



CARA Alert – November 8, 2018

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WE WON SOME, WE LOST SOME AND WE ARE STRONGER THAN EVER!!

Congratulations to everyone who worked on the election – making phone calls, writing postcards, walking precincts, attending forums, stuffing packets, sending money. All of this hard work led to Democrats winning 27 additional seats in the House (222 Dems and 196 Reps), with some races still too close to call. In California, we won 3 or 4 of these seats so far (some districts still counting provisional ballots so results are not final). Three of these seats (CD 10 – Josh Harder; CD 48 – Harley Rouda; CD 49 – Mike Levin) were part of our Senior Vote project. Katie Hill who is ahead in CD 25 was not part of our Senior Vote project, but is ahead right now too. It might not be until next week when all of the provisional ballots are counted. This goes for some of the other statewide races in CA – and throughout the country.

The bigger news for CARA is that our Senior Vote project communicated by mail, phone and in person with over 30,000 senior voters in 5 targeted districts and in 3 other races. We had an opportunity to talk with seniors about the importance of voting for candidates who support essential programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. We encouraged many seniors to really think about where the candidates stand on these issues and many changed their votes. We developed on-going relationships with these voters, and even though some incumbents won again, we will be in a much better position in 2020 when all of the Congressmembers, 65 U.S. Senators, and the President, are up for re-election.

The Senior Vote Project was more than just educating senior voters on key issues – it was about building CARA's name recognition and relationship with voters around the state. Over 600 Senior Ambassadors called senior voters in our 5+ key districts – some more than 4 times over the course of the election. Our CATs and activists held forums and events that engaged thousands more, and we distributed over 250,000 slate cards to seniors and their families on the statewide ballot measures.

Even though we did not win all of the races we worked on in California, or supported around the country, we have taken the first step toward having some balance and accountability in Washington. We must continue building on our work – so that we are positioned to win even bigger gains in 2020!

CARA Positions Statewide Ballot – How Did We Do?

Just like in the Congressional races, CARA won some and lost some. The two big losses (Prop 8 and Prop 10) were outspent by millions and millions of corporate dollars on the other side. There was no way to compete with this onslaught of funding. But even in these races, millions of Californians voted in support of our positions. Take a look at how we did – **THOSE IN BOLD SHOW OUR POSITION WON THE ELECTION:**

BALLOT MEASURE	Subject of Ballot Measure
YES on PROP 1 - PASSED	Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 - \$4 billion for affordable housing development
YES on PROP 2- PASSED	No Place Like Home Act of 2018 – funding for homeless housing and services
YES on PROP 3- DEFEATED	Bonds for Water Projects, groundwater sustainability
YES on PROP 4 - PASSED	Bonds for construction at hospitals providing children’s health care
NO on PROP 5- DEFEATED	Changes requirements for certain property owners to transfer their property tax base to replacement property
NO on PROP 6- DEFEATED	Repeals recently enacted road repair and transportation funding by repealing revenues
No position on PROP 7 -PASSED	Cancels Daylight savings time.
YES on PROP 8 - DEFEATED	State regulation of kidney dialysis clinics to require 85% of funding go toward patient care.
YES on PROP 10 - DEFEATED	Expands local government’s authority to enact rent control on residential property.
NO on PROP 11 - PASSED	Requires private sector ambulance employees to remain on call during work breaks, etc.
YES on PROP 12 - PASSED	Establishes new standards for confinement of farm animals

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