



santa clara county ★★
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
the democratic party of silicon valley

What we won - locally, nationally, statewide



Dear Democrat,

Each of us knows that feeling of relief that washed over us when the much-feared Red Wave failed to materialize.

We won the Senate. And while we did lose the House, it was by the narrowest of margins.

Partly, these midterms were a repudiation of Donald Trump, his election denialism, and politics of constant chaos. But they were also about voters choosing what Democrats stand for: we are the party that defends reproductive rights, protects Social Security, fights for families, addresses climate change, and gets things done.

We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you. Money is not enough to win elections. Winning at the polls takes strong Democratic Party chapters across the country that can mobilize volunteers, election after election.

There's still work to do. In the Central Valley, we can help cure ballots in close congressional races that have yet to be called, including [Rudy Salas in CA-22](#). And in Georgia, we can play a part in [getting Raphael Warnock re-elected](#) in the Dec. 6 runoff.

But first, let's pause to savor our victories, and to highlight the tireless work of our SCCDP volunteers this campaign season.

Key Wins for Democrats

Nationally:

- in Arizona, Dems won the governorship for the first time since 2003
- in Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan and Minnesota, divided state governments flipped into Democratic trifectas
- every single election denier running for secretary of state in a swing state lost

Statewide:

- Dems won the U.S. Senate seat, as well as every statewide office
- While ballots are still being counted, we are also leading in every swing-district state assembly race except one, where the Democrat is closing in on her Republican opponent

In Santa Clara County:

- a progressive, Sylvia Arenas, won the south-county seat on the Board of Supervisors that has long been held by conservatives
- our local party stopped the MAGA Republicans who wished to take over our school boards in their tracks

The work of SCCDP volunteers

Our local volunteers texted, phone banked and canvassed for Rudy Salas in his congressional race against Republican incumbent David Valadao in the south Central Valley. In the canvassing operation alone, they joined forces with our partners in the Bay Area Coalition to log 533 volunteer shifts, knock on 25,000 doors, and talk with close to 5,000 voters before GOTV weekend.

Salas's race hasn't been called yet, but we know the relationships we built will continue to yield fruit in future election cycles.

Our executive director James Kim played a crucial role in recruiting, training, and supporting Democrats to run against the 21 MAGA school board candidates in Santa Clara County.

Our "[Save Our Schools](#)" campaign spearheaded by Kim was a resounding success. We helped to dislodge several MAGA incumbents, and only one newcomer won election.

Kim also led our slate mailer, texting, and neighborhood captain programs, which collectively reached over 250,000 Democrats in our county.

About 300 volunteers walked precincts on behalf of our endorsed local candidates, more than 80% of whom won election.

We are proud of Supervisor Cindy Chavez for her hard-fought race for San Jose Mayor. While Chavez fell short of an electoral victory, she has been, and always will be, a winner in our circle – one of the most qualified, experienced, and accomplished progressive candidates to run for mayor of a major U.S. city.



The work ahead

Trump has declared he's running for President in 2024, and we can't make the mistake of underestimating him and the MAGA movement he represents.

Locally, our voter turnout in this election appears to be clocking in as disappointingly low - we'll need to work hard to increase participation in the upcoming presidential election cycle.

Last, but never least, we salute Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her amazing talents and time in office. She has been one of the most consequential Speakers to ever hold that office, and how fitting that she was also the first woman to be Speaker.

A happy Thanksgiving to all!

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