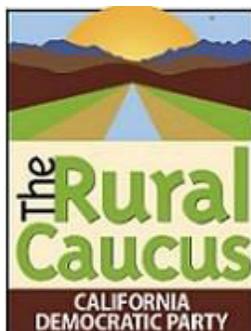


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HAPPY GOTV!

Dear Rural Caucus Members,

I am very excited to send you Patty Hughes' **"High Five" strategy** for flipping red Congressional Districts. Her focus is Congressional districts that voted for Hillary Clinton, but have a Republican member of congress. She provides an easy to follow path with **contacts, resources and five key action items** to help our Democrats up and down the ticket. Please click [here](#). It's an excellent read and I highly recommend it.

I also want to be sure you know about our **Party resources**. We have an opportunity from Resistance Lab (formerly Rapid Resist) to do a free webinar training for our rural County Committees on how to use **Hustle (Peer 2 Peer Texting) for fundraising, getting people to events and to the polls**.

And, for the first time, the CDP **Promote and Protect the Vote (P2TV) Program**, will be on tap for the primaries. The hotline (877) 321-VOTE (8683) will be staffed with volunteer attorneys and operators from Saturday, June 2, 2018, to Election Day, June 5, 2018. More resources are available on our Promote and Protect the Vote webpage: www.cadem.org/p2tv.

Thwarting the County by County Anti-Sanctuary Movement

In case anyone doubted the importance of so-called "down ballot" elections, our counties and city councils have become the recent flash point of opposition to the State's sanctuary policies that has spread to 33 cities and eight counties, including Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Amador and most recently Mariposa - voting to oppose the California Values Act, SB 54, our statewide legislation that prevents local law enforcement from detaining immigrants solely on immigration status.

The Southern California anti sanctuary frenzy received national attention mostly due to the racism and bigotry that has been prevalent at city council and board of supervisor meetings.

In the North, Christina Osborn (Mariposa CC) sent out a 911 with an attached memo regarding a concerted strategy by NRP, CA Republican Party and State of Jefferson members to pressure and advocate county by county Boards of Supervisors and officials to pass resolutions or ordinances against complying with SB54, which she said had just occurred in Mariposa County, taking local Progressives and Democrats by surprise.

Then, on May 16, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Bakersfield, Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, Lake Elsinore, Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Barstow, Mayor Natasha Johnson, Lake Elsinore, Mayor Sam Abed, Escondido, Mayor Elaine Gennawey, Laguna Niguel, Mayor Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto, Mayor Pro Tem Warren Kusumoto, Los Alamitos, Sheriff Adam Christianson, Stanislaus County, Sheriff Margaret Mims, Fresno County, Supervisor Michelle Steel, Orange County, Supervisor Krisin Gaspar, San Diego, Deputy Sheriff Ray Grangoff, Orange County, District Attorney Stacey Montgomery, Lassen County, City Councilwoman Pam Patterson, San Juan Capistrano were invited to the White House, touting their opposition to the State Sanctuary Law and getting cheered on by the President to "resist". (What irony!)

Since then, Placer County Chair CJ Jawahar and Second Vice Chair Angela Torres have successfully staved off a vote by their Board of Supervisors for two public meetings characterized by packed council chambers, screaming, pushing and name calling.

I was not able to turn out in person, but sent a letter to the Board Chair, which you can read [here](#).

Now, the lone Placer County Democratic Supervisor is up for re-election with his opposition candidate, Rep Bonnie Gore, promising to bring the matter yet again to the Placer BOS, should she win on Tuesday.

In Del Norte, our County Chair Kevin Hendrick employed old fashioned lobbying and writing a letter to the editor, which you can read [here](#). Then, the ACLU sent the county a letter, threatening to sue. As Kevin says, "Sometimes you just have to stand up to bullies."

For the future, here are key talking points for thwarting the anti-sanctuary movement provided by Sandra Lowe and John Vigna, if/when this ugly movement rears its head:

- Democrats support SB 54 because we believe in public safety.
- Our communities become more dangerous for all of us when crimes go unreported because the victim is afraid of being deported.
- We need real immigration reform from Washington.
- We need to ensure California's law enforcement agencies are not used as instruments of federal immigration policy.
- SB 54 is a powerful message of inclusion.

Deceptive Advertising

Last, but certainly not least, we are getting numerous reports of Republicans running in our local races who pay for ads in what looks deceptively like a "Democratic Voter Guide", with just an asterisk and small print disclaimer, trying to mislead Democrats into voting for them. Unfortunately, the ads are legal, cheap and widespread. Right now, the best way to counter is to run a hard, voter engaged campaign and swift media response with letters to the local newspapers and on social media.

In Other News

- The **Rural Caucus Cannabis Committee**, chaired by Helene Rouvier, has set up a Facebook group which you can join [here](#). The goal of the Cannabis Committee is to establish policy positions regarding rural cannabis farmers and associated operators to inform the CDP Platform. They are working on a survey to go out to the membership after the Primaries. And, Helen will be speaking at the July Rural Caucus meeting in Oakland.
- I am very excited that the California Food and Agriculture Board monthly meeting next Tuesday June 5 is dedicated to **rural broadband**. Scheduled speakers include Robert Tse, USDA Rural Development (Broadband), California Public Utilities Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves and Sunne Wright McPeak, California Emerging Technology Fund. I will be there as a Board member. This is a public meeting and there is opportunity for comments in the afternoon.
- The next meeting of our on-line **water policy discussion group** will be June 12. This group was started several months ago, made up of members from the Rural and Environmental Caucuses. If you are interested in joining the Group, please contact Chair Mike Smith (mike.sm64@gmail.com) in the next week or so as there will likely be some pre-meeting discussion. The group will be deciding whether to make a recommendation to the Resolution Committee on the endorsement of the 2018 Water Bond and what that recommendation should be.
- There will be a meeting with CDP Controller Dan Weitzman to discuss **campaign finance and fundraising** Saturday June 16, 10 am to 12 noon at the SEIU 1021 Office, 600 "B" Street in Santa Rosa. For details, please contact Region 1W Director Debra Broner (debrabroner@gmail.com).
- **E-board** is coming up July 13-14 in Oakland. The theme is a celebration of the Latino community and a focus on grass roots for the November election 2018. Speakers include a national expert on messaging who did the messaging in the Alabama Senate race. His expertise is in rural/red areas. We will also have one of the state's major pollsters to talk about what lies before us.
 - There will be voting to endorse candidates based on the primary results.
 - The hotel is the Marriott Oakland City Center: Special rate: \$180/night, with check-in 4:00pm Friday, July 13th. Check-out 11:00 am Sunday, 15th.
 - Note, the exact day and time for our Rural Caucus meeting is TBD.
 - We will be voting for a North Coast Regional Chair, amendments to the Bylaws (which will be sent out for your review in a few weeks) and to ratify our Caucus Purpose Statement and Work Plan.
 - We need volunteers to help with the election process. Please let me know if you can lend a hand. My email is joy@ironhorsevineyards.com. We all want this election to go perfectly smoothly and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Good luck on Tuesday and thank you for all that you do.
With all my very best,
Joy

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