



July 2020

In our lifetimes, there has never been a July like July 2020. With a pandemic raging, our economy sinking, and a President who doesn't lead, doesn't read and doesn't care about anyone but himself - we all have to re-double our efforts to elect Biden, defeat McConnell and keep Pelosi in the majority.

It's the start of a new fiscal year so that means we have a new board and it is time to renew your membership dues!

Many thanks to Claire Hammons for her service last year! While we will miss her on the board, she has assured us she remains a dedicated volunteer and will support our work to retire Kevin McCarthy. Replacing Claire is Dick Cavanaugh who is our "webmaster" and now on the board.

Of course, a big thank you to those board members who are continuing their service to the club!

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With the election in Nov we need all of you to join us! And recruit a friend while you are at it! Can we make Tehachapi blue? It starts with you.

While COVID restrictions have stopped us from meeting in person, it hasn't stopped us from working on strategies to win in Nov locally and nationally. Working in partnership with the Kern Democratic Committee and the CA Democratic committee there are opportunities to support candidates in CA and across the country. In addition we will provide opportunities to link you to other groups that share our goals – Democratic Women of Kern and Grassroots

Democrats HQ in Los Angeles. Together our goals are to Defend the House majority, Flip the Senate and take back the White House to save our Republic.

According to Wikipedia - “ the definition of *republic* refers specifically to a form of government in which elected individuals represent the citizen body[2]and exercise power according to the [rule of law](#) under a [constitution](#), including [separation of powers](#) with an elected [head of state](#), referred to as a constitutional republic[4][5][6][7] or [representative democracy](#).[8]

How can you help?

We all know personal contact with voters is effective in educating, persuading and motivating voters to vote. With COVID restrictions likely in place through the fall campaign there are still three ways you can help reach low-propensity voting democrats and independent voters- all of whom are critical to every district race we keep or flip. Welcome to “virtual” canvassing!

Phone banking – Thanks to technology you can phone bank from home on your smart phone or computer and help reach key voters. The technology allows you to work with computerized lists and record answers so our lists are accurate and we reach our target contacts. Phone calls are proven to increase turnout 3-4% a key margin in tight races like defending TJ Cox CD 21 or electing Christy Smith for CD 25 and our priority dream- retiring Kevin McCarthy in CD 23.

Text messaging – This is the newer technology to campaigns and it has been shown to increase turnout by 2-3%. Again, a small but critical margin that can be the difference between success and failure. Also, you can easily do this from home so there aren’t any excuses to help out.

Post cards – We are actively working n post cards for Kim Mangone, CD 23 to help reitre Kevin McCarthy. This has a proven success to increase turnout by 1-2%.

As you can see, by combing these tactics in targeted races you **Can Make the Difference!**

Speaking of postcards – we could use your help right now!

We have a goal of 2,000 postcards to support Kim Mangone, CD 23 in her challenge to Kevin (do nothing for his district because he is too busy defendng Trump) McCarthy.

I have packets of ready ready for You! We also need donate postage for the cards and we have raised almost half of the money needed. One roll of 100 stamps is \$35. You can buy a roll or make a donation. To volunteer or donate, contact: Kathy Kneer, 916-878-6453.



Till we meet again...

There is no July membership meeting and the board is waiting to see if we will be able to host our annual picnic in August. If the Governor and Kern County officials allow it, we will host our picnic tentatively August 23, at a site to be determined.

Now onto late night reading material in case you missed it (see attachments):

1. It's about the Supreme Court... and Roe

FiveThirtyEight report: The Supreme Court Struck Down A Louisiana Abortion Law. Here's Where The Fight Could Head Next.

But this could turn out to be only a temporary setback for anti-abortion activists. Roberts made it clear that he still thinks the 2016 ruling was incorrect. This means abortion rights will likely be back on the Supreme Court's docket soon, and it's very possible that in a future case, Roberts will be willing to uphold other restrictions that could severely limit access to the procedure.

2. Between now and election day you will hear poll results. What do they mean??

FiveThirtyEight report, How to Read Polls in 2020

We're about to enter the thick of general-election season, which means we're about to get a [boatload of polls](#).

Problem is, it can be hard to know which polls to trust or how to make sense of them all. But don't worry — it doesn't take an advanced degree in statistics to interpret polling in a smart way. So the next time you come across a poll and are wondering what to make of it, just follow these 10 steps.

3. Republican strategy and African American Voters – a history of politics and race

FiveThirtyEight report: The Republican Choice

The GOP's whitewashed political reality is no accident — the party has repeatedly chosen to pursue white voters at the cost of others decade after decade. Since the mid-20th century, the Republican Party has flirted with both the morality of greater racial inclusion and its strategic benefits. But time and again, the party's appeals to white voters have overridden voices calling for a more racially diverse coalition, and Republicans' relative indifference to the interests of voters of color evolved into outright antagonism.

4. LA Times, March 23, 2017, On Politics: Pete Wilson looks back on Prop 187

On a personal note, for me, the passage of Prop 187 and the defeat of Mayor Bradley for Governor furthered my resolve to more consciously understand and work against the growing influence of racism in politics. It is only through the prism of white privilege that Pete Wilson can claim "I may have my flaws but racism is not, never has been, never will be, one of them." No matter how subtly or boldly you campaign with racist and race baiting tactics, you are unequivocally a racist.

5. The 2020 Census

The Census Bureau reports June 30: Census Bureau Activates Additional Operations to Ensure Accurate 2020 Census Count

With about 4 in 10 households having yet to respond to the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau today announced it is on track to conduct multiple follow-up activities aimed at ensuring a complete and accurate count. Census Bureau staff will conduct the following operations over the next several months:

6. More from the 2020 Census:

The Census Bureau reports, June 25: 65 and Older Population Grows Rapidly as Baby Boomers Age

The U.S. Census Bureau today released estimates showing the nation's 65-and-older population has grown rapidly since 2010, driven by the aging of Baby Boomers born between 1946 and 1964.

7. In politics, follow the money trail. . .

Daily Kos, June 28: Here's Why Trump is still "kowtowing" to Whatever Putin wants . . . or Does



The End (of Trump's Presidency).

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