

Sara Lee

I am a grassroots activist and coalition builder in San Bernardino County. As a lifelong Democrat, I believe in the California Democratic Party platform, including “a publicly-funded single-payer, privately delivered” health care system for all Californians.

For the past two years, I have focused most of my efforts towards Flipping the House. I helped organize the first progressive district-wide coalition in CA-08, bringing together grassroots groups, Dem clubs, labor and out-of-district interested parties. I also acted as the CA-08 volunteer liaison for Code Blue, Swing SoCal Left and Flip the 14 during the 2018 election cycle.

I co-organized with SEIU 2015 many High Desert protests against Rep. Paul Cook's votes and co-organized with the High Desert Resistance the March for Your Lives rally, bringing hundreds of ordinary citizens out to the streets.

I have also been an active volunteer on Katie Hill, Harley Rouda and Katie Porter's congressional campaigns — knocking doors, text and phone banking, organizing postcard campaigns and amplifying direct actions within these districts.

While California has passed some of the most progressive legislation in the country, it is still a place where profound income inequality and lack of affordable housing and healthcare opportunities are increasing. Rural areas are often underrepresented at the state level of the Party. I am hoping to be part of a movement that brings a more effective CDP presence to our region.

I am currently working with other activists to create a network of groups throughout the state assembly and senate districts that could mobilize local constituents to contact their local reps regarding important progressive bills in the state legislature.

An immediate concern of mine has been protecting the Mojave Desert and its ancient aquifers from the Trump administration and the Cadiz water mining project, working closely with environmental groups like NPCA and Sierra Club and with statewide grassroots organizations to mobilize voters and pass legislation protecting our natural environment.

As a board member of the Copper Mountain Mesa Community Center, which offers the north Joshua Tree area USDA food pickups, breakfasts, potlucks, special events and a sliding scale thrift store, I work with others to make sure the doors stay open.

In previous lives, I've been a VFX Producer, school teacher and scientist. I currently reside in Joshua Tree and Los Angeles with my daughter, husband, dog and cat.

I hope you will vote for me so we can protect our shared values and hold our elected officials accountable.