

Special Elections – help flip seats now!

We are all working to build towards a blue wave election in November. But did you know that there are opportunities to pick up in special elections before then?

WHY GET INVOLVED IN SPECIAL ELECTIONS?

- 1) Turnout is usually very low, so even a little effort can have a big impact.
- 2) Each win builds momentum (think Alabama).
- 3) Each win now is one less fight in November.
- 4) The Koch brothers and the RNC are pouring huge amounts of money into these races, so if we don't help these candidates could be swamped with outside money.

This page will keep an up to date list of a small number of special elections that [SisterDistrict](#), [Flippable](#) and [Swing Left](#) have picked out as potentially flippable (or important holds).

WHAT CAN WE DO FROM MARYLAND?

- 1) Donate. Even \$5 adds up, especially if you forward the information to your networks
- 2) Postcards
- 3) Phone banking
- 4) Canvassing (if the race isn't too far away or if you want a vacation).

RACES THAT NEED YOUR HELP

February 13 Margaret Good (Florida 72) WE WON!!!!!!!!!!!!

March 13, PA-18 Conor Lamb.

Pennsylvania's [18th Congressional district](#) is up for grabs, thanks to the ethics-challenged incumbent Tim Murphy, who was forced to resign when his mistress revealed that he had asked her to have an abortion while championing anti-choice legislation! Conor Lamb is a Marine, a former prosecutor and Democratic nominee whose priorities are fighting the heroin crisis, affordable healthcare, protecting Medicare and Social Security, and unions. For more about Conor Lamb go to: www.conorlamb.com

PA Together has asked IndivisibleHoCoMD to help flip this seat. Here's how you can help:

- 1) Donate – Conor Lamb has refused corporate PAC donations. If we want to get big money out of politics, we need to demonstrate it is possible to win without big money donors.
- 2) Send postcards to voters in PA-18 through [Postcards to Voters](#) (<https://postcardstovoters.org/2018/01/21/lamb/>). You can visit their website or send an email to Join@TonyTheDemocrat.org or text JOIN to 484-275-2229.
- 3) Knock on doors (if you have time and don't mind the drive). SisterDistrict and Swing Left are organizing canvassing trips to this district for the four weekends leading up to the election:

February 17-18

February 24-25

March 3-4

March 10-11

The district is in western Pennsylvania (the Pittsburgh suburbs), about a four hour drive from central Maryland. Because of the length of the trip, carpools will leave on Saturday mornings and return on Sunday evenings. They plan to provide housing and will finalize the details when they know how many people will be joining our group each weekend.

If you're interested, please contact Betsy Krieger (betsykrieger@gmail.com) for more information.

- 4) Call voters to let them know about the election and encourage them to get out and vote for Conor Lamb.

How to call voters in the 18th:

1. Read read the Conor Lamb phone bank instructions. These can be used as a handout if you are phonebanking with a group.
2. Click on link: https://www.openvpb.com/vpb_bycode/FD7542G-935965
3. Register for for an ActionID account (if you haven't previously).
4. A screen will appear with voter's name and phone number. Call the phone number and read the script provided.
5. If you get a voicemail, please mark "I couldn't reach (voter)" so we can try to reach them in person later.
6. If you are concerned about using your phone number or would like to choose a local area code (724), you could use the Google Voice app (but this is NOT a requirement). Here's how:
[how to use google voice on your iphone or android smartphone](#)

May 15, PA House District 178 Helen Tai

The daughter of immigrants, Helen is passionate about making our country fairer. Pennsylvania's gerrymandering has given the GOP 3+ unearned seats in Congress—but Helen is out to change that. Check out her website at <https://www.helentai.com/>