



Infrastructure week is here at last!

Dear Democrat,

Highways will be fixed, rail lines laid, water quality improved, high-speed internet expanded, the nation's power grid modernized.

Californians and people across the country will benefit from these projects, thanks to the House's passage Friday of President Biden's \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, which he is expected to sign within days.



It's the largest federal investment in infrastructure in at least a decade. And it - along with the coronavirus relief bill and Biden's other achievements - is something to celebrate.

Yes, passing the infrastructure bill required painstaking negotiations among Democrats. But politics is messy, and as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, the Democratic Party has never been one whose members walk in lock step.

Yes, we lost Virginia, and we will absorb the lessons of that loss.

But we have not lost sight of where the real danger lies. It lies with the congressional Republicans who voted against Biden's infrastructure bill out of pure obstructionism. It lies with those who promote the myth of election fraud without regard for the fragility of our democracy.

The SCC Dems will continue to work towards building an America where the middle class prospers, where healthcare is affordable, where all children get a good education, and where democracy thrives.

Read on to learn more about our efforts this month, and about some of the volunteers who make it all possible.

Our national phone bank team fights on

The SCC Dems' [national phone bank team](#) is still out there fighting the good fight, trying to influence crucial elections around the country.

During the 2020 presidential election season, volunteers phoned into closely-contested congressional districts in California, as well as into swing states such as Arizona and Georgia, directly contributing to Democratic victories.

For the past several months, the team has been laying the groundwork to recapture a key Central Valley congressional seat in the 2022 midterms. In collaboration with the Democratic parties in Kings and Kern counties,

volunteers are calling independent voters to identify those who lean Democratic, so this information can be used to get out the vote.



Menka Djordjevic, a team volunteer, said she joined the national phone bank team because the country was going in the wrong direction.

"I had to do something," she said.

In 2020, she phonebanked 3 times a week and sometimes daily. She's still phonebanking today. She called into Virginia to influence the recent governor's race there, and now she is calling into the Central Valley.

Though the phonebanking team has been operating remotely since the pandemic, it's evolved into a group that has generated camaraderie and friendship.

The brainchild of Titus Lin, the team is organized by Rebecca Sayed, with technical wizardry provided by Jonathan Hull.

The team is calling into the Central Valley [on Sunday afternoons](#) and welcomes new volunteers.

Our winter coat drive kicks off

The SCC Dems are holding a winter coat drive to provide warm clothing to the homeless. During the month of November, we are accepting donations of new or gently used coats. The clothing will be distributed in homeless encampments by Hope for the Unhoused in Milpitas.

Thank you to Judy Gilford, Tom Urquhart, Linda Cortez and the other volunteers at our San Jose headquarters for organizing this drive.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Our Democratic Clubs gain a new member

Last month, the [Jewish Democratic Club](#) joined the [more than 20 other Democratic Clubs](#) chartered under the SCC Dem's umbrella.

This Sunday, the new club will join the [United Against Hate Walk](#) in Los Gatos, which is being held to stand up to those who scrawled swastikas on the town's Jewish Community Center, and to those who have turned [the town's council meetings](#) into a display of vitriol, hate and far-right conspiracy theories.

Though the Jewish Democratic Club was only chartered last month, they didn't wait for that to start organizing. In July, they held their first meeting; in August, they joined the campaign to defeat the recall of Gov. Gavin Newsom; and in September, they held a fundraiser in Mountain View.

The club already has 110 members and is adding members at the brisk pace of 3 a week, according to its president Dorene Kastelman.

Happy Thanksgiving

We wish all of you a Thanksgiving filled with family and friendship!

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