MAX STEINER FOR CONGRESS, 2022

Max has always been the guy who sees a problem and solves it himself without waiting for someone else to do the hard work.

As a freshman in college, he was dismayed at how poorly the Iraq War was going, but he decided the best way to do something about it was to sign up and do his part. He joined the Army as an infantryman in 2005 and served two years in Iraq.

Stationed in Sadr City, Max went on daily raids and patrols "outside the wire," navigating an IED-heavy zone. He earned his Combat Infantry Badge in a small-arms engagement attempting to rescue a journalist from captivity.

His time in Iraq left him with mixed emotions—proud of his country and its attempt to spread democratic values abroad, but saddened at the lack of planning and follow through that would have been needed to set up a functioning democracy.

After his deployments, Max went back to college at UC Berkeley. Graduating magna cum laude in 2011, Max rejoined the Reserves and has served ever since. Max is now a Sergeant First Class, the lead NCO of a Civil Affairs Team.

Max joined the Foreign Service in 2012 as an economic Foreign Service Officer, and has served tours in Honduras, Mexico, Egypt, and Washington, DC. His last overseas tour was in the Sinai Peninsula as an observer enforcing the 1982 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Max is currently on leave from the Foreign Service to pursue a PhD in Policy Analysis at RAND.

Max is running for Congress today for the same reason he first signed up to serve his country in 2005—he sees a problem and he's not going to wait around for someone else to solve it.

While serving in Iraq, Max saw firsthand how fragile democracy is and how malicious actors can corrupt it from within. After witnessing Congressman Doug LaMalfa endorse Donald Trump's unfounded claims of election fraud and encourage a violent riot on our nation's Capitol, Max couldn't sit back. Doug LaMalfa has attacked the core of our democracy: that those defeated at the ballot box accept the results of free and fair elections. LaMalfa chose Trump over democracy: he is unfit to serve the people of California's 1st District. With the stakes for our democracy so high, Max is stepping up to serve again.

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5 REASONS MAX STEINER CAN FLIP CA-1

Lower GOP turnout

We expect both a lower GOP turnout and an easier environment for attracting No Party Preference and moderate GOP voters to a centrist Democratic candidate in 2022.

Doug LaMalfa is a terrible fundraiser.

Doug LaMalfa only raised $1.5 million in 2020 and nearly spent down to zero. His lack of political infrastructure and presence in the district will make it difficult for him to raise the resources he needs heading into 2022.

The Veteran vs. The Politician

Max Steiner is a young combat veteran that has dedicated his life to service. Doug LaMalfa is an absentee Congressman who has only served his own interests. From his service as a combat veteran in Iraq to his work in the foreign service and as a current member of the Army reserves, Max's service to his country makes him a unique fit for this moderate leaning district.

Democrats must go on the offense.

We should field strong candidates in every district — especially against Republicans like Doug LaMalfa who voted to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Doug LaMalfa betrayed our democracy and those that he is supposed to serve by supporting seditionists on January 6th. He's culpable for the events that transpired that day, and Democratic supporters across the country are motivated to keep him accountable.

Redistricting will likely make District One more competitive.

California is losing a seat, and District 1 has a smaller population than its neighbors, Districts 2 (the coast – from Oregon to Sonoma), 3 (the central valley, anchored on Davis/Woodland), and 4 (from the eastern suburbs of Sacramento to Truckee/Tahoe). District 1 will likely be more friendly to Democratic candidates in 2022 than it was in 2020.

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