

CALIFORNIA 49TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLL

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COMPILED FROM 877 RESPONSES**



PART I
2018
CONGRESSIONAL
ELECTION OUTLOOK

Do you expect to vote in the primary for US Congress, US Senate, and California on June 5, 2018?

96%

Yes, I plan to vote in the primary

4%

No, I do not plan to vote in the primary

Primary Outlook - Long Ballot, No Descriptions

Polling based only on respondents who said they would vote in the primary (815 respondents)

23%

Douglas Applegate,
Democrat

7%

Sara Jacobs,
Democrat

7%

Paul Kerr,
Democrat

11%

Mike Levin,
Democrat

15%

Rocky Chavez,
Republican

10%

Diane Harkey,
Republican

4%

Kristin Gaspar,
Republican

4%

Joshua Hancock,
Libertarian

3% said Mike Schmitt, Republican. | 3% said Christina Prejean, Democrat. | 2% said Brian Maryott, Republican. | 2% said David Arnold, Republican. | 1% said Craig Nordal, Republican. | 1% said Joshua Schoonover, Republican. | 1% said David Medway, Republican. | 1% said Supriya Christopher, Democratic. | 1% said Christina Borgese, Republican. | 0% said Jordan Mills, Peace and Freedom Party. | 0% said Robert Pendleton, K9 Party. | 4% of voters who indicated they would vote in the primary would choose not to vote given this field.

Primary Outlook - Long Ballot, candidates with a * had descriptions

Numbers in parentheses show change from long ballot without descriptions

Polling based only on respondents who said they would vote in the primary (815 respondents)

13%

Douglas Applegate,
Democrat* (-10)

19%

Rocky Chavez,
Republican* (+4)

15%

Sara Jacobs,
Democrat* (+8)

15%

Diane Harkey,
Republican* (+5)

9%

Paul Kerr,
Democrat* (+2)

4%

Kristin Gaspar,
Republican*

16%

Mike Levin,
Democrat* (+5)

2%

Mike Schmitt,
Republican

1% said Brian Maryott, Republican. | 1% said Craig Nordal, Republican. | 1% said Joshua Schoonover, Republican. | 1% said Joshua Hancock, Republican. | 1% said Robert Pendleton, K9 Party. | 1% said David Arnold, Republican. | 1% said Christina Borgese, Republican. | 1% said David Medway, Republican. | 0% said Jordan Mills, Peace and Freedom Party. | 0% said Christina Prejean, Democrat. | 0% said Supriya Christopher, Democratic. | 1% of voters who indicated they would vote in the primary would choose not to vote given this field.

Primary Outlook - Narrowed ballot, All With Descriptions

Polling based only on respondents who said they would vote in the primary (815 respondents)

15%

Douglas Applegate,
Democrat

13%

Sara Jacobs,
Democrat

11%

Paul Kerr,
Democrat

17%

Mike Levin,
Democrat

23%

Rocky Chavez,
Republican

16%

Diane Harkey,
Republican

5%

Kristin Gaspar,
Republican

1% of voters who indicated they would vote in the primary would choose not to vote given this field.

PRIMARY ELECTION SCENARIO TAKEAWAYS

- Without descriptions for any candidates, Applegate leads the entire field.
- When candidate descriptions are included, Democrats Applegate, Jacobs, Kerr and Levin split the vote and launch Republican Chavez into the frontrunner position. Diane Harkey follows closely behind, polling at about the same level as the leading Democrat in this split field.
- This suggests that if all of the possible candidates run in the primary, Chavez and Harkey could potentially be the top two vote-getters, advancing to the general and leaving Democrats out altogether.

- The long ballot with descriptions for some candidates has very similar results to the ballot with the narrowed field. Regardless of the field size, Chavez and Harkey split the Republican vote; Chavez has a slight edge.
- More than half of respondents would vote for a Democratic candidate, while less than half of respondents would vote for a Republican. However, because Applegate, Jacobs, Kerr and Levin are largely splitting the Democratic vote, the top Republicans receive an equally sized or larger share of the vote than the top Democrats do.

Do you expect to vote in the general election for US Congress on November 6, 2018?

98%

Yes, I plan to vote in the general election

2%

No, I do not plan to vote in the general election

In the November general election for US Congress, if the choice was between a Republican and a Democrat, who would you pick?

40%

Definitely the
Democrat

- 78% of Clinton voters

37%

Definitely the
Republican

- 81% of Trump voters

7%

Probably the
Democrat

- 11% of Clinton voters

10%

Probably the
Republican

- 17% of Trump voters

1% said Do not plan to vote. 6% said Undecided.

If the following were the candidates in the general election in November for US Congress, who would you vote for?

52%

Douglas Applegate, Democrat.

48%

Rocky Chavez, Republican.

If the following were the candidates in the general election in November for US Congress, who would you vote for?

52%

Sara Jacobs, Democrat.

48%

Rocky Chavez, Republican.

If the following were the candidates in the general election in November for US Congress, who would you vote for?

51%

Paul Kerr, Democrat.

49%

Rocky Chavez, Republican.

If the following were the candidates in the general election in November for US Congress, who would you vote for?

51%

Mike Levin, Democrat.

49%

Rocky Chavez, Republican.

When it comes to voting for Congress this year, are you more enthusiastic, less enthusiastic, or as enthusiastic about voting?

57%

More enthusiastic

- 59% of likely primary voters

28%

About the same

- 28% of likely primary voters

10%

Less enthusiastic

- 10% of likely primary voters

4%

Unsure

- 3% of likely primary voters

GENERAL ELECTION SCENARIO TAKEAWAYS

- ***More voters are planning to definitely vote for a Democrat than are planning to definitely vote for a Republican.***
- ***In head-to-head matchups, any of the leading Democrats would beat the leading Republican by between two and four points.***



THANK YOU

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