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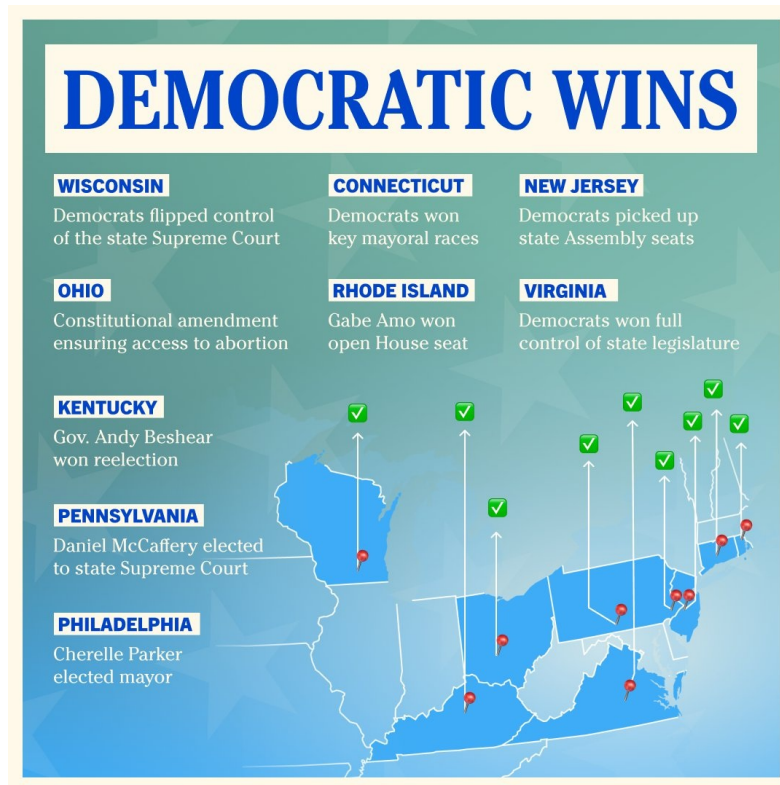


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Dear John,

Dems won big on November 7

November 7 was our day. In three states that range from deep red to purple, we won big. In Kentucky, the Democratic governor, Andy Beshear, won reelection. In Ohio, voters enshrined abortion rights in their constitution. And in Virginia, Dems gained control of both houses of the legislature, dealing a blow to Republican wunderkind Glenn Youngkin, governor of the state.

Voters support our Democratic platform, and it bodes well for the 2024 presidential elections.

President Biden's poll numbers don't look good now. But polls this far out are notoriously unreliable.

Let's keep this in mind as we work in the year ahead to pose this question to voters: will it be a president who's had 91 felony charges filed against him, or one who fought climate change, put Americans back to work, and restored our standing on the world stage?

The tragedy of Israel and Gaza

We express our profound sadness at the loss of life on all sides, and our concern for all those held as hostages.

How can our local Democratic Party best participate in the national and international debate over how to resolve the conflict? We are working towards an answer to that question.

We join the Biden administration in calling on all combatants to respect international law and protect the life, safety, and human rights of all people, especially children and other civilians, caught in the crossfire.

Two Central Valley Republicans vulnerable in 2024

Two Central Valley congressional districts that went for Biden in 2020 voted for Republican congressional representatives in 2022.

The two Republican representatives in these districts – John Duarte in the 13th district and David Valadao in the 22nd - try to present themselves as “moderates,” but they are not.

After Kevin McCarthy lost the speakership, both voted to install election-denier Republican Jim Jordan as Speaker, and when that failed, both voted for another election-denier, Republican Mike Johnson, who won the post.

Both Duarte and Valadao are considered vulnerable in 2024, especially with McCarthy’s considerable fundraising prowess compromised by his ouster from the speakership. But nothing can be taken for granted.

To take back the House, we’ll need to work hard to make sure voters know these representatives’ true colors. Stay tuned for more details.

Betty Duong for the County Board of Supervisors

Born at the county hospital and brought home to Section 8 housing in downtown San Jose, Betty Duong rose to graduate from UC Davis law school, and from there to an accomplished career.

The child of Vietnamese refugees, Duong certainly credits her successes to her hard work - but also to the many government safety nets that helped her family get a leg up in a new land.

It’s why she chose to build her career in the public sector, and why she is now running to represent District 2 on the county Board of Supervisors.



The question that drives her: How do we improve life for people working so hard every day?

Rich in immigrant history, from Japantown to Little Italy, Little Saigon and Little Portugal, District 2 in San Jose is also the supervisorial district with the highest rate of poverty and the majority of the county’s unhoused.

Cindy Chavez, who currently represents the district, is termed out.

Duong has spent the past 10 years heading up various County departments and is currently Supervisor Chavez's chief of staff. In 2016, she successfully managed the Measure A campaign, bringing in \$950 million for affordable housing in Santa Clara County.

With her personal and professional experience, she is the candidate best qualified to serve the residents of District 2, and that's why SCCDP has endorsed her in this race.

Duong is now walking precincts daily. Sign up here to [join her](#).

Our other endorsements

The SCCDP has [endorsed several other candidates](#) running for local office in the March 5 presidential primary.

We wish our endorsed candidates the best of luck! Bookmark <https://sccdp.org/action> to keep up with opportunities to support them.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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