



Keep activism alive



Dear Democrat,

Elections matter.

If there's one lesson we've learned in these past 20 days, it's this.

In just the first three weeks of his presidency, Joe Biden has rolled back more than 40 of Trump's executive orders, exposing [the impermanence of government by fiat](#).

He has put forward to serve in his Cabinet a slate of public servants who are not only impeccably qualified, but also [the most diverse group ever nominated](#).

He has [moved to oust](#) a slough of Trump appointees at lower rungs whose loyalty was not to effective governance but to the dismantling of it.

As Trump's impeachment trial gets underway, these things are worth remembering, because it's what we fought for.

Biden now faces his first legislative challenge: passing [a \\$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package](#) that would offer badly-needed support to our battered country.

After watching for months while the pandemic overtook a rudderless country, we now, finally, have national leadership.

Doing Our Part

The Democratic Party in Santa Clara County is doing its part by undertaking an outreach effort to help local residents get vaccinated.

It's the right thing to do.

And it will help our Democratic elected officials show that with strong leadership and sound decision-making, we can beat the coronavirus.

Volunteers will call a targeted group of residents who are likely eligible for the vaccine, to give them information on how to get it. They will tailor the information to each resident's circumstances, such as their age, health care provider, and where they live.

For residents lacking computer access or unsure how to sign up, we may assist in scheduling online appointments.

A pilot effort will begin this month, and opportunities to help in the effort will be posted soon at <https://action.sccdp.org>.

Fighting food insecurity

Last month, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party raised nearly \$17,000 for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, which has seen the need for its food bank double during the pandemic.

We launched our fundraiser as a way to answer the call of President Biden's inaugural committee to participate in a National Day of Service two days before the inauguration.

Our outreach team sent 1,200 text messages and called 364 activists who had volunteered with our local Democratic Party to help elect President Biden, thanking them for their work and asking them to join us in supporting Second Harvest.

Thank you, outreach team! Due to your efforts, we exceeded our goal of raising \$10,000, instead bringing in nearly \$17,000 from 107 donors. On Martin Luther King Day, when we held a Zoom call to report our results, more than sixty people joined us to celebrate.

Two days later on January 20, more than fifty people joined our online event to watch President Biden take the oath of office and deliver his inaugural address.

Building community, keeping activism alive

We will continue our efforts to build community and keep 2020's activist energy alive.

Many challenges lie ahead, including fighting a Republican Party whose leaders out of fear or ambition are endangering our democracy and emboldening white supremacists.

Collectively we can and will fight back.

Elections matter. We matter.

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