



DEMOCRATS UNITED

August 2026 PCDCC Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S "ASK"

This is a biggie! Face it, most of us are NOT wild about knocking on neighbors' doors or phoning them to share election info. (Heck, if we WERE wild about knocking on doors, we'd be selling vacuum cleaners or solar panels!)

But we're betting you agree that the upcoming midterm election is absolutely vital to turning the country around. Democrats have a very good chance of winning the House, and recent polling suggests taking the Senate is possible.

Take a moment to imagine what things could look like if the remainder of Donald Trump's term was eclipsed by a Democratic House and Senate. Daydream this:

A Congress that actually enforces the Emoluments Clause. A Congress that curtails Trump's use of executive orders to make public policy and bypass the legislative branch. A Congress that forces ICE to abide by standard law enforcement procedures. A Congress that stands up against US concentration camps. A Congress that demands consultation before the nation is committed to war. And here's your favorite: A Congress that impeaches AND convicts.

Here's how to make that dream come true. Volunteer to canvas ahead of the midterms. Canvassing isn't just going door-to-door and encouraging voters to 1) Vote, and 2) Vote for the Democrat. It also includes phone banking, and both efforts involve contacting only Democrats, No Party Preference, and Independent voters, not "the other guys." Canvassing is about getting out the vote, and winning the midterms.

The canvassing training on August 29 will tell you all you need to know about that, and it isn't as hard as you might think! Yes, this is most-of-the-day commitment, but ask yourself how much you want to see Trump cut off at the knees. We need every Democrat in the county to pitch in on this effort. As Woody Allen once said, "80% of life is showing up." We ask that you show up at the Quincy Library Conference Room on Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m., and make a difference. See you there!

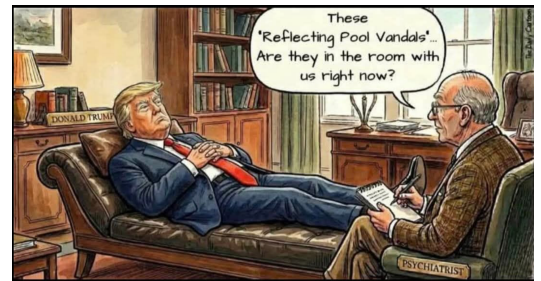
CALENDAR THIS!

August 20, 6:30 p.m., PCDCC Zoom meeting—Chair Faith Strailey will email your link and the agenda.

August 29 10–2:30, PCDCC is joining a Statewide Day of Action—canvassing training, canvassing itself, and a canvassing debrief. Meet at the Quincy Library. (See details at left.)

August 7, 14, 21, 28, Friday rallies at Dame Shirley, 4:30–5:30 p.m. Signs provided or bring your own!

FAVORITE IMAGE OF THE MONTH!



Here's the thing about humor—it always contains a grain of truth. And this one is timely, given that the DOJ just dropped charges against a former Olympian for "vandalizing" the Reflecting Pool, admitting that the damage "was the result of flawed installation by the contractor." Big surprise? Not! That Trump lied? Sadly, also not.

FAIR BOOTH A SUCCESS!

Happy to report that the Democrats' presence at the fair was a hit. We shared a booth with the Quincy Indivisible (QAI), the Indian Valley Indivisible (IVI), and the Sierra County Democrats (SCDCC). And the acronyms run wild!

Thanks to PCDCC members who set up and took down the booth and those who staffed the booth during the days and evenings the fair was open. You rock!



DIANNA JAMES MEET-AND-GREETINGS

Democratic candidate for State Assembly District 1, Dianna James, met voters in Sierra County, Chester, and Quincy during fair week. In the pics below, Dianna is the one with the yellow scarf!

She's facing incumbent Republican Heather Hadwick, who is very well funded so Dianna needs your financial support. If you can, go to her website—

<https://diannajamesad1.com/>

—and make a donation. Democratic candidates running in red districts like ours is never easy—Dianna will appreciate any help you can provide!



Sierra County Dems with Dianna



Chester Dems with Dianna



Quincy Dems with Dianna

The corruption of the Trump family is a potent argument Democrats can use in the midterm elections—it played a big part in Hungarian voters ousting Viktor Orbán. Here are some points you can use when friends ask why vote for Democrats in November!

THEM VS. US

Why do we pay taxes? Sure, it's the law, and we want to stay out of prison, but the fundamental reason we pay taxes is to keep our government running, and a large part of that is government services that make our lives easier. And because we all live here, we subscribe to the notion that everybody pays their fair share.

The current administration is definitely on board the "fair share train," but here's what that looks like: THEIR 1% is aboard that train zooming down the track, while the rest of us are left back at the station wondering what happened!



Used to be a good deal of our tax money came back to us in services that only a large entity like the federal government can provide—

- Roads and bridges
- Healthcare (Medicare/Medicaid)
- Social safety nets (Social Security, SNAP)
- Natural disaster prediction and relief (National Weather Service, FEMA)
- Citizen protection (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, OSHA, EPA)—and so much more, but you get the picture.

Trump's version of "government service" is more like self-service, and recent reports that he and his family have grown colossally rich during his second term illustrate his view of what being president affords HIM. (The White House claims it's all above board; investigative reporting says otherwise.)

The Big Ugly Bill benefited the wealthy primarily through massive tax cuts and business incentives. Nearly three-quarters of its tax benefits went to the richest 20% of households. What did the rest of us get? According to the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, "Under the enacted law, the average family earning less than \$50,000 will get about \$250 in tax cuts in 2027, less than \$1 a day, while the average tax filer earning \$1 million or more a year will receive over \$100,000 in tax breaks." Even if math isn't your strong suit, you can likely figure out that those numbers mean most of us are still standing at the station watching the train disappear down the tracks without us.

The solution to the inequities in our current system? Vote Democratic! The Democratic Party isn't perfect, but it's always watched out more for the "little guy" than the wealthy elite. From the party's website, democrats.org: **"Our agenda is focused on lowering costs, improving healthcare, creating jobs, ending corruption, and protecting our democracy. We want all Americans to be able to live healthy, safe, and secure lives. While Republicans work for billionaires, Democrats fight for working people."**

If you don't like what's happening in Washington, if you don't like a GOP-controlled Congress refusing to perform its "checks and balances" role in failing to put the brakes on an out-of-control executive branch, if you want to see government services you depend on restored, if you want a fair Supreme Court, vote with US, not THEM.

VOTE DEMOCRATIC!