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Past democratic attempts to force votes on impeachment proceedings have failed miserably continued from page 1

impeachment a "divisive activity" that needs to be approached with bipartisanship. "If the case is there, then that should be self-evident to Democrats and Republicans," she said.

Those pressing for impeachment acknowledge they don't expect action on Day One of the new majority, but they do want to see Democrats start laying the groundwork for proceedings.

"We're for impeachment. We're not for get-sworn-in-on-Jan.-1-and-start-takingvotes," said Kevin Mack, the lead strategist for billionaire Tom Stever's Need to Impeach campaign. "Our argument is the Constitution outlines a process to remove a lawless president."

In a new ad, Steyer says Democrats "just need the will" to act. He says he's calling on Americans to join the 6 million who have already signed on to his group to "give Congress the courage to act."

"The American people are tired of being told to wait," Mack said. "Our argument to Congress is you are a coequal branch of government. It's time to do what is morally correct."

Twice over the past two years since Trump was elected, Democrats



Nancy Pelosi shaking hands with president Donald Trump | Getty Images

have tried to force votes on impeachment proceedings, winning a highwater mark of more than the 218 needed.

Republicans are counting on, and possibly even hoping for, impeachment fervor to overtake Democrats, leading them astray from campaign promises or deal-making with Trump.

"We know the Democrats have a plan: They want to disrupt, they want to try to impeach," said Republi-Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California after winning the GOP's internal election to serve as minority leader in the new Con-

Pelosi has made it want Mueller's findings

clear the new majority will not engage in what calls "scattershot" approach 60 supporters, far from to investigating the administration.

> Instead, the incoming Democratic leaders of House committees will conduct oversight of the president's business and White House dealings. Democrats are also trying to ensure special counsel Robert Mueller completes his investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. They may try to add legislation to protect that probe to the must-pass spending bill in December to help fund the government. They

made public.

"You have to be very reluctant to do an impeachment," Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., the incoming chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said recently on ABC. Nadler, who served on the committee during President Bill Clinton's impeachment, cited "the trauma of an impeachment process."

Democratic leaders also know that moving quickly on impeachment would not sit well with their newly elected members, who helped the party win a House majority in the recent midterms. Many come from swing districts where impeachment could prove unpopular.

"I didn't work 18 months listening to people in my district to get involved in a political back and forth for the next 18 months," said Rep.-elect Elissa Slotkin of Michigan. "People want to talk about health care. It's not a coincidence that most of us who won in tough districts, we won because we talked about issues, not because we talked about internal Washington stuff."

For now, outside liberal groups are largely standing by Pelosi's approach, putting their emphasis on pushing Democrats to chart a bold agenda on the domestic pocketbook concerns that won over vot-

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work to do," she said,

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Pelosi has some experience with impeachment, serving as a newer lawmaker when Republicans led impeachment proceedings against Clinton. When she became House speaker in 2007, she resisted pressure from her liberal flank to launch impeachproceedings against President George W. Bush over the Iraq War.

Pelosi believes that if Democrats had tried to impeach Bush when she was speaker, voters may never have elected Barack Obama as president in 2008.

Politically, Democrats may be right. In 1974, Americans only came to agree that President Richard Nixon should be removed from office on the eve of his resignation, according to Pew research. Voters responded to Clinton's impeachment by electing more Democrats to the House.

"If we had gone down that path, I doubt we would have won the White House," she said. "People have to see we're working there for them."

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Love says Washington politicians' angst of minorities is "transactional"; Not personal

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to implement sinservice policy."

Love then turned her attention to the larger problem Republicans in Washington have with minority vot-

"This election experience and these comments shines a spotlight on the problems Washington politicians have with minorities and black Americans — it's transactional, it's not personal," she said.

She added, "You see, we feel like politicians claim they know what's best for us from a safe distance, yet they're never willing to take us home. Because Republicans never take minority communities into their home and citizens into their homes and into their hearts, they stay with

Democrats and bureaucrats in Washington because they do take them home — or at least make them feel like they have a home."

She started her speech acknowledging that she "reached out to Ben over the weekend and congratulated him for winning the election and I wish him

But Love also criticized McAdams, whom

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she said was responsible for running a harmful campaign, calling him a "wolf in sheep's clothing."

"Sadly, their character assassination tactics have so stained our state, that now citizens should expect that this is how elections will be won," she said. "Victory is theirs. I believe that we've elected a wolf in sheep's clothing. But the question remains: at what cost to the people of Utah? There is a cost, and we will pay it."

Love said that now that she is no longer in Congress, her supporters should expect to see

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