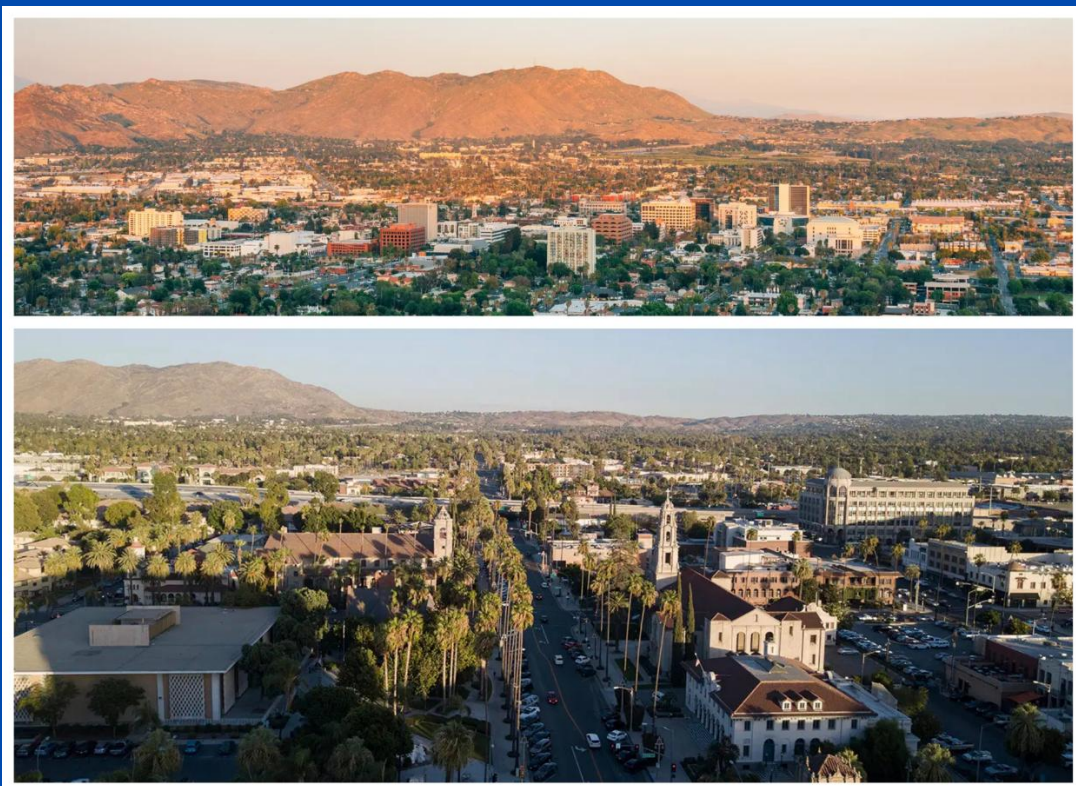




2025 Annual Report



We proudly serve as a chartered club of the Riverside County Democratic Party, working to uphold Democratic values in our neighborhoods and throughout our region. Powered entirely by volunteers, DGR is a community home for Democrats in the greater Riverside area. Our focus remains firm: electing Democrats from local office to the halls of Congress.



Special Guests & Candidates

DGR members benefit from **direct access** to our elected leaders. We welcomed **Riverside Mayor Patricia Locke-Dawson, Congressman Mark Takano, Supervisor José Medina**, and more, giving members the chance to engage and ask questions. And in September, **Congresswoman Katie Porter** drew a crowd for an inspiring grassroots rally.

Guest Speakers

Adam Schiff, US Senator (virtual message)
Alicia Ramirez, Publisher - The Riverside Record
Chris Shoults, CA Assembly Candidate
Clarissa Cervantes, City Council Member (Riverside)
Jesse Tweed, RUSD Board Member
Jose Medina, Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Joy Silver, Chair - Riverside County Dem. Party
Katie Porter, Fmr. Member US Congress
Kayla Booker, Community Organizer
Mark Takano, Congressman
Michael Johnson, RCDP Data Committee Co-Chair
Michelle Singelton, RCDP Political Action Chair
Patricia Locke-Dawson, Mayor - City of Riverside
Sabrina Cervantes, CA State Senator
Tim Sheridan, City Council Member (Lake Elsinore)

Candidates at DGR Meetings

Abel Chavez, CA-41 US Congress
Alan Vargas, ADEM
Aram Ayra, Riverside City Council
Chris Shoults, CA Assembly
Clarissa Cervantes, CA Assembly
Jamie Azpeitia-Sachs, ADEM
John Sachs, ADEM
Josh Nehmeh, ADEM
Kayla Booker, ADEM
Marc McClain, ADEM
Paco Licea, CA Assembly
Paul Ragole, ADEM
Paula Swift, CA-40 US Congress
Tami Friederich, ADEM
Tiffanie Tate, CA-41 US Congress
Tim Sheridan, ADEM





Events, Activism & Community

In 2025, the national mood was tense, and grassroots activism surged. Here in Riverside, DGR members joined demonstrations like **No Kings, Hands Off**, and **National Days of Action** to defend democratic values and stand with our community. When the special elections for **Assembly District 63** and **Proposition 50** arrived, DGR mobilized quickly, leading **more than eight Days of Action** and driving voter outreach through canvassing, phone calls, and postcards.

January

- People's Rally & MLK Walk

February

- Tesla Takedown Protests (Feb-May)
- National Day of Action Protests
- SWOT Workshop w/RCDP
- Fight for Our Health – Town Hall w/SEIU

March

- Benefits Over Billionaires Rally w/Ro Khanna
- March 4 Liberty Protest & Rally

April

- Hands Off! Rally & Protest - April 5
- National Day of Action Protest - April 19
- Fighting Oligarchy Rally w/Bernie & AOC

May

- Inland Empire Pride Festival 2025
- Chris Shoults AD-63 Campaign Kickoff
- May Day Rally & Protest
- 2025 RCDP Bosworth Awards

June

- DGR Day of Action for Chris Shoults (AD-63)
- No Kings Rally & Protest - June 14



July

- City Hall Insider Tour - City of Riverside
- *Good Trouble Lives On* Protest & Rally
- Riverside Sheriff Oversight Public Meeting – Riv. County Board of Supervisors

August

- DGR Day of Action for Chris Shoults (AD-63)
- Chris Shoults (AD-63) Canvassing w/DGR

September

- DGR Stronger-Together Event w/Katie Porter
- Prop 50 Canvassing w/Rep. Mark Takano
- Prop 50 Phone Banking w/DGR members

October

- DGR Day of Action for Yes on 50
- Prop 50 Canvassing w/Reps. Mark Takano & Pete Aguilar
- Immigration Protection Public Meeting – Riverside City Council
- *No Kings* Rally & Protest - October 18
- Prop 50 Phone Banking w/DGR members

November

- Prop 50 Canvassing w/Sen. Sabrina Cervantes
- CADEM Poll Observing for Statewide Election
- Support for Arlington Temporary Assistance food pantry

December

- 2025 RCDP JFK Awards



DGR Leadership

In 2025, we welcomed **six new Executive Board members** who brought fresh perspectives and energy, and we adopted **Signal** to strengthen our collaboration and communication.

New Executive Board Members for 2025

- **Angela Cullen**, Policy & Research Committee Chair
- **Christie Cales**, Member at Large
- **Corey Cullen**, Communications Committee Chair
- **Heidi Ortloff**, Event/Fundraising Committee Chair
- **Krimson Yhi-Gosik**, Secretary
- **Marc McClain**, Member at Large



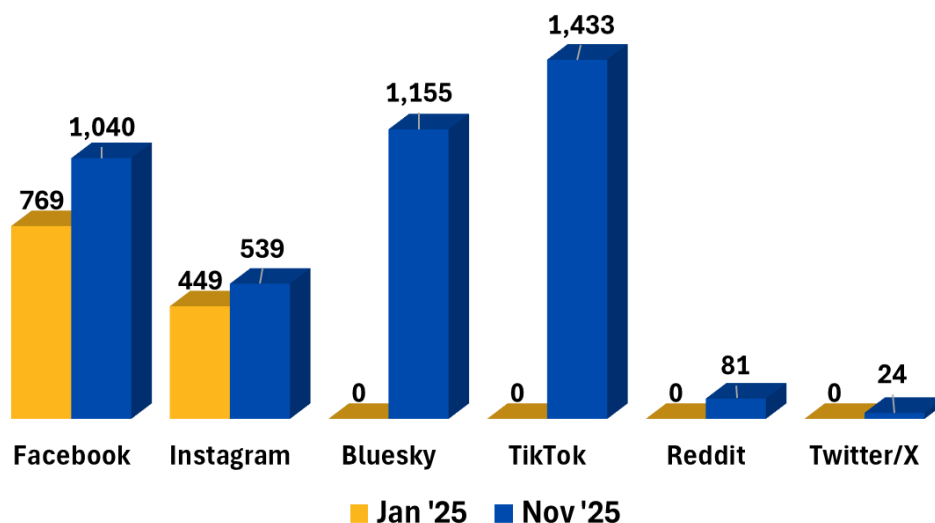
Returning Executive Board Members for 2025

- **Freya Foley**, President
- **Melba Winsell**, Vice President; Political Action Chair
- **Marilyn Odello**, Treasurer
- **Shelia Kay Riley**, Membership Chair; Rules/Compliance Chair
- **Dori McCall**, Audit Chair

Communication

DGR reinvented its communications in 2025. A new **interactive website** went live, **weekly newsletters** began, and our **social media** reach expanded across **five new platforms**, including *TikTok*, *Bluesky*, and *Reddit*. Within the Democratic Party structure, we worked on our **re-chartering**, **updated our bylaws**, and **appointed members** to the **state pre-endorsement process**.

Social Media Followers



Website Views

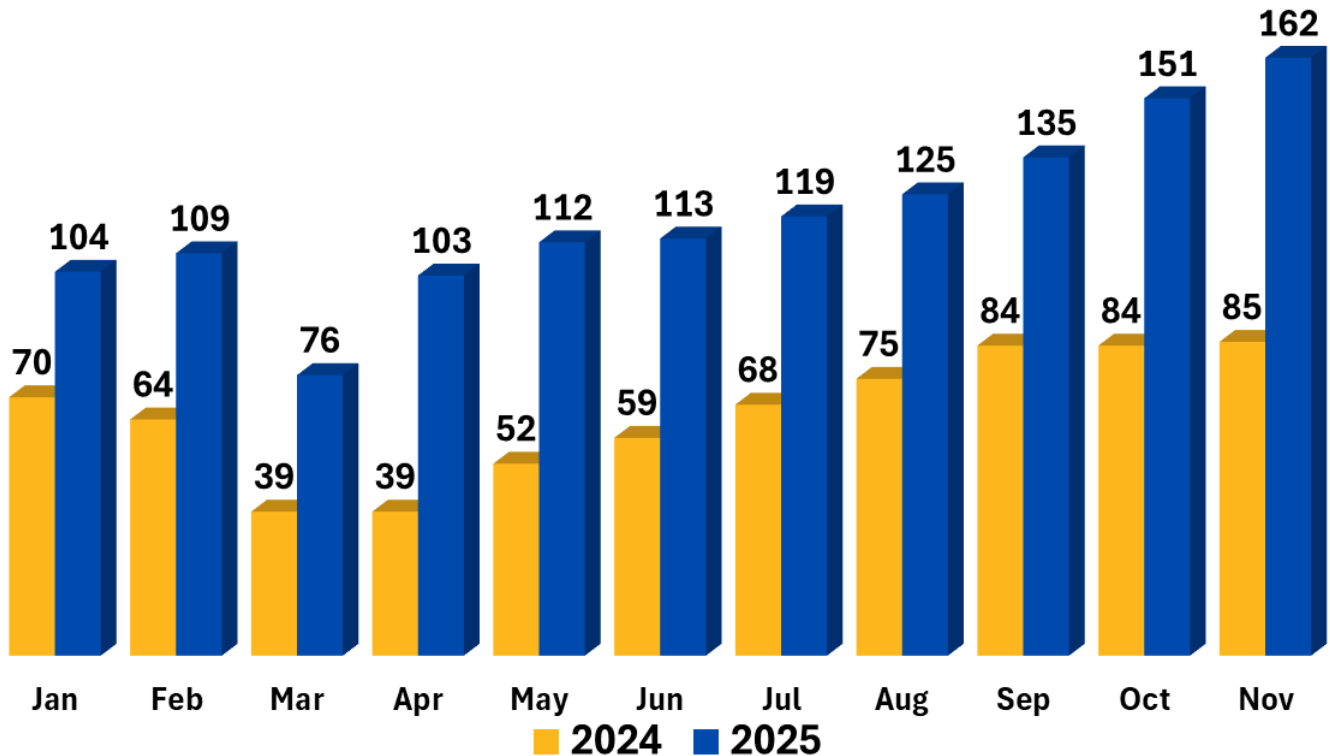




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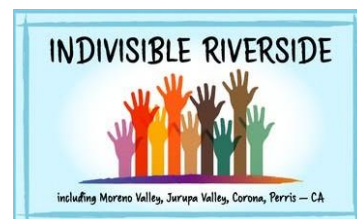
In 2025, our **membership surged** as we built a community-focused group of engaged Riverside residents. In 2026, we'll **keep that momentum going** with even **more events and activities** designed for **every level of participation**.

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Alliances & Partnerships

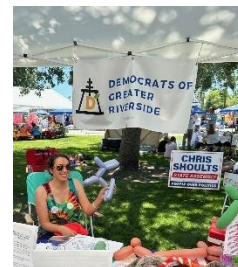
DGR expanded its partnerships by co-hosting events with **Riverside County Young Democrats** and strengthening ties with **Indivisible Riverside**. Next year, we aim to build **even more lasting collaborations** and community-focused activities with **allied organizations**.





Fundraising & Candidate Support

In 2025 we went all in to support **Chris Shoults** in the special election for **California's 63rd State Assembly District** providing both **direct campaign contributions** and strong on-the-ground volunteer support.



During the latter half of the year, we actively supported the **statewide Prop 50 campaign** while **simultaneously raising funds** for DGR. Our yard sign sales were a major success and demonstrated how outreach efforts can also serve as **effective fundraisers**. Looking ahead to 2026, we'll place **greater emphasis on fundraising** to strengthen our ability to **host events, contribute to campaigns**, and produce materials that **promote DGR's mission**.



What's Next?

As we move into 2026, DGR is focused on preparing for the **midterm elections** with a renewed commitment to **grassroots organizing**.

Our goals include **expanding partnerships with community groups**, creating **new signature events** that motivate members to **stay active**, and growing our **fundraising efforts** to ensure we have the resources to organize, communicate, and **get out the vote all year long**.

When we organize, we win.





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