



"DEMOCRACY IS NOT
A SPECTATOR SPORT"

WAVE

IMPACT REPORT 2022



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OUR MISSION, VISION, AND BELIEFS

OUR MISSION

WAVE (Women for American Values and Ethics) is a nonpartisan, fast-growing grassroots organization dedicated to engaging, educating, and empowering our community to advance progressive American values and ethics.

OUR VISION

A THRIVING AND INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY.

OUR BELIEFS

We believe in the fundamental values of:

- Human, civil, and constitutional rights
- Respect, diversity, and inclusion
- Collaborative leadership
- Environmental conservation

We believe in our ethical responsibility to:

- Ensure a transparent and accountable government.
- Elect officials who practice cross-party compromise to achieve shared resolutions.
- Create fiscally responsible solutions for current and future generations.



**“ I AM THANKFUL FOR WAVE BECAUSE
THEY ALWAYS STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR WHAT IS
RIGHT. WAVE IS ESSENTIAL TO WINNING ELECTIONS! ”**

- Avery, Costa Mesa Dems

Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE) was established to provide a community for activists to address policy changes and ensure the survival of a healthy democracy. WAVE's story began after the 2016 election, when 21 women gathered to reject apathy, bigotry, and ignorance, and to ensure that progressive values and ethics would not retreat into the background of political discourse.

From our initial group, WAVE has grown into a strong force of more than 2,300 people: a powerhouse of political activists; a breeding ground for citizen-advocates and candidates at every level of government; a network of community partners and organizers; a collaborative of donors; and, a political home for leaders and thinkers.

During every political cycle since 2016, WAVE has been sought out by national, state, and local candidates for endorsements, volunteer support, voter outreach, and funding. We have been instrumental in increasing voter registration and education in the communities in which we work, and we have been key in winning important seats in Congress, State legislatures, City Councils, the OC Board of Supervisors, and on School Boards.

WAVE's community action work has also been recognized for its impact on gun safety, the environment, migrant rights, government integrity, and civic engagement. We are incredibly proud that we have found partners from whom we've received guidance and lessons as to how best to approach the myriad of issues we face. At WAVE, we respect the work of those who have come before us and who have proven quite effective in their fields. We listen to them, partner with them, and offer our skills that complement their existing work.

OUR HISTORY

**“ [WAVE HELPS ME] TO SEE
THAT GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY
IS ALIVE! ”**

- anonymous



For the past six years, it has been the privilege of my lifetime to lead WAVE and work with you to reshape Orange County and our country to more closely reflect our shared values. I am incredibly proud of the positive change we have fostered in our communities, and I feel so blessed for the friendships we have developed. This year, as I step down as WAVE's President, please know that my heart will remain with our many members who have dedicated their time, talent, and treasure to living out our shared vision of a thriving and inclusive democracy. I am forever grateful to each and every one of you.

In unity,

Joanna Weiss

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT

OUR MISSION IS TO ENGAGE, EDUCATE, AND EMPOWER OUR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE PROGRESSIVE AMERICAN VALUES AND ETHICS.

I am extremely proud to release WAVE's third, biennial Impact Report. This report will showcase not only our accomplishments from 2021 through 2022, but also the deep and meaningful connections we have made in our communities and in the hallowed halls of Congress, our State Capitol, and in dozens of local offices in our county.

We look back with great pride at what we accomplished together during those two years. In 2021 and 2022, we witnessed two of the most shocking events in recent history – the January 6th insurrection and the overturning of Roe v. Wade – and seized on those moments to strengthen our resolve even further. And despite the predicted red tide in the midterm election, American voters upheld the values of democracy and constitutional rights for all, demonstrating a commitment to the same values upon which WAVE was formed.

Because of our dedicated and effective members, over the past six years, WAVE has evolved from a fledgling band of committed activists into a well-respected organization that makes a significant impact on the Orange County political landscape. Financially, we have grown into one of the largest political action committees in the county, and our volunteers dedicate an incredible number of hours to advocate for our values, both electorally and issue-based.

The successes we've seen were due in large part to Joanna's vision and direction. I know I have big shoes to fill, so I am incredibly humbled to have been selected as the new Executive Director of WAVE, and Board President of WAVE PAC. Having been with WAVE since its founding, I feel a deep sense of loyalty and responsibility to its future and to our members. With your support and with the invaluable contributions of our leadership team, I remain confident we can continue on our path of protecting democracy, electing ethical leaders, and advocating for causes that reflect our values, while promoting a strong sense of community and enjoying our time together making positive change.

Thank you for your partnership and activism, and I look forward to this new chapter in WAVE's history!

In unity,

Ali Monge

WAVE EXECUTIVE BOARDS

WAVE PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

Joanna Weiss, *Founder and President*
Ali Monge, *Vice President*
Danea Riley, *Treasurer*
Arlene Joyce

WAVE ACTION FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

Joanna Weiss, *Founder and President*
Kia Westhead, *Secretary*
Danea Riley, *Treasurer*
Michele Johnson

2021 ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charlotte Finklea, *Advisory Council Chair*
Helayne Angelus
Piper Benom, *Co-Chair, Gun Safety Working Action Group*
Rita Conn
Beth Daley Ullem, *Chair, Endorsement Committee*
Cathy Han
Toni Iseman (Honorary)
Irene Kinoshita, *Co-Chair, Membership Committee*
Debbie Liu
Sue Ellen O'Connor, *Chair, Government Integrity Working Action Group*
Audrey Prosser, *Chair, Fundraising Committee*
Gena Reed, *Co-Chair, Membership Committee*
Kathleen Treseder, *Chair, Environment Working Action Group*
Kia Westhead

2022 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Beth Daley Ullem, *Chair, Endorsement Committee*
Liz Dorn Parker, *Chair, Endorsement Committee*
Bonnie Eastman, *Chair, Special Events*
Cricket Jamet, *Chair, Community Partnerships*
Irene Kinoshita, *Chair, Membership*
Darla Magaña, *Chair, Technology*
Ali Monge, *Vice President & Chair, Communications Committee*
Gena Reed, *Chair, Fund Development*
Joanna Weiss, *Founder and President*
Kia Westhead, *Chair, Operations*

WHO WE ARE: A SNAPSHOT

WAVE is a women-led, all-volunteer organization of more than 2,300 activists, donors, and supporters dedicated to advancing progressive values and ethics. We are a diverse group of individuals from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds, religions, and political affiliations. Members include professionals in the fields of education and research, medicine and healthcare, law, business and entrepreneurship, innovation and technology, finance, information and communications, arts and sciences, and philanthropy and social work.



“I’M INCREDIBLY PROUD OF WAVE’S WORK, REGISTERING NEW VOTERS, EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING CITIZENS TO BECOME ACTIVISTS. IT’S DEEPLY GRATIFYING TO SEE WAVE PAC’S ENDORSED CANDIDATES ADVOCATING FOR OUR SHARED VALUES OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS, RESPECT, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.”
– Piper Benom, WAVE’s Director of Operations

HOW WE WORK

WAVE effects change through two distinct organizations:

WAVE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (WAVE PAC)

WAVE PAC is a hybrid super PAC, also referred to as a Carey PAC, that advances political candidates, organizations, and policies that support progressive American values and ethics. WAVE PAC endorses and contributes directly to candidates at the federal, state, and local levels. It also provides opportunities for advocacy, community organizing, meet-and-greets with candidates, listening events with elected officials and policymakers, and partnerships with other PACs. WAVE PAC also operates as an independent expenditure committee (also known as a super PAC) that advances candidates through social media advertising, direct mail campaigns, and voter mobilization.



WAVE ACTION FUND

WAVE Action Fund is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit that supports WAVE’s civic activism, philanthropy, and community involvement work. The WAVE Action Fund’s work in 2021 and 2022 were carried out through the following groups: gun safety, government integrity, the environment, voter mobilization, and migrant rights. For the latter, we have found that there was plenty of overlap with other issues such as housing and healthcare access that we formed a broader “Community Partnerships” group to capture all the initiatives that didn’t fall neatly under migrant rights.

These working groups encouraged citizen-advocates to bring about change through local initiatives and partner programs. Looking ahead, we want to strengthen our work under the WAVE Action Fund by building capacity in education and training, legislative advocacy, rapid response action, and strategic partnerships in order to better support our selected action areas.

WAVE PAC OVERVIEW

2022 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

WAVE broadened and deepened its influence in 2022 with endorsements of 63 local, state, and national candidates and investments of roughly \$150,000 in their campaigns. We also spent \$180,000 in independent expenditures during the entire election cycle.

Knowing the day-to-day impact local officials have on our communities and with an eye on building a bench for higher-level offices, WAVE members backed and helped recruit more city council, school board, and water/sanitation candidates than ever.

The growing commitment of WAVE supporters enabled us to provide 36% more in campaign contributions than in 2020 and cover 20% more races in all corners of Orange County, from La Habra to San Clemente and Seal Beach to Rancho Santa Margarita.

Additionally, WAVE PAC and its members supported candidates by advocating for fair redistricting boundaries, amplifying candidates through social media, holding fundraisers and meet-and-greets, providing

field volunteers, educating voters and holding ballot parties, phone banking, text banking, canvassing, and writing tens of thousands of letters and postcards at the local and national level to get out the vote.

WAVE continued expanding its network and providing members with even more opportunities to impact the elections by building and strengthening partnerships with individual campaigns and other grassroots organizations, such as Indivisible, Vote Forward, Field Team 6, Grassroots Dems HQ, California Common Cause, and local Democratic clubs.

**I'M THANKFUL
FOR THE PASSION,
GRIT, AND INTELLIGENCE
OF THE WOMEN OF WAVE.
SO INSPIRATIONAL!
SO EMPOWERING!**

- WAVE member





ELECTION YEAR 2022 GOALS AND RESULTS

GOAL #1:

ELECT PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATES UP AND DOWN THE BALLOT

In the general election, **WAVE-endorsed candidates had a 61% win rate, with 11 victories among our 12 endorsed school board candidates! We elected and re-elected 23 progressive women**, including Supervisor Katrina Foley, to secure the OC Board of Supervisors' first-ever non-conservative majority. WAVE helped Ashleigh Aitken and Valerie Amezcua make history as the first women mayors in Anaheim's 166-year and Santa Ana's 154-year existence, respectively. At the state level, we re-elected Cottie Petrie-Norris for AD-73 and supported Catherine Blakespear in flipping SD-38 blue. Nationally, we returned Congressmembers Katie Porter and Mike Levin to the House and helped hold the Senate with wins from four of our five U.S. Senate candidates. (Nevada, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia).

GOAL #2:

INCREASE MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND BROADEN OUR DONOR BASE

WAVE's Membership Committee engaged in a robust membership drive in 2022 with several events, including two Wine and Wave evenings that resulted in over 300 dues-paying members and 2300+ subscribers to our weekly newsletter. **Our Fundraising Committee planned and executed our most successful fundraiser on the donor side, netting close to \$150,000** to expand support for our endorsed candidates and voter mobilization programs. Through our signature in-person Giant Ballot Party, member-hosted ballot parties, and the widely shared WAVE Endorsement Guide Matrix, we exponentially impacted voter participation in voting the whole ballot. Our Voter Mobilization, Migrant Rights, and Community Partnerships leaders began hosting Spanish language "Election 101" sessions to discuss the impact of election outcomes. They also talked about how residents who are unable to vote can still have a positive impact on their communities.

GOAL #3:

STRENGTHEN WAVE'S INFRASTRUCTURE

WAVE's leadership team developed a plan entitled "WAVE Forward," creating a more potent distributive leadership model and allowing more decision-making power at the committee level. This greater autonomy enables more shared and sustainable efforts while growing a pipeline of leaders within WAVE! We will continue strengthening WAVE's infrastructure in 2023, recruiting new members to our standing committees and action areas.

GOAL #4:

FACILITATE SIGNIFICANT GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY TO HELP OUR 2022 ENDORSED CANDIDATES

We launched a partnership with Grassroots Democratic Headquarters (GDHQ) and sponsored **multiple canvassing days for our four congressional candidates in districts 40, 45, 47, and 49**. Our partnership with GDHQ facilitated hiring college student interns, coordination of phone banks and canvasses for our endorsed candidates, providing buses for volunteer canvassers from Los Angeles to our OC races, and hiring paid canvassers. With this partnership and others, we trained our community in phone banking and canvassing, through which individual WAVE members dedicated their time, often several times a month, to support their candidates of choice.

Our ThruText **interactive text campaign reached over 65,000 female voters in Orange County**, supporting Katie Porter, Mike Levin, Katrina Foley, Asif Mahmood, and Jay Chen. We also texted more than 11,000 voters to support our endorsed San Clemente City Council candidates. WAVE and friends mobilized and engaged new or infrequent voters by partnering with Field Team 6, Vote Forward, and grassroots organizers in Anaheim and the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District. These dedicated ballpoint warriors **wrote and sent almost 56,000 letters and postcards in Orange County and key strategic states**, pursuing every potential margin of victory!

WAVE PAC VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

LETTER-WRITING AND POSTCARDING

We sent letters and postcards again! In partnership with Field Team 6 and Vote Forward, WAVE members wrote and sent almost 56,000 pieces of voter registration and GOTV communication! This includes 47,940 Field Team 6 postcards (including Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District and Aitken for Mayor postcards) and 7,809 Vote Forward letters.

CANVASSING

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VOTER EDUCATION

We released our [WAVE Endorsement Guide Matrix](#) that covered key state, county, and local races and state propositions. This highly-regarded tool has been widely disseminated to voters in Orange County, enabling well-informed voting down the whole ballot.

We hosted an in-person Giant Ballot Party and a Virtual Ballot Party to help our members and the community vote the entire ballot. Individual WAVE members also hosted their own ballot parties for friends and family. These gatherings have had an exponential impact on voter education and participation.

VOTER ENGAGEMENT

Our Voter Mobilization and Community Partnerships leaders worked with local groups to begin hosting "Election 101" sessions in Spanish. Through small group discussions, participants discussed what matters most to their communities and how election outcomes hurt or help those issues. The session lessons were not restricted to just those who could vote -- even residents who are ineligible to vote were empowered with ways on using their voice and other means to positively affect their communities.



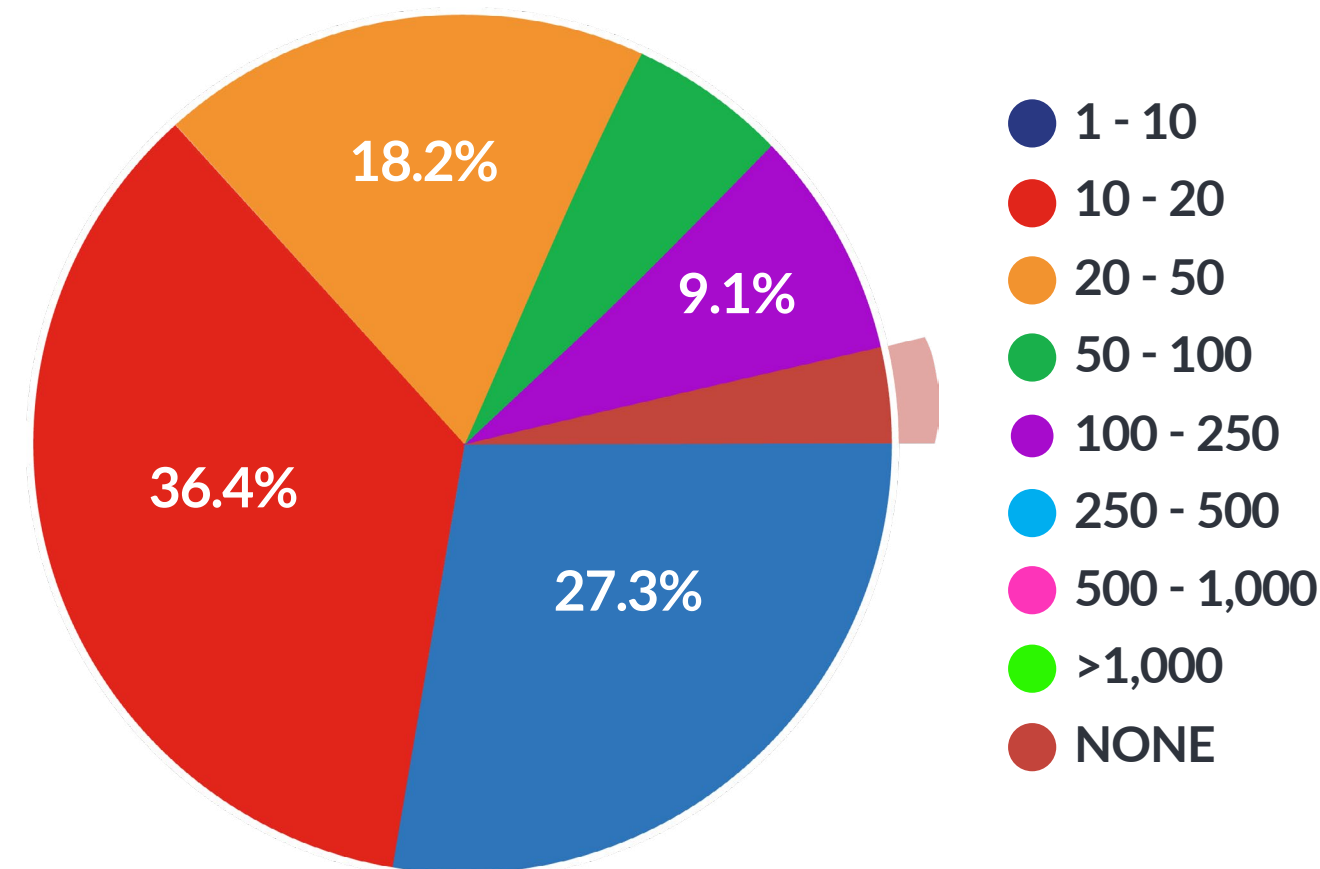
/// [I ENJOYED] MEETING WOMEN WHO ARE SO DEDICATED TO CARING ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND WHO KNOW HOW TO DO IT"

- WAVE Member

76% of survey respondents said that on a scale of 1-10, they were 10/10 likely to recommend WAVE to a friend.

83% of survey respondents report being very satisfied with their volunteer experience.

WAVE ELECTION SEASON VOLUNTEER HOURS (MARCH 2022 - NOVEMBER 2022)



Source: WAVE's 2022 Volunteer Feedback Survey

"THERE IS QUALITY INTERPERSONAL ENGAGEMENT. I LOVE THE BRIGHT, CAN-DO WOMEN IN THIS GROUP. ///

- Dillon

Getting involved with campaigns or community activism gets me out of the problems and into the solutions... -Kit Fisher

WAVE is my primary organization. The impact that WAVE has is amazing. - Audrey Prosser

I LOVE WAVE. The devotion and accomplishments of the leaders is inspiring and sometimes unbelievable. - Laura Camp

WAVE is a great group with like-minded women. It's easy to volunteer through them. -Donna Layne

The camaraderie with fellow WAVE members. I'd never have crossed paths with most of them if I hadn't joined years ago!. - Joni Nichols

I like the feeling that I'm doing something to build a system that supports my values. - Darla Magana

Helping the cause with like-minded people. - D. Fachko

I most enjoyed getting to know some local candidates -they restored my faith in political leaders. - WAVE Member

Engaging with like-minded, patriotic people who want to move our country in a positive direction. - WAVE Member

WAVE ENDORSEMENTS



WAVE uses a defined process to identify, vet, and endorse viable candidates that support WAVE's ethics and values on national, state, county, and local levels. WAVE does not endorse in every race, but identifies key races and promising candidates that align most strongly with WAVE and prioritizes those races for the most impact.

ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

WAVE continued refining our endorsement strategy, timelines, and questionnaires to increase the number and breadth of candidates considered, while strengthening an ethical and fair endorsement process. The process includes reviewing candidate responses to our questionnaires, which differ for each office. With the most promising candidates, we conduct probing interviews to ensure that their past actions and future plans align with WAVE's values and ethics. WAVE also collects highly-valued feedback from members in good standing and community leaders. The committee then considers all of this and a candidate's viability to ensure WAVE invests wisely in strategic races to ensure our donors' dollars have the greatest and widest impact.

Our expanded Endorsement Committee includes a diverse membership with deep community ties across a greater geographic span, helping bring more varied and informed perspectives to the deliberations.

ENDORSEMENT RESULTS

In 2021: WAVE contributed more than **\$46,000 to candidates in 2021 to support special elections or to provide early contributions for their 2022 elections.** This is the most money WAVE has contributed to candidates during a non-election year.

In 2022: WAVE broadened and deepened its influence with endorsements of **63 local, state, and national candidates and investments of roughly \$150,000 in their campaigns.** WAVE also provided significant grassroots support through letter writing, postcarding, phone banking, text banking, canvassing, voter education, ballot parties, and other campaign-support efforts.



SUPER PAC SPENDING RESULTS

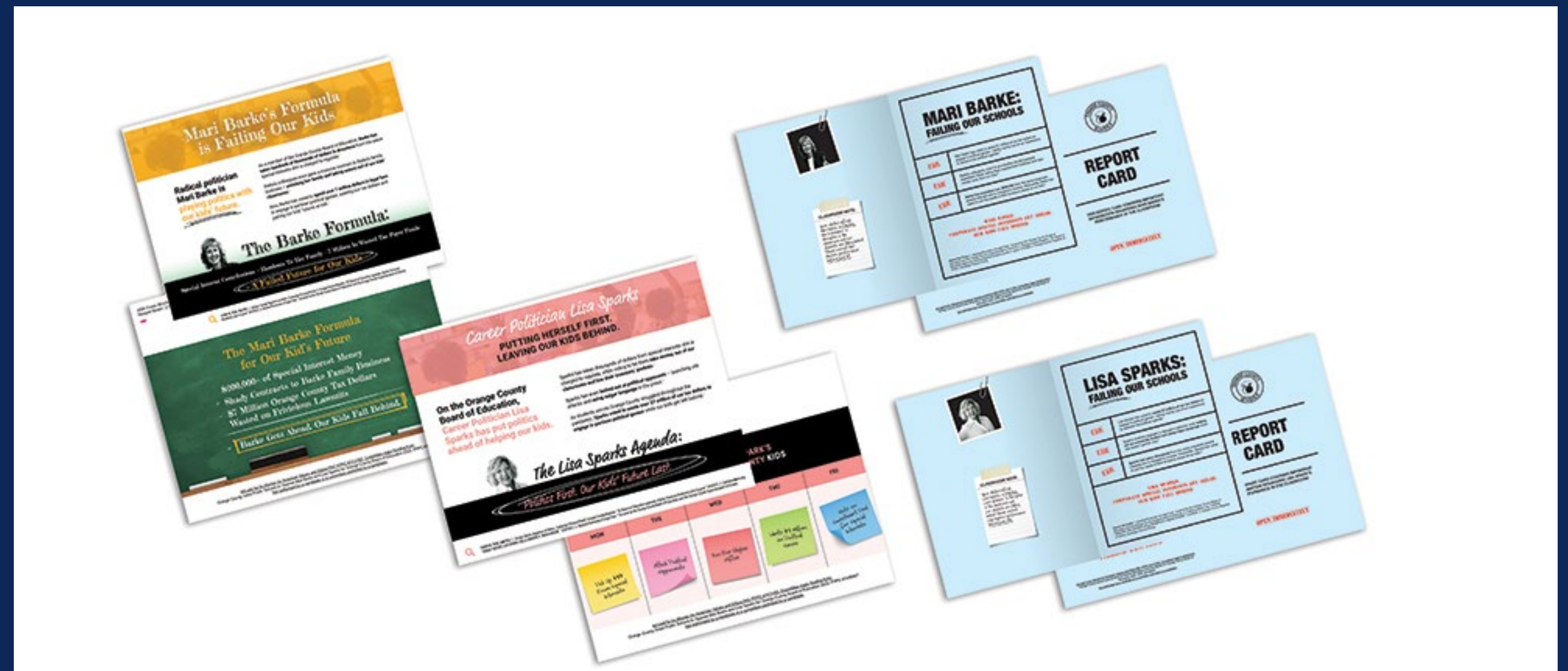


WAVE SUPER PAC SPENDING

WAVE's independent expenditure committee enables us to raise and disburse unlimited funds to advance – or oppose – candidates and issues. In 2021, WAVE's objective was to help elect Katrina Foley to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and to help California Governor Gavin Newsom defeat a recall. For the 2022 primary and general elections, WAVE used independent expenditures totaling \$180,000 to produce and distribute content that would increase support and engagement for our endorsed candidates. In order to comply with laws prohibiting coordination with campaigns while at the same time determining how WAVE could be most effective, we surveyed the public-facing strategies of each of our endorsed candidates, communicated with other Super PACs, and then used our resources to fill in any gaps.

2021

- At the beginning of 2021, we worked tirelessly to fundraise and support then-Mayor Katrina Foley in her bid to fill the Supervisorial seat left vacant when Michelle Steel was elected to Congress. WAVE raised nearly **\$20,000** in a few short weeks to support our super PAC activities that contacted nearly every registered Democrat in the district to encourage them to support Mayor Foley.
- WAVE also mobilized to work against the recall of Governor Newsom. WAVE again textbanked to reach Orange County voters to encourage them to vote no on the recall. We provided significant resources to our members to encourage relational organizing to combat the recall.



2022

- During the primary election season, we invested heavily in critical school board races by sending print mailers in support of Martha Fluor and Sherine Smith.
- We launched another ThruText interactive text campaign that reached more than **65,000 female voters** in Orange County. We sent out texts in support of Katie Porter, Mike Levin, Katrina Foley, Asif Mahmood, and Jay Chen. We also supported our endorsed San Clemente City Council candidates by sending out GOTV texts to more than **11,000 voters**.

THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW

SATURDAY, MAY 7

TWENTY EIGHT RESTAURANT
IRVINE, CA

SILENT AUCTION IS LIVE NOW

REGISTER AND BID INFO BELOW



WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

- ★ SEN. JOSH NEWMAN (SD-29) WILL COME TO YOUR HOME OR ANOTHER LOCATION IN HIS FAMOUS ICE CREAM TRUCK!
- ★ WINNER'S CHOICE OF 3 ICE CREAM FLAVORS AND TYPE OF CONE.
- ★ UP TO 100 GUESTS!



DINING WITH CHEF JAY CHEN (CA-19) & MIXOLOGIST DAVE MIN (SD-37)

- ★ CULINARY JOURNEY PREPARED BY LE CORDON BLEU-TRAINED CHEF JAY CHEN WITH SOUS CHEF & SPOUSE KAREN CHANG FOR UP TO 6 GUESTS.
- ★ SENATOR AND MIXOLOGIST DAVE MIN WILL CREATE A SIGNATURE COCKTAIL.
- ★ MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE IN JULY 2022.



LUNCH & CURATED TOUR OF WASHINGTON DC

- ★ PRIVATE LUNCH FOR 2 WITH CONGRESSMAN MIKE LEVIN.
- ★ \$1000 VOUCHER FOR LODGING.
- ★ EVENING "HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL MALL" TOUR (SEMI-PRIVATE - DC TOURS).



DINNER & DANCE PARTY FOR 20 GUESTS

- ★ DINNER AND DRINKS FOR 20 BY SUMMER TARANGO OF SUMMER'S TABLE.
- ★ ENJOY A PRIVATE JAZZ PERFORMANCE BY DR. HOWARD CONN AND HIS BANDMATES.



WHITEBOARD OF JUSTICE

- ★ PULL OUT YOUR MARKERS OF TRUTH AND RIGHT FOR JUSTICE.
- ★ REP. KATIE PORTER-SIGNED PERSONALIZED 8-1/2" X 11" WHITEBOARD.
- ★ SET OF COMMEMORATIVE KATIE PORTER MAGNETS.



NEWPORT BEACH BOAT PARADE DINNER PARTY FOR 8

- ★ ENJOY A VIEW OF THE FAMOUS BOAT PARADE FROM A PRIVATE CONDO IN CORONA DEL MAR.
- ★ PACKAGE INCLUDES A CATERED DINNER AND LIBATIONS COURTESY OF DR. ASIF MAHMOOD (CA-40).
- ★ FOR 8 GUESTS. DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON IN DECEMBER 2022.

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



CONGRESSWOMAN
KATIE PORTER



CONGRESSMAN
MIKE LEVIN



LT. COMMANDER
JAY CHEN



CA MEDICAL BOARD
ASIF MAHMOOD

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS | CANDIDATE MEET & GREET
DJ & DANCING | VIP RECEPTION

FUNDRAISING FOR WAVE PAC

THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW

On May 7th, 2022, WAVE held its annual fundraiser called "The Fierce Urgency of Now". We were thrilled to have as special guests, Congressmembers Katie Porter and Mike Levin, as well as congressional candidates Dr. Asif Mahmood and Jay Chen. They were joined by several of our endorsed local candidates as well. The evening was filled with great camaraderie, rousing speeches, wonderful silent auction items, and a highly energetic live auction. Our amazing WAVE Fundraising Committee knocked it out of the park again by organizing an evening to remember that also raised close to \$150,000!

THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW

Become a Sponsor or Underwriter Today!

CHOOSE YOUR SPONSORSHIP OR UNDERWRITING LEVEL BY MARCH 31

\$20K

CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY
Includes recognition on website, event program, and displays 15 EVENT TICKETS, including VIP reception with Rep. Katie Porter and Rep. Mike Levin, choice of table or VIP seating, and verbal acknowledgment at the event.

\$10K

SAVIOR OF THE HOUSE
Includes recognition on website, event program, and displays 10 EVENT TICKETS, including VIP reception with Rep. Katie Porter and Rep. Mike Levin, choice of table or VIP seating, and verbal acknowledgment at the event. Provides funds to engage 10,000 voters in two congressional districts.

\$5K

SHORE UP OUR STATE (\$OS)
This sponsorship includes "505" recognition on website, event program, and displays 5 EVENT TICKETS, including VIP reception and choice of table or VIP seating. Allows WAVE to fully fund state-level candidates who will protect our beautiful coastline.

\$2500

RECLAIM OUR COUNTY (ROC)
Includes recognition on website, event program, and displays 3 EVENT TICKETS, including VIP reception and seating. Supports WAVE's efforts to reach tens of thousands of voters to educate them on County-level races, including Board of Supervisors and Board of Education.

\$1K

BENCH BUILDER
Includes recognition on website, event program, and displays 2 EVENT TICKETS to VIP reception and seating. Facilitates WAVE's advancement of candidates in local races with early seed money to build a bench of leaders across our county.

Underwriting Opportunities

AUCTIONEER
Logo placement on bid paddles; verbal recognition during program; recognition on website and event program.
\$5,000

DECORATIONS
Recognition on event tables, website, and event program.
\$2,500

PROGRAM
Full back page ad in event program; recognition on website.
\$1,000

OPEN BAR
Logo placement on cocktail napkins, and at bar stations; recognition on website and event program.
\$5,000

DJ
Shout out from DJ during event and logo at DJ stand; recognition on website and event program.
\$1,000

PHOTOGRAPHER
Logo placement near step and repeat banner; recognition on website, and event program.
\$1,000

Sponsor/Underwriting Deadline is March 31 to be included in Invitation.
VISIT WWW.WAVE4ALL.ORG NOW!





FRIGHTFEST, OCTOBER 2021

In October 2021, WAVE held a virtual fundraiser and online auction. We far surpassed our goal of \$25,000, raising nearly \$30,000 to support our 2022 election efforts.

WINE&WAVE

PROGRESSIVE WOMEN OF ORANGE COUNTY UNITE!

WOMEN FOR HUMANITY AND WOMEN FOR AMERICAN VALUES & ETHICS (WAVE)

WILL HOST A NIGHT OF CONVERSATION ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN JOIN FORCES AND INCREASE OUR IMPACT IN ORANGE COUNTY.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21
6:30-8:30 PM**

**ALTA BAJA MARKET
201 E. 4TH ST - SANTA ANA**

RSVP NOW

PARKING AND DIRECTIONS WILL BE IN YOUR RSVP CONFIRMATION

WINE & WAVE MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

Wine and WAVE membership events are friendraisers and fundraisers rolled into one! They are designed not only to attract potential new members to WAVE, but also to raise much-needed funds for our political action work. They have been successful vehicles for introducing new people to our organization in a fun and pressure-free environment.

In March 2021, we hosted a virtual event with Julie Wong, writer and co-producer from Grey's Anatomy. She shared such interesting insights into how the writers weave current, hot-button topics into their characters' stories. We couldn't help but be pleased when, given her previous political background, Julie expressed her strong admiration for the work that WAVE gets done!

A few months later, in August, WAVE hosted a discussion with Lisa Napoli, who released a book, "Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR". The discussion was moderated by L.A. Times journalist Gustavo Arellano.

WAVE

INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL EVENT

GREY'S ANATOMY

CO-PRODUCER & WRITER
JULIE WONG

An intimate discussion about the intersection between entertainment and social justice.



RSVP HERE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL
WINE&WAVE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH 7-8:15 PM

with author
Lisa Napoli
listed in The Washington Post's
"20 Books to Read This Summer"

susan, linda, nina & cokie
The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR
LISA NAPOLI

Learn about the four female trailblazers who helped turn NPR from a scrappy start-up to the highly respected news source it is today.

 L.A. Times journalist **Gustavo Arellano** will interview Lisa Napoli about her book **Susan, Linda, Nina, & Cokie - The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR**

RSVP NOW

In addition to these special virtual events, there were in-person **Wine and WAVES** as well, featuring Sen. Dave Min and Pete Hardin.

In 2022, WAVE hosted two **Wine and WAVES** early in the year. The first one, held in March, featured Supervisor Katrina Foley. The following month, she was joined by Rep. Katie Porter for another event hosted by our UCI-based members.



WAVE ACTION FUND

WAVE Action Fund is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit that supports WAVE's work in civic engagement, philanthropy, and community outreach. Currently, WAVE supports five working action groups, each dedicated to a specific cause. Their common mission is to encourage citizen-advocates to effect change through local initiatives and partner programs. Moving forward, we will focus on further refining our work under the WAVE Action Fund. We will continue to build our capacity in legislative advocacy, rapid response action, education and training, and strategic partnerships, in order to continue advancing our work in areas such as gun safety, the environment, public education, migrant rights, and voter mobilization.

ENVIRONMENT WORKING ACTION GROUP

Over the past two years, the Environment Working Action Group (EWAG) continued to focus on climate action by supporting the creation of the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and lobbying city councils to join the OCPA. When the cities of Buena Park, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, and Irvine confirmed their participation in the OCPA, WAVE wrote letters to their respective city councils to urge them to choose 100% clean, renewable electricity as the default product for all electricity users. Our goal was to convince those cities to aim for not only a clean and secure energy future for Orange County, but also a safer and healthier living environment for their residents. This was a unique and powerful opportunity for the cities to address the ill effects of climate change and of environmental injustice brought on by harmful emissions.

A lot has happened since OCPA was established, and unfortunately, the future of the agency is uncertain. As of this writing, reforms have been underway and more are being discussed. It is our fervent hope that a resolution will be reached soon so as to protect the underlying mission and integrity of the agency.

GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY

We firmly believe that as engaged citizens, it is our fundamental right to hold our leaders accountable and guarantee that our democratic processes are protected. In 2021 and 2022, our main project was the *WAVE Is Watching Newsletter*. It was our hope that the newsletters helped keep our members informed about current, pending and upcoming legislation at the national and local levels. On the national level, we tracked the most pressing bills as they passed through the House and Senate, making note of how our Orange County representatives voted on each bill. On the local level, we kept tabs on what was happening in Sacramento and monitored how our elected officials responded to certain crises in our communities.

The response to the WAVE Is Watching newsletter has been overwhelmingly positive. Our members highly appreciated the fact that they could refer to one piece of email and learn about the key goings-on in our government from the local all the way up to the federal level.



GUN SAFETY

WAVE's **Gun Safety Working Action Group** continues to work towards a better and safer Orange County by supporting efforts to reduce gun violence in Orange County and beyond. We foster relationships with local elected officials, advocate for gun safety legislation, and offer WAVE members opportunities to take actions to support such legislation. We partner and coordinate with local and statewide gun safety organizations to enhance the impact of the movement. We also initiate non-legislative public safety initiatives by working with community leaders such as school leadership and the medical community to reduce gun injury and deaths locally.

2021-22 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

17 gun safety bills tracked and supported during the 2022 California legislative session.

16 out of 17 bills are now **signed** into law.

13 Assembly and Senate committee meetings in which WAVE members called to make public comments in support of gun safety legislation. In many cases, **WAVE** calls outnumbered NRA and CA Rifle & Pistol Association calls.

9 official WAVE letters of support submitted to the California Legislature in support of gun safety bills.

Successfully supported SB 264 (Senator Min) which **banned gun shows at all state fairgrounds, including OC Fairgrounds.**

Successfully supported AB 1057 (Assembly Member Petrie-Norris) which broadened red flag laws to include domestic violence cases.

Successfully supported AB 2061 (Assembly Member Petrie-Norris) which ensured that all gun show vendors be subject to inspection by the CA Department of Justice.

Successfully supported a statewide **bill to allow citizens to sue gun manufacturers.**

Successfully supported bills to ban ghost guns in California.

Successfully supported a **bill requiring school districts to notify parents** about existing CA law on safe storage of firearms and potential felony charges if child injures themselves or others with unsecured firearm.



2022 ENDORSED CANDIDATES

WAVE endorsed 8 Orange County State Senate and Assembly candidates with strong gun safety credentials. **4 out of the 8** were elected to office.

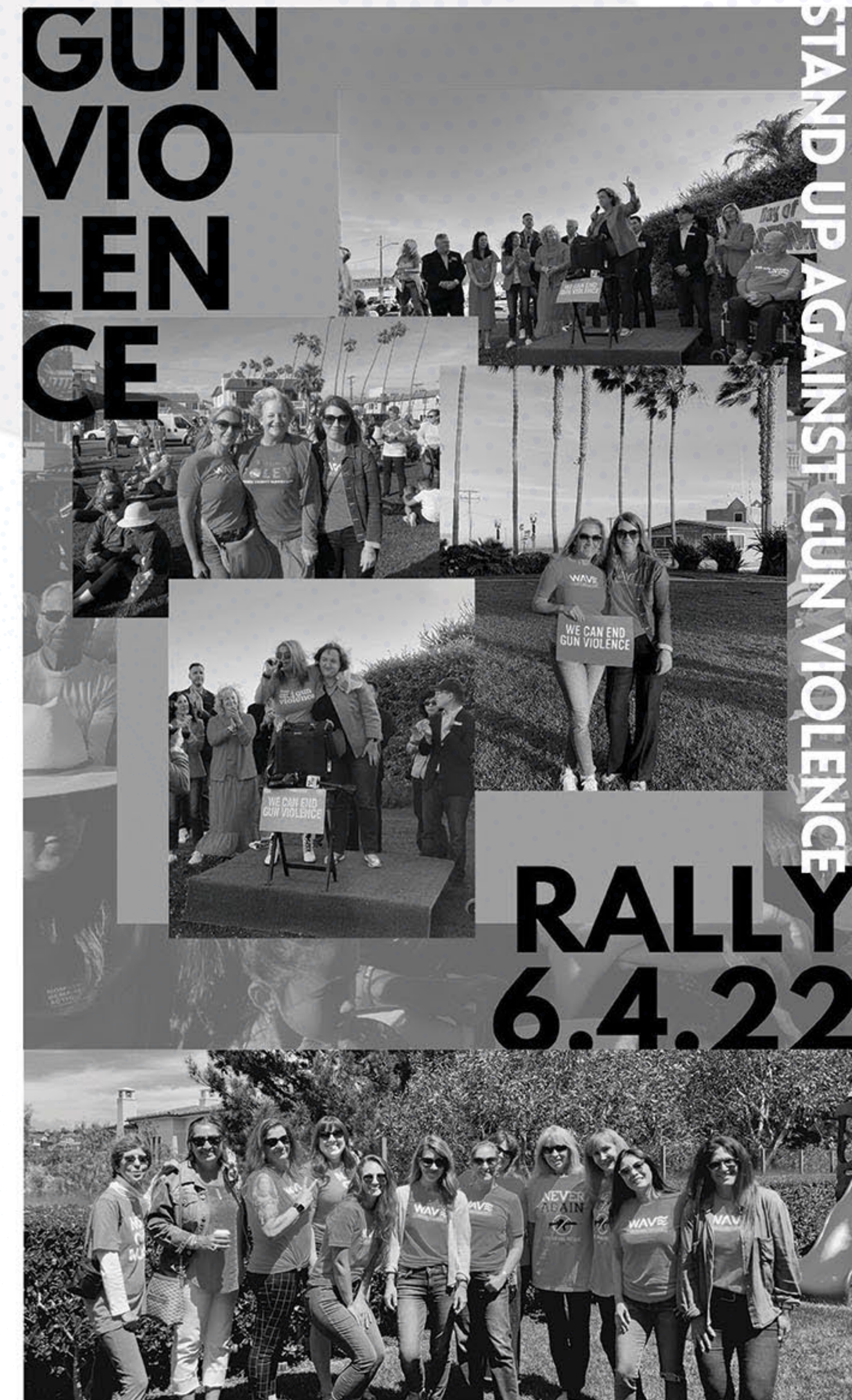
OTHER ACTIONS

WAVE Gun Safety WAG members attended a local city council meeting to **support a gun storage ordinance.**

WAVE was **recognized** by Governor Newsom's Office as an **advocacy partner in gun safety legislation.**

Partnered with the following organizations:

- California Firearms Strategy Group
- Everytown for Gun Safety/Moms Demand Action
- Brady
- Never Again CA
- San Diego for Gun Violence Prevention





MIGRANT RIGHTS

WAVE's Migrant Rights Working Action Group aims to provide relief to underrepresented and underserved immigrant communities. We believe in compassion, fairness, and a willingness to share the American Dream with those looking for a brighter future in our country. We not only educate our members and the community about the issues surrounding immigration and the rights of migrants, but also provide opportunities to advocate for inclusive, non-discriminatory legislation; participate in civic engagement events aimed at Spanish-speaking communities; encourage donations to organizations; and, heed urgent calls to action when our partners raise an issue.

Through our membership in various South County-based collaboratives, we have been able to support the work of partner groups and fill in service and advocacy gaps where needed. We are also grateful that we have been in a position to sponsor and provide other forms of financial support to organizations doing meaningful work in this space, such as CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) and OCJF (Orange County Justice Fund), among others.

Our partnerships in this area have enabled us to expand our network in Orange County, as we have come to learn more about different groups that address the vast intersection of issues that relate to migrant rights, such as housing and healthcare access. Thus, we established a new initiative under WAVE called "Community Partnerships". This has become an umbrella for all of our links to this broad array of partner groups.





VOTER MOBILIZATION

It was a busy year for the Voter Mobilization Team! WAVE launched a 7-part GOTV letter-writing campaign with Field Team 6 and Vote Forward:

1. PHASE ONE - FIELD TEAM 6 VOTER REGISTRATION

November 2021 – February 2022
The team distributed **20,000** postcards with a QR code that took potential voters directly to Mobilizer, a voter registration site. 5,000 postcards went to each of our targeted districts: CA-39, CA-45, CA-48, and CA-49 (redistricting was not finalized yet at this point.)

Multiple postcard writing parities were held by postcard captains and numerous **WAVE** supporters. Team leaders also attended virtual and in-person meetings with other progressive groups to promote the project. We were able to develop valuable relationships with fellow activists through these interactions.

2. VOTE FORWARD - VOTER REGISTRATION

February 2022 – June 2022
The team supported voter registration letter-writing to critical swing states across the nation. WAVE hosted numerous trainings and Zooms to support writers. Total count of Vote Forward - Voter Registration letters was **1,320**.

3. PLACENTA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PLYUSD) BOARD ELECTION

February 2022 – September 2022
WAVE members and associates wrote **1,500** postcards in support of inclusive and diverse student-centered education in Orange County public schools. All postcards written included postage donated by our generous writers.

4. PHASE TWO – FIELD TEAM 6 VOTER MOBILIZATION (GOTV)

June 2022 – October 2022
WAVE purchased five different designs of GOTV postcards from Field Team 6. These designs were selected because they reflected the top five researched critical issues for Orange County: affordable housing, jobs, environment, health care, and science/tech. Postcard Captains met several times to write potential scripts for the writers that coordinated with each postcard. After the SCOTUS decision overturning Roe v. Wade, the healthcare postcard was in huge demand. Alternative scripts were also developed that addressed women's health rights and recent gun violence.

The team then distributed **25,000** GOTV postcards to new districts CA-40, CA-45, CA-47, and CA-49.

5. VOTE FORWARD – GOTV CAMPAIGN

September 2022- October 29, 2022

WAVE actively promoted this new phase of the project in support of our own districts CA-40, CA-45, CA-47, and CA-49. Many local progressive organizations contacted us for support in launching dual postcard/letter-writing campaigns and parties. We also remained a source for training and support to writers. WAVE members and associates wrote **3,779** Vote Forward GOTV letters to local Orange County districts.

6. CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT AITKEN FOR ANAHEIM MAYOR

September 2020 – October 17, 2022

This postcard campaign was not funded by WAVE, but well-supported by WAVE members and associates. The data we had from Field Team 6 included **1,440** Anaheim addresses which we were able to access free of charge.

7. VOTE FORWARD AND FIELD TEAM 6 CAMPAIGN FOR GEORGIA RUNOFF ELECTIONS

December 2022

Even in the middle of the busy holiday season, WAVE wrote **1,000 FT6 postcards** and **4,030 Vote Forward letters** to Georgia in support of re-electing Senator Raphael Warnock.

All in all, our partnership with Field Team 6 and Vote Forward yielded **55,749** pieces of **voter registration** and **GOTV** communication! This includes **47,940 Field Team 6 postcards** (including Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District and Aitken for Mayor postcards) and **7,809 Vote Forward letters**.

It is a testament to the power of WAVE leadership and membership. It has been an incredible journey.



VOTER EDUCATION

Our Voter Mobilization and Community Partnerships leaders worked with local groups to host a Spanish language “Election 101” session. Through small group discussions, they had conversations around what matters to their community and how election outcomes help or hurt those issues. They also talked about how residents who are unable to vote can still have a positive impact on their communities.



FUNDRAISING FOR WAVE ACTION FUND



WAVE held a fundraiser to benefit the WAVE Action Fund on Saturday, May 15, 2021. The program was entitled “Light the Way for Change: Hope Inspiration Action.” The virtual hybrid event was held through admission to the virtual presentation, as well as through hosted screening parties for some sponsors.

The program shone a spotlight on “Bravery” as we tackle the societal issues of divisiveness and extremism. We heard from world-renowned experts who empowered attendees to be catalysts for change in their communities and beyond.

WAVE PRESENTS

LIGHT THE WAY

FOR CHANGE

HOPE INSPIRATION ACTION

MAY 15, 7PM PST

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Join us for a powerful evening as we shine the spotlight on “Bravery” and tackle the difficult issues of violent political extremism and uniting America.

MEET THE EXPERTS



Megan Phelps-Roper
Former Extremist
From Hatred to Hope



Dr. Pete Simi
Chapman University
Violent Extremism
Intervention and Prevention



Dr. Megan Squire
Elon University
Social Media:
Cause and Cure

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Founder, OC Justice Project



MICHAEL SEAN WRIGHT
Founder, Wound Walk



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Three discussions were led by **Megan Phelps-Roper**, activist and author of *Unfollow: A Journey from Hatred to Hope*, **Dr. Pete Simi**, Associate Professor at Chapman University, and **Dr. Megan Squire**, Digital Science Professor at Elon University. Their discussions covered extremism, intervention and prevention, as well as social media as a cause and a cure.

During the program, WAVE also honored “*Guiding Lights*” -four remarkable people who are lighting the way for change in the community through their activism and commitment to social justice. This list included **Annee Delle Donna**, an attorney providing pro bono legal services with UCI Law School students through the Innocence Project; **Mary Anne Foo**, Executive Director of Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA), advocating for access to healthcare and social justice for Asian and Pacific Islanders in Orange County and combating anti-Asian hate crimes; **Arush Mehrotra**, a high school student who founded the OC Justice Project to raise awareness of injustice in the criminal system and immigrant detention; and **Michael Sean Wright**, filmmaker and former EMT who founded Wound Walk OC to help people experiencing homelessness cleanse their wounds and assist them in finding proper healthcare.

Nearly \$50,000 was raised by generous donors to support WAVE Action Fund.

WAVE IN 2023-2024

GOAL 1

Implement our strategic plan to maximize success in the 2024 election cycle. WAVE will fundraise so we can financially support our endorsed candidates; recruit quality candidates to run at all levels of government; and, develop a volunteer engagement plan to maximize opportunities for member involvement in this crucial upcoming election.

GOAL 2

Provide hands-on training for members to advocate for gun safety, migrant rights, the environment, and voter mobilization/civic engagement. We will continue to build our capacity in legislative advocacy, rapid response action, education and training, and strategic partnerships, in order to continue advancing our chosen action areas. We will also place a renewed focus on supporting our longtime partner, Planned Parenthood, in fighting for reproductive rights and freedom.

GOAL 3

Establish a new action area focused on supporting public school education in Orange County. Extremist conservative groups have increasingly targeted public school boards in the past few years, attempting to make them a battleground in a political and culture war. This began a long time ago, not just in 2022. WAVE is committed to protecting public schools to ensure that all students have access to a high quality education. We will partner with existing groups to maximize and amplify our collective impact.

“**WAVE-ENDORSED CANDIDATES BELIEVE DIVERSITY IS A STRENGTH AND WILL GUARD AGAINST THOSE WHO SEEK TO UNDERMINE PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE HALLMARK OF OUR DEMOCRACY.**”

- Diana Lee Carey, Huntington Beach
Unified High School District Trustee

Looking Ahead...

*Develop a strategic plan that will set us up for a stable and solid future as an organization. As WAVE fulfills many needs for many people, we want to be here for the long haul. How we achieve that means that we need to implement measures that ensure three key things: **financial sustainability, longevity, and relevance.** Join us as we carry out our plans for the next year and beyond. **Be a part of our movement. Be a part of the conversation. Be a part of shaping our history.***



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