



## Our national campaign kicks off



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Dear John,

### Our national campaign kickoff

As we move closer to the 2024 election, we are constantly reminded of what is at stake.

Consider this:

In Texas, a state Supreme Court composed of nine Republicans ruled this month that even abortions for emergency medical conditions shall remain impossible to get.

Kate Cox, the woman who petitioned the Texas courts for a medical exception, was forced to cross state lines for the procedure - as thousands of women in Texas before her have already done.

It's only the latest assault on a woman's right to an abortion in the United States. And it's yet another reminder that there is no option to lose in 2024.

So on MLK Day in January, join us as we kick off our campaign to help hold the presidency and the Senate, as well as flip the House. Sign up [here](#) to attend this free event, where we will roll out our plan for phone banking, texting, voter registration events and canvassing.

### Israel-Hamas Conflict

The SCCDP is taking a deliberate approach to deciding what formal statement, if any, to make regarding Hamas's October 7 terrorist attacks on Israel, and

Israel's response in Gaza.

We hope to be guided by a shared recognition of the humanity and rights of all. The task of "getting it right" is made all the more challenging by the [complex ancient and modern history of the region](#).

A process is underway to engage stakeholders and come to some consensus, or as much of a consensus as may be possible. We must preserve our unity - too much is at stake.

## Local Dems line up to replace Anna Eshoo

After more than three decades in Congress, Rep. Anna Eshoo announced her retirement recently.

Eshoo was first elected in 1992's historic "Year of the Woman" - in the same election in which fellow Democratic Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer were elected.

In the House of Representatives, Eshoo has been a tireless advocate for her Silicon Valley constituents as well as all Americans.

We salute her for her service.

Local Democrats are lining up for the opportunity to replace her, including Assemblymember Evan Low, County Supervisor Joe Simitian, and Palo Alto City Councilmember Julie Lythcott-Haims.

The top two finishers in the March 5 primary will appear on the November 2024 ballot to decide the race.

## Let's re-elect Domingo Candelas

San Jose's Lake Cunningham is so polluted, swimming and boating are prohibited in its waters.

Domingo Candelas, who represents District 8 on the San Jose City Council, has been [pushing to change that](#). This June, his efforts bore fruit, when the state made a \$1.5 million grant for the restoration of the long-neglected lake and park, which lies within his district.

Candelas said his successful lobbying for the park was one of his top three accomplishments this year as District 8's representative.

The other two:

- attending more than 150 community events to hear directly from his constituents, and
- distributing nearly \$150,000 in grants from the city's general fund to small businesses in his district.



Candelas, who was appointed to the Council in January to fill a vacant seat, is running for a full four-year term in the March primary. He was born and raised in District 8 and has our endorsement. To join his campaign, click [here](#).

**Looking back on 2023 and ahead to 2024**

For an “off” election year, our local party has been active in 2023. Some of our accomplishments:

- Organized our annual Youth Takeover
- Reached out to our county’s voters at tabling events
- Held a fundraising dinner attended by 450+ guests
- Raised \$5,000 for the Democratic parties in Kings and Kern counties, to help them win back the congressional seat in their district
- Promoted our policy positions by adopting resolutions and sending letters to the state legislature and local city councils
- Interviewed 16 candidates and endorsed nine of them for local races on the March 5 primary ballot.

Looking ahead to early 2024, we’ll support the [local candidates we’ve endorsed](#) in the March primary, and we’ll kick our national campaign into gear.

Happy holidays to all!

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