans - the party of Trumpism, the party that has stoked division, made baseless claims of voter fraud, and enabled threats to our democratic institutions.

In contrast, Newsom has successfully steered our state through wildfires and a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic - despite a lack of federal leadership on these issues until the Biden presidency. Newsom is also a strong supporter of progressive issues who as mayor of San Francisco led the way nationally on gay marriage.

Stop the Newsom recall: **volunteer** or **donate**.

# **Helping local residents**

Our local party is launching outreach to members who could benefit from <u>rent</u> <u>relief funded by the state of California</u> to help them weather the pandemic. Stay tuned for more details on this new campaign.

We are also continuing our <u>"Get Out the Vaccine"</u> phone banks and text banks.

More than 70 volunteers have participated in our "Get Out the Vaccine" drive, with ten volunteers leading the way: Linda Cortez, Judy Gilford, Jonathan Hull, Dorene Kastelman, Alan Kirby, Patricia Moreno, Laura Patron, Dan Sayen, Buu Thai and Tom Urquhart.

To all of you, we say thank you: you could have spent your time doing something else but you chose to do this, and as a result, we have been able to contact more than 15,000 members to offer vaccination information.

If you'd like to join this effort, sign up <u>here</u>.

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