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## eNews: Bay Area activists land a strategic blow



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On Tuesday, December 3, the last congressional race in the country, which was in our own backyard, the Central Valley, got called for Democrat Adam Gray. What a blow for Trump's agenda - and a victory for all the Bay Area activists who campaigned for Gray.

Leading up to the November 5 election, activists spent months knocking on doors and calling residents of CD-13 to identify Gray's supporters and get out the vote. Then from November 5 through Sunday December 1 of Thanksgiving weekend, they worked tirelessly to cure ballots to ensure that every vote in this close race was counted.

Due in no small part to their efforts, Gray flipped the seat, winning by a hair's-breadth of 187 votes. The House will now split 220 - 215 in the next congressional term, giving Speaker Mike Johnson the [smallest margin in history](#) as he attempts to push through Trump's agenda.

Strategic blows are possible even in tough times.

### **Protect our immigrant communities**

We must protect our immigrant communities from the mass deportations that Trump threatens.

Luckily, we have strong partners in our state and county governments. Earlier this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom convened a special legislative session to budget resources for anticipated legal battles. And our county Board of Supervisors [allocated \\$5 million](#).

At the SCCDP, our Central Committee is doing its part. We dedicated nearly all of our December meeting to learning about the Rapid Response Network from Mariana Haro of Amigos de Guadalupe, and about the Bystander Intervention program from SCCDP Chair Bill James.

The Rapid Response Network (RRN) trains community members who see an immigration raid happening, or about to happen, to report it to dispatchers. They in turn activate observers who go to the scene to document. Other volunteers support families, while lawyers provide legal representation.

The [Bystander Intervention](#) program teaches how to safely and effectively help a person who is being harassed in our presence, by disrupting or otherwise actively responding.

To become a trained RRN volunteer, sign up by clicking [here](#).

For Bystander Intervention, watch for an announcement of an upcoming reprise of the training via Zoom in January.

We're neither afraid, alone nor helpless in opposing Trump's agenda. Let's get ready!

### **Celebrate a progressive win in San Jose**

In San Jose, progressives got a boost this November with the win of SCCDP-endorsed candidate, [Pamela Campos](#), in City Council District 2, which covers much of south San Jose.

It was Campos's first run for elected office, and she faced more than her share of skepticism.

"People were trying to put me in a box as a young woman of color," said Campos, a Chicana. "They were telling me the 'right' way to get on the Council, that maybe I should run for school board first."

But Campos felt strongly that the City Council was where she could do the most to better the lives of children and families. She started her career as a preschool teacher and moved on to policy advocacy for Build Up California, which works to address the critical shortage of early childhood education facilities.

Campos succeeded in getting [endorsed by](#) both labor- and business-backed members of the City Council. And she bested her opponent in November, retired sheriff's officer, Joe Lopez, in fundraising.

On the Council, her priorities will include children and families, affordable housing, safe neighborhoods, tenants' rights, and climate resiliency.

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