



CALIFORNIA YOUNG DEMOCRATS: THE MARGIN OF VICTORY IN 2008

YOUTH VOTE AND TURNOUT:

It's official: 2008 is the year of the young voter.

A record 6.5 million citizens under the age of 30 participated in the 2008 presidential primaries and caucuses, according to data compiled by CIRCLE. **This is a dramatic increase in the youth voter turnout** over the last comparable election in 2000, **and the first time the youth vote has risen in three consecutive election cycles** since 1971 when the voting age became 18.

Overall the national youth voter turnout rate almost doubled, rising from nine percent in 2000 to 17 percent in 2008.

CIRCLE Director, Peter Levine: "This primary season the Millennials have gone to the polls in record numbers, **showing they are an influential voting bloc in American politics.** Since 2000, young people have been volunteering at high rates and are **becoming more interested in news and public affairs."**

When young people vote, Democrats win! **Expect Young Democrats to be the MARGIN OF VICTORY in the election!**

YOUNG VOTERS IN CALIFORNIA:

In California, more than 73 percent of all young voters voted for Democrats – and on the Republican side turnout actually declined.

Among CA Democrats, young people made up 6 percent more of the parties' total vote in 2008 and continues to increase!

THE MEDIA AND THE YOUTH VOTE:

The media has finally caught on to the Young Voter Revolution. In the words of a news commentator who will be dearly missed:

"Look at young voters. If you are going to be a successful candidate in November, as a Democratic candidate you cannot win with just hardcore white Democratic voters. You need an enormous black turnout and you need young voters coming into the Democratic fold to transform states like Florida, Florida, Florida, or Ohio...You need [them] to broaden the base of the Democratic Party." - TIM RUSSERT on the youth vote (Jan. 21, 2008)

CYD: YOUNG DEMOCRATS TURNOUT IN FORCE

2008 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ The **La Canada High School YDs** focused on registering voters on campus. Members volunteered and interned for the Obama campaign in the San Fernando Valley by phone banking and fundraising.
- ★ The revitalized **CSUN YDs** hosted weekend walks and phone-banks for AD 40 candidate Stuart Waldman and campaigned for Obama on campus.
- ★ The **Los Angeles County YDs** hosted 5 campaign volunteer events for three endorsed candidates, (Hall, Perez & Levine) collectively putting in over 65 volunteer hours and contributing \$2650 to campaigns.
- ★ The **San Fernando Valley YDs** did extensive campaign work for Stuart Waldman for AD 40 and independently fundraised, designed and distributed a young voter focused slate mailer to over 20,000 young democrats and decline-to-state voters.
- ★ The **Stonewall YDs (LA)** volunteered for Obama, precinct walked for Lloyd Levine (SD 23), phone banked for John Perez (AD 46) and Mark Ridley Thomas for Supervisor and stepped up their GOTV and voter registration for LGBT Youth.

- ★ The **UCLA Bruin Dems** organized a campus-wide "Election Invasion Program" for presidential primary and did "No on 98" campaign lit drops, poll watching and phone calls leading up to the June 3rd election.
- ★ The **Orange County YDs** led a regional coalition of YD clubs (Lora HS, UC Irvine & Chapman) to support several candidates, including their former Vice Chair, Jordan Brandman, who won his election to the Anaheim Union HS District. In June, the OCYD volunteered for CD 42 candidate Ed Chau.
- ★ The **Cal Berkeley Dems** did voter registration at campus events including "Cal Day", where prospective students and parents come out in full force. Members also campaigned for Loni Hancock for SD9, Mark Leno for SD3 and Joan Buchanan for AD15.
- ★ The **UC Santa Barbara YDs** extensively volunteered for Doreen Farr's winning campaign for County Supervisor.
- ★ Newly formed **San Jose State Dems** organized student marches across the state against possible state budget cuts. They

- walked and phone-banked for Obama, county sup candidates Otto Lee and Richard Hobbs and SJ City Council candidate Ash Kalra.
- ★ **East Bay YDs** engaged in over 100 hours of GOTV activity for their endorsed candidates, with the main focus being Past EBYD Pres. Edie Irons' candidacy for Alameda Co. Democratic Central Committee.
- ★ The **Sonoma YDs** held their first annual "Margin of victory" fundraiser and co-sponsored a local Political Action Committee with UHW and IBEW 551, raising nearly \$50k in support of SCYD endorsed County Sup. candidate Maddy Hirshfield, as well as hosting a satellite campaign office in support of Mark Leno.
- ★ **San Francisco YDs** helped Mark Leno gather hundreds of in-lieu signatures, made thousands of phone calls to undecided voters, and mailed out SFYD slate cards to tens of thousands of YDs across San Francisco.
- ★ **Silicon Valley YDs** targeted Ash Kalra for San Jose City Council and Paul Fong for AD 22. Members donated money, time, and energy to both campaigns; walking precincts, hosting



fundraisers, phone-banking, and serving on the campaign kitchen cabinets.

★ The newly formed Marin County YDs are coordinating with local Obama-supporting high school students to increase Democratic activism.

★ Sacramento County YDs were heavily involved with Christopher Cabaldon for AD 8, Heather Fargo's re-election (spending several thousand dollars in TV advertising for Fargo) and Leticia Garcia for school board.

★ Chico State YDs registered new voters each week through campus tabling, highlighted by a one day registration drive that resulted in 50 new Democratic voters. Chico State aggressively volunteered for Marty Block for AD 78 and continue to volunteer for Charlie Brown for Congress.

★ Mira Loma actively registered voters and volunteered for the Obama campaign and Brown for Congress. MLYD worked with the Sac County Dem Party as it hosted its annual fundraiser with Senator Darrell Steinberg and candidate Bill Durston and raised \$4000 for a Democratic HQ, proving its mettle as a powerhouse high school chapter.

★ The Mira Loma Alumni YDs worked closely with local labor in support of Mariko Yamada for State Assembly in AD 8.

★ The UC Davis Dems were very active this Spring, hosting Secretary of Debra Bowen, endorsing/volunteering in City Council and AD races, and producing/distributing 1000 pieces of literature thru precinct and campus walks. Half their clubs' membership actively campaigned for Cabaldon.

★ Sac State was heavily involved in Christopher Cabaldon's race for Assembly; learning a lot about what it takes to run a campaign. The chapter is gearing up for a big Obama volunteer push locally to ensure Dems take back the White House in '08!

★ The San Diego Co YDs were active in state and local campaigns, supporting two candidates for San Diego City Council - Todd Gloria and Marti Emerald. SDCYD hosted fundraisers, volunteered at phone banks and canvassed.

★ The previously dormant College Dems of San Diego State University re-formed during the Primary election season and worked to register new young voters on campus as they built their membership.

★ The new club on the San Diego block, the Stonewall YDs volunteered and fundraised on behalf of City Council candidates Stephen Whitburn, Marti Emerald and Sherri Lightner and AD 78 candidate Marty Block.

CYD MEMBERS RUNNING IN JUNE 2008 ELECTION:

In the June, 2008 primary election at least 69 Young Democrats ran for election for the Assembly, City Council, School Board or County Committee. Of these, at least 38 won their race – an amazing 55% success rate!

STATE ASSEMBLY (Dem nominee)

- Danial Leahy, AD 5 – Sacramento
- Taylor White, AD 25 – Stockton/Modesto
- Grey Frandsen, AD 66 – Riverside
- Darren Kasai, AD 75 – San Diego

COUNTY COMMITTEE (elected)

Alameda County Central Committee
Rocky Fernandez (Re-elected) – AD 18
Edie Irons (1st time) – AD 14

Butte County Central Committee
Justin Meyers (Re-elected) – 5th Sup District

Contra Costa County Central Committee
Brian Lawrence, 4th Sup District

Los Angeles County Central Committee
Cecilia Cabello (1st time) – AD 45
Cindy Chen (1st time) – AD 60
Mark Gonzalez (Re-elected) – AD 44
Tim Goodrich (1st time) – AD 53
Gerardo Guzman (Re-elected) – AD 39
Henry Lo (1st time) – AD 49
Quincy O'Neal (Re-elected) – AD 44
Ackley Padilla (Re-elected) – AD 39
David Phelps (Re-elected) – AD 40
Heather Repenning (Re-elected) – AD 43
Miguel Santiago (Re-elected) – AD 40
Ruben Zaragoza (Re-elected) – AD 39

Orange County Central Committee
Taylor Honrath (Re-elected) – AD 67
Natalie Rubalcava (1st time) - Unknown

Sacramento County Central Committee
Nancy Nhan Bui, AD 10

San Diego County Central Committee
Jonathan Goetz (1st time) – AD 76
Alberto Velasquez (Re-elected) – AD 79

San Francisco Co. Central Committee
Raphael Mandelman (1st time) – AD 13

San Mateo County Central Committee
Kai Stinchcombe

Santa Barbara Co. Central Committee
Emily Allen (Re-elected) - 3rd Sup District
Steven Attewell (1st time) - 3rd Sup District
Hillary Blackerby (Re-elected) – 2nd Sup District
Gina Fischer (1st time) - 3rd Sup District
Daraka Larimore-Hall (Re-elected) – 1st Sup Dist.
Amanda Wallner (1st time) – 3rd Sup District

Santa Clara County Central Committee
Javier Gonzalez (Re-elected) – AD 23
Omar Torres (Re-elected) – AD 23

Yolo Co. Democratic Central Committee
Don Gibson (1st time) – Sup District 2

SCHOOL/COUNTY BOARD OF EDU
Sac County: Leticia Garcia (undecided)
Anaheim Union HS District: Jordan Brandman

CITY COUNCIL (attempted)
San Diego City Council: Todd Gloria (run-off)
Torrance City Council: Tim Goodrich
Chula Vista City Council: Devonna Almagro

COUNTY COMMITTEE (attempted)

Contra Costa County Central Committee
Rebecca Barrett, 4th Sup District
Robert Klein, 2nd Sup District

Los Angeles County Central Committee
Dante Atkins, AD 42 - Noel Barajas Jr., AD 39
Jay Chen, AD 58 - Ricky Choi, AD 49
Sam Dixon, AD 45 - Carlos Illingworth Jr., AD 58
Jorge Marquez, AD 57 - Adrin Nazarian, AD 43
Karo Torossian, AD 43 - Bryan Urias, AD 57

Orange County Central Committee
Aaruni Thakur, AD 72 - Al Jabbar, AD 67

Sacramento County Central Committee
Ed Diggs, AD 5 - Scott Ogus, AD 9

San Bernardino Co. Central Committee
Tristan Brown, AD 63

San Diego County Central Committee
B. D. Howard, AD 79 - Carlos Marquez, AD 76
Fred Rogers, AD 76 - Brandon Tate, AD 78

San Francisco County Central Committee
Bill Barnes, AD 13 - Emily Drennen, AD 12
Luke Klipp, AD 13 - Trevor McNeil, AD 12
Nicole Rivera, AD 13

Santa Clara County Central Committee
Justin Carvalho, AD 24 - Jonathan Padilla, AD 23