

AD 58 CAUCUS REPORT

BY: Sheila Kay Riley, AD 58 Caucus Chair

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Highlights from the July 10, 2023 RCDP Membership Meeting

- From RCDP Chair, Joy Silver
 - She received a T/C from Jim Wisley with CADEP Organizing. They are recruiting someone to run for AD 71 in November, 2024. The candidate will receive some CADEM support. She said to let folks know if they are interested in running.
 - The Blueprint for Democracy Series is moving forward.
 - These will be a series of fundraisers for the RCDP.
 - The first event will be on August 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the IBEW Hall. The speaker will be Congressman Adam Schiff. See attached document.
 - Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be our second speaker which will be on September 9, 2023; location TBA
 - Staff for Congresswoman Katie Porter said they will soon have a date available.
 - The plan is to raise funds for the RCDP
 - We will have a coordinated campaign with strategic planning.
 - The goal is to build an independent war chest.
 - We will target the 10 cities that have been identified as low propensity Dem voters.
 - Clubs have continued to be invited to exercise their voice as to how things get done.
 - She is working on the external alliances effort and there was a meeting attended by Joy and Agi.
 - We will be targeting down-ballot races.
- From RCDP Vice-Chair, Agi Kessler
 - We have previously voted to make the RCDP roster available to Dems who request it. It is ready to go. Thus far no one has indicated that they do not wish to be included on the roster so if there is anyone who doesn't want to be included, they need to let Agi know immediately.
 - To be included is the name, email and phone # of the RCDP members.
 - She noted that the final two clubs (DGR & Hemet-San Jacinto) are ready to be chartered and there was an affirmative vote to do so.

- Riverside will be one of 3 hubs as part of the CADEM Organizing Committee. More committee members will be added based on application to this CADEM committee.
- RCDP Controller, Beth Crawford gave a very detailed report that included:
 - We raised \$18,000+ from the Bosworth event with about \$5,000 in expenses.
 - We now have approximately \$157,000 in our bank accounts. \$50,000 is restricted funds. We have “earned” \$4,500 from our CSAC efforts.
 - For the first 6 months we have raised about \$7,800 (net) from our Digital Fundraising Efforts.
- Assembly District Chairs Reports
 - AD 58: Sheila reported that we had our 2023 Q 2 meeting on April 4th with the primary purpose to be to select our Bosworth nominees.
 - A 2023 Q 3 meeting will be scheduled soon.
- Committee Reports
 - Endorsement Coordinator: Sheila Kay Riley (who provided a detailed report)
 - At the direction of Chair Silver, Sheila continues to be doing extensive data research work for our elected bodies and elections researching for each the number and percentage of Dems, Repubs, and NPP to better assist us as we target races to support our Dem incumbents and flip those held by non-Dems.
 - On August 29, 2023 there will be 3 Water Board elections that are Landowner based meaning the votes are weighted based on the
 - There are either 2 or 3 races on the November 7, 2023 ballot. As we get closer to when filing begins for those races, details will be provided.
 - For the March 5, 2024 election there will be partisan races (endorsements for those races are decided by the CADEM at the November CADEM Convention with the endorsements proceeded by many steps).
 - For the March 5, 2024 non-partisan elections here in Riverside, it appears that
 - Riverside County Board of Supervisors: Districts 1 and 3
 - Riverside County Board of Education: Trustee Areas 3, 4, 5, and 7.
 - City of Riverside: Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 + the Mayor
 - 10 Riverside Judges
 - In completing the analysis of the school board incumbents, Sheila noted that we need to do a bunch better with having Dems run for school board elections. In 2022 we lost 13 seats that we shouldn't have as in those races no Dem ran against the non-Dem and the non-Dem won despite the Dem registration numbers being in our favor.

- The same analysis has been completed for the Riverside County Community College Districts.
- Sheila's immediate next steps are the analysis of the City Council incumbents.
- Chair Silver noted that this is the beginning of our analysis work that will assist us in recruiting and targeting elections for the RCDP to win!
- Data Analysis: Margaret Back
 - They have identified the 10 precincts with the lowest voter turnout – low propensity voters.
- Candidate Development: Maya Rodriguez
 - We need to recruit candidates for all those positions that were named earlier.
 - We will have training for candidates.
- Club Engagement: Suellen Chodash & Freya Foley
 - The coordinated post card campaign has begun. The post cards will go out to the 10 targeted precincts.
 - 6,000 cards will go out to the Indio area and some are in Spanish.
 - 9,000 cards will go out to the greater Riverside area as well as some parts of the desert.
 - They continue to work on developing a Handbook for clubs and it will also have practical appendices.
 - There will be an in-person Council of Clubs meeting on September 30th with time and location TBA.
 - They are working on developing a Speakers' Bureau.
- Communications: Lisa Andres
 - They are working to get the word out on combatting hate.
 - They have divided the committee into 2 teams.
 - Tech work
 - Wordsmithing
 - They plan to get the word out about the Dem accomplishments as well as threats from the Repubs – local and national.
- External Alliances: Margaret Back
 - They have completed the list of like-minded groups and have added them to the RCDP Mail Chimp.
 - They are planning the meeting with representatives from all the alliances on August 29th where they can proceed with work for folks to work together.
- Fundraising and Events: ? reported for Christel Reyna

- They have a meeting scheduled for next week.
- The JFK event will be held on December 9, 2023. Save the Date NOW!
 - They have a space on-hold at Agua Caliente.
 - There will be lots of stars both as the honorees and as the presenters.
- Legislative: reported for Anyse Smith
 - They are working to prioritize and narrow their focus.
- Political Action: Joy Silver on behalf of Michael Fox & Francisco Ramos
 - They have developed an organization chart for the precinct work.
- Resolutions: Steve Brooks
 - Three resolutions have been submitted to the RCDP by RCDP members.
 - SCOTUS decision re: Racial Diversity at colleges
 - Code of Ethics for SCOTUS and Expand SCOTUS
 - Create an Office of Inspector General for counties that haven't utilized AB 1185.
- Second Reading of RCDP Bylaws Amendments
 - Following the consideration of possible changes to the proposed changes to the RCDP Bylaws, the proposed RCDP Bylaw changes were adopted with one change.

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