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# GENERAL ELECTION PREVIEW



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## BACKGROUND

The General Election will take place on November 5, 2024. California voters will choose representatives for all of California's seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, one U.S. Senate seat, all seats in the California Assembly, and 20 California State Senate Seats. Californians will also participate in the national 2024 presidential election, and they will determine the outcome of 10 ballot measures, which include 2 bond issues and 3 constitutional amendments.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR:

On July 21, 2024, President Joe Biden withdrew from his re-election bid and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to succeed him. Vice President Harris accepted the Democratic presidential nomination on August 22nd and will go up against former President Donald Trump. In Congress, California is a crucial battleground this election with 6 swing districts that are vital in determining which party will control the U.S. House of Representatives next year.

## LEGISLATIVE RACES:

This memorandum outlines the candidates running in open seats in the California State Assembly and Senate in the November election. There are 36 legislators this year who are either termed out of office, running for different offices, or are leaving the California Legislature entirely. There are 24 legislators leaving the Assembly and 12 leaving the Senate. Next year's legislative freshman class will represent 1/4th of the California Legislature.

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## OPEN SEAT STATE ASSEMBLY RACES

### AD 01

(OPEN, R- MEGAN DAHLE)

Voter Registration Percentages

COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP



AD 01 consists of the Counties of Alpine, Siskiyou, Sierra, Shasta, Plumas, Lassen, Nevada, Modoc, Placer, Amador, and El Dorado and the Cities of Nevada City, Grass Valley, Mount Shasta, Redding, Fort Jones, Loyalton, Colfax, Tulelake, Portola, Shasta Lake, Montague, Etna, Plymouth, Amador City, Dorris, Dunsmuir, Yreka, Alturas, Susanville, Anderson, Sutter Creek, Weed, South Lake Tahoe, Jackson, and Truckee.

**HEATHER  
HADWICK (R)**



**TENESSA  
AUDETTE (R)**

- She serves as a safety and communications specialist for the Modoc County Office of Education.
- Previously served as deputy director of the Office of Emergency Services in the Modoc County Sheriff's Office.
- She is the co-owner of the Hadwick Family Pumpkin Patch.
- Teaches a public safety class at Modoc High School.
- She earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from CSU-Chico and a master's in business management at Western Governors University.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Brian Dahle, Assemblymember Megan Dahle
- CALFIRE Local 288, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, California YIMBY

- She is currently the Mayor of the City of Redding.
- Small business owner.
- Works as the first district's representative for the California State Senate.
- She previously served as data chair on the Shasta County Republican Central Committee and a delegate for the CAGOP.
- Holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Sonoma State University.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Shannon Grove, Assemblymember Marie Waldron
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC, Laborers' International Union of North America

**Notes:** Mid-year finance reports showed Hadwick raising \$99,605 for the period and ending with \$82,004 on hand. Trailing Hadwick, Audette raised \$33,983 for the period and ended with \$28,541 on hand.

## AD 02 (OPEN, D-WOOD)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 02 consists of the Counties of Trinity, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma and the Cities of Sebastopol, Crescent City, Ukiah, Blue Lake, Fortuna, Eureka, Cloverdale, Fort Bragg, Ferndale, Arcata, Trinidad, Willits, Rio Dell, Point Arena, Healdsburg, Windsor, and Santa Rosa.

**MICHAEL  
GREER (R)**



**CHRIS  
ROGERS (D)**

- He is a special education teacher and member of the Del Norte USD School Board.
- Previously served on the Paradise USD School Board.
- A member of the Del Norte County Republican Party Central Committee.

### Key Endorsements:

- Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher, Assemblymember Megan Dahle, Senator Brian Dahle

- Currently serves as a Santa Rosa City Councilmember.
- After graduating college, he worked as a congressional staffer in then-Representative Lynn Woolsey's district office.
- Previously served as political director for former Assemblymember Mike Allen's 2012 campaign.
- He served as campaign manager for current Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire's 2014 State Senate campaign, then worked as a senior representative and legislative aide in McGuire's Senate office for 2 years.
- Formerly worked in policy and legislative affairs for Ygrene Energy Fund.
- Earned a bachelor's degree in political science from UC-Santa Barbara and completed a master's in public administration from Sonoma State University.

### Key Endorsements:

- Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas
- California Democratic Party, SEIU California, California Professional Firefighters

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Rogers with a comfortable fundraising lead. Rogers outraised Greer \$246,494 to \$3,650 for the period and began July with a \$188,995 to \$1,443 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 06 (OPEN, D-MCCARTY)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 06 consists of the County of Sacramento and the City of Sacramento.

**MAGGY  
KRELL (D)**



**NIKKI  
ELLIS (R)**

- She is currently a special advisor to the Attorney General at the California Department of Justice. Also, previously served as a Deputy Attorney General.
- Previously served as chief legal counsel for Planned Parenthood of California.
- She earned her bachelor's degree from UC-San Diego and her JD from UC-Davis.

### Key Endorsements:

- Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper, Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho
- California Correctional Peace Officers Association, California Democratic Party, Peace Officers Research Association of California, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte

- International affairs and media relations specialist for the California Chamber of Commerce.
- Previously served as an administrative assistant to the VP of international affairs and as senior administrative assistant to the president & CEO for the California Chamber of Commerce.
- Holds a bachelor's degree in Latin American studies from UCLA.

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Krell as the top fundraiser, raising \$404,400 for the period and entering July with \$226,265 on hand. Ellis did not report any fundraising activity.

## AD 08 (OPEN, R-JIM PATTERSON)

COMPETITIVE RACE - TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 08 consists of the Counties of Inyo, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, Fresno, Madera, and Calaveras and the Cities of Sonora, Angels, Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, Clovis, and Fresno.

**GEORGE  
RADANOVICH (R)**



**DAVID J.  
TANGIPA (R)**

- Elected to Congress in 1994 and served as president of the Republican freshman class and won re-election until he decided to not run again in 2010.
- Prior to his election to Congress, he served on the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors.
- After leaving Congress, he served as president of the California Fresh Fruit Association.
- He earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture business management at California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo.

### Key Endorsements:

- Congressmember Tom McClintock, Congressmember John Duarte, Ted Gaines Member of the California State Board of Equalization
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers' Association PAC

- Currently working in real estate for Modern Broker Inc.
- Serves as a Field Representative for Fresno County Supervisor Nathan Magsig.
- Earned his bachelor's degree in political science and completed an MBA at Fresno State University.

### Key Endorsements:

- Assemblymember Jim Patterson, Assemblymember Devon Mathis, Senator Shannon Grove
- California Correctional Peace Officers Association, California Professional Firefighters, Personal Insurance Federation of California, California Medical Association

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Tangipa leading Radanovich in the fundraising field. Tangipa outraised Radanovich \$247,304 to \$160,831 for the period and entered July with a \$140,436 to \$114,288 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 13 (OPEN, D-VILLAPUDUA)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 13 consists of the County of San Joaquin and the Cities of Stockton and Tracy.

**RHODESIA  
RANSOM (D)**



**DENISE  
AGUILAR MENDEZ (R)**



- District director for Congressman Josh Harder.
- Co-founder and executive director of Sow A Seed Community Foundation.
- Served on the Planning Commission for the City of Tracy for 7 years.
- Served a single term on the Tracy City Council.
- She is a founding board member of the Tracy Police Activities League and the Tracy Community Homelessness Task Force.
- She earned her bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University and her master's in public administration from Golden Gate University.

### Key Endorsements:

- Attorney General Rob Bonta, Assembly Speaker Rober Rivas, Senator Susan Eggman
- California Labor Federation, California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, California Legislative Black Caucus, SEIU California

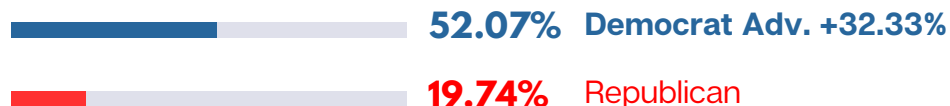
- Founder of Freedom Angels.

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Ransom raising \$309,713 for the period and ending with \$103,740 on hand. Aguilar Mendez raised \$20,070 and ended with \$15,586 on hand.

# AD 15 (OPEN, D-GRAYSON)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 15 consists of the County of Contra Costa, and the Cities of Concord, Brentwood, Clayton, Martinez, Antioch, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek.

**SONIA  
LEDO (R)**

**ANAMARIE  
AVILA FARIAS (D)**

- Licensed Realtor.
- Resides in Concord.

#### Key Endorsements:

- California Republican Party, Contra Costa County Deputy District Attorneys Association

- She is the operations director at Juvenile Hall Auxiliary of Contra Costa County.
- Elected to the Contra Costa County Office of Education Board in 2020.
- Served one term on the Martinez City Council.
- Prior to her election to City Council, she served on the city's planning commission for 8 years and had also served on the Parks & Recreation and the Marina commissions for 5 years.
- Governor Jerry Brown appointed her to the California Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors in 2015. She was re-appointed in 2021 by Governor Gavin Newsom.
- She earned a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's in information systems management from University of San Francisco.

#### Key Endorsements:

- California Latino Legislative Caucus, California Teachers Association, California Professional Firefighters, Peace Officers Research Association of California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Avila Farias outreasing Ledo \$253,956 to \$50,722 for the period. Avila Farias started July with a \$184,111 to \$50,836 cash on hand advantage.

# AD 19 (OPEN, D-TING)

OPEN SAFE DEM SEAT

## Voter Registration Percentages



AD 19 consists of the Counties of San Francisco and San Mateo, and the Cities of Daly City, Colma, San Francisco, South San Francisco, and San Bruno.

**CATHERINE  
STEFANI (D)**



**DAVID E.  
LEE (D)**

- An advocate for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, she is the co-founder of the group's San Francisco chapter.
- Elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 2018 and re-elected in 2022.
- Previously served as a deputy DA in the Contra Costa County DA's office and was a policy analyst for San Jose Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez.
- Served as a senior aide to San Francisco County Supervisors Mark Farrell and Michela Alioto-Pier.
- Earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College and a JD from University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. She also earned an LLM in government and public policy from McGeorge.

### Key Endorsements:

- House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Governor Gavin Newsom, Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Matt Haney
- California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, Peace Officers Research Association of California, SEIU California

- Director of the Asian Pacific American Student Success Program at Laney College.
- For 3 decades he has served as executive director of the Chinese American Voters Education Committee.
- Part-time political science lecturer at San Francisco State University.
- He previously served on San Francisco's recreation and parks commission.
- He earned his bachelor's in history from Hamilton College and a master's in political science and an Ed. D in educational leadership from San Francisco State University.

### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Dave Min, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon
- California AAPI Legislative Caucus, California Faculty Association

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Stefani as the top fundraiser, outraising Lee \$342,190 to \$31,714 for the period and ending with a \$218,629 to \$33,030 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 26 (OPEN, D-LOW)

### COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

#### Voter Registration Percentages



AD 26 consists of the County of Santa Clara, and the Cities of Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, and San Jose.

**PATRICK  
AHRENS (D)**



**TARA  
SREEKRISHNAN (D)**

- Currently serves as Assemblymember Evan Low's district director.
- He was elected to an at-large position on the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees in 2018 and re-elected in 2022.
- Previously he served on the board of directors of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation.
- Former legislative staffer for Congressmember Janice Han.
- Completed a bachelor's in political science from UCLA and a master's in public administration from San Jose State University.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Congressmember Anna Eshoo, Assemblymember Evan Low
- California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, California YIMBY, Peace Officers Research Association of California

- Legislative staffer – serves as Senator Dave Cortese's legislative director and deputy chief of staff.
- Serves on the Santa Clara County Board of Education.
- Previously worked as a legislative aide for Berkeley City Councilmember Kate Harrison.
- Co-founder of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action.
- Graduated from Mills College at Northeastern University.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Dave Cortese
- California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, California Labor Federation, California Faculty Association, SEIU California, AFSCME California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Sreekrishnan outraising Ahrens \$389,877 to \$304,324 for the period and entering July with a \$201,153 to \$171,097 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 32 (OPEN, R-VINCE FONG)

OPEN SAFE REP SEAT

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 32 consists of the Counties of Kern and Tulare and the Cities of Exeter, Ridgecrest, Tehachapi, Maricopa, Taft, Bakersfield, and Visalia.

**VINCE  
FONG (R)**



**KEN  
WEIR (R):**

- Vince Fong resigned from his Assembly seat after winning the May 21st Special Election to replace former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy in California's 20th Congressional District. Fong is running for re-election for the 2025-2026 term in Congress.

- Founder of Weir and Associates Accountancy Corporation.
- Chair of the Kern County Republican Party Committee.
- Member of the Bakersfield City Council for the past 18 years.
- Previously served as a trustee for the Bakersfield City School District Board.

#### **Key Endorsements:**

- Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, Congressman Vince Fong, Senator Shannon Grove, Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher

**Notes:** Although he is running for re-election in Congress, Vince Fong will appear on the General Election ballot as a candidate in both CD 20 and AD 32. California Secretary of State Shirley Weber unsuccessfully attempted to keep Fong off the ballot as a candidate in CD 20, but a California appeals court ruled that Fong can remain on the Congressional ballot while also running for the Assembly.

Republican Bakersfield City Councilmember Ken Weir took second place in the Primary Election with a write-in campaign and will appear on the November ballot. Vince Fong echoed to his supporters that he is not running for re-election to his Assembly seat and endorsed Weir to succeed him.

## AD 33 (OPEN, R-MATHIS)

OPEN SAFE REP SEAT

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 33 consists of the Counties of Kings, Tulare, and Fresno and the Cities of Farmersville, Kingsburg, Lemoore, Tulare, Woodlake, Avenal, Porterville, Corcoran, Lindsay, Dinuba, Hanford, Visalia, and Reedley.

**ALEXANDRA  
MACEDO (R)**



**XAVIER  
AVILA (R)**



- President of Macedo Environmental Consulting.
- Previously partnered with her mother, Tina, in Macedo Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
- She is the fourth generation to be a part of her family's livestock market, Tulare Sales Yard.
- Obtained her B.S. in Business Law at Cal State University Northridge and earned her JD at San Joaquin College of Law.

### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Shannon Grove, Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher, Assemblymember Devon Mathis
- California Correctional Peace Officers Association, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California Professional Firefighters

- Currently serves on the Tulare Hospital Board and Adventist Central Valley Network.
- Dairy farmer.
- Previously served on the Land O'Lakes Corporate Board for nearly a decade.

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Macedo in a commanding fundraising lead. Macedo outraised Avila \$320,834 to \$20,300 for the period and started July with a \$222,731 to \$573 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 36 (OPEN, D-GARCIA)

**COMPETITIVE RACE –  
LEANS DEMOCRATIC**

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 36 consists of the Counties of Imperial, San Bernardino, and Riverside and the Cities of Indio, Calexico, Brawley, Calipatria, Holtville, Imperial, Blythe, El Centro, Coachella, Needles, Westmorland, and Hemet.

**JEFF  
GONZALEZ (R)**



**JOSE “JOEY”  
ACUÑA JR. (D)**

- Marine veteran, former pastor, and small business owner.
- Served in the United States Marine Corps for 21 years.
- He served as chair of the Marine Corps Counterintelligence Association.
- He formerly was a pastor at Southwest Church in Indian Wells and Orange County-based Saddleback Church.
- He earned his bachelor's in domestic security management from National University and a master's in theology from Gateway University.

### **Key Endorsements:**

- Congressman Ken Calvert, Senator Scott Wilk, Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher

- Currently serving his fifth term on the Coachella Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees.
- Professionally, he works as the Development Manager for local health clinics and a grant writer for tribes.
- He previously worked for Assembly Speaker Herb J. Wesson Jr.'s Office of Member Services in Coachella.

### **Key Endorsements:**

- Attorney General Rob Bonta, Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia
- California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, California Latino Legislative Caucus, California Correctional Peace Officers Association, SEIU California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Gonzalez outraising Acuña \$523,685 to \$221,360 for the period. However, Acuña began July with a \$144,167 to \$112,268 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 41 (OPEN, D-HOLDEN)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 41 consists of the Counties of San Bernardino and Los Angeles and the Cities of La Verne, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, La Cañada Flintridge, Bradbury, Claremont, San Dimas, Hesperia, Monrovia, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and Duarte.

**MICHELLE DEL ROSARIO  
MARTINEZ (R)**



**JOHN  
HARABEDIAN (D)**

- Founder and principal consultant at M<sup>3</sup> Solutions.
- Previously served as field director for Eric Early's 2020 Congressional campaign.
- Served for two years on the Altadena Town Council.
- Previously served as chair of the Pasadena chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, on the executive board of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, and as board of directors treasurer of the Pasadena Republican Club.

### Key Endorsements:

- California Republican Party

- He currently serves as a Regional Vice Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, as President of the California Department of Consumer Affairs Acupuncture Board, and as a board member of the Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley.
- Professionally, he has worked as a prosecutor at the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, and as an attorney at Latham & Watkins, Stanford's Immigrants' Rights Clinic, and the Equality Pro Bono Project.
- Former Sierra Madre City Councilmember.
- He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Yale, a master's in comparative social policy from University of Oxford, and a JD from Stanford.

### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Mike Fong, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur
- AFSCME California People, California Professional Firefighters, California Teachers Association, Consumer Attorneys of California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Harabedian raising \$333,956 for the period and entering July with \$150,542 on hand. Michelle Del Rosario Martinez did not report any fundraising activity.

## AD 43 (OPEN, D-LUZ RIVAS)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 43 consists of the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of San Fernando and Los Angeles.

**CELESTE  
RODRIGUEZ (D)**



**VICTORIA  
GARCIA (R)**

- Elected to the San Fernando City Council in 2020 and currently serves as Mayor.
- She works for the City of Los Angeles as the associate director in the Community Services Department.
- She previously worked in Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's office, serving as a veteran's affairs fellow, homelessness policy coordinator, and deputy director of community development strategies.
- Earned her bachelor's degree in economics from San Diego State University and a master's in social work from USC.

### Key Endorsements:

- U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, Congressman Tony Cárdenas, Senator Caroline Menjivar, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Luz Rivas, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass
- AFSCME CA, SEIU CA, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, California Latino Legislative Caucus, California Legislative Women's Caucus

- Elected to the San Fernando City Council in a 2024 special election.
- Construction attorney.
- Prior to her election to the City Council, she served on the San Fernando transportation and public safety commission.
- She earned her bachelor's in anthropology from UCLA and completed a master's of public policy at Harvard's Kennedy School and a JD from Stanford Law School.

### Key Endorsements:

- Peace Officers Research Association of California, San Fernando Police Officers Association

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Rodriguez as the top fundraiser. Rodriguez raised \$261,418 for the period and began July with \$197,876 on hand. Garcia pulled in \$4,020 and began July with \$2,433 on hand.

## AD 44 (OPEN, D-FRIEDMAN)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 44 consists of the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, Los Angeles, and La Crescenta-Montrose.

**NICK  
SCHULTZ (D)**



**TONY  
RODRIGUEZ (R)**

- Currently serves as a Deputy Attorney General with the Special Prosecutions Section of the Attorney General's Office with the California Department of Justice.
- Elected to the Burbank City Council in 2020 and is currently serving as Mayor.
- Earned his JD at the University of Oregon School of Law.

### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Adam Schiff, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Laura Friedman
- California Labor Federation, California Legislative Progressive Caucus, California Environmental Voters, AFSCME California, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, (AFL-CIO)

- Twenty-five-year US Army veteran, government affairs consultant, and staffing coordinator.
- He is a recruiter and project coordinator for Lead Staffing.
- Served in United States Army as a radio mechanic and recruiter.
- After his military service, he worked as a branch manager for Labor Ready.

### Key Endorsements:

- California Republican Party, Republican Party Los Angeles County

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Schultz as the top fundraiser. Schultz raised \$349,435 for the period and entered July with \$230,084 on hand. Rodriguez pulled in \$6,858 for the period and entered July with \$205 on hand.

## AD 50 (OPEN, D-REYES)

### COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 50 consists of the County of San Bernardino and the Cities of Loma Linda, Colton, San Bernardino, Redlands, Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, and Ontario.

**ROBERT  
GARCIA (D)**



**ADAM  
PEREZ (D)**

- Twenty-year career as an educator - teaching math, science, and serving as an elementary school assistant principal.
- Elected to the Etiwanda School District Governing Board in 2016 and re-elected in 2020.
- He earned his bachelor's in biology from UCLA and his master's in public policy from USC.

#### **Key Endorsements:**

- Congressmember Pete Aguilar, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes
- AFSCME CA People, California Democratic Party, California Latino Legislative Caucus, SEIU CA

- United States Army Veteran.
- Currently serves as a detective with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department.
- Fontana USD School Board Member.
- Holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

#### **Key Endorsements:**

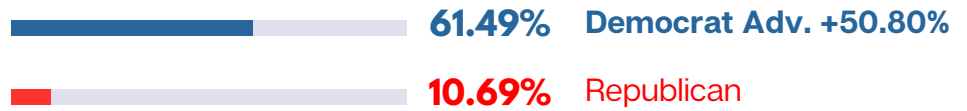
- Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, Assemblymember James Ramos
- California Professional Firefighters, Peace Officers Research Association of California, Personal Insurance Federation of California

**Notes:** Mid-year finance reports showed Perez outreasing Garcia \$179,099 to \$168,537 for the period and ending with a \$159,844 to \$139,763 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 52 (OPEN, D-WENDY CARRILLO)

COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 52 consists of the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Glendale and Los Angeles.

**JESSICA  
CALOZA (D)**



**FRANKY  
CARRILLO (D)**

- She works for the California Department of Justice as a deputy chief of staff in Attorney General Rob Bonta's office.
- She previously worked for the City of Los Angeles, serving in Mayor Eric Garcetti's office as an immigrant affairs policy analyst, as a deputy director and director of scheduling, and as an appointed commissioner of the Board of Public Works.
- Served in the Obama administration in the U.S. Department of Education.
- Former campaign aide to several members of Congress.
- She earned bachelor's degrees in political science and ethnic studies from UC-San Diego.

### Key Endorsements:

- Attorney General Rob Bonta, Controller Malia Cohen, Treasurer Fiona Ma, Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, Assemblymember Mike Fong, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur
- California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, SEIU California State Council

- Served 20 years in prison after being falsely convicted of murder in a 1991 shooting.
- He is the Chief Policy Advisor for the Los Angeles Innocence Project at Cal State University Los Angeles.
- Justice reform advocate.
- Earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola Marymount University.

### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon.
- The California Latino Legislative Caucus, AFSCME 3299

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Caloza as the top fundraiser. Caloza outraised Carrillo \$486,737 to \$55,390 for the period and started July with a \$398,365 to \$49,597 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 53 (OPEN, D-RODRIGUEZ)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 53 consists of the Counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino and the Cities of Montclair, Pomona, Ontario, Chino, and Upland.

**NICK  
WILSON (R)**



**MICHELLE  
RODRIGUEZ (D)**



- Serves as CEO of NJW Resilient Consulting, a public safety training company catering to the law enforcement community.
- Previously served as a police officer and detective in Orange County.
- He holds a bachelor's in criminal justice administration from the University of Phoenix and a master's in public administration from National University.

### Key Endorsements:

- Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher, Assemblymember Diane Dixon, Assemblymember Tri Ta
- California Republican Party, San Bernardino Police Officers Association

- She is a member of the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training.
- The wife of outgoing AD 53 incumbent Democrat Freddie Rodriguez.
- She began her career working in local public schools and health care.
- She graduated from Northwest College with a medical assistant certification, and then worked for Inter Valley Health Plan and ProMed Healthcare Administrators.
- She earned a certificate as a campus security officer from Pomona Unified School District and worked as a security professional for Chaffey Unified School District and Bonita Unified School District.

### Key Endorsements:

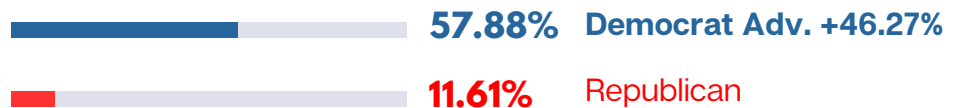
- Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, State Board of Equalization Chair Antonio Vazquez, Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair Rick Chavez Zbur, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez
- AFSCME California People, California Labor Federation, California Correctional Peace Officers Association, California Latino Legislative Caucus, California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Rodriguez pulling in \$245,814 for the period and ending with \$191,129 on hand. Trailing Rodriguez, Wilson raised \$4,070 for the period and ended with \$11,399 on hand.

## AD 54 (OPEN, D-SANTIAGO)

OPEN SAFE DEM SEAT

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 54 consists of the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Commerce, Montebello, Vernon, and Los Angeles.

**MARK  
GONZALEZ (D)**



**JOHN K.  
YI (D)**

- Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party.
- Currently works as Assemblymember Miguel Santiago's district director.
- He served as field representative for former Assembly Speaker John Perez and for then-Assemblymember Anthony Portantino.
- He earned his bachelor's degree from CSU-Northridge.

### **Key Endorsements:**

- Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
- California Labor Federation, California Teachers Association, California Democratic Party, California Latino Legislative Caucus, California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, California Legislative Progressive Caucus, SEIU California State Council

- Serves as executive director of Los Angeles Walk, a walk advocacy nonprofit.
- Former legislative associate for the Tourette Syndrome Association in Washington, DC.
- Previously was a Nuclear Scholars Initiative scholar for the Center for Strategic and International Studies.
- Served as interim national director for Parent Revolution.
- Earned his bachelor's in political science from University of Michigan then completed a master's in Eurasia, Russia, and Eastern European Studies from Georgetown.

### **Key Endorsements:**

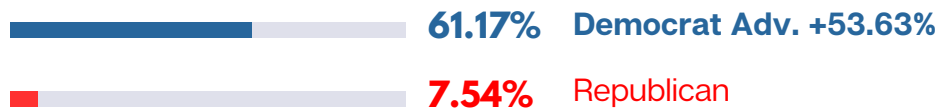
- Senator Dave Min, Feel The Bern Democratic Club, Korean American Democratic Committee

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Gonzalez gaining a comfortable fundraising lead, outraising Yi \$430,210 to \$45,899 for the period and entering July with a \$497,625 to \$40,465 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 57 (OPEN, D-JONES-SAWYER)

Voter Registration Percentages

COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP



AD 57 consists of the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles. This district encompasses Downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row.

**EFREN  
MARTINEZ (D)**



**SADE  
ELHAWARY (D)**

- Small business owner, his company provides transportation services to South LA's most vulnerable community seniors and individuals with challenges/disabilities.
- Served for 10 years in the United States Marine Corps.
- Martinez served 9 years as the Executive Director of the Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce.
- Previously has served as Chair for Economic Development Committees for the Second Supervisorial District.
- Previously served on Boards of several local organizations: Los Angeles City Committees, Los Angeles Unified School District Review Committees, American Cancer Association, Salvation Army, YMCA, Kiwanis Club, and The Florence-Firestone Community Leaders.

### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Adam Schiff, Congressman Robert Garcia, Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco
- Peace Officer Research Association, South Central Los Angeles Democratic Party Club, Association of California School Administrators

- She most recently served as youth engagement manager for the Karen Bass for Los Angeles Mayor campaign.
- Previously served as lead organizer for Community Coalition and project director for Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools.
- Lived in New York for 3 years and was a social justice educator at the Nelson Mandela School for Social Justice in Brooklyn.
- She earned her bachelor's in Afro-American studies from UCLA and completed a master's in education at Harvard University.

### Key Endorsements:

- U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, Congressman Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Senator Steve Bradford, Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer
- AFSCME California People, California Labor Federation, CA Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, California Legislative Black Caucus, California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, California Legislative Progressive Caucus, SEIU California

**Notes:** Mid-year finance reports showed Elhawary as the top fundraiser. Elhawary outraised Martinez \$392,121 to \$209,467 for the period and ended with a \$243,322 to \$131,643 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 58 (OPEN, D-CERVANTES)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 58 consists of the Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside and the Cities of Jurupa Valley, Grand Terrace, Corona, Eastvale, and Riverside.

**LETICIA  
CASTILLO (R)**



**CLARISSA  
CERVANTES (D)**

- Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist for the County of Riverside Department of Mental Health.
- She ran for State Assembly in 2022 and was endorsed by the CA GOP but placed third in the Primary Election.

### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Ken Calvert, Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher, Riverside County District Attorney Michael A. Hestrin
- California Republican Party, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

- She currently serves on the Riverside City Council.
- She is the daughter of former Coachella Mayor Greg Cervantes and the sister of Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes.
- She previously served as a legislative field representative to former Riverside City Councilmember Andy Melendrez.
- Former organizer for SEIU 121 RN.
- She earned her bachelor's in political science from CSU-Northridge and a master's in urban planning from California State Polytechnic University-Pomona.

### Key Endorsements:

- Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes
- California Federation of Labor, California Legislative Democratic Women's Caucus, California LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus, SEIU California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Cervantes leading the fundraising field. Cervantes outraised Castillo \$247,600 to \$20,598 for the period and started July with a \$197,973 to \$14,535 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 62 (OPEN, D-RENDON)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

### Voter Registration Percentages



AD 62 consists of the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Bellflower, Lynwood, Lakewood, South Gate, Paramount, Huntington Park, and Maywood.

**JOSE LUIS  
SOLACHE (D)**



**PAUL  
JONES (R)**

- Lynwood City Councilmember, currently serving as Mayor.
- Serves as president and CEO of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.
- He previously served on the Lynwood Board of Education, first winning election in 2003 as the youngest Latino to serve on the board. He was re-elected in 2007 and 2011, serving as vice president during his third term.
- He formerly chaired the California State Student Association.
- He earned his bachelor's in liberal studies from CSU-Dominguez Hills, where he served two terms as student body president.

#### Key Endorsements:

- California Attorney General Rob Bonta, Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon
- California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, California Latino Legislative Caucus, California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, SEIU California

- He is a minister and retired US Marine Corps veteran.
- He previously ran unsuccessfully for CD 44 in 2022.

#### Key Endorsements:

- California Republican Party

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Solache raising \$179,479 for the period and ending with \$154,570 on hand. Jones did not report any fundraising activity.

## AD 75 (OPEN, R-WALDRON)

COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 75 consists of the County of San Diego, and the Cities of Santee, Poway, and San Diego.

**CARL  
DEMAIO (R)**



**ANDREW  
HAYES (R)**

- Currently serves as principal at Policy and Strategy Consulting and as a radio host for iHeartMedia.
- From 2004 to present, DeMaio has served as Chairman of Reform California.
- Founder of the American Strategic Management Institute, which he sold in 2007.
- Former member of the San Diego City Council, serving a single term.
- He completed his bachelor's in international business and politics at Georgetown University.

### **Key Endorsements:**

- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

- Currently serves as District Director for Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones.
- Previously served as a legislative staffer for then State Senator Joel Anderson.
- Elected to the Lakeside Union School District board in 2018 and re-elected in 2022.
- Graduated from the University of San Diego with dual bachelor's degrees in business administration and political science.

### **Key Endorsements:**

- Congressman Darrell Issa, Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones, Assemblymember Marie Waldron
- California Republican Party, California Correctional Peace Officers Association, California Professional Firefighters, Peace Officers Research Association of California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed DeMaio in the fundraising lead, outraising Hayes \$879,839 to \$332,686 for the period and ending with a \$809,379 to \$251,554 cash on hand advantage.

## AD 76 (OPEN, D-MAIENSCHIEIN)

### COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 76 consists of the County of San Diego and the Cities of San Marcos, Escondido, and San Diego.

**KRISTIE  
BRUCE-LANE (R)**



**DARSHANA  
PATEL (D)**

- She is the Founder and President of The Thumbprint Project Foundation.
- She also serves on the Salvation Army Metropolitan Board and the Impact Committee.
- Previously represented District 4 of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District.
- Previously worked in the pharmaceutical industry as a sales representative for Takeda Pharmaceuticals, as a sales consultant for Novartis, and as an executive representative for Merck.
- She earned dual bachelor's degrees in nutritional science and crop science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones, Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher
- California Republican Party, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC, California Correctional Peace Officers Association

- Member of the Poway Unified School Board.
- Serves on the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs, as President of the San Diego County School Boards Association, as a member of the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee, as a CADEM Delegate, and as a member of the SDPD Northeastern Division Captain's Advisory Board.
- Previously worked at Genentech as a postdoctoral scientist and project manager.
- She formerly held executive positions on the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board, Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council, Park Village Elementary School PTA, and Education Foundation Board.
- Earned her bachelor's degree in biochemistry at Occidental College and a Ph. D in biochemistry and biophysics from UC-Irvine.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Attorney General Rob Bonta, Senator Catherine Blakespear, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria
- California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, California Medical Association CALPAC, California Police Chiefs Association, SEIU California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed that Patel outraised Bruce-Lane \$462,487 to \$187,507 for the period. However, Bruce-Lane entered July with a \$432,761 to \$316,069 cash on hand advantage.

# AD 79

## (OPEN, D-WEBER)

COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



AD 79 consists of the County of San Diego and the Cities of Lemon Grove, La Mesa, San Diego and El Cajon.

**COLIN  
PARENT (D)**



**LASHAE  
SHARP- COLLINS (D)**

- Vice Mayor of the City of La Mesa.
- He joined housing advocacy organization Circulate San Diego in 2014, serving first as policy counsel and then as executive director and general counsel until 2023, when he assumed the role of CEO.
- Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, where he served as director for external affairs.
- Former policy director for the San Diego Housing Commission.
- Earned his bachelor's degree in political science from UC-San Diego and completed his JD at New York University School of Law.

### Key Endorsements:

- Senator Steve Padilla, Senator Catherine Blakespear, Assemblymember David Alvarez, Assemblymember Chris Ward, Assemblymember Tasha Boerner
- California Professional Firefighters, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association, Peace Officers Research Association of California

- She is currently the San Diego County Office of Education's Community Engagement Specialist.
- She is an adjunct professor at San Diego State University in the Department of Africana studies.
- Previously served as district director for then Assemblymember Shirley Weber.
- She has served on the boards of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, the San Diego NAACP, the San Diego Urban League, the Educational Enrichment System, and the Association of African American Educators, and is a founding member of the Black Women Institute for Leadership Development and a former member of the San Diego BAPAC.
- She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education and an Ed. D in Education Leadership from San Diego State University.

### Key Endorsements:

- Secretary of State Shirley Weber, Assemblymember Akilah Weber, State Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Toni Atkins.
- California Labor Federation, California Democratic Party, California Legislative Black Caucus, California Legislative Women's Caucus, California Medical Association

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Parent as the top fundraiser, outraising Sharp-Collins \$277,631 to \$119,050 for the period and ending with a \$176,310 to \$94,260 cash on hand advantage.

## OPEN SEAT STATE SENATE RACES

### SD 01 (OPEN, R- BRIAN DAHLE)

Voter Registration Percentages

OPEN SAFE REP SEAT



SD 01 consists of the Counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, Nevada, and Placer and the Cities of Alturas, Anderson, Biggs, Chico, Colfax, Colusa, Corning, Dorris, Dunsmuir, Etna, Fort Jones, Grass Valley, Gridley, Live Oak, Loyalton, Marysville, Montague, Mount Shasta, Nevada City, Orland, Oroville, Portola, Red Bluff, Redding, Shasta Lake, Susanville, Tehama, Tulelake, Weed, Wheatland, Williams, Willows, Yreka, Yuba City, Auburn, and the town of Paradise.

\* Megan Dahle is running in an open seat vacated by Brian Dahle, but she is not new to the California Legislature as she currently represents the 1st Assembly District.

**MEGAN  
DAHLE (R)**



**DAVID  
FENNELL (R)**

- She was elected to the Assembly in a 2019 special election that was held after her husband, Brian, was elected to the State Senate. She has been in the Assembly ever since. Senator Brian Dahle is termed out of the Senate this year and Megan is seeking to replace him.
- She and her husband Brian farm dry wheat, which is processed for seed and sold to local farmers and wholesalers.
- She previously served on the Big Valley Joint Unified School District board.
- She studied at Shasta College.

- He began his career in Silicon Valley working for an aerospace defense contractor.
- Founder of several technology companies.
- He holds a bachelor's in marketing from Santa Clara University and a master's in Asian studies from University of San Francisco's Center for the Pacific Rim.

**Notes:** Mid-year finance reports showed Dahle raising \$86,385 for the period and ending with \$234,970 on hand. Fennell did not report any fundraising activity.

## SD 03 (OPEN, D-DODD)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

### Voter Registration Percentages



SD 03 consists of the Counties of Napa, Solano, Yolo, Contra Costa, Sacramento, and Sonoma and the Cities of American Canyon, Benicia, Brentwood, Calistoga, Cotati, Davis, Dixon, Fairfield, Isleton, Napa, Oakley, Rio Vista, Rohnert Park, St. Helena, Sonoma, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, and Yountville.

**THOM  
BOGUE (R)**



**CHRISTOPHER  
CABALDON (D)**

- Elected to his second term on the Dixon City Council in 2022. He was previously elected Mayor of Dixon in 2016 but lost his 2020 re-election bid.
- Small business owner.

#### Key Endorsements:

- California Republican Party, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

- He is a partner at Capitol Impact and serves as Mayor in Residence for the Palo Alto-based Institute for the Future.
- Served as Mayor of West Sacramento for 22 years (he was elected to the West Sacramento City Council in 1996, and after winning re-election in 1998, was elected by the City Council to four single-year terms as Mayor).
- He began his career working as chief consultant and staff director for the Assembly's Higher Education Committee.
- Governor Gray Davis appointed him as Vice Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.
- Governor Jerry Brown appointed him as California's interstate higher education commissioner. Governor Gavin Newsom reappointed him to a fourth term.
- He earned a bachelor's in environmental economics from UC-Berkeley and a master's in public policy from CSU-Sacramento.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Mike Thompson, Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Senator Bill Dodd
- California Democratic Party, California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Cabaldon raising \$223,804 for the period and starting July with \$115,070 on hand. Bogue did not report any fundraising activity.

## SD 05 (OPEN, D-EGGMAN)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



SD 05 consists of the Counties of San Joaquin and Alameda and the Cities of Dublin, Escalon, Lathrop, Livermore, Lodi, Manteca, Pleasanton, Ripon, Stockton, and Tracy.

**JIM  
SHOEMAKER (R)**



**JERRY  
MCNERNEY (D)**

- Businessperson who owns Delta Pool Service.
- He serves as president of the San Joaquin County Republican Assembly.

### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Kevin Kiley, Ted Gaines, California State Board of Equalization, Senator Shannon Grove
- California Republican Party, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

- Elected to Congress in 2006 and served until his retirement in 2023.
- He currently works as a Fellow at Stanford University's Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence and a Senior Policy Advisor at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.
- Prior to his election to Congress, he served as CEO of HAWT Power, a start-up manufacturing wind turbine.
- He served several years at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico as a national security contractor.
- He previously worked as an energy consultant for PG&E.
- Attended the University of New Mexico, where he went on to earn a bachelor's and master's degree, finishing with a Ph. D in mathematics.

### Key Endorsements:

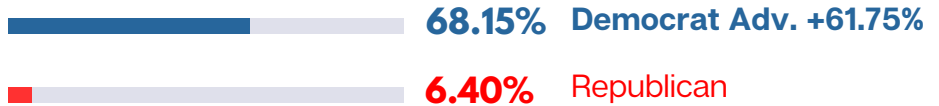
- Congressman Josh Harder, Congressman Adam Schiff, Senator Susan Eggman
- California Labor Federation, California Faculty Association, California Environmental Voters, SEIU California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed McNerney as the top fundraiser, outraising Shoemaker \$337,568 to \$20,335 for the period and ending with a \$80,906 to \$11,553 cash on hand advantage.

## SD 07 (OPEN, D-SKINNER)

### COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



SD 07 consists of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco and the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Hercules, Oakland, Piedmont, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo.

**JESSE  
ARREGUIN (D)**



**JOVANKA  
BECKLES (D)**

- Currently serving as Mayor of the City of Berkeley. He was first elected Mayor in 2016 and re-elected in 2020.
- Prior to being elected Mayor, he served on the Berkeley City Council, first winning election in 2008, and winning re-election in 2010 and 2014.
- Previously he served on the Berkeley Rent Control Board, winning election while he was an undergraduate student.
- Former member of the Associated Students of the University of California's city affairs lobby and housing commission.
- Graduated from UC-Berkeley, earning his bachelor's in political science.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Senator Nancy Skinner
- California Democratic Party, California Latino Legislative Caucus, Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte, California Federation of Labor Unions, AFL-CIO, SEIU California

- Elected to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit Board of Directors in 2020.
- She previously served two terms on Richmond's City Council.
- Mental health specialist for Contra Costa County for the last 23 years.
- She attended Florida A&M University on a full basketball scholarship, earning a bachelor's in psychology. She earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

#### Key Endorsements:

- U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders
- AFSCME Council 57, California Federation of Labor Unions, AFL-CIO, California Teachers Association, SEIU California, LGBTQ+ Victory Fund

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Arreguin increasing his fundraising lead. Arreguin outraised Beckles \$557,172 to \$85,250 for the period and started July with a \$324,317 to \$21,602 cash on hand advantage.

## SD 09 (OPEN, D-GLAZER)

OPEN SAFE DEM SEAT

Voter Registration Percentages



SD 09 consists of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa and the Cities of Antioch, Clayton, Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Orinda, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, San Leandro, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, and the towns of Danville and Moraga.

\*Tim Grayson is running in an open seat vacated by Steve Glazer, but he is not new to the California Legislature as he currently represents the 15th Assembly District.

**TIM  
GRAYSON (D)**



**MARISOL  
RUBIO (D)**

- Has served in the State Assembly from 2016-2024.
- At the time of his election to the Assembly, he had served on the Concord City Council since 2010.
- He previously was a critical response chaplain with the Concord Police Department and owned and operated Grayson Construction.
- He earned his bachelor's from Christian Life College in Stockton.

### Key Endorsements:

- Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
- Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, California Labor Federation, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

- San Ramon City Councilmember.
- SEIU 2015 Contra Costa County Labor Council Delegate.
- Founding Advisory Board Member for FemTruth Youth - a nonprofit based in Danville that advocates for women's reproductive health and education - and The Natalie Project - an advocacy fund to protect individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- She previously served as Director and Vice President of the Dublin San Ramon Services District.
- She earned a bachelor's in molecular and cell biology from UC-Berkeley.

### Key Endorsements:

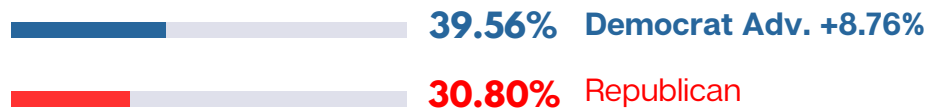
- Congressmember Ro Khanna, Board of Equalization Member Antonio Vazquez
- AFSCME Council 57, California Faculty Association, California Environmental Voters, SEIU California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Grayson as the top fundraiser. Grayson raised \$363,026 and Rubio pulled in \$33,554 for the period. Grayson began July with a \$435,405 to \$24,377 cash on hand advantage.

## SD 23 (OPEN, R-WILK)

### COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



SD 23 consists of the Counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino, and the Cities of Adelanto, Hesperia, Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita, and Victorville.

### SUZETTE MARTINEZ VALLADARES (R)



### KIPP MUELLER (D)

- CEO and executive director at Little Steps of Faith.
- She was elected to the State Assembly in 2020 and ran unsuccessfully for re-election in 2022.
- Previously she served as a district director for former Congressman Buck McKeon and as the Republican National Committee's California Director of Hispanic Initiatives.
- Former executive director for Autism Speaks.
- Completed her bachelor's in political science at CSU-Northridge.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Jay Obernolte, Assembly Minority Leader James Gallagher, Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones, Senator Scott Wilk, Assemblymember Tom Lackey
- California Charter Schools Association, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Peace Officers Research Association of California, CalFire Local 2881

- Mueller is an attorney at Brent & Fiol, LLP.
- Active member of the California Employment Lawyers Association and Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.
- He is also an adjunct Professor for the Ventura Colleges of Law.
- He served in President Obama's Department of Justice in the Consumer Protection Branch, and the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office.
- He received his bachelor's in rhetoric and German from UC-Berkeley and earned his JD from Columbia School of Law.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Controller Malia Cohen, Treasurer Fiona Ma, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez, Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo
- AFSCME CA People, California Nurses Assn, Consumer Attorneys of CA, SEIU CA, California Legislative Jewish Caucus, California Democratic Party, California Teachers Association

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Mueller as the top fundraiser. Mueller pulled in \$830,959, while Valladares raised \$535,136 for the period. However, Valladares entered July with a \$452,669 to \$439,073 cash on hand advantage.

# SD 25 (OPEN, D-PORTANTINO)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

Voter Registration Percentages



SD 25 consists of the Counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino and the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Claremont, Glendale, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Temple City, Rancho Cucamonga and Upland.

**ELIZABETH  
WONG AHLERS (R)**



**SASHA RENEE  
PEREZ (D)**

- Serves on the Crescenta Valley town council.
- She has taught at Los Angeles Valley College and Glendale Community College.
- She holds a master's in teaching English as a second language from UCLA and a graduate degree in practical ministry.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones, California Republican Party Chairwoman Jessica Patterson
- California Republican Party

- Alhambra City Councilmember, currently serving as Mayor.
- Serves as a Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority commissioner appointed by LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis.
- She most recently worked as a political director for the 2022 Yes on Prop 1: Protect Abortion Rights California campaign.
- She began her professional career with the Pat Brown Institute at Cal State University Los Angeles, educating high school students on civic engagement and policy.
- Previously she worked for Campaign for College Opportunity, emerging from student affairs manager to director of public affairs.
- She earned her bachelor's in political science from CSU-Los Angeles.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Adam Schiff, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez
- California Democratic Party, California Labor Federation, California Teachers Assn, California Professional Firefighters, California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, California LGBTQ Legislative Caucus, California Latino Legislative Caucus, SEIU CA

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Perez leading the fundraising field, pulling in \$350,321 for the period, and ending with \$411,653 on hand. Ahlers raised \$36,897 and ended with \$39,500 on hand.

## SD 29 (NEW SEAT)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

### Voter Registration Percentages



SD 29 consists of San Bernardino County, and the Cities of Rialto, San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Upland, and Loma Linda.

\*Eloise Gomez Reyes is running in an open new seat, but she is not new to the California Legislature as she currently represents the 50th Assembly District.

**ELOISE  
GOMEZ REYES (D)**



**CARLOS A.  
GARCIA (R)**



- Served in the State Assembly from 2016-2024 and was part of former Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon's leadership team.
- She was the first Latina to open her own law firm in the Inland Empire.
- Adjunct professor at Cal Poly Pomona.
- She started her career representing injured workers and unions in workers compensation matters, including the California Teachers Association and the United Auto Workers.
- She holds a bachelor's in public administration from USC and a JD from Loyola Law School.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire
- AFSCME State Council, California Labor Federation, SEIU CA, California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, California Democratic Senate Caucus, California Legislative Progressive Caucus, California Democratic Party

- Upland City Councilmember.
- CEO and CTO of an Information Technology and Social Media Marketing company.
- He earned a bachelor's in information technology from the University of Phoenix and a master's in educational technology from Pepperdine.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Peace Officers Research Association of California, San Bernardino County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Reyes as the top fundraiser, raising \$350,165 for the period and entering July with \$541,764 on hand. Garcia raised \$16,264 for the period and entered July with \$17,320 on hand.

# SD 31

## (OPEN, D-ROTH)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

### Voter Registration Percentages



SD 31 consists of the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino and the Cities of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Perris, San Jacinto, Corona, Fontana, Menifee, Riverside, and Hemet.

\*Sabrina Cervantes is running in an open seat vacated by Richard Roth, but she is not new to the California Legislature as she currently represents the 58th Assembly District.

### CYNTHIA NAVARRO (R)



### SABRINA CERVANTES (D)



- Elected to the Romoland School District board in 2022 and currently serves as board president.
- A licensed realtor for Berkshire Hathaway.
- She has resided in Romoland for 25 years, working in various local school districts.

- Served in the State Assembly from 2016-2024.
- Chair of the California Latino Legislative Caucus.
- A member of the Human Rights Campaign and serves on the Advisory Board for the University of California, Riverside School of Public Policy.
- Former legislative staffer serving as former Assemblymember Jose Medina's field director, campaign manager, and as his district director.
- She received her bachelor's in political science from UC Riverside and completed an executive education program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Governor Gavin Newsom, Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Senator Richard Roth, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas
- California Democratic Party, California Faculty Association, California Labor Federation, California Latino Legislative Caucus, California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, Reproductive Freedom for All California, SEIU California

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Sabrina Cervantes as the top fundraiser, outreasing Navarro \$246,201 to \$350 for the period and entering July with \$255,379 on hand. Navarro entered July with \$284 on hand.

## SD 35 (OPEN, D-BRADFORD)

### COMPETITIVE RACE – TOSS UP

Voter Registration Percentages



SD 35 consists of the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Carson, Compton, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Gardena, and Los Angeles.

\*Laura Richardson is running in an open seat vacated by Steven Bradford, but she is not new to the California Legislature having served in the Assembly in 2006.

**LAURA  
RICHARDSON (D)**



**MICHELLE  
CHAMBERS (D)**

- She was the U.S. Representative for California's 37th Congressional district from 2007 to 2013.
- At the time of her election to Congress, she was serving her first term in the State Assembly, winning the election in 2006.
- Former member of the Long Beach City Council.
- Previously she worked for the Xerox Corporation for 14 years.
- She earned her bachelor's in political science from UCLA and earned an MBA from USC.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Congressman Maxine Waters, LA Mayor Karen Bass
- California Association of Highway Patrolmen, Los Angeles Police Protective League

- External affairs manager for California Attorney General Rob Bonta.
- Previously worked as a communications and public affairs representative for L.A. County Assessor Jeffrey Prang.
- Elected to the Compton City Council in 2019 but resigned in 2022 before she completed her first term to take a job with the California Department of Justice.
- Prior to her election to the Compton City Council, she worked as a field representative for Assemblymember Mike Gipson.
- Previously served on the staffs of former Congressmembers Diane Watson and Janice Hahn.

#### Key Endorsements:

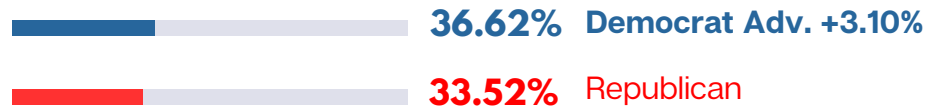
- Congressman Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Congressman Robert Garcia, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Senator Steve Bradford, Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez
- California Labor Federation, California Democratic Party, California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, California Legislative Black Caucus, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, SEIU California State Council, California Teachers Association, California Nurses Association

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Chambers in the fundraising lead, outraising Richardson \$323,313 to \$174,386 for the period, and with a \$236,885 to \$89,626 cash on hand advantage.

## SD 37 (OPEN, D-MIN)

**COMPETITIVE RACE –  
LEANS DEMOCRATIC**

### Voter Registration Percentages

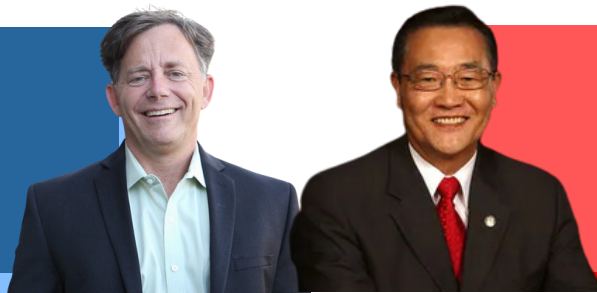


SD 37 consists of Orange County and the Cities of Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Tustin, Villa Park, Anaheim, Fullerton, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, and Yorba Linda.

\*Josh Newman is running in an open seat vacated by Dave Min, but he is not new to the California Legislature as he currently represents the 29th Senate District.

\*Steven Choi is also not new to the California Legislature, having served in the Assembly from 2016-2022.

**JOSH  
NEWMAN (D)**



**STEVEN  
CHOI (R)**

- He was elected to the State Senate in 2016 and was recalled in 2018. He won his seat back in 2020.
- Founder and executive director of ArmedForce2WorkForce, a group that for many years assisted local veterans in their pursuit of career-oriented employment.
- Senator Newman served as an artillery officer in the United States Army for 4 years.
- After his service in the military, he worked in marketing, film and television production, and Internet media technology.
- He received his bachelor's in history from Yale University.

#### **Key Endorsements:**

- Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Dave Min, Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris
- California Labor Federation, California Teachers Association, California Nurses Association, California Police Chiefs Association

- Served in the State Assembly from 2016-2022. After the 2021 redistricting, he ran for re-election losing against Democratic Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris.
- The former Mayor of the City of Irvine.
- He previously served as a Trustee of the Irvine Unified School District.
- Founder and director of Dr. Choi's Academy. For many years, the Academy provided tutoring and academic enrichment programs for students.
- Born in South Korea, he received his bachelor's from Kyung Hee University in Seoul.
- He immigrated to the United States in 1968 and went on to earn his master's degree in library science from Louisiana State University and Ph.D. in library and information science at the University of Pittsburgh.

#### **Key Endorsements:**

- Congressman Jay Obernolte, Assemblymember Tri Ta

**Notes:** Mid-year finance reports showed Newman bringing in \$801,024 for the period, while Choi raised \$215,406. Newman started July with a \$448,717 to \$55,770 cash on hand advantage.

## SD 39 (OPEN, D-ATKINS)

LEANS DEMOCRATIC

### Voter Registration Percentages



SD 39 consists of the County of San Diego and the Cities of Coronado, El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and San Diego.

\*Akilah Weber is running in an open seat vacated by Toni Atkins, but she is not new to the California Legislature as she currently represents the 79th Assembly District.

**AKILAH  
WEBER (D)**



**BOB  
DIVINE (R)**



- Elected to the Assembly in a 2021 special election to fill the vacancy created when her mother, Shirley Weber, was appointed Secretary of State.
- Dr. Weber is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist, and she is the founder and past director of the Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Division at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego.
- She also served as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences at UCSD.
- Former La Mesa City Councilmember.
- She earned her bachelor's in biology from Xavier University of Louisiana and completed her MD at University of Rochester.

#### Key Endorsements:

- Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Senator Toni Atkins, Senator Catherine Blakespear, Senator Steve Padilla, Assemblymember David Alvarez, Assemblymember Chris Ward, Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, Assemblymember Tasha Boerner
- California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus, California Legislative Black Caucus, California Consumer Attorney's, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest

- A retired Navy commander.

**Notes:** The mid-year finance reports showed Weber raising \$163,860 for the period and starting July with \$711,402 on hand. Divine did not report any fundraising activity.

*\*Our analysis lists "Competitive races" as those that have been flagged as such by various media and political analysis groups.*

### PROPOSITION 2

Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities

**Official Summary:**

Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges, and career technical education programs, including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades. Requires annual audits.

**Fiscal Impact:** Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bond.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Support**

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### PROPOSITION 3

Constitutional Right to Marriage

**Official Summary:**

Amends California Constitution to recognize fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes language in California Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman.

**Fiscal Impact:** No change in revenues or costs for state and local governments.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Neutral**

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### PROPOSITION 4

Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks

**Official Summary:**

Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire prevention, and protection of communities and lands. Requires annual audits.

**Fiscal Impact:** Increased state costs of about \$400 million annually for 40 years to repay the bond.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Opposed**

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### PROPOSITION 5

Allows Local Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure with 55% Voter Approval

**Official Summary:**

Allows approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low- and middle-income Californians with 55% vote.

**Fiscal Impact:** Increased local borrowing to fund affordable housing, supportive housing, and public infrastructure. The amount would depend on decisions by local governments and voters. Borrowing would be repaid with higher property taxes.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Opposed**

## PROPOSITION 6

Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons

### Official Summary:

Amends the California Constitution to remove current provision that allows jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude to punish crime (i.e., forcing incarcerated persons to work).

**Fiscal Impact:** Potential increase or decrease in state and local costs, depending on how work for people in state prison and county jail changes. Any effect likely would not exceed the tens of millions of dollars annually.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Opposed**

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## PROPOSITION 32

Raises Minimum Wage

### Official Summary:

Raises minimum wage as follows: For employers with 26 or more employees, to \$17 immediately, \$18 on January 1, 2025. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, to \$17 on January 1, 2025, \$18 on January 1, 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:** State and local government costs could increase or decrease by up to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State and local revenues likely would decrease by no more than a few hundred million dollars annually.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Opposed**

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## PROPOSITION 33

Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property

### Official Summary:

Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting initial residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in certain residential properties.

**Fiscal Impact:** Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Opposed**

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## PROPOSITION 34

Restricts Spending of Prescription Drug Revenues by Certain Health Care Providers

### California Target Book Description:

Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices.

**Fiscal Impact:** Increased state costs, likely in the millions of dollars annually, to enforce new rules on certain health care entities. Affected entities would pay fees to cover these costs.

**CA Democratic Party: No Position**

**CA Republican Party: Support**

## PROPOSITION 35

Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services

### Official Summary:

Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, which, if approved by the federal government, provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care services.

**Fiscal Impact:** Short-term state costs between roughly \$1 billion and \$2 billion annually to increase funding for certain health programs. Total funding increases between roughly \$2 billion to \$5 billion annually. Unknown long-term fiscal effects.

**CA Democratic Party: Support**

**CA Republican Party: Support**

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## PROPOSITION 36

Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes

### Official Summary:

Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950 if defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions.

**Fiscal Impact:** State criminal justice costs likely ranging from several tens of millions of dollars to the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Local criminal justice costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually.

**CA Democratic Party: Opposed**

**CA Republican Party: Support**