



Biden: the right leader at the right time



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Dear Democrat,

Watching Russia wage a brutal war on Ukraine and its innocent civilians has been heartbreaking. But we can at least take solace that Joe Biden will guide us through this crisis with a steady hand - and a conscience.

The NATO alliance is now united against Russian aggression, something unthinkable under the previous presidency, and in that unity stands the democratic world's best chance of stopping Putin.

As Biden continues to lead on the international stage, he is also close to delivering on his campaign promise to see a black woman seated on the U.S. Supreme Court. With Democrats closing ranks behind Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, her historic appointment is considered all but ensured.

Whatever each of us did to help get Biden elected, we can take satisfaction in knowing we helped elect the right leader at the right time. And we can take heart that like Ana Méndez, by staying involved, we can help shape outcomes in this year's midterms.

Ana Méndez

When it comes to activism, Ana Méndez's friends say she has a superpower: she speaks Spanish.

Actually, she has a second superpower: she loves textbanking.

Méndez will go wherever she's needed. But what she feels most expert at is textbanking.

"I trip over my words" in person or on the phone, Méndez said. "When I'm typing, I'm more concise and a better communicator."

When a voter replies to her text, it's a "Yes!" moment.

"It's like, I got one more, one more vote for the Democratic Party!" Méndez said.

And even if they don't reply, she knows they've seen her message.

Her fluent Spanish has opened doors for her with Spanish-speaking voters.

"It creates an instant kinship," she said.

Like many of us, Méndez was converted to activism in 2016. She's been at it ever since. During the 2020 presidential campaign, she successfully lobbied the national party to start a group for texting voters in Spanish, and helped grow the group to 700 texters. In 2021, she joined the Stop the Republican Recall campaign in California, as a leader of the group texting Spanish-speakers.

Méndez has also been a leader in SCCDP's phonebanking team, and this year, her first commitment is to that team's work to flip newly-drawn CD-22 in the Central Valley.

Flipping CD-22: almost a year into the effort

Our phonebanking team continues its months-long effort to flip California's 22nd congressional district this November, in collaboration with the Democratic Party in Kings and Kern counties.

Last May, team members launched their work by helping people in CD-22 get vaccination appointments. Then in August they started contacting the high percentage of No Party Preference voters in Kings and Kern counties, seeking to find out which ones lean Democratic.

Team members are working for the victory of state Assemblymember Rudy Salas, the Democratic candidate in the race, who is up against Republican incumbent David Valadao.

They will be phonebanking into CD-22 every Sunday in April except for Easter weekend, and they have created an operation that is fully supportive of all volunteers, regardless of experience. They invite you to [join them!](#)

Holding U.S. Senate seats in Arizona and Nevada

The neighboring swing states of Arizona and Nevada are a great way for us in Santa Clara County to help Dems retain control of the Senate. Through the Bay Area Coalition, which unites local progressive groups, we can [join phone banks into these two states](#). Phone bankers will speak with voters about two fine Democratic candidates for Senate, both incumbents: Senator Mark Kelly in Arizona, and Senator Catherine Cortez Masto in Nevada.

Click [here](#) to find the Coalition's other phonebanking events, and [here](#) for their



canvassing events.

Dems' endorsements in state and local races

After a rigorous vetting process, the SCCDP has issued its endorsements for local offices in the June 7 primary. All Democrats seeking our endorsement completed a detailed questionnaire, were interviewed by a subcommittee, and garnered the 2/3 vote of our Central Committee.

To see our endorsements for local races, click [here](#).

To see those of the state Democratic Party for all statewide and congressional offices, click [here](#).

And if you're wondering which districts you are in after decennial re-districting, go [here](#).

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