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**Helena Pasquarella, candidate for the 24th District, to curate photo exhibit
“Portraits of Peace” at her Meet & Greet the Candidate gathering in Ojai**

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Helena Pasquarella, candidate for Congress, will host a Meet and Greet the Candidate at Greater Goods, 145 W El Roblar Drive in Meiners Oaks, Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 1 - 4 pm. The multimedia event will include her photos from the past four and half months of her campaign journey, attending various marches and vigils in support of the Palestinians in Gaza. In addition, she will present a 30-minute slideshow of her 1988 Watson Fellowship experience that took her to Salvadoran, Guatemalan, and Mozambican refugee camps around the world, laying the foundation for her lifelong activism and fight for social justice. After her year-long project, Pasquarella returned home to the San Fernando Valley to enroll in Pierce Junior College’s 2-year photo journalism program, where she created a photo exhibit and published stories about the refugee project in the college’s weekly newspaper.

“I am running for Congress to cut the Pentagon’s yearly budget of \$886 billion and remove the Military Industrial Complex’s hold over our government. We must stop the greed and fear that dominate our existence here in the U.S. and all over the world,” she said. Pasquarella hopes that her voice can be a call for change in politics as usual. “We need to get the American people involved in the political process, with 30% of eligible voters on the sidelines, it’s no wonder that the corporate elites continue to run the country. But people need to have an actual choice when voting. No more voting for the lesser of two evils. Pasquarella for Peace,” she added.

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