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Democratic Candidate Joanna Weiss (CA-47 – Open) Polling Shows She Can Beat Republican Scott Baugh

Orange County, CA - May 5, 2023 - Today, Democratic candidate Joanna Weiss announced the results of a poll showing her in a strong position to beat likely Republican candidate Scott Baugh in the November 2024 Orange County congressional race. The poll was conducted by respected national polling firm FM3 Research, and shows Weiss, the founder of Women for American Values and Ethics, with a 46%-45% lead over her over likely Republican opponent, OC GOP-endorsed candidate Scott Baugh in the general election.

This news comes as a major boost to Weiss' campaign, as she seeks to secure a spot in the General Election in a competitive primary in Orange County to succeed Rep. Katie Porter, who is running for U.S. Senate. The polling shows that Weiss has what it takes to win this important race and hold the seat for Democrats in Congress in one of the year's most closely watched races.

"I am thrilled to see these poll results," said Joanna Weiss. "The results of this poll confirm what we already know, Orange County voters want a champion focused on delivering for them. While Scott Baugh sides with corporate special interests, I have a proven record of standing up for women, children, and families. I am the best candidate to beat Scott Baugh, and I am ready to take on this challenge."

Weiss has been a lifelong advocate for the causes that district voters care about, including protecting the right to a safe and legal abortion, protecting Medicare and Social Security, combating climate change, and ensuring our economy works for everyone. As an attorney, Adjunct Professor at Chapman University School of Law, and founder of a women-led political action committee that has helped turn Orange County from red to blue, Weiss has the experience and leadership skills necessary to represent the people of Orange County in Congress and bring about meaningful change.

Weiss has emerged as a top contender in the open CA-47 race, raising \$420,000 in only seven weeks, with the most <u>cash-on-hand of any Democrat in the race</u>. Prominent prognosticator Dave Wasserman of Cook Political Report notes there is "..<u>.still time for Democrats to coalesce around Weiss and put up a strong fight to keep the seat"</u>.

"I am running for Congress because our community deserves better," said Weiss. "We need a representative who will bring the highest standard of accountability and leadership to the families of CA-47, and work tirelessly to improve the lives of everyone in our district. I am that candidate, and I am ready to lead."

For more information, visit: www.JoannaWeissforCongress.com.



About Joanna Weiss: Joanna is a former litigator and Adjunct Professor at Chapman University School of Law where she taught courses on Pre-Trial Civil Procedure and Public Interest Lawyering.

She served on the Board of Directors of the Public Law Center for over a decade, winning multiple awards for her legal and community leadership.

As founder of Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE), Joanna has activated over 2,300 activists to donate over 50,000 volunteer hours, register over 10,000 students, and raise millions to support candidates and causes in Orange County, CA.

Born and raised in Orange County, Joanna attended Capistrano Valley High School and Saddleback College, graduated from UCLA, and received her JD from USC School of Law. Joanna and her husband Jason love to surf, hike, and volunteer with their children Leah, Will, and Audrey.