



## 2024 Election Results

*Building resilience and continuing to support survivors during uncertain times*

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Sacramento, CA: Today, ValorUS® (VALOR) acknowledges the 2024 election results across the nation and in California.

As a California-based, national anti-violence organization and California's sexual assault coalition, with the goal of preventing sexual violence by advancing equity, VALOR's priority is and always will be supporting survivors of sexual violence and working towards eradicating it from our communities. We respect the decision of the American voters while we also recognize that, at this moment, survivors and those who support them are facing an uncertain future.

This movement is not mistaken that uncertain futures occur more often than not. This past year, survivors and advocates across the country have rallied for their states and local legislatures to provide stop-gap funding as a result of federal cuts to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which provides essential, life-saving care for survivors of sexual assault and gender-based violence, among so many other survivors of crime. While some states were successful, there were many that received only one-time funding or none at all.

What we do know is that a questionable future and societal instability create a culture of fear and disproportionately impact immigrant and undocumented communities, transgender people, Black, brown, and Indigenous communities, women, and LGBTQIA+ folks. It also results in higher rates of turnover at rape crisis centers, leading to further lack of support for survivors. Without supportive services to turn to after experiencing trauma, including safe housing, mental health services, and reproductive care, there will be an increased number of lives lost due to gender-based violence.

As this heavy reality moves forward, protecting and sustaining ourselves and the movement while continuing to provide services to survivors is our priority. We hold these uncertainties with heavy hearts and we urge everyone to take a moment to feel what our minds and bodies require. We also urge survivors and advocates to protect ourselves, each other, and the movement at large by pushing for sustainable solutions to keep essential services open and running.

Uncertainties are not promised to be negative, and working together to welcome the next era of activism that supports survivors, increases prevention education, and welcomes transformative visions will bring us further together.