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Group 1

Goal Area: Electoral

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Group 1 Roster <i>please add your info here!</i>		
Name	Email	Are you interested in getting involved in achieving this goal?
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Discussion questions/note-taking:

- Does IEB need a new team to achieve these goals? (The goal *might* be pursued by a current team, but we'll most likely need a new team.)
 - What would be a good name for that team?
 - Getting Dem's elected in Districts that matter (House / Senate) not just in CA
- What should this team DO to move us closer to achieving our goals?
 - Outreach?
 - Canvassing
 - Fundraise for local groups in Central Valley
 - Putting energy into state officials to weigh in on CA House races
 - Focus on message - what should we be saying
- What is needed to set this team up for success? (Funds, other material resources, training, team skills, working in coalition with other groups, etc.)

Goals from Headline Exercise:

General Work to Flip the House in 2024

- Boosted by IEB activism, East Bay 2024 primary election turnout exceeds 2022 general election

- IEB joined massive statewide CA coalition to flip more Central Valley House districts blue.
- IEB Key in Support Flipping CA House Seats

Direct Voter Contact

- IEB will text and call voters in purple states to help regain the house.

Youth Vote

- IEB Energizes Gen Z to Power Youth Vote

Fundraising

- IEB generates fundraising support for progressives across the country,

Messaging

- IEB helped convince working class voters of all races to move to support Dems in making reality an inclusive economy, medicare for all and a rapid move towards non-carbon power sources.

Group 2

Goal Area: Democracy

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Group 2 Roster <i>please add your info here!</i>		
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Ion		
Ted	ted@tedlandau.com	Y
Laurene		
Linda		
David		

Discussion questions/note-taking:

- Does IEB need a new team to achieve these goals? (The goal *might* be pursued by a current team, but we'll most likely need a new team.)
 - What would be a good name for that team?

There's an existing team in the Democracy Reform WG

- What should this team DO to move us closer to achieving our goals? (Strategies, tactics, activities)
- What is needed to set this team up for success? (Funds, other material resources, training, team skills, working in coalition with other groups, etc.)

Goals from Headline Exercise:

Big/Dark Money

- IEB partnering with California Clean Money Action Fund successfully passes comprehensive political disclosure measures.
- IEB helped pass a constitutional amendment to overturn citizens united.
- IEB helped elect a CA Senator who is going to introduce the We The People Amendment

Accountability for Insurrectionists

- IEB sent 1,000 letters to US DOJ to move forward with prosecutions of Donald Trump
- IEB activists convince Rep. Lee to formally move to expel congresspeople who supported the Jan. 6 2021 attempt to overturn the election+1
- IEB activist and others shame federal DoJ into prosecuting Trump and top insurrectionists

Freedom to Vote

- Creative group of activists from the Bay Area works with Congressional leaders to pass the Freedom to Vote Act in 2023
- IEB helped navigate Congress to enact voting protection legislation.
- IEB helped people learn the importance of local (city and county) races to a functioning democracy.

Big, Structural Democracy Reform

- East Bay activists involved in overhaul of California state constitution to implement parliamentary system, proportional representation, and policy reform
- IEB helps to pass legislation requiring open source voting software, with auditable paper ballots.

NOTES

Democracy Forum Meeting

February 5, 2023

David Pingitore – Note Taker

- The discussion on the topic began with questions on how IEB can address the issue of maintaining and defending democracy nationwide. Two methods to reach that goal that were discussed were:
 - 1. The efficacy of letter writing; one example offered was letter writing to the Department of Justice (DOJ) on pressuring the DOJ to prosecute the Jan 6 conspirators. One member commented that letter writing actions may impact the political strategy of the White House and maintain a focus on Congress on the January 6 events; and
 - 2. How can IEB collaborate or “tie in” as one member said with Indivisible National. No specific decisions were made on those methods.
- The group continued the discussion on “goals “ by posing the question of how to “increase grassroots” participation in IEB and the “democracy focus” in particular.
 - No agreement was reached on how to achieve that goal.
- One example offered by a member that could serve as a focus was continued advocacy for passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Another possible goal was continue to “messaging” the demand that the “insurrectionists” – in and out of Congress – be held

accountable for their actions". We did not discuss how "accountability" is defined or what organizing efforts would be needed to put group resources into archiving that goal.

- Most participants agreed with the comment from one member that the group should limit the actions items due to the complexity of actual work both on the legislative arena and in the community.

Group 3

Goal Area: Climate

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Nancy L		

Discussion questions/note-taking:

- Does IEB need a new team to achieve these goals? (The goal *might* be pursued by a current team, but we'll most likely need a new team.)
 - What would be a good name for that team?
 - IEB Climate Team!
- What should this team DO to move us closer to achieving our goals? (Strategies, tactics, activities)
 - Work in coalition
 - 350.org
 - Third Act, Stop The Money Pipeline working on moving money from climate chaos banks. Have members sign their pledge and move their money.
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 - Build more green energy sources
 - Advocate for regulatory and permitting reforms - streamlined processes for building green energy infrastructure
 - Develop a federal (and possibly state) campaign for a new law
 - Pass more funding, beyond what's in IRA
 - During budget negotiations, not cut funding

- Might be possible to get bipartisan support for training (e.g. for electricians - they need new skills for green jobs)
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- What is needed to set this team up for success? (Funds, other material resources, training, team skills, working in coalition with other groups, etc.)

Goals from Headline Exercise:

Focus on climate change

- Activists fuel further efforts on climate change nationwide
- IEB Demands Make Climate Change Top 2025 Priority

Solar Energy

- IEB helped to enact new legislation designed to promote the adoption of solar panels.

Weaning off Fossil Fuels

- East SF Bay Area congresspeople lead legislation to end fossil fuel mining and keep it in the ground
- IEB and coalition passes legislation to prevent expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure.
- IEB partners with 350.org and other climate organizations to pass “no new gas connections” law. +1
- ***Local Focus:*** Under pressure from coalition of local activists, Richmond Chevron refinery shuts down, to be replaced by environmental remediation operations

Green New Deal

- IEB garners attention by calling for bold climate change initiatives in meetings with Members of Congress, leading to passing of the Green New Deal

Group 4

Goal Area: Housing

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Goals from Headline Exercise:

Homelessness

- IEB facilitated Dems finding innovative solutions to homelessness. Solutions that show they can govern.
- IEB worked in coalition with other groups to help pass laws addressing homelessness (housing insecurity).
- IEB facilitated Dems in removing impediments to getting housing and streamlining production of modest income housing. Thus showing they can govern.
- IEB worked in coalition with other groups to help pass laws addressing homelessness (housing insecurity)