

Open Seats in California's State Legislature Primary Elections: What We Know

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A notoriously blue state, California has a supermajority of Democrats in its state legislature and a top two primary system—meaning primaries for open seats are full of Democrats fighting each other to make the top two slots for the general election in November.

With the 2024 primary coming up, the below outlines and provides a snapshot analysis of the open seats in the California Legislature. Check back here for regular updates on these elections from Brownstein's California State Government Relations Group.

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AD 1 (M. Dahle)

REGISTRATION: R+12.39%

DISTRICT: Includes whole counties of Alpine, Siskiyou, Sierra, Shasta, Plumas, Lassen, Nevada and Modoc. Portions of Placer, Amador and El Dorado counties are also included in this mountainous rural district.

OVERVIEW: Assemblymember Megan Dahle is running for her termed-out husband, state Sen. Brian Dahle's seat in SD 1. Four Republicans, Anderson City Councilmember Melissa Hunt, Redding City Councilmembers Mark Mezzano and Tenessa Audette and safety and communication specialist Heather Hardwick with the Modoc County Office of Education have filed for this safe Republican seat. Mezzano led the field with \$40,500 raised (helped by \$18,500 in candidate loans) and ending cash of \$33,647. Hadwick raised \$31,292 and had \$26,224 on hand, Hunt raised \$19,198 and had \$7,988 remaining, and Audette raised \$10,759 and had \$7,539 on hand.

AD 6 (McCarty)

REGISTRATION: D+30.47%

DISTRICT: Sacramento County seat including a majority of the City of Sacramento, which comprises 61% of the district.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Kevin McCarty is not seeking reelection in 2024 and announced in May that he would instead run in the open race for Sacramento mayor. Eight Democrats and one Republican have announced or filed. On the Democratic side, the candidates are: Emmanuel Amanfor, a state government employee and city appointee to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency; Sean Frame, a Democratic activist and multimedia specialist for the Sacramento County Office of Education; Paula Villescaz, a school board member and unsuccessful 2022 candidate for SD06; Maggie Krell, a prosecutor; Carlos Marquez, executive director at ACLU California Action; Lex Lazar, a Google employee and former aide to Nancy Pelosi; Rosanna Herber, an elected member of the Sacramento Utility District Board; and Evan Minton, a transgender activist and former legislative staffer.

On the Republican side, Preston Romero, a legislative analyst in state Sen. Janet Nguyen's office and the president of the Sacramento Log Cabin Republicans, has filed.

Of the candidates who had filed before July 1, Krell led the field in the midyear reports with \$115,177 raised and ending cash of \$107,922, despite having been in the race for only three days before the end of the period. Frame raised \$73,430 and had \$61,285 on hand, Villesvaz raised \$60,251 and had \$47,940 remaining, Lazar raised \$10,500 (\$10,250 from candidate loans), and had \$10,490 on hand. None of the other candidates reported any activity yet. Given the crowded Democratic field, the Republican candidate Romero will likely make the top two for what should be an easy November victory for the top Democratic vote-getter.

AD 15 (Grayson)

REGISTRATION: D+33.90%

DISTRICT: Portions of Contra Costa County, including the cities of Concord, Brentwood, Clayton, Martinez, Antioch, Pittsburg and Pleasant Hill, and portions of the City of Walnut Creek.

OVERVIEW:

Incumbent Democrat Tim Grayson is running for the open SD09 state Senate seat that Steve Glazer, who was first elected in a 2015 special election, is vacating due to his ineligibility to serve another four-year term in the upper chamber.

Two Democrats, Antioch City Councilmember Monica E. Wilson and former Contra Costa Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, have filed, although Sen. Glazer has stated he may run here to serve out the final two years remaining of the total 12 years allowed under the current legislative term limits.

AD 19 (Ting)

REGISTRATION: D+51.37%

DISTRICT: Consists of portions of San Francisco and San Mateo counties, including all of Daly City and the town of Colma, as well as the western portion of the City of San Francisco as well as portions of South San Francisco and San Bruno.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Phil Ting is termed out in 2024, opening up a seat in a safely Democratic district. One Democrat, San Francisco Supervisor Catherine Stefani, has filed to succeed him.

AD 41 (Holden)

REGISTRATION: D+17.73%

DISTRICT: Segments of San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, including the whole cities of La Verne, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, La Cañada Flintridge, Bradbury, Claremont and San Dimas, as well as portions of the cities of Hesperia, Monrovia, Rancho Cucamonga and Upland.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Chris Holden is termed out, opening up a seat in a safely Democratic district.

Three Democrats, Felicia Williams, a Pasadena city councilmember; Phlunte Riddle, a State Board of Juvenile Hearings commissioner, former Chris Holden district director and unsuccessful 2016 candidate for state Senate (old SD25) who has been endorsed by Holden; and Jed Leano, a Claremont city councilman and immigration attorney, filed to run. Riddle led the field in fundraising with just over \$200,000 cash on hand at the last filing with Leano trailing with \$120,000. Williams dropped out in August and has endorsed Riddle. In early August, SD 25 candidate John Harabedian announced his pivot from the Senate race to this Assembly seat, making him the leading fundraiser in the field, having reported raising over \$500,000 for the Senate race.

AD 44 (Friedman)

REGISTRATION: D+31.64%

DISTRICT: Includes the City of Burbank, and portions of the City of Glendale and San Fernando Valley neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles, including Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Valley Village, North Hollywood, Toluca Lake, La Crescenta and Sunland-Tujunga.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic district. Incumbent Democrat Laura Friedman is running for the CD30 seat Adam Schiff is vacating to run for the U.S. Senate, leaving this seat open in 2024. Seven Democrats filed to run for the open seat in 2024—Burbank Vice Mayor Nick Schultz, Glendale City Councilmember Elen Asatryan; sound engineer and Democratic activist Steve Pierson; entrepreneur Carmenita Helligar; law professor and Air Force Reserve JAG Ed Han; businessman Erik Hartung; and Studio City neighborhood councilmember Adam Summer.

Midyear reports showed Pierson leading with \$179,717 raised (including \$50,000 in loans) and \$168,774 on hand. Asatryan raised \$176,031 and had \$161,615, Schultz raised \$165,230, including \$10,000 in loans, and had \$129,481, Han raised \$126,454 and had \$122,828, and Hartung raised \$71,200 and had \$47,769 remaining.

AD 52 (Carrillo)

REGISTRATION: D+52.55%

DISTRICT: Includes portions of the cities of Glendale and Los Angeles as well as Dodger Stadium and Echo Park Lake.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Wendy Carrillo has formed a committee to run for Los Angeles City Council in 2024, which would create an open seat in 2024. This seat was last open in 2017 after Jimmy Gomez was elected to Congress and Carrillo topped a 13-candidate field in the special election. Six Democrats, Jessica Maldonado, president of the Los Angeles Young Democrats; Justine Gonzalez, an advocacy director for the California Charter Schools Association; Ari Ruiz, a field representative for Congresswoman Maxine Waters; David Giron, a policy advisor to L.A. Councilmember Bob Blumenfield; Genesis Coronado, an LAUSD legislative analyst; and Carlos Leon, associate director of community health initiatives for the Community Coalition, have filed to run for the open seat.

Midyear reports show Ruiz leading the field with \$74,589 raised and \$70,722 on hand, Giron with \$46,434 raised and \$37,249 on hand, Maldonado with \$27,574 raised and \$26,951 on hand, and Gonzalez with \$21,501 raised and \$18,813 on hand. Caloza, who filed in July, had reported \$49,450 in 24-hour contributions through early August.

AD 50 (Reyes)

REGISTRATION: D+22.54%

DISTRICT: Portions of San Bernardino County, including the whole cities of Loma Linda and Colton, and portions of the cities of San Bernardino, Redlands, Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana and Ontario.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Eloise Reyes announced a run for the new SD29 shortly after the 2022 election, leaving this safely Democratic seat open for 2024. Two Democrats, Dejonae Shaw, a licensed vocational nurse who was an unsuccessful 2022 candidate for San Bernardino County supervisor, and Robert Garcia, an elected member of the Etiwanda School District Board of Trustees, have filed to succeed her.

Midyear reports showed Garcia, who has been endorsed by Reyes, with \$180,925 raised, including \$100,000 in candidate loans, and ending with \$176,971. Shaw raised \$133,392 and had \$11,871 on hand.

AD 53 (Rodriguez) **REGISTRATION: D+25.92%**

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, including the whole cities of Montclair and Pomona, and portions of the cities of Ontario, Chino and Upland.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Freddie Rodriguez is termed out in 2024, opening up a seat in a safely Democratic district. Four Democrats, Michelle Rodriguez, the wife of the incumbent Rodriguez; Robert Torres, a Pomona city councilman and the son of Congresswoman Norma Torres; Carlos Goytia, a Pomona USD senior groundskeeper and elected member of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District board of directors; and Francisco Javier Hernandez, a social justice activist and executive director of the Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice, have filed to run for the seat.

Latest filings show Michell Rodriguez leading the pack with over \$200,000 cash on hand.

AD 54 (Santiago) **REGISTRATION: D+48.84%**

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles County, including the whole cities of Commerce, Montebello and Vernon, and portions of the City of Los Angeles.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Miguel Santiago is not seeking reelection and is running for the Los Angeles City Council seat currently occupied by embattled former State Sen. Kevin de Leon, opening up a safe Democratic seat for the 2024 cycle. One Democrat, nonprofit executive director John Yi, had filed a few weeks ahead of Santiago's announcement, and Mark Gonzalez, Santiago's district director and the chair of the L.A. Democratic Party, launched a campaign after the seat became open. Midyear reports showed Gonzalez raising \$272,550 to date and ending June with \$235,069 on hand, with Yi raising \$55,850 and ending with \$47,748 on hand.

AD 57 (Jones-Sawyer) **REGISTRATION: D+57.27%**

DISTRICT: Portions of the City of Los Angeles such as downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Reggie Jones-Sawyer is termed out in 2024. Five Democrats, Efren Martinez, who ran a strong campaign against Jones-Sawyer in 2020; Rene Romero, a field representative for Assemblyman Mike Fong; Greg Akili, a longtime community organizer who placed third in the 2012 primary for the area’s assembly seat; Sade Elhawary, a community organizer active with the Black Los Angeles Young Democrats; and Dulce Vasquez, who ran unsuccessfully for L.A. City Council in 2022, have filed for the open seat.

Midyear reports showed Martinez leading the field with \$315,406 raised to date (including \$37,250 in candidate loans), with \$291,168 on hand at the end of June. Elhawary raised \$172,316 and had \$155,336 on hand, Vasquez raised \$140,599 and had \$131,037 on hand, Akili raised \$56,210 and had \$36,438 on hand, and Romero raised \$19,734 and had \$18,694 on hand.

AD 58 (Cervantes)

REGISTRATION: D+18.79%

DISTRICT: Portions of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, including the whole cities of Jurupa Valley and Grand Terrace, as well as portions of the cities of Corona, Eastvale and Riverside.

OVERVIEW: This is a strongly Democratic district. Incumbent Democrat Sabrina Cervantes announced in December that she would not seek reelection and would run for the open SD31 state Senate seat Richard Roth is vacating due to term limits. Prior to her announcement, first-term Riverside city councilman and restaurateur Ronaldo Fierro, announced he intended to run, and, after Cervantes’ announcement, her sister Clarissa Cervantes, who was elected to Riverside’s city council in 2021, also announced. Republican Leticia Castillo, a clinical therapist who was endorsed by the California GOP in the 2022 primary and finished a close third, has filed again for 2024. Although the district has a Democratic registration advantage of nearly 19%, in the 2022 election Gavin Newsom only carried the district by 2.8%, and Republican Lanhee Chen came within 604 votes of winning the controller’s race here.

AD 62 (Rendon)

REGISTRATION: D+41.69%

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles County, including the whole cities of Bellflower, Lynwood, Lakewood, South Gate, Paramount, Huntington Park and Maywood.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic district. Incumbent Democrat Anthony Rendon is termed out in 2024.

Lynwood City Councilmember Jose Luis Solache filed a statement of intention in January 2022 and began raising money in advance, and formally kicked off his campaign in February 2023 having built up a \$200,000 war chest with the endorsement of Rendon. Maywood City Councilmember Eddie De La Riva filed a statement of intention and formed a committee but has thus far only reported a single contribution received in February 2022. Solache reported having raised \$363,944 to date and ended June with \$328,557.

AD 75 (Waldron)

REGISTRATION: R+11.53%

DISTRICT: Consists of portions of San Diego County, including the whole cities of Santee and Poway, as well as portions of the City of San Diego.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Republican district. Incumbent Republican Marie Waldron is termed out in 2024. Two Republicans, Jack J. Fernandes, a biotech startup founder, attorney, licensed real estate broker and self-described "conservative outsider," and Andrew Hayes, an elected member of the Lakeside USD school board and district director to SD40 Sen. Brian Jones, have filed to succeed her. Midyear reports showed Hayes with a significant fundraising lead, raising \$335,118 to date, and ending with \$307,986 on hand.

AD 76 (Maienschein)

REGISTRATION: D+7.39%

DISTRICT: Portions of San Diego County, including the whole cities of San Marcos and Escondido, as well as portions of the City of San Diego.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Brian Maienschein is termed out in 2024, opening up a seat in a competitive Democratic-leaning district. Two Democrats, Joe Rocha, who lost 53.2%/46.8% to Republican Brian Jones in the 2022 SD40 race, and Darshana Patel, a two-term member of the Poway Unified School Board and appointed member of the California State Senate's Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs, have filed to succeed him, as has unsuccessful 2022 Republican candidate Kristie Bruce-Lane, who prompted the California GOP to write off the seat after she advanced out of the top two primary over the more moderate Republican. Gavin Newsom won the district by 3% in 2022, although Republican Lanhee Chen carried the controller's race by over 6%, indicating that candidate quality has a decisive impact in a district this closely divided.

AD 79 (Weber)

REGISTRATION: D+26.17%

DISTRICT: San Diego County seat including the whole cities of Lemon Grove and La Mesa, as well as portions of the cities of San Diego and El Cajon.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic district. Incumbent Democrat Akilah Weber is not seeking reelection and is running for the open SD39 state Senate seat Toni Atkins is vacating due to term limits.

Hours after Weber's announcement, La Mesa Vice Mayor Colin Parent announced his campaign for the now-open Assembly seat, rolling out endorsements from several San Diego-area Democratic assemblymembers. San Diego State University professor and former Shirley Weber district director LaShae Sharp-Collins announced a campaign soon after. Weber has endorsed Sharp-Collins. Latest filings show Parent more than doubling Sharp-Collins in cash on hand.

SD 1 (B.Dahle)

REGISTRATION: R+12.70%

DISTRICT: Whole counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba, and portions of Nevada and Placer counties. This district includes the whole 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, the town of Paradise and portions of the City of Auburn.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Republican district in northern California that spans across 14 counties (Butte, Shasta, Nevada, Sutter, Placer, Yuba, Tehama, Siskiyou, Lassen, Glenn, Plumas, Colusa, Modoc and Sierra). This will be an open seat in 2024 due to incumbent Republican Brian Dahle being termed out. AD01 Assemblymember Megan Dahle (wife of Sen. Dahle), announced in February she would run for his seat. Two other Republicans, State of Jefferson leader Mark Baird and perennial lieutenant governor candidate David Fennell, have also filed. Dahle reported raising over \$100,000 while her closest competitor, Baird, raised about \$1,000.

SD 3 (Dodd)

REGISTRATION: D+27.59%

DISTRICT: Includes the whole counties of Napa, Solano, Yolo and portions of Contra Costa, Sacramento, and Sonoma counties and the whole 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.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic district in California's Wine Country. Incumbent SD03 Democrat Bill Dodd is termed out of his state Senate seat in 2024. Three Democrats, former longtime West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, Vallejo Vice Mayor Rozanna Verder-Aliga, who has been endorsed by Dodd, and Rohnert Park City Councilmember Jackie Elward, are running for the open seat. Republican Thom Bogue, a Dixon city councilmember and automotive repair shop owner, has also filed.

Midyear reports showed Verder-Aliga had raised \$263,727 to date and had \$256,312 remaining, Cabaldon had raised \$131,917 and had \$120,322 on hand, and Elward raised \$58,362, mostly from labor groups, and had \$56,114 remaining.

SD 5 (Eggman)

REGISTRATION: D+18.03%

DISTRICT: San Joaquin County and portions of Alameda County, including the whole cities of Dublin, Escalon, Lathrop, Livermore, Lodi, Manteca, Pleasanton, Ripon, Stockton and Tracy.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Susan Eggman is termed out in this safe Democratic seat. Three Democrats, Edith Villapudua, the wife of AD13 Assemblyman Carlos Villapudua; Miguel Villapudua, a San Joaquin county supervisor and cousin of Carlos Villapudua; as well as former Tracy city councilmember and unsuccessful 2020 Board of Supervisors candidate Rhodesia Ransom, have filed to run for this seat in 2024. Eggman has endorsed Ransom. Midyear reports showed that Edith Villapudua, who has been raising money since April 2022, had raised \$272,493 to date and had \$211,854 on hand. Ransom raised \$158,884 (outpacing Villapudua in the first six

months of the year), and had \$135,422 on hand, and Miguel Villapudua raised \$34,410 and had \$29,515 on hand.

SD 7 (Skinner)

REGISTRATION: D+63.47%

DISTRICT: Portions of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties, including the whole cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Hercules, Oakland, Piedmont, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo,

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Nancy Skinner is termed out. Seven Democrats, Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin, California Labor Federation President Kathryn Lybarger, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District director Jovanka Beckles, Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb, former Assemblyman and 2016 state Senate candidate Sandre Swanson, Electronic Frontier Foundation senior legislative counsel Ernesto Falcon, and Center for Elders Independence government affairs director Uche J. Uwahemu, have filed. Arreguin leads the field in cash on hand with over \$280,000. Lybarger trailed with \$180,000.

SD 9 (Glazer)

REGISTRATION: D+34.75%

DISTRICT: Portions of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, including the whole cities of Antioch, Clayton, Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Orinda, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, San Leandro, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, and the towns of Danville and Moraga.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic district straddling Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Incumbent Democrat Steve Glazer resides within the new district, but due to first winning election in a 2015 special election, he will be ineligible to run for another four-year term in 2024. Progressive Democrat Marisol Rubio, who unsuccessfully challenged Glazer from the left in 2020, has filed for the open seat. In mid-August, Assemblymember Tim Grayson announced his intention to run for this seat.

SD 22 (Rubio)

REGISTRATION: D+26.32%

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, including the whole cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Chino, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, La Verne, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, San Dimas and South El Monte, and portions of the City of West Covina

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Democrat Susan Rubio announced that she would be seeking a congressional seat opened by the announced resignation of CD31 incumbent Grace Napolitano. Napolitano has endorsed Archuleta, the oldest serving member of the California Legislature, to succeed her. If elected to Congress, Archuleta would take office as a 79-year-old freshman.

SD 23 (Wilk)

REGISTRATION: D+10.51%

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, including the whole cities of Adelanto, Hesperia, Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita and Victorville.

OVERVIEW: This is a competitive Los Angeles/San Bernardino County district. The district remains roughly as competitive as its prior iteration prior to redistricting with the Democratic registration advantage remaining around 10%, but Biden's 6.2% margin ticking up to 7.6% under the new boundaries. The district swung toward Republicans in 2022 with Brian Dahle winning by 7.1%.

Incumbent Republican Scott Wilk is termed out in 2024. Four Democrats, unsuccessful 2020 candidate Kipp Mueller, Palmdale City Councilmembers Eric Ohlsen and Andrea Alarcon, perennial candidate Ollie McCaulley, and two Republicans, former Assemblymember Suzette Valladares and substitute teacher James DJ Hamburger, have filed for 2024.

Midyear reports showed Mueller leading the field with \$302,175 raised and ending cash of \$205,789. Valladares raised \$277,129 and had \$236,597 on hand, Ohlsen raised \$12,634 and had \$10,387 on hand. None of the other candidates had reported any financial activity yet.

SD 25 (Portantino) **REGISTRATION: D+24.00%**

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino including the whole cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Claremont, Glendale, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena and Temple City, and portions of the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Upland.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic district running along Los Angeles County's 210 corridor and into San Bernardino County. The redrawn district keeps its old numbering and 64% of its voters from the old SD25's core in Glendale, Pasadena, Glendora, Altadena, Claremont, Monrovia, South Pasadena, La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta-Montrose, San Marino and Upland areas. Incumbent SD25 Democrat Anthony Portantino is termed out and is running for the CD30 congressional seat being vacated by Adam Schiff, who is running for the U.S. Senate.

Two Democrats, Alhambra City Councilmember Sasha Renee Perez, and Yvonne Yiu, a Monterey Park city councilmember who put close to \$6 million of her own money into a 2022 run for state controller, and one Republican, Crescenta Valley Town Councilmember Elizabeth Wong Ahlers, have filed. Former Sierra Madre City Councilman and unsuccessful 2020 L.A. supervisor candidate John Harabedian filed and raised over \$500,000 for his run before abruptly switching races in August to run for the open AD41 Assembly seat instead. Yiu led the field with over \$800,000 in cash on hand in the last filing with Perez reporting just over \$200,000.

SD 29 (NEW SEAT) **REGISTRATION: D+23.85%**

DISTRICT: Includes portions of San Bernardino County, including the whole cities of Rialto, and San Bernardino, and portions of the cities of Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands and Upland.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic majority-Latino district in San Bernardino County. While former SD20 Democrat Connie Leyva represented the largest portion of this new district, she was drawn into the new SD22 in the 2022 cycle and decided not to challenge SD22 Democrat Susan Rubio, instead opting for an unsuccessful run for San Bernardino County supervisor. AD50 Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes launched a run for the new state Senate seat in December 2022 and immediately became the frontrunner. One other Democrat, Jason O'Brien, an LAPD detective, former school board member and frequent candidate, filed to run shortly after the maps were finalized, but has not yet reported any fundraising activity

SD 31 (Roth)

REGISTRATION: D+22.87%

DISTRICT: Portions of Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the whole cities of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Perris and San Jacinto, and portions of the cities of Corona, Fontana, Menifee and Riverside.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic majority-Latino district with 98% of its voters in Riverside County and 2% in San Bernardino County. Incumbent SD31 Democrat Richard Roth is termed out in 2024 and has announced a run for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Democrat Angelo Farooq, a Riverside USD board member, began raising money for a 2024 bid in January of 2021 and had close to \$600,000 on hand by June 2022. In December 2022, AD58 Democratic Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes announced a run for the seat with the backing of Sen. Roth, Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and a lengthy list of Democratic officials, along with a polling memo showing her leading Farooq by a comfortable margin.

SD 35 (Bradford)

REGISTRATION: D+50.08%

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles County, including the whole cities of Carson, Compton, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Lawndale, and portions of the cities of Gardena and Los Angeles.

OVERVIEW: This is a safe Democratic district that is plurality Latino. Incumbent Steve Bradford is termed out in 2024. Six Democrats, former Congresswoman Laura Richardson, Hawthorne Councilman Alex Monteiro, L.A. County Economy and Efficiency Commissioner Jennifer Trichelle-Marie Williams, former Compton Councilmember Michelle Chambers, and El Camino College trustee Nilo Michelin, have filed.

Midyear reports showed Richardson topping the field with \$274,567 raised to date (\$214,750 from candidate loans) and ending cash of \$228,789. Monteiro raised \$108,546 (including \$42,500 in candidate loans) and had \$9,288 on hand. Williams raised \$104,932 and had \$66,191 on hand, Michelin raised \$51,000, all of it from candidate loans, and had \$50,438 on hand, and Chambers had raised \$33,426 and had \$33,139 on hand, along with \$27,888 in unpaid vendor invoices.

SD 36 (Janet Nguyen)

REGISTRATION: R+1.65 %

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles and Orange counties, including the whole cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Cypress, Dana Point, Fountain Valley, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, San Clemente, Seal Beach, Stanton and Westminster, and portions of the cities of Buena Park and Garden Grove.

OVERVIEW: Incumbent Sen. Janet Nguyen announced she will run for the Orange County Board of Supervisors in an attempt to succeed her former chief of staff, board Vice Chairman Andrew Do, who is termed out in 2024. If elected, Nguyen, who was elected to the state Senate last year, would resign, leaving this seat open for a special election.

SD 37 (Min)

REGISTRATION: D+4.22%

DISTRICT: Portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino including the whole cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Claremont, Glendale, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena and Temple City, and portions of the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Upland.

OVERVIEW: This is a competitive Orange County district that has been trending Democratic. The redistricting commission altered the maps significantly in Orange County, shifting most of its voters from residing in two odd- and two even-numbered districts (SD29, SD37, SD34, SD36) into a map with three even- and one odd-numbered district (SD34, SD36, SD37, SD38). As such, this drew two incumbents up in 2024 (Sens. Newman and Min) into the same seat. After the lines were drawn, Newman indicated that he had no plans to move to run in a different district in 2024 and would not challenge Min. After the 2022 election, Min announced his reelection bid in the new SD37, and shortly afterwards Newman reversed himself and announced he would, in fact, run for this seat in 2024, despite 90% of the voters being entirely new to him. A member vs. member race was averted with Katie Porter's decision to run for the U.S. Senate and Min's entry into the now-open CD47 congressional race.

Former Assemblyman Steve Choi, a Republican who lost a 2022 member vs. member race against Democrat Cottie Petrie Norris in AD73 after redistricting made the Irvine-area seat safely Democratic, has announced he will run in 2024, as have Villa Park City Councilmember Crystal Miles, Santa Ana College marketing professor Ali Kowsari, and former Irvine City Councilmember Anthony Kuo. In March, Stonewall Democrats President Alex Mohajer launched a campaign to challenge Newman.

The old SD37 had a 1.1% Democratic registration advantage and voted for Biden by 10.7% in 2020, while the new one has a 4.2% Democratic registration advantage and voted for Biden by 13.1%. Gavin Newsom carried the district by 1.9% in 2018 and by 1.4% in 2022, although Republican controller candidate Lanhee Chen won it by 6.4% and treasurer candidate Jack Guerrero won it by 0.8%, suggesting this race remains competitive under certain circumstances. Newman led the field in recent filings with over \$700,000 cash on hand.

SD 39 (Atkins)
REGISTRATION: D+23.43%

DISTRICT:

Portions of San Diego County, including the whole cities of Coronado, El Cajon, La Mesa and Lemon Grove, and portions of the City of San Diego.

OVERVIEW:

This is a safe Democratic San Diego County district. Incumbent Toni Atkins is termed out in 2024. Democrat Nathan Fletcher, who served in the Assembly as a Republican, became an Independent, and was elected to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors after running as a Democrat, filed a few weeks after the November 2022 election and raised over \$1 million, but announced in March that he was dropping out. With the field now open again, AD79 Assemblymember Akilah Weber jumped into the race and is presumed to be the next senator in this district.

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