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### **A Statement on the On-Going Vote Count in CA-42**

On Election Day our friends and neighbors in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District have come out in record numbers, especially younger voters and those whose voices have been neglected by the career politician representing us. And for the first time in twelve years, the race was not called on election night because it was just too close. By Wednesday morning, much less than half the votes had been counted, and our incumbent's lead was slim. Based on our internal ballot tracking, we expect it to remain close, and for the uncounted votes to favor us.

We are incredibly proud of our district, which has stood up and demanded to be recognized in all its present diversity and to be a part of our democratic process. A broad coalition of younger, progressive, and independent voters have joined us and embraced the campaign's central economic message – that we deserve good jobs with high pay, affordable housing and health care, lower taxes, and support for small businesses instead of the giant corporations that back our out-of-touch incumbent.

Most of the remaining completed ballots are vote-by-mail returns, and these have historically been good for Democrats. These could be ours by up to a two-to-one margin. But it is far more important to have an accurate total than to rush it, and we urge patience as we let the Registrar of Voters do its job. There are accusations of voter fraud cropping up across the country, and we hope you will join us in supporting our democratic institutions and their professionalism.

Regardless of the outcome, Liam and the whole team are grateful to have been part of a people's movement that exists to benefit every one of us in CD 42. For too long our politicians have taken us for granted, robbed us and served special interests, and that is changing, one race at a time. There is real enthusiasm for populist-progressive policies in this area, as our friends and family come to understand that investing in the American people is how we built the middle class.

This is just the beginning for us! A broad and diverse coalition of young and old, progressive and independent, liberal and conservative voters have embraced our

message of renewal, and yearn for a return of the American Dream. Our campaign has focussed on policy matters, not personal attacks, and it will stay that way. Liam believes in leading with integrity and perfect honesty, and he will continue to engage with voters to discuss how we can bridge differences and make life better for everyone here in the Inland Empire.

It has been a privilege to run in California, a state that places a premium on voting rights and empowerment. We are incredibly proud of Californians for returning the franchise to ex-convicts, and are optimistic that we can continue to revitalize our democracy from the grass-roots on up. We graciously thank all our volunteers and supporters for embodying our message of democracy, inclusivity, and equality, and for all their tireless efforts to get us to where we are. Change is coming, and we are proud to stand beside you and fight for it.

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### **About Liam O'Mara for Congress**

A history Ph.D. with a working-class origin, Liam is the first in his family with a college degree, and entered education because he wants to make a difference in the world. Before going to college at age 30, he worked in IT, as a frycook, and as a truck driver and longshoreman. A historian of culture and ideas, he teaches Middle East and European history at Chapman University and CSU Dominguez Hills.

For more information about Liam, see his Web site, <https://www.liamomara.org/>, and his social media on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram.

Liam has been endorsed by the California Democratic Party, the California Young Democrats, Humanity Forward, Blue America, the California Progressive Alliance, the California Teachers Association, the California Faculty Association – CSUDH, the National Organization for Women, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, International Longshore and Warehouse Union – SCDC, Progressive Democrats of America, Indivisible, People for the American Way, Dolores Huerta, Ted Lieu, Mark Takano, Brad Sherman, Sabrina Cervantes, Andrew Yang, Marianne Williamson, Temecula Valley Democrats, Democrats of Southwest Riverside County, Democrats of Corona-Norco, and many others.