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Every Race. Every Vote. Every Voice.



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With Election Day approaching, momentum is building across Santa Clara County. This week, we celebrate Democratic leaders making a difference, highlight opportunities to get involved, and share what you need to make your vote count. Every race matters, and every vote can make a difference on November 3rd. Please do your part!

SCCDP Democratic Victory Dinner

On Friday, October 2nd, 400 Democrats from all over Santa Clara county and beyond gathered at the Signia Hotel in San Jose to celebrate the 35th Annual Fundraiser and Democratic Victory Dinner. Attendees were energized to go on to victory by keynote speaker Senator Alex Padilla and celebrated several major contributors to our cause. Carol Garvey, democratic and labor activist, received the Don Edwards Lifetime Achievement Award. Helen Chapman, SCCDP Secretary and Santa Clara Valley Open Space District 3 Representative, received the Madge Overhouse Volunteer of the Year. Ellen Kamei, Mountain View City Councilor and former mayor, received the Mover and Shaker Award. And, the South County Democratic Club received the Democratic Club of the Year Award. Money raised by the event will be used to support our **68 endorsed candidates and our positions on 11 local measures**.

Get Busy and Catch the Blue Wave!

Surfers know that to catch a wave you have to paddle in. Don't sit this election out! Get busy locally and in the Central Valley by visiting our **Action Center**. We're **recruiting Neighborhood Captains** to distribute voter guides to 100 doors in their neighborhood; doing **outreach in Alviso at Day on the Bay**, hopping on a **bus to Modesto** to help re-elect Adam Gray, and **carpooling to Delano** to elect Randy Villegas, both keys to taking the House; and more. You can also **phone bank with us online** or drop into the **Democratic Volunteer Center** in Mountain View to phone bank in person. To support our **local endorsed candidates** visit our site or theirs to find walk times and locations and share our **local voter guides** with your family and friends. Don't sit this one out, get busy and catch the Blue Wave!

Make Your Plan to Vote

Ballots have dropped and engaged citizens across the county and beyond are sitting down with their **voting information guide** to make informed decisions and their voices heard with their vote. It is important that you make your voice heard up and all the way down the ballot. MAGA candidates are making onto ballots in your cities and towns for your school board and city councils. Races, whether by candidates or for measures, can be won or lost by very narrow margins. Have you made your plan to vote? Still undecided? Find out what candidates and measures the SCCDP endorsed **here**. Need to know more about the mechanics of getting your ballot in? Find the answer to most if not all your questions **here**. Either way, VOTE!!!

Vote, Whether Near or Far!

Though thousands of miles from home, millions of American expats can make their voices heard this November. Over 5.4 million Americans live overseas, many temporarily going to school, working, or serving in the armed forces before returning to the States. The Constitution guarantees these citizens can fulfill their civic duty by voting absentee, regardless of how far or how long they have been out of the country. Even before the GOP started undermining the legality of mail-in voting the process can be difficult with each state having its own process. Organizations such as the nonpartisan nonprofit **Vote From Abroad** help streamline the process by walking you through it step by step. **The deadline to register as an overseas voter in California is October 20th.** If you or a loved one are living abroad, visit **https://www.votefromabroad.org/** for more information and to request your ballot.

Every race up and down the ballot needs citizens to make their voices heard, whether they are near or far, even if they are from deep blue California, especially considering how Prop 50 made five more congressional districts in California competitive. If you were previously living in Bakersfield, Porterville, or Kern, you are now eligible to vote in these elections. And in a race as tight as this, every vote matters. Furthermore, issues that affect Californians abroad, including voter ID laws, recall reform, and taxes, are all on November's ballot.

Under The Radar

While we focus on making the Blue Tsunami a reality, remember how bad Trump and the entire GOP are ruining America's health.

Under Trump, looks like we've got metal in our Ice Cream.
https://cbs6albany.com/news/local/stewarts-recalls-half-gallons-in-two-flavors-for-possible-presence-of-metal

Under GOP control you can't even trust Gatorade to be safe.
https://www.wsbtv.com/news/trending/recall-alert-122k-cases-gatorade-recalled/55Y3OHZU3VDRFNJHKJES2MVFQ4/

Thanks to RFK we've now got the largest outbreak of Measles in decades.
https://apnews.com/article/measles-outbreak-pennsylvania-4cae9e5cd28a164a07ac69147505b763

https://gothamist.com/news/gov-hochul-declares-upstate-ny-measles-outbreak-a-disaster-emergency

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