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Dear Democrat,

How much damage could Republicans wreak if they won the recall election? More – much more – than any of us could stomach.

A Republican governor could rescind the state's mask and vaccine mandates, control appointments to the state judiciary, weaken climate change policies, fan the flames of racism, and decide the balance of power in the U.S. Senate if Sen. Dianne Feinstein's seat became vacant.

As if that's not enough, the recent Supreme Court shadow docket decision letting stand Texas's virtual ban on abortions proves starkly, once again, that elections matter.

Please don't sit on the sidelines while we fight this recall attempt and gear up for the 2022 midterm elections: help get out the vote. With a close election predicted, we can make a difference with every Democrat we nudge to the polls.

If each of us can find a spot on our schedules for just one hour of activism, all those hours will add up to a victory for Gov. Gavin Newsom and for the people of California. So take a look at the following GOTV actions we have scheduled, and sign up for ***just one.***

Join a virtual phone bank – now through Sep. 14

We are partnering with our counterparts in Kings County to **phone bank** into both our counties. Between today and Sep. 14, the last day to cast ballots, we are making calls every day except Thursday and Friday. The phone banks are virtual, so you can join from anywhere. Volunteers will be on hand to get you set up, answer your questions and provide technical support.

We've been working with the Kings County Dems since July, first to help residents in their Central Valley communities get vaccinated, and now to get out the No vote on the recall. All the conversations we're having now with voters there will pay off in 2022, when we will be fighting to re-gain control of this county's congressional seat, which Dems lost by a hair in 2020.

Walk to reach late voters – Sep. 12

Walk the neighborhoods on the last weekend before the election: on Sep. 12, we will be walking near our party headquarters in central San Jose. We'll be placing door hangers in a last push to reach late voters, and then we'll come back to the HQ for pizza and hot dogs. So that we can prepare lists of households for each volunteer to visit, we are asking everyone to **sign up** in advance.

Afghanistan

The Santa Clara County Democratic Party joins with other Americans in mourning the loss of the 13 U.S. service members and the dozens of Afghan civilians who were killed in the terror attack at the Kabul airport.

The servicemembers died while trying to protect others seeking to leave Afghanistan. We call on the United States and all countries to make sure that these servicemembers did not die in vain, by using their collective strength to resettle all Afghan refugees quickly and safely to countries where their rights will be respected. We also call on communities here and across the United States to welcome these refugees with open arms, and to provide them the support they need to establish a stable and sustainable life here.

What's next: the 2022 midterms

So far, more than 500 volunteers have answered our call to help get out the No vote on the recall. About 300 have been leaving door hangers, personalized with a note, on Democrats' doorsteps, reaching more than 70,000 voters. At our headquarters, volunteers have texted another 90,000 Democratic voters, and distributed over 1,000 lawn, window, and rally signs to support Gov. Newsom. Other volunteers have pitched in with phone banking, canvassing and voter registration tabling.

In our door-hanger drive, we have received invaluable help from Swing Left, Orchard City Indivisible, the Peninsula Democratic Coalition, the Democratic Volunteer Center, and the Asian Pacific American Democratic Club, each of which contributed volunteers to the effort.

Keep the faith, and your eyes on what's next: the 2022 midterms.

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