

# Victories, but the Struggle Goes On



Tennessee Capitol Building, site of "Tennessee Three" protest and expulsion of Representatives Justin Jones and Justin Pearson. Photo credit: **Brandon Jean** 

Dear Democrat,

It has been an amazing month for Democrats and our nation.

We took back the Wisconsin Supreme Court. We watched the Tennessee Three fight for – and win - their right to speak out. We saw former President Donald Trump indicted, showing that no one in the United States, not even a former President, is above the law.

We have also seen some losses - continued mass shootings, the Texas ruling banning mifepristone, and increasing attacks on our LGBTQ community in **Montana** and elsewhere.

But we remain determined.

We are also encouraged by the millions of young voters casting their ballots for Democrats. They were key to Republicans' poor showing in the 2022 **midterms**, and they are a force to be reckoned with.

As are each of you.

Many of you contributed to the recent win by progressive Judge Janet Protasiewicz in Wisconsin. You called voters through phone banks sponsored by the Bay Area Coalition, to which our local party belongs. And you sent postcards through the LA-based **Grassroots Democrats HQ**.

## Keep your foot in the water

Soon we will be organizing to hold the White House and the Senate, and to retake the House in the 2024 national election.

Meanwhile, check our **Action Page** for upcoming SCCDP volunteer opportunities. Also find other opportunities at the **Democratic Volunteer Center** or the **California Democratic Party Mobilize page**.

### **Support Assembly Speaker-Designate Robert Rivas**

Please RSVP **here** to join us for a reception in support of Assemblymember Robert Rivas, who will be the next Speaker of the California State Assembly.

The reception will be held on Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the home of Gilroy City Council Member Zach Hilton.

Rivas was unanimously elected by his Assembly Democratic colleagues to serve as their leader, and will assume his office on June 30.

Let's show up to demonstrate strong local support for our future Speaker!

### **Help unite our Democratic clubs**

With upwards of 20 Democratic clubs under SCCDP's umbrella, it can be difficult to form the bonds needed for common action.

That's why SCCDP's newly-elected clubs director, Tomara Hall, is organizing an outdoor multicultural event to bring all the clubs together.

"I'm really hoping to connect them, so we can work together to push for a more progressive society," said Hall, who also leads our AFRO-UPRIS Democratic Club.



Clubs Director Tomara Hall

She is working closely with the Jewish, Iranian and Assyrian Democratic clubs to put together the event, and invites participation from other clubs as well. The event will be held June 11 from 2 to 5 pm, at a venue to be determined. All SCCDP Democratic clubs are invited to set up tables.

As Juneteenth occurs the following week, the event will highlight the significance of that holiday for African Americans. Speakers and performances, including dancing and spoken word, are also planned.

#### Two Statewide Conventions in 2023

The California Democratic Party will hold its **statewide reorganizing convention** in Los Angeles on May 25-28. Delegates will elect statewide party officers, as well as regional directors for each of 22 regions throughout California. They will also consider and adopt resolutions on crucial issues such as affordable housing and transportation. A limited number of **observer passes** are available for purchase by non-delegates wishing to attend.

Later this year, in November, the CADEM will hold a second convention to choose which Democratic candidates to endorse in the state and federal partisan races that will appear on the 2024 March primary ballot.

The second convention is expected to be held in Sacramento, November 16-19, 2023. Information to register for the November convention will be posted later this year.

