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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID TANGIPA; et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official
capacity as the Governor of California; *et al.*;

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:25-cv-10616 JLS (KESx)

**DECLARATION OF MARK P. MEUSER IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S
APPLICATION FOR PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

Assigned to Hon. Josephine L. Staton

Action Filed: November 5, 2025

DECLARATION OF MARK P. MEUSER

I, Mark P. Meuser, declare and state as follows:

1. I am admitted to practice before all the courts of the State of California and before this Court. I am an attorney with the Dhillon Law Group, Inc., and I am one of the attorneys representing Plaintiffs in this matter. This declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. The matters stated below are true as of my own personal knowledge, except for those matters stated on information and belief, which I am informed and believed to be true.

2. Attached as **Exhibit 1** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the relevant pages of a transcript of a podcast entitled "Capitol Weekly Podcast" featuring Paul Mitchell (the "Podcast Transcript"). This podcast was aired on August 15, 2025 and can be found in its original audio format at: <https://capitolweekly.net/mapmaker-paul-mitchell-on-californias-emergency-redistricting-proposal/>. The attached are true and correct excerpts of that transcript reflecting statements made by Paul Mitchell, reproduced with the original pagination and line references.

3. Attached as **Exhibit 2** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the relevant pages of a transcript titled "HISPANAS ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY (HOPE) PRESENTATION." This transcript is taken from an October Zoom panel presentation put on by HOPE to its members. Paul Mitchell is one of the presenters in this panel discussion. In preparation to file the lawsuit, I saw this Zoom presentation on YouTube, and I sent the link to this video recording to my court reporter and requested that they transcribe the entire presentation. Since filing this lawsuit, the original video on YouTube has been made private and is no longer available. A link to the YouTube video that the court report used to prepare the transcript of Paul Mithcell's comments can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_OYpTz7bm8. The attached are true and correct excerpts of that transcript reflecting statements made by Paul Mitchell.



4. Attached as **Exhibit 3** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the October 23, 2025, X post (formerly Twitter) authored by Paul Mitchell which publicly summarized academic analyses of the Proposition 50 map.

5. Attached as **Exhibit 4** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the relevant pages of the transcript of the California Assembly Committee on Elections hearing held on August 19, 2025 concerning ACA 8, AB 604, and SB 280.

6. Attached as **Exhibit 5** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the relevant pages of the transcript of the California Assembly Committee on Appropriations hearing held on August 20, 2025 concerning ACA 8, AB 604, and SB 280.

7. Attached as **Exhibit 6** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the Speaker of the Assembly press release titled "Legislative Democrats Announce Plan Empowering Voters to Protect California," published August 15, 2025.

8. Attached as **Exhibit 7** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the Speaker of the Assembly press release titled "California Assembly Democrats Support Empowering Voters to Stop Trump's Power Grab," published August 19, 2025.

9. Attached as **Exhibit 8** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the Office of the Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire press release titled "Legislative Democrats Announce Plan Empowering Voters to Protect California," published August 19, 2025.

10. Attached as **Exhibit 9** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the Speaker of the Assembly press release titled "Speaker Rivas Joins California, Texas Democrats to Fight Back Against Trump's Redistricting Power Grab," published August 9, 2025.

11. Attached as **Exhibit 10** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the California Latino Legislative Caucus Membership.

12. Attached as **Exhibit 11** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the California Legislative Black Caucus Membership.

13. Attached as **Exhibit 12** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the California Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Caucus Membership.

14. Attached as **Exhibit 13** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the California Hispanic Caucus Membership.

15. Attached as **Exhibit 14** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of Native American Assemblyman Ramos' Biography.

16. Attached as **Exhibit 15** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of Asian Assemblyman Chen's Biography.

17. Attached as **Exhibit 16** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of Asian Assemblyman Ta's Biography.

18. Attached as **Exhibit 17** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the National Pacific Islander Education Network's Post announcing Assemblyman Tangipa's election to the California Legislature.

19. Attached as **Exhibit 18** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of Asian Senator Choi's Biography.

20. Attached as **Exhibit 19** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of Hispanic Assemblywoman Castillo's Biography.

21. Attached as **Exhibit 20** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of Hispanic Assemblywoman Johnson's Facebook Post proclaiming her racial background.

22. Attached as **Exhibit 21** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of Hispanic Senator Ochoa Bogh's Biography.

23. Attached as **Exhibit 22** to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a report by California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and Caltech titled "Latino Voters and the Novembers 2025 Special Election: Redistricting and Representation."

24. Attached as **Exhibit 23** is a true and correct copy of the Supreme Court of the United States Order List, dated August 1, 2025 (606 U.S.), reflecting orders entered by the Court on that date.

25. Attached as **Exhibit 24** is a true and correct copy of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (“DCCC”) Federal Elections Commission filing Form 3X demonstrating payment to Paul Mitchell’s company Redistricting Partners, LCC, for the map drawing.

26. Attached as **Exhibit 25** is a true and correct copy of a press release from the DCCC (Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee) dated August 15, 2025, stating the organization submitted the maps to the Legislature.

27. Attached as **Exhibit 26** is a true and correct copy of the California Secretary of State website demonstrating the 2026 election cycle deadlines.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 7th day of November 2025,
at Newport Beach, California.

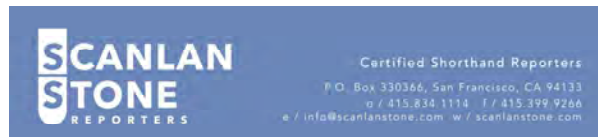
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Mark P. Meuser

EXHIBIT 1

CAPITOL WEEKLY PODCAST

AUGUST 15, 2025

TRANSCRIBED BY: MARY ANN SCANLAN, CSR



1 are recording this.
2 This is going to probably come out right
3 after the maps -- redrawn maps that voters will
4 likely get to vote on in November will have just
5 come out by the time this goes live.
6 And to help us discern everything going on
7 there, we have the man himself, Paul Mitchell of
8 Political Data, Inc., who has been tasked mostly,
9 with a lot of help, which he'll acknowledge when
10 he joins us here in just a moment, in putting
11 together not just hyper partisan maps.
12 I really hope people pay attention here
13 and listen to what he's saying about the care
14 that went into creating these maps, and it might
15 actually be very surprising to you.
16 So I just realize my cadence just went
17 like Gavin Newsome. I have apparently watched
18 way too many Gavin Newsome press conferences.
19 MR. FOSTER: Haven't we all.
20 MR. EHISEN: Haven't we all.
21 But before we get to that, really quick,
22 Tim, why don't you update folks on when this
23 one's going to run, and then we have a different
24 schedule for the next podcast. So let us know
25 what's going on there, Tim.

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1 MR. FOSTER: The Capitol weekly podcast is
2 supported by TASIN, the Tribal Alliance of
3 Sovereign Indian Nations.
4 MR. EHISEN: Hello everybody, and welcome
5 once again to the Capitol Weekly podcast. I am
6 Capitol Weekly Editor Rich Ehisen.
7 Joined, as always, by my colleague and
8 partner in crime, Tim Foster.
9 Tim, how are we doing today?
10 MR. FOSTER: I'm well, Rich. Thanks.
11 MR. EHISEN: Well, I always say we have a
12 special show. Today we really have a special
13 show because, unless you have been, I don't know,
14 in a cave somewhere, you know the biggest story
15 out there right now here in California, at least,
16 is around redistricting and, essentially,
17 California's ongoing war with the President of
18 the United States.
19 And that right now is centered around
20 something that used to make people's eyelids
21 droop and nod off onto their keyboards,
22 redistricting. And that is not making anybody
23 fall asleep right now because, again, unless
24 you've been in a cave somewhere, you know
25 California is getting ready to release maps as we

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1 MR. FOSTER: Right. So normally we post
2 these podcasts on Monday morning. And this
3 episode, you may have noticed, is going live on a
4 Friday. And that is because this information
5 with Paul we thought was so timely that we needed
6 to get it out as soon as possible. We actually
7 recorded this with him before the maps were even
8 posted.
9 So, in any case, today is Friday, if
10 you're listening to this when it's brand new.
11 And we are then going to have a little bit of a
12 space between the next episode, because normally
13 we do release them on Monday. We would release
14 the next one on next Monday.
15 However, we have the top 100 coming up on
16 August 26th and that's our annual look at
17 California's top 100 power players who are not in
18 elected office, and that will be on August 26th.
19 So we will release the next podcast on
20 August 27th, where we're going to sort of talk
21 about the decision-making process, who made it
22 on, who made it -- who didn't make it on, why,
23 etcetera, and basically set you up to yell at us
24 about why we made terrible decisions and why your
25 friend should have been on, and why that person

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<p>1 Because, you know, we're already seeing the</p> <p>2 opposition people come out. You know,</p> <p>3 Schwarzenegger has voiced his disapproval.</p> <p>4 Charles Munger has promised to throw like</p> <p>5 a hundred million dollars -- or excuse me,</p> <p>6 \$30 million at this.</p> <p>7 Kevin McCarthy's come out of whatever</p> <p>8 hidey hole he's been in saying he's going to, you</p> <p>9 know, raise a hundred million dollars to defeat</p> <p>10 this.</p> <p>11 And all of it, of course, is being framed</p> <p>12 as, you know, this is super, super partisan.</p> <p>13 Which, as you noted, all of this has sparked from</p> <p>14 very partisan stuff that's happening in Texas,</p> <p>15 possibly to what's happening here in California,</p> <p>16 and maybe somewhere else.</p> <p>17 But from everything that you just said,</p> <p>18 you know, you're putting the kind of thought and</p> <p>19 care into this to try to make it sort of what the</p> <p>20 Governor and the Democratic party are after here</p> <p>21 without going so far over the edge that it's -- I</p> <p>22 don't know the right word is -- absurd.</p> <p>23 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. Extreme.</p> <p>24 MR. EHISEN: Help me out here. Because I</p> <p>25 don't know that I'm --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 cities get split in the redistricting. So, you</p> <p>2 know, we took this care.</p> <p>3 When we're drawing these districts, we</p> <p>4 were considering communities of interest. And,</p> <p>5 you know, the fact that we can do these things in</p> <p>6 terms of like drawing a map that is -- you know,</p> <p>7 it's not touching nine entire congressional</p> <p>8 districts.</p> <p>9 In Texas they don't touch one</p> <p>10 congressional district. Like everything's</p> <p>11 changed in Texas except one district.</p> <p>12 In ours, we don't touch nine, and another</p> <p>13 20 districts are touched less than 10 percent.</p> <p>14 So it's kind of like trying to reduce how much we</p> <p>15 have to depart from the Commission's work. And</p> <p>16 we respect the Commission's work and we think the</p> <p>17 Commission's work is, you know, the gold</p> <p>18 standard.</p> <p>19 But we do have something we're trying to</p> <p>20 achieve with these to push back on Texas. We can</p> <p>21 achieve them while still having a good defensible</p> <p>22 map.</p> <p>23 And part of this, you see like at this</p> <p>24 press conference, Sara Sadhwani came out, and she</p> <p>25 is a former Commissioner, and spoke at the rally.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 MR. MITCHELL: No. And actually, I --</p> <p>2 MR. EHISEN: -- (inaudible).</p> <p>3 MR. MITCHELL: When this first started, I</p> <p>4 have to admit, there were people in the</p> <p>5 Democratic eco stream, you know, this kind of</p> <p>6 like whirlwind of people that were like calling</p> <p>7 me because I'm the only redistricting person they</p> <p>8 know, and trying to talk about what could happen.</p> <p>9 So many of them were like, if Texas is</p> <p>10 going to throw away the VRA, then we can throw</p> <p>11 away the VRA. Can't we create more districts?</p> <p>12 Can't we create six or seven or eight Democratic</p> <p>13 pick-ups? Can we do a 52/0 map?</p> <p>14 And I basically had to calmly show them</p> <p>15 that -- and it wasn't everybody, but just these</p> <p>16 particular voices that were pushing this stuff.</p> <p>17 I had to calmly show them, look, we can create a</p> <p>18 five district pick-up map and follow the Voting</p> <p>19 Rights Act, keep communities of interest</p> <p>20 together.</p> <p>21 We actually in our map split fewer cities</p> <p>22 than the State Commission's plan. As of right</p> <p>23 now, we're kind of finalizing everything. I</p> <p>24 think we're going to be two or three cities fewer</p> <p>25 than the existing lines in terms of how many</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 Now, I don't want to put words into Sara</p> <p>2 Sadhwani's mouth, but when I first talked to her,</p> <p>3 I think that the fact that she knew that we were</p> <p>4 doing this, that we were considering all this</p> <p>5 stuff, that we had hired a staff person who used</p> <p>6 to work at the Commission, you know, we were</p> <p>7 going to do it right. It wasn't going to be</p> <p>8 hacked up.</p> <p>9 I don't think she'd stand up on that stage</p> <p>10 and say, I support this, if what we're going to</p> <p>11 get was districts that decimated all the</p> <p>12 communities, you know, throughout LA, like some</p> <p>13 of the public map -- or some of the map proposals</p> <p>14 we've seen. So --</p> <p>15 MR. FOSTER: I think that was a really</p> <p>16 interesting -- when I saw her there, I thought</p> <p>17 that was really interesting that she was part of</p> <p>18 this.</p> <p>19 MR. MITCHELL: She's not the only one. I</p> <p>20 got a text this morning from a Commissioner from</p> <p>21 the 2011 Commission saying, hey, when can we</p> <p>22 talk? I want to -- we're going to talk this</p> <p>23 afternoon. And she's -- this is one of four</p> <p>24 Commissioners that we've talked to that are</p> <p>25 interested in supporting this because they see</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p>

<p>1 this as like an existential crisis, one.</p> <p>2 They also see that doing the minimum</p> <p>3 change in order to get -- in order to push back</p> <p>4 on Texas is possible and can be done well. We</p> <p>5 can create an environment where we do the new</p> <p>6 districts not because we want to, but because we</p> <p>7 have to. And when we do them, we do them in a</p> <p>8 way that is effective at creating that partisan</p> <p>9 gain without just decimating everything.</p> <p>10 And that's one of the things about a real</p> <p>11 fortunate series of events, because we have here</p> <p>12 in California with our company a company that's</p> <p>13 worked in so many cities and counties and</p> <p>14 locally, a company that has this reputation, a</p> <p>15 company that knows on the ground.</p> <p>16 We worked with some folks in D.C. and saw</p> <p>17 some maps, as an example, that went into Orange</p> <p>18 county and just tore up the Asian community in</p> <p>19 Orange county as they drew the maps, and that's a</p> <p>20 no go.</p> <p>21 We saw districts being proposed that would</p> <p>22 have, you know, seven or eight districts going</p> <p>23 from Santa Monica out to like Imperial -- the</p> <p>24 Inland Empire. Just long strips of districts</p> <p>25 that would just decimate all the communities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p>	<p>1 independent redistricting commissions in all 50</p> <p>2 states, would we see substantially different</p> <p>3 numbers in Congress right now?</p> <p>4 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. So first off, you'd</p> <p>5 see differences in two things. One is how good</p> <p>6 objectively the maps are, and then</p> <p>7 representation, political representation in</p> <p>8 Congress.</p> <p>9 And the how good the maps are, you look at</p> <p>10 what Texas is doing, they're splitting 145</p> <p>11 cities, right? More than double what we're</p> <p>12 splitting. And that means that they're just</p> <p>13 carelessly going through areas and trying to just</p> <p>14 do the partisan gerrymander and not actually</p> <p>15 trying to put out a good plan.</p> <p>16 And that's true in other states, even</p> <p>17 democratically held states, where there's states</p> <p>18 that have kind of a, you know, wild, wild west</p> <p>19 redistricting. It has this objective harm that's</p> <p>20 done to communities, outside of who's getting</p> <p>21 elected to Congress. Just the lines themselves</p> <p>22 are dividing communities.</p> <p>23 They're waiving political representation</p> <p>24 for disaffected groups. They are oftentimes</p> <p>25 violating the Voting Rights Act. They're just</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p>
<p>1 No respect for the LGBT community. No</p> <p>2 respect for all the testimony from environmental</p> <p>3 groups that were trying to create communities of</p> <p>4 interest in the last redistricting. No respect</p> <p>5 for neighborhoods within cities. No respect for</p> <p>6 cities.</p> <p>7 Like we're fortunate that we have the</p> <p>8 opportunity in a three-week period to go from</p> <p>9 we're going to draw districts to getting a final</p> <p>10 plan that the Legislature can consider and have</p> <p>11 that final plan be buttoned up enough and be</p> <p>12 consistent enough with the Commission work and be</p> <p>13 supported by community of interest testimony. So</p> <p>14 I think there's a lot there.</p> <p>15 MR. FOSTER: So you were talking about</p> <p>16 maybe a change of five seats and that's</p> <p>17 substantial. I mean, that's 10 percent of the</p> <p>18 districts almost.</p> <p>19 Can you talk about how this is -- the same</p> <p>20 thing is really happening in other states? I</p> <p>21 mean, there's -- very few states have independent</p> <p>22 redistricting commissions.</p> <p>23 What I'm taking away from this is what's</p> <p>24 happening in Texas and what's happening in other</p> <p>25 places. In a perfect world, if we had</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 bad districts.</p> <p>2 Now, in terms of representation, you know,</p> <p>3 it would be a fun political exercise, and</p> <p>4 somebody's probably done it, to say, what would</p> <p>5 be the, you know, composition of Congress if you</p> <p>6 had a kind of projected map drawn by commissions?</p> <p>7 Because you can actually do a thing</p> <p>8 with -- it's called ensemble analysis, where you</p> <p>9 can run like 10,000 plans with a computer and</p> <p>10 say, what's the bell curve of how many Democratic</p> <p>11 districts there are in every state? And then</p> <p>12 pick the middle of that bell curve and run that</p> <p>13 out nationally to determine what the like</p> <p>14 probabilistic metric would be of likely Dem reap</p> <p>15 if you had independent fair redistricting in</p> <p>16 every state that wasn't considering partisanship.</p> <p>17 But I've never done that. I don't know</p> <p>18 what the natural shape of Congress should be. I</p> <p>19 would guess that it would be more Democratic.</p> <p>20 But, you know, that would be something for</p> <p>21 somebody to analyze if they wanted to. And</p> <p>22 the --</p> <p>23 MR. EHISEN: Well, you know --</p> <p>24 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah.</p> <p>25 MR. EHISEN: -- Paul, let me ask you a</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p>

<p>1 are, especially in congressionals, equal to the 2 one person deviation and then you're trying to 3 balance the need to, you know, create districts 4 at a certain size, respect mountain ranges and 5 highways and, you know, neighborhoods and cities, 6 all these things, it's really hard to do. 7 And adding partisanship is another thing 8 to consider. Should make the other criteria 9 harder to achieve, and it made it a really hard 10 job. But we were able to still achieve a lot of 11 the other criteria. So, yeah, there's no perfect 12 redistricting plan. 13 MR. FOSTER: Well, and so cutting to the 14 chase, you mentioned Kevin Kiley earlier. What 15 are some of the other seats that could be in for 16 a significant change? 17 MR. MITCHELL: Well, you know, if you 18 believe what's reported, it's LaMalfa in Northern 19 California. Kiley. Valadao is in a district 20 that becomes more Democratic. And -- 21 MR. EHISEN: Young Kim? 22 MR. MITCHELL: Young Kim gets a great 23 district. But Calvert's district kind of 24 disappears from the map and a new 25 majority/minority Latino district is put in the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 And then in LA there's a new district that 2 has the Calvert number 41 that's put in southeast 3 LA that replaces the old Roybal-Allard district 4 that the Commission removed in the last 5 redistricting. 6 To back up a second, the last Commission 7 had to go from 53 to 52 seats. There was two 8 arguments. 9 Matt Rexroad was saying, hey, LA is where 10 you're losing the population, so you should take 11 that, you know, district out of LA. 12 And honestly, like it's easier just to 13 take one district out and let the rest of the 14 districts collapse in on itself than to do what 15 we were saying, which was no, no, no, keep all 16 the districts in LA. 17 Yes, we've lost population, but we've 18 actually gained the Latino population. And so 19 why would you remove districts from an area 20 that's, you know -- and from a Latino community 21 where this Roybal-Allard district has been 22 historically and there's a lot of community 23 interest arguments about that district? 24 Why take that out when you could just 25 leave it there and let all the districts in LA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 middle of southeast LA. 2 And then Issa's district becomes kind of a 3 Palm Springs district with east county San Diego 4 and some smaller San Diego cities that are more 5 Democratic, so his district becomes like a three- 6 and-a-half point Kamala Harris district. So -- 7 MR. EHISEN: Wait a minute. Did you just 8 say Young Kim gets a great district? 9 MR. MITCHELL: Young Kim gets a great 10 district. Young Kim -- 11 MR. EHISEN: For her? 12 MR. MITCHELL: Young Kim gets a great 13 district because what happens is that the Calvert 14 district basically disappears off the map. And 15 Issa takes the Palm Springs side. She takes the 16 Corona side. And then there's other movement 17 coming from other districts on the Inland Empire 18 to take the remainder. 19 So the Young Kim district is heavily 20 Republican. It takes the -- kind of looking at 21 the map, the left or western side of the Calvert 22 district and gobbles that up. 23 Issa takes the right-hand side of the 24 Calvert district, gobbles that up. And 25 essentially, there's no Calvert district anymore.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 kind of push out over -- kind of lip over the 2 county into other areas? 3 So the first thing we did was we used that 4 community of interest testimony and kind of undid 5 what the Commission did last time in putting that 6 district back in LA and kind of eliminating that 7 Calvert seat. 8 And so what's left is a district that's 9 like north Orange county, Corona. Kim is perfect 10 for that seat. 11 MR. EHISEN: Well, that's interesting to 12 me, because she's been such a target of the 13 Democrats. They've been talking nonstop about 14 going after her seat and how this is the year. 15 We had my friend, Jeff Pearlman, who lives 16 in Laguna Niguel, on this podcast a while back. 17 He does The Truth OC pretty much daily 18 newsletter. 19 And, you know, there's all constant, 20 constant theme and airs about, you know, the 21 effort to unseat Young Kim, and all of this hue 22 and cry about how it's going to help Dems. And 23 it sounds like it just solidified her hold on 24 that what's probably going to be a new district 25 for her.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p>

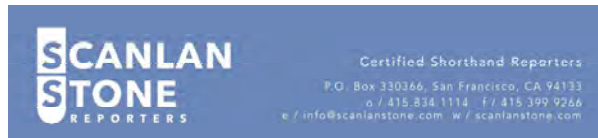
EXHIBIT

HISPANAS ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY
(HOPE)

PRESENTATION ON ZOOM

OCTOBER 17, 2025

TRANSCRIBED BY: MARY ANN SCANLAN, CSR



1 This November 4th, and for some of us who
2 have already received our ballot in the mail,
3 Californians will vote on Proposition 50, a
4 measure that would temporarily authorize the
5 state to adopt new congressional maps.

6 To be clear, once again, that HOPE has not
7 taken a position on Prop. 50. Our goal today is
8 to ensure that our communities are informed and
9 empowered, to understand what's on the ballot and
10 what this measure means, and how it could shape
11 representation in California.

12 We have a jam-packed program for you
13 running until 1:15 p.m. So we encourage you to
14 stay on for the full discussion.

15 You'll hear from an incredible lineup of
16 speakers sharing their expertise and perspectives
17 as civil rights attorneys, demographers and civic
18 engagement leaders.

19 While we won't be doing a live Q&A, please
20 drop your question in the Q&A box. Our speakers
21 will be responding in the chat throughout the
22 session. We also ask you to please keep the
23 questions respectful and on topic.

24 With that, as our housekeeping is covered,
25 it's our -- it's my pleasure to introduce

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1 MS. TORRES: Hello, everyone. Thank you
2 so much for joining us today for this very
3 important Zoom.

4 My name is Helen Iris Torres. I am the
5 proud CEO of HOPE, Hispanas Organized for
6 Political Equality.

7 At HOPE our mission is to advance
8 political and economic parity for Latinas to the
9 benefit of all communities. We believe that
10 every person deserves fair representation and an
11 equal voice in shaping the decisions that affect
12 our lives.

13 Redistricting is a critical part of
14 achieving that vision. It determines how our
15 communities are represented at every level of
16 government. It's one of HOPE's -- one of our
17 foundations of HOPE's broader civic engagement
18 work, ensuring Latinas and all Californians have
19 equitable access to political power.

20 While HOPE is a nonpartisan organization,
21 we recognize that redistricting has become an
22 increasingly partisan and at times contentious
23 issue. Across the country gerrymandering has
24 threatened fair representation, making it more
25 urgent now than ever for us to stay informed.

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1 Maria Morales, HOPE's statewide policy director,
2 who will guide us through today's conversation
3 and introduce our distinguished guests, our first
4 distinguished guest, Sonja Diaz.

5 Thank you, Maria.

6 MS. MORALES: Thank you, Helen.

7 And hi, everyone. Thank you so much for
8 joining us today.

9 I am excited to welcome to the virtual
10 stage Sonja Diaz to kick off our conversation.
11 Sonja Diaz is a civil rights attorney and policy
12 adviser, renowned for her pioneering work in
13 advancing equitable representation and
14 opportunities for Latinas.

15 As a cofounder of the Latina Futures 2050
16 Lab, she champions the vision where Latinas have
17 equal access to leadership roles, contributing to
18 a thriving society for all.

19 And prior to her groundbreaking work with
20 the Latinas Futures Lab, Sonja cofounded and
21 directed the UCLA Latina Policy and Politics
22 Institute, which is the first comprehensive think
23 tank within the University of California system
24 dedicated to addressing the policies of the
25 nation's second largest racial and ethnic group.

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<p>1 might use PDI.</p> <p>2 But my other hat is that I'm the owner of</p> <p>3 Redistricting Partners. We're a redistricting</p> <p>4 firm that's done over a hundred local</p> <p>5 redistrictings, all nonpartisan. We've done</p> <p>6 nonpartisan redistricting with a number of</p> <p>7 commissions, from Los Angeles to New York City to</p> <p>8 New York state's redistricting, where we've</p> <p>9 worked twice in New York state.</p> <p>10 We've even helped stand up independent</p> <p>11 redistricting commissions, like where we advised</p> <p>12 the Ethics Commission in New Mexico on the</p> <p>13 creation of their first Independent Redistricting</p> <p>14 Commission. So I've been very tied to</p> <p>15 nonpartisan and commission-based redistricting, a</p> <p>16 real fan of it for a long time.</p> <p>17 And when this first -- when I was first</p> <p>18 approached about this, it wasn't even at first</p> <p>19 like, well, how would I draw the maps? My first</p> <p>20 reaction was like, there's no way that we can do</p> <p>21 this. Voters love the Commission. And I support</p> <p>22 the Commission's work. And why would voters give</p> <p>23 the Legislature the authority to redraw lines?</p> <p>24 And so a lot changed after Texas did what</p> <p>25 they did to, you know, redo their maps responding</p> <p>Page 21</p>	<p>1 Redistricting Commission's actual maps.</p> <p>2 So one of my first rules of the process</p> <p>3 was that we would follow the Commission process</p> <p>4 and have a lot of respect for the Commission work</p> <p>5 product.</p> <p>6 We would also preserve communities of</p> <p>7 interest. And I have worked, like I said, in so</p> <p>8 many parts of this state, and my staff, that all</p> <p>9 kind of came back on a volunteer basis to work on</p> <p>10 this, had all worked in so many places that we</p> <p>11 knew where those communities of interest were.</p> <p>12 We've been active in the state redistricting</p> <p>13 process.</p> <p>14 And following the Voting Rights Act was</p> <p>15 very important. Even though, as of today,</p> <p>16 there's a Supreme Court hearing to potentially</p> <p>17 dismantle it, we still were holding to it.</p> <p>18 Now, when we really knew that this was</p> <p>19 real, I sent a text to my little chat of all my</p> <p>20 Redistricting Partners staff. And I said, guys,</p> <p>21 this might happen. Who can get on -- we call it</p> <p>22 the box. Who can get on the box and start</p> <p>23 drawing? And this is what I want to draw.</p> <p>24 And I started listing out this concept of</p> <p>25 drawing a replacement Latino majority/minority</p> <p>Page 23</p>
<p>1 to President Trump. And the idea of this as</p> <p>2 being a counterbalance to what Texas was doing</p> <p>3 became a core kind of idea of this project. And</p> <p>4 then a commitment that it goes back to the</p> <p>5 Commission afterwards. That all of this is</p> <p>6 temporary. So even before I started looking at</p> <p>7 potential maps, that was what I was thinking</p> <p>8 about.</p> <p>9 Now, when I was first talked to by folks,</p> <p>10 I won't call out any names of elected officials,</p> <p>11 but I did have some elected officials call me and</p> <p>12 say, well, if Texas is going to throw away the</p> <p>13 VRA, we should just throw away the VRA. You</p> <p>14 should just draw anything you can. Don't worry</p> <p>15 about the VRA.</p> <p>16 And I would be like, okay, thanks for</p> <p>17 calling. But there was no way that I was going</p> <p>18 to do that. Folks who work with me understand</p> <p>19 that. And also, I just felt like that was going</p> <p>20 to be the wrong strategy.</p> <p>21 So the first real thing I took at -- to</p> <p>22 answer your question, how did we start</p> <p>23 approaching drawing maps, it was by utilizing the</p> <p>24 State Fair Maps Act criteria and the</p> <p>25 Redistricting Commission's criteria and the</p> <p>Page 22</p>	<p>1 district in the middle of Los Angeles. That was</p> <p>2 the number one thing that I first started</p> <p>3 thinking about because it was something that I</p> <p>4 worked with HOPE on in the last redistricting</p> <p>5 process.</p> <p>6 I'm going to read for a second -- I hate</p> <p>7 doing this on a presentation, but I'm going to</p> <p>8 read from a HOPE letter from November 24th, 2021,</p> <p>9 where it said, HOPE is concerned about the</p> <p>10 elimination of a majority/minority Latino</p> <p>11 district within the area of Los Angeles gateway</p> <p>12 cities.</p> <p>13 The seat, which is called by the LA Times</p> <p>14 the most Latino district in the country,</p> <p>15 disappeared off the map despite the growing</p> <p>16 Latino population throughout the state.</p> <p>17 And that letter on page 2 illustrated what</p> <p>18 HOPE wanted to see done in a coalition with a lot</p> <p>19 of other partners in Los Angeles. And it said,</p> <p>20 number one, create a gateway cities district</p> <p>21 centered around Downey, as described in the</p> <p>22 analysis, allowing for the creation of five</p> <p>23 Latino majority/minority districts in an area</p> <p>24 where there are currently four.</p> <p>25 Secondly, take the district that was</p> <p>Page 24</p>

<p>1 called LB North, which is now the Robert Garcia 2 district, take that district to the south through 3 Seal Beach into Huntington Beach, making a 4 Latino-influenced district at 35 percent Latino 5 by voting age population.</p> <p>6 That two bullet points was the first thing 7 we did in drawing the new map. We essentially 8 reversed the Redistricting Commission's decision 9 to eliminate a Latino district from LA, the old 10 Ed Roybal district, Lucille Roybal-Allard 11 district, the first Latino majority/minority 12 district in the country, the first Latino member 13 of Congress in the country.</p> <p>14 We put that district back. Eliminated 15 the -- basically moving the 41st over there and 16 eliminating the Ken Calvert district in 17 Riverside, and then moving the districts around 18 in order to fill in.</p> <p>19 Now, did that just come up in our head 20 like, hey, it's 2025, let's draw this? No. We 21 went back to maps the Commission was considering. 22 We went back to proposals from HOPE, Equality 23 California, a number of groups that were trying 24 to advocate for these changes in the end of the 25 last redistricting process.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 So there's a good story to tell about what 2 these maps have done, and that how we did it 3 really was building off of the Commission work 4 product, keeping the same values that the 5 Commission and Californians have, doing modest 6 changes, and, you know, doing the minimum we had 7 to in order to achieve the political goal while 8 protecting communities of interest.</p> <p>9 MS. TORRES: Thank you, Paul.</p> <p>10 It's always good to hear my words being 11 read back to me --</p> <p>12 MR. MITCHELL: Sorry.</p> <p>13 MS. TORRES: -- from the flood of ideas 14 that --</p> <p>15 MR. MITCHELL: I didn't warn you I was 16 doing that, so anybody knows that was not 17 planned.</p> <p>18 MS. TORRES: That's okay.</p> <p>19 MR. MITCHELL: She did not know I was 20 going to do that.</p> <p>21 MS. TORRES: But I think you made your 22 point that the crafting of these maps, Prop. 50 23 maps, it wasn't just, you know, you and a couple 24 bad scientists coming together. It's really 25 truly individuals that are -- and building on the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 So what we did, which you could only do in 2 California, was we took the Commission map. We 3 kept about 80 percent of it the same, but in 4 certain areas we made small, modest changes in 5 order to create a push back to what Texas was 6 doing, an opportunity for Democrats to pick up 7 five seats, and to counterbalance the five 8 Republican seats in Texas.</p> <p>9 And in doing so, we were able to keep a 10 large number of communities of interest together. 11 We were able to reduce the numbers of cities that 12 were split. We were able to protect the Voting 13 Rights Act.</p> <p>14 The Voting Rights Act analysis that we got 15 back said -- and, again, I'll read -- while both 16 the Commission map and the draft map are 17 compliant with Section 2, the empirical evidence 18 shows that the public submission map, which is 19 the Prop. 50 map, improves the opportunity for 20 Latino voters to elect candidates of choice in 21 two more districts than the existing plan.</p> <p>22 And then PPIC just put out an analysis 23 last week that said that our plan maintained the 24 status quo in terms of the Voting Rights Act and 25 added one more Latino-influenced district.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 current maps that are out there.</p> <p>2 And, you know, there is no denying it. 3 You mentioned that two great sources, especially 4 PPIC, that, you know, is calling out that this 5 will potentially create a Latino -- an additional 6 Latino seat, or replace -- or bring back the 7 Latino seat that we lost in the past.</p> <p>8 With that, and trying as much as we can to 9 keep it nonpartisan, from your perspective, what 10 should Latino voters pay the most attention to 11 when it comes to this -- to these Prop. 50 maps?</p> <p>12 MR. MITCHELL: Well, I think that when we 13 get into 2026 election cycle, and presuming these 14 maps pass, I think it's about organizing. There 15 will be different districts in LA in particular. 16 So every district -- because there's this 17 replacement of the Roybal-Allard district in the 18 middle of the gateway cities portion of LA, that 19 essentially moved a bunch of districts going 20 through San Gabriel Valley, through the Inland 21 Empire, where those members of Congress had to 22 look at a map and say, wait, that's not my 23 district. My district got changed significantly.</p> <p>24 So you're going to have a lot of members 25 of Congress that are going to be running in new</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p>

1 areas. And then in particularly the Robert
2 Garcia district that's going to now be Long
3 Beach, goes down into Huntington Beach, which has
4 been pretty antagonistic towards Democrats,
5 somewhat antagonistic towards minority groups,
6 and vehemently antagonistic against the LGBTQ
7 community.

8 And so you've got some places where he
9 needs to get support and get engaged folks to
10 support and do turnout there for Latinos to
11 protect a Latino member of Congress in a district
12 that is still a Latino-influenced district, but
13 is no longer a majority/minority district because
14 his district, most Latino portions go into the
15 replacement Roybal-Allard district. So that's
16 one big thing.

17 The other big things are the big things we
18 always talk about, which is trying to get Latinos
19 to vote earlier so that they're not scrambling to
20 try to get them out to the polls on election day.

21 Looking right now just at the Prop. 21
22 [sic] vote, Latinos are 28 percent of the
23 registered voters, but only about 13 percent of
24 the votes that have come in so far. So getting
25 Latinos to vote earlier.

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1 Getting Latinos to, you know, make best
2 use of all the methods of voting, whether it's by
3 mail, drop box, or in person at a vote center,
4 and just really kind of focusing on that
5 engagement.

6 The Prop. 50 maps I think will be great
7 for the Latino community in two critical ways.
8 One is that they ensure that the Latino districts
9 that are the VRA seats are bolstered in order to
10 make them most effective, particularly in the
11 Central Valley.

12 And then, secondly, have to hazard a
13 guess, and I don't want to be too political or
14 partisan here, but I have to hazard a guess that
15 whoever gets elected in that gateway cities
16 district in Los Angeles, it's a majority/minority
17 district, is going to be a better representative
18 for the community than the representative being
19 elected from the Ken Calvert seat.

20 So I think there are opportunities
21 throughout the map where you might get somebody
22 better representing San Diego/Palm Springs area
23 in a new seat that is drawn under Prop. 50 than
24 you would under the existing Darrell Issa
25 district.

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1 So I think there are opportunities there
2 in the substance of the maps and the outcomes of
3 the maps, and I think there's a lot of
4 opportunities in terms of kind of those VRA
5 concerns as well.

6 MS. TORRES: So, Paul, you know, I know I
7 only have a couple more minutes with you, but I
8 wanted to come back to just clarify.

9 You mentioned Prop. 21, but I think you
10 were mentioning -- did you mean to mention
11 Prop. 50 and what the voting count looks like
12 now? Because you're tracking that, right, how
13 much voters --

14 MR. MITCHELL: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. I
15 don't know.

16 MS. TORRES: Yeah.

17 MR. MITCHELL: Maybe I misspoke. Yeah.
18 So the Prop. 50 tracker, we have it up now, so
19 we're processing ballots that are -- the counties
20 are processing the ballots that are coming in.
21 And right now Latinos are 28 percent of the votes
22 that have been cast for Prop. 50. And, you know,
23 they're 28 percent of registered voters, and only
24 about 13 percent of the votes that have been cast
25 so far.

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1 So, yeah, if I said 21, it might just be
2 because I was thinking about the --

3 MS. TORRES: So just so I'm clear.

4 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. Yeah.

5 MS. TORRES: Latinos make up 28 percent of
6 the voting population in California, and about --
7 we're tracking at 13, 16 percent of ballots --

8 MR. MITCHELL: Of the ballots that have
9 been returned.

10 MS. TORRES: And is that usually what you
11 see? Because Latinos seem to vote later; is that
12 correct?

13 MR. MITCHELL: So Latinos have
14 traditionally voted later. Also, when we talk
15 about Latinos on the voter file, we're talking
16 about younger voters. Because your average
17 Latino on the voter file is a lot younger than
18 the average White voter, as an example.

19 So in addition to Latinos voting more on
20 election day, you also have younger people less
21 responsive to their mail. They're not checking
22 their mail every day and mailing their ballot
23 back right away.

24 So those are things that can be worked on
25 in order to bring a fuller turnout from all these

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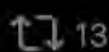


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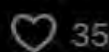
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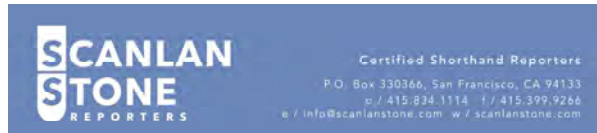
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2025

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1 Tangipa.

2 VICE CHAIR MACEDO: Madam Chair, motion
3 to adjourn.

4 UNIDENTIFIABLE SPEAKER: Second that.

5 VICE CHAIR MACEDO: I'm asking for the
6 same amount of time to prepare for this that my
7 Democrat colleagues did.8 CHAIR PELLERIN: Just give me one second
9 here, please.10 The motion to adjourn is not debatable
11 and it will take a majority of those present in
12 voting.

13 Madam Secretary, please call the roll.

14 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Pellerin?

15 CHAIR PELLERIN: No.

16 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Pellerin, no.
17 Macedo?

18 VICE CHAIR MACEDO: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Macedo, aye.

20 Bennett?

21 Berman?

22 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: No.

23 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Berman, no.

24 Solache?

25 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SOLACHE: No.

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1 CHAIR PELLERIN: Good morning. I'd like
2 to call the August 19th, 2025 hearing of the
3 Assembly Election Committee to order.4 Before we proceed, let's call the roll
5 and establish the quorum. Madam Secretary.

6 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Pellerin?

7 CHAIR PELLERIN: Here.

8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Pellerin here.
9 Macedo?

10 VICE CHAIR MACEDO: Here.

11 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Macedo here.

12 Bennett?

13 Berman?

14 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Here.

15 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Berman here.

16 Solache:

17 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SOLACHE: Present.

18 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Solache here.
19 Stefani?

20 ASSEMBLY MEMBER STEFANI: Here.

21 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Stefani here.

22 Tangipa?

23 CHAIR PELLERIN: He was here.

24 We have a quorum. Wonderful.

25 I'd like to welcome -- oh, there's

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1 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Solache, no.
2 Stefani?

3 ASSEMBLY MEMBER STEFANI: No.

4 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Stefani, no.

5 Tangipa?

6 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Tangipa, aye.

8 CHAIR PELLERIN: The motion fails.

9 Now let me begin. I'd like to welcome
10 everyone who is here in the hearing room today
11 and who's watching the hearing online.12 For the purpose of this hearing, we are
13 accepting witness testimony in person and we are
14 also accepting written testimony through the
15 Legislature's position letter portal, or through
16 the Committee's redistricting public comment
17 portal.18 Both of these portals can be accessed
19 through the Committee's website at
20 aelc.assembly.ca.gov.21 Today's hearing is going to be a little
22 different than the typical Assembly Elections
23 Committee bill hearing, so I want to set the
24 stage for what to expect.

25 The Committee is hearing two measures

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1 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: I bet. Those
2 are longer than this one.
3 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: It is.
4 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Yeah.
5 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: So, you know,
6 I'm just -- since they're attached to each
7 other --
8 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Yeah.
9 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: -- they cannot
10 pass without the other one not passing. I really
11 do think the merits of one or the other are very
12 important to that.
13 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Uh-huh.
14 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: And so is it
15 possible that these maps are struck down in
16 court, and we're about to spend hundreds of
17 millions of dollars because of the way that we've
18 done this with such urgency?
19 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: I'm not prepared
20 to predict what the courts might do.
21 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BENNETT: Point of order.
22 Point of order.
23 CHAIR PELLERIN: Okay. Yes.

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1 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BENNETT: Could I make a
2 motion that every Member's time speaking here is
3 limited to 25 minutes?
4 (Pause on the record.)
5 CHAIR PELLERIN: I'm trying to provide
6 opportunity for people to speak to the measures
7 and ask the questions that they have.
8 I know this is a very fast-moving
9 process. I've already explained the reason why
10 we are moving quickly on this issue. And I don't
11 want people to be abusing this opportunity to ask
12 pertinent questions related to the bills.
13 So give me one second here.
14 (Pause on the record.)
15 CHAIR PELLERIN: So I believe the
16 questions you've asked so far have been answered.
17 Do you have additional questions?
18 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: Yes, ma'am.
19 CHAIR PELLERIN: You may go ahead and ask
20 another one.
21 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: Thank you.
22 Is there a work into the bill with the
23 fiscal cost of legal challenges?
24 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: I'm sorry, say
25 that one more time.

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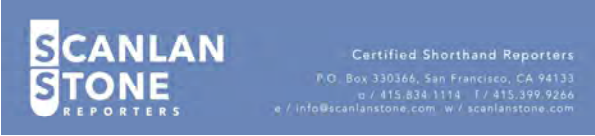
1 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: Is there a work
2 into the bill for legal challenges that are --
3 that I presume are going to show up left and
4 right?
5 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Is there work in
6 the bill?
7 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: Is there a --
8 when lawsuits --
9 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Happen.
10 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: -- happen --
11 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Yeah.
12 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: -- do we
13 have -- are we prepared for that with this ACA?
14 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: We have a very
15 robust Department of Justice that is prepared to
16 defend new laws that are passed by the
17 Legislature, yes.
18 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: The way that
19 the districts are drawn, you know, it really
20 worries me that it makes it possible for us to
21 not just spend the \$300 million to get this onto
22 the ballot, but then to open up our communities
23 and the State of California into more litigation.

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1 So when the lawsuits happen at the local
2 county level as well, because they're split up,
3 who's going to pay for that?
4 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Well, actually,
5 a big distinction between these maps that were
6 drawn in California and the maps that are
7 currently being passed by the State of Texas, for
8 example, are California's maps strictly abide by
9 the Federal Voting Rights Act, which the Texas
10 maps don't.
11 And so we've actually put ourselves in a
12 very good position to defend the maps that have
13 been drawn because the Voting Rights Act and the
14 principles of the Voting Rights Act were taken
15 into very high consideration when those maps were
16 drawn.
17 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: Well, that's
18 interesting. The statement that you made is that
19 Texas did not follow that.
20 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: Correct.
21 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: Okay.
22 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERMAN: It's bad.
23 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TANGIPA: So does that
24 mean that Texas has to redraw?

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<p>STATE OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY</p> <p>STANDING APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE</p> <p>AUGUST 2025</p> <p>TRANSCRIBED BY: MARY ANN SCANLAN, CSR</p> 	<p>1 allowed five minutes of questions of witnesses</p> <p>2 only, and I will be timing that.</p> <p>3 As you came into the hearing room today,</p> <p>4 the sergeants directed your attention to the</p> <p>5 rules for public attendance and participation</p> <p>6 which were posted outside the door. I encourage</p> <p>7 members of the public who are in attendance to</p> <p>8 observe those rules and follow them.</p> <p>9 Please be aware that violation of these</p> <p>10 rules are violations of general courtesy or</p> <p>11 decorum and may subject you to removal or</p> <p>12 enforcement processes. And I will say it is our</p> <p>13 expectation that everyone acts like adults in</p> <p>14 this Committee. Thank you.</p> <p>15 With that, I'd like to establish a quorum,</p> <p>16 if one is present. Please call the roll.</p> <p>17 THE CLERK: Wicks?</p> <p>18 CHAIR WICKS: Here.</p> <p>19 THE CLERK: Wicks present.</p> <p>20 Sanchez?</p> <p>21 Arambula?</p> <p>22 Calderon?</p> <p>23 ASSEMBLY MEMBER CALDERON: (Inaudible.)</p> <p>24 THE CLERK: Calderon present.</p> <p>25 Caloza?</p> <p>Page 3</p>
<p>1 CHAIR WICKS: Good morning. Welcome to</p> <p>2 the August 2025 Assembly Appropriations Hearing</p> <p>3 Committee. We have 274 bills to consider this</p> <p>4 morning as part of our regular order hearing.</p> <p>5 I encourage the public to write written</p> <p>6 testimony before the hearing by visiting the</p> <p>7 Committee website at apro.assembly.ca.gov.</p> <p>8 Please note that any written testimony</p> <p>9 submitted to the Committee is considered public</p> <p>10 comment and may be read into the record or</p> <p>11 reprinted.</p> <p>12 The hearing room is open for attendance.</p> <p>13 All are encouraged to watch the hearing room from</p> <p>14 its livestream on the Assembly website.</p> <p>15 We will accept public comment on any bill</p> <p>16 placed on the suspense file by the Committee</p> <p>17 today and for which the author waived</p> <p>18 presentation before the close of the regular</p> <p>19 order hearing.</p> <p>20 Testimony on any such bill will be limited</p> <p>21 to the statement of name, organization, if any,</p> <p>22 and position on the bill.</p> <p>23 The Committee will allow no more than 40</p> <p>24 minutes of testimony in total.</p> <p>25 And for each bill, each member will be</p> <p>Page 2</p>	<p>1 ASSEMBLY MEMBER CALOZA: Here.</p> <p>2 THE CLERK: Caloza present.</p> <p>3 Dixon?</p> <p>4 ASSEMBLY MEMBER DIXON: (Inaudible.)</p> <p>5 THE CLERK: Dixon present.</p> <p>6 Elhawary?</p> <p>7 Fong?</p> <p>8 ASSEMBLY MEMBER FONG: Here.</p> <p>9 THE CLERK: Fong present.</p> <p>10 Mark Gonzalez?</p> <p>11 ASSEMBLY MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.</p> <p>12 THE CLERK: Mark Gonzalez present.</p> <p>13 Hart?</p> <p>14 Pacheco?</p> <p>15 Pellerin?</p> <p>16 ASSEMBLY MEMBER PELLERIN: (Inaudible.)</p> <p>17 THE CLERK: Pellerin present.</p> <p>18 Solache?</p> <p>19 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SOLACHE: Present.</p> <p>20 THE CLERK: Solache present.</p> <p>21 Ta?</p> <p>22 ASSEMBLY MEMBER TA: (Inaudible.)</p> <p>23 THE CLERK: Ta present.</p> <p>24 Tangipa?</p> <p>25 Jeff Gonzalez?</p> <p>Page 4</p>

<p>1 ASSEMBLY MEMBER GONZALEZ: (Inaudible.)</p> <p>2 THE CLERK: Jeff Gonzalez present.</p> <p>3 CHAIR WICKS: Thank you. We have a</p> <p>4 quorum.</p> <p>5 First we would like to hear from Mr. Isaac</p> <p>6 Bryan, who is going to be presenting ACA 8. You</p> <p>7 are up.</p> <p>8 We have a motion and a second.</p> <p>9 And you can begin when you're ready.</p> <p>10 ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRYAN: Thank you, Madam</p> <p>11 Chair and Colleagues. I'm here to present ACA 8</p> <p>12 on behalf of Speaker Robert Rivas, Pro Tem</p> <p>13 McGuire, and over a dozen of us who are</p> <p>14 co-authors in this effort to protect democracy.</p> <p>15 We're living through an unprecedented</p> <p>16 moment in American history where our democracy</p> <p>17 faces daily attacks from the White House and from</p> <p>18 this administration.</p> <p>19 This constitutional amendment, along with</p> <p>20 the two companion bills, are a measured and</p> <p>21 thoughtful response to the power grab that is</p> <p>22 happening out of Washington, D.C. A power grab</p> <p>23 that seeks to further erase the rights of</p> <p>24 40 million Californians who are counting on us.</p> <p>25 To be clear, this is not a fight that we</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 Response Act, is our defense against Trump's</p> <p>2 unprecedented power grab. It would implement the</p> <p>3 temporary use of the maps outlined in AB 604 if,</p> <p>4 and only if, the people of California approve it.</p> <p>5 The people of California will get the final say.</p> <p>6 If ACA 8 and the companion bills in the</p> <p>7 Legislature are passed on a special election on</p> <p>8 November 4th, those district boundaries will be</p> <p>9 used. That's the main difference, by the way,</p> <p>10 here in California.</p> <p>11 So here in California, unlike Texas and</p> <p>12 some of these Republican-led states, we respect</p> <p>13 the people. We respect the voters. And we</p> <p>14 believe that they have the autonomy and authority</p> <p>15 to make major decisions like this that have</p> <p>16 national consequences.</p> <p>17 These maps will be used through the 2030</p> <p>18 congressional term only and -- only if Texas and</p> <p>19 other states enact their partisan gerrymandering,</p> <p>20 their power grab of their own congressional</p> <p>21 districts at the behest of the President. We</p> <p>22 will stand down if they stand down. But if they</p> <p>23 step forward, we are ready to fight fire with</p> <p>24 fire.</p> <p>25 The trigger provision in ACA 8 is</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 sought out, but this is a fight that we are</p> <p>2 prepared to fight and prepared to win.</p> <p>3 ACA 8 exists because Trump and the</p> <p>4 Republican-controlled Texas Legislature and other</p> <p>5 states, like Indiana and Florida, are attempting</p> <p>6 to redraw congressional districts in the middle</p> <p>7 of a decade, pre census, with the explicit aim of</p> <p>8 diluting Black and Brown representation and</p> <p>9 power, and tilting next year's congressional</p> <p>10 elections in favor of the authoritarian in the</p> <p>11 White House.</p> <p>12 Their maps are not about fair</p> <p>13 representation. Their maps are about retaining</p> <p>14 power at any cost without accountability, without</p> <p>15 transparency, without the voters of those states</p> <p>16 getting their say.</p> <p>17 They want to retain control in Congress at</p> <p>18 any cost to continue their goals, to protect the</p> <p>19 wealthy, the President and his corrupt</p> <p>20 companions, while gutting the liberties of</p> <p>21 everyday people, working people and struggling</p> <p>22 families, especially here in California. We</p> <p>23 deserve better. Californians deserve better.</p> <p>24 The American people deserve better.</p> <p>25 ACA 8, also known as the Election Rig</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 carefully crafted to ensure that a mid-decade</p> <p>2 redistricting required by a federal court order</p> <p>3 doesn't result in California changing its map.</p> <p>4 This is only in response to an authoritarian</p> <p>5 power grab.</p> <p>6 I'm joined by two incredible witnesses,</p> <p>7 Jodi Hicks, who is the CEO of Planned Parenthood,</p> <p>8 and Pastor Trena Turner, one of the current</p> <p>9 Commissioners of the 2020 independent California</p> <p>10 Citizens Redistricting Commission.</p> <p>11 CHAIR WICKS: Thank you.</p> <p>12 And each witness on both sides will have</p> <p>13 two minutes each, both for opposition and</p> <p>14 supporter. So four minutes total on each side</p> <p>15 for our main witnesses.</p> <p>16 You can begin when you're ready.</p> <p>17 MS. HICKS: Thank you. Thank you, Madam</p> <p>18 Chair and Members.</p> <p>19 I am Jodi Hicks, the CEO and President of</p> <p>20 Planned Parenthood, Affiliates of California.</p> <p>21 I'm here to represent all seven affiliates and</p> <p>22 over a hundred health centers throughout the</p> <p>23 state of California.</p> <p>24 And I'm here in strong support of ACA 8</p> <p>25 and California's response to Texas or any state</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p>

EXHIBIT

Legislative Democrats Announce Plan Empowering Voters to Protect California

Trump and Republicans sparked a national crisis. And California is fighting back.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, August 15, 2025

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SACRAMENTO - Today, Democrats in the California State Legislature announced new legislation to call a special election in November, empowering voters to protect our state's economy and democracy, and fighting back against reckless attacks by Trump and Republicans.

The legislation includes a state constitutional amendment to set a special election on November 4. It also makes public, for all voters to see and review, new proposed Congressional maps for California.

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Democrats Empower Voters, Protect People and Communities, Promote Transparency

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In California, lawmakers in the Assembly and Senate pushed for key provisions in the legislation to ensure fidelity to independent commissions, protections for the Voting Rights Act and preservation of California cities and communities:

- **California will keep the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.** The Legislature's plan makes sure the Commission maintains its full scope of work and authority after the 2030 Census and beyond, redrawing California's Congressional, state legislative and Board of Equalization lines every 10 years.
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- **Every state in the country should have independent redistricting.** The bills include provisions to express California's policy to support nonpartisan, independent redistricting nationwide and would call on Congress to initiate a federal constitutional amendment to require nonpartisan, independent redistricting nationwide.
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What Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas Says

"Trump sparked this national crisis when he called Texas to rig the election. California is fighting back. Democrats are empowering voters to protect working families and our democracy — with the most transparent process in the nation. Voters will see the maps and have the final say. The stakes couldn't be higher, but I'm confident we'll defeat this assault on our democracy and end Trump's attacks on California."

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EXHIBIT

California Assembly Democrats Support Empowering Voters to Stop Trump's Power Grab

As Trump and Republicans rig the vote in Texas and other states, California lawmakers are fighting back. Today, legislation to call a special election, giving Golden State voters the final say, passed the Senate and Assembly election committees.

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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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SACRAMENTO — Today, legislation to empower voters to fight back against Trump's attacks on California passed the Senate and Assembly Elections committees.

Assembly Democrats have rallied around new legislation, which would set a special election on November 4 and give voters the final say on adopting new California Congressional [maps](#).

The legislation also passed its first committee hearings on Tuesday with broad support, demonstrating a strong backing from Assembly Democrats as it advances through the process.

Republican-led redistricting schemes in Texas and other states are breaking apart communities and eroding public trust. GOP lawmakers are drawing maps behind closed doors, leaving voters out of the process entirely.

California is charting a different course. Assembly and Senate leaders' legislation upholds the independence of the redistricting commission, defends voting rights protections, and maintains the integrity of California's cities and neighborhoods.

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What Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas Says

"We believe in accountability. We believe in elections decided by voters, not bullies. We're putting the maps in front of the people first, and empowering voters to have the final say. Donald Trump will not decide the future of our democracy. The people will."

What Majority Leader Cecilia Aguilar-Curry Says

AB 604 lays out new congressional districts only if voters pass ACA 8. Unlike the map proposed in Texas, the map in AB 604 respects California's constitutional requirement for maintaining communities of interest, with less break up of local jurisdictions. And, after the 2030 census, the independent California Citizens' Redistricting Commission will go back to drawing our congressional boundaries. With this bill we're seeking the public's input—because there's nothing more democratic than California voters deciding. So, if California voters approve this plan, the temporary maps only happen if DC Republicans and Republican-led states push through mid-decade partisan maps first. Their choice is to stand down, or support a fair system for every state. That's how this ends."

What Assemblymember Isaac Bryan Says

"California has faced blow after blow from an authoritarian who is using his position in the White House to dismantle our democracy, line his pockets with taxpayer dollars, and shield himself from all accountability. Trump is now openly, shamelessly interfering with state elections to hold on to power. Here in California we will not let that happen without a fight. We will stand up for Democracy."

What Former Elections Chair Assemblymember Marc Berman Says

"Donald Trump has unapologetically targeted California time and again over the past six months - targeting workers who power our economy, targeting California's best in the world UC system, targeting the healthcare systems that Californians rely on when they get sick. Realizing how unpopular these actions are, Trump and Republicans now want to rig our democracy to guarantee they remain in power. We did not choose this fight, we do not want this fight, but with our democracy on the line, California cannot run away from this fight. Enough is enough. Trump and Republicans still have the chance to back away from their un-American power grab. California's new maps will only go into effect if Republicans move forward with their reckless plans. As Californians, we do not bend the knee to those with authoritarian tendencies. If they don't back down, California will fight back - and we will win."

What Vice Chair of the Latino Caucus Assemblymember Juan Carrillos Says

"The president created this emergency when he called Texas to ask the governor to change the rules and redraw the districts. His goal is to manipulate the elections. California will not stand by while they attack our democracy."

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- AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry), which contains the new proposed Congressional map for voter approval
- SB 280 (Cervantes, Pellerin) to call the special election, appropriate funding for election administration, and make conforming changes to election calendars.

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EXHIBIT

Speaker Rivas Joins California, Texas Democrats to Fight Back Against Trump's Redistricting Power Grab

The Speaker said California voters will see the maps and make the ultimate decision — the most transparent process in the country

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Saturday, August 9, 2025

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SACRAMENTO — As Donald Trump pushes to rig the rules of our democracy so Republicans can cling to power in Congress, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas joined Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Governor Gavin Newsom, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and Texas and California Democratic lawmakers to fight back against the unprecedented power grab.

"California Democrats will not allow Trump's Republican Party to rig the system and take permanent control of the U.S. House of Representatives," said **Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas)**, "We are prepared and we will fight fire with fire. We will do whatever it takes to defend our democracy. We will do whatever it takes to protect the voices, the votes and the rights of every American."



Trump's attempt to cheat his way to Republican control of the House isn't just another redistricting fight — it's a brazen attack on representative government, and a threat to the people who lawmakers are sworn to protect.

Texas Democrats, who are taking action to block Republican efforts in their state, joined California leaders and lawmakers in downtown Sacramento and stood united in defending and empowering voters to resist and defend California.

"The President has paved over the Rose Garden, he has paved over freedom of speech, he has paved over freedom of education — the list goes on and on. Independent judiciary, rule of law—paved over. But we will not let him pave over free and fair elections in our country," **House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi** said during Friday's press conference.

"Donald Trump is tipping the scales of justice toward injustice for us all — he realizes his agenda is so unpopular that he'd rather rig the next election and prevent voters from holding him accountable and provide a check on his deeply unpopular policies. California stands ready to flex its muscle to ensure the integrity of our democracy nationwide," **Governor Gavin Newsom** said.

"Today, we are at a flash point set in play by Donald Trump and Texas Republicans who see the writing on the wall that they'll lose the midterms — and they're trying to cheat to win," **Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire** said. "President Trump's cynical ploy to redraw congressional maps in Texas is rotten to its core. It is our sacred responsibility to defend our democracy and the people of the Golden State, so if Texas moves forward, we need to be prepared to do the same."

Members of the Assembly Democratic Caucus who attended Friday's event also echoed the Speaker's commitment to protecting California, democracy and working families, emphasizing the urgent need to confront Trump head-on.

"It's troubling that some people, including the president and national Republicans, think it's fine to mess with the system for political gain with mid-decade redistricting. Why? Because they know people don't support their agenda of gutting health care, killing programs that working people and the poor depend upon, separating immigrant families, and hurting American small businesses and consumers with reckless tariffs," said **Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters)**. "Here in California, we believe in fair play and transparency, which is why we have independent redistricting to protect democracy. But, we can't roll over while Trump cheats."

"California will always defend the right to vote—and the will of the people. Voters made it clear: they want independent redistricting, not partisan power grabs. Unlike Texas, we won't silence that voice. We'll send this issue to the ballot box—where it belongs," **Assemblymember Anamarie Ávila Farías (D-Concord)** said.

"When an unprecedented power grab by the Trump administration threatens to destabilize the foundations of our Democracy, we can and must do everything necessary to stand in the way and fight for what is right. That is who we are in California," **Assemblymember Isaac Bryan (D-Los Angeles)** said.

"Redistricting should be about making sure every voice counts. President Trump and Texas Republicans are using it to drown out the voices they do not want to hear, especially communities of color and working families. Their manipulation of our democracy is wrong and we will not sit on the sidelines. We will call out the injustice, protect representation, and make sure our democracy reflects communities like mine," **Assemblymember Avelino Valencia (D-Anaheim)** said.

Speaker Rivas reinforced a commitment to California voters seeing all the maps and casting the ultimate decisions — the most transparent process in the country. Members also insisted on sustaining the independent commission.

The stakes could not be higher. This is an emergency. And California must fight back.



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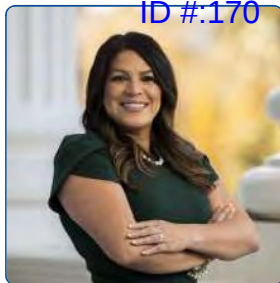
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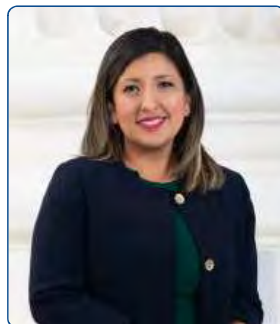
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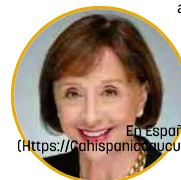
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James C. Ramos

DISTRICT 45

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Biography

Assemblymember James C. Ramos, a lifelong resident of the San Manuel Indian Reservation and member of the Serrano/Cahuilla tribe, became the first California Native American state lawmaker in 2018. He currently represents the 45th District, which includes the cities of Fontana, Highland, Mentone, Redlands, Rialto, and San Bernardino.

The lawmaker chairs the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #6 which deals with public safety issues, the California Legislative Native American Caucus, Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs, Assembly Select Committee on Youth Homelessness in San Bernardino County and is former chair of the Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs and former chair of the Inland Empire Caucus.

Ramos is a member of the Serrano/Cahuilla tribe. As a child, Ramos lived with his family in a mobile home in one of the most poverty-stricken areas of the county. To help support his family while attending school, he worked in fast food restaurants and as a janitor in the San Bernardino City Unified School District. Ramos attended local public schools and graduated from San Geronio High School. Recognizing the importance of education, he went on to receive an Associate Degree in Business at Victor Valley College, a bachelor's degree in accounting at California State University, San Bernardino, and a master of business administration degree at the University of Redlands.

As a successful small business entrepreneur, Ramos accumulated broad experience in many levels of community and government matters. Ramos' commitment to public service led to a number of firsts: first Native American named to the California State Board of Education, the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

During his time on the County Board of Supervisors, he served as Board Chair from 2015-2017 where he oversaw America's largest geographic county and served a community of nearly 2.2 million residents. As chair, Ramos oversaw a county government comprised of more than 40 departments and agencies staffed by more than 25,000 public service professionals providing a wide range of vital services in areas that include public safety, health and human services, economic development, housing, recreation, and culture. Ramos's wide range of experience and knowledge of local and regional issues is complemented by his unique ability to bring Republicans and Democrats together to collaborate on a variety of issues.

His awards include 2022 California State Commanders Veterans Council, the 2022 Youth Legislative Champion Award from the California

In addition to his elected service, Ramos is a proven civic leader and has served on numerous boards and organizations in the Inland Empire. He is former Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, with a deep commitment to the preservation of California Indian culture. As chairman, he helped lead the day-to-day operations and during that time saw tremendous growth of a thriving tribal government. Additionally, Ramos is co-founder of the San Manuel Band's Cultural Awareness Program, and serves as director of the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference held annually at California State University, San Bernardino.

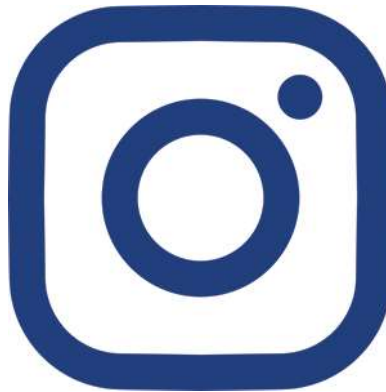
James and his wife, Terri, have been married for more than 30 years, and are the proud parents of four children and grandparents of three grandchildren.

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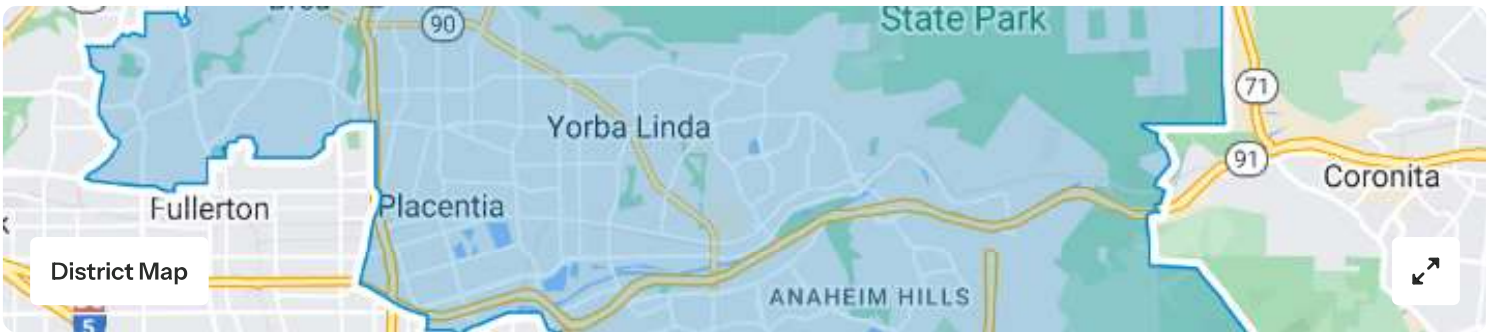
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Pacific Islanders Elected to the Legislature

The NPIEN Utah Chapter Chapter reported that Verona Sagato-Mauga was elected to the Utah House of Representatives. They also stated that Representative Sagato-Mauga is the first Pacific Islander/Samoan female ever elected to a State legislative office.

Other than Representatives for the United States Territories, the only other State Legislator other than Hawaii that we are aware of was Idaho State Senator Edgar Malepeai.

Representative Jake Fitisemanu was also elected to the Utah State Legislature. Doug Fiefia also serves in the Utah legislature.

David Tangipa (Tongan) was elected as a California State Assemblymember, a first. In the State of Hawaii, there were three Pacific Islander US Congressmembers, Daniel Akaka (Hawaiian), Tulsi Gabbard (Samoan), and Kai Kahele (Hawaiian), also a State Senator. His father Gil Kahele was also a Hawaii State Senator. A historic time!

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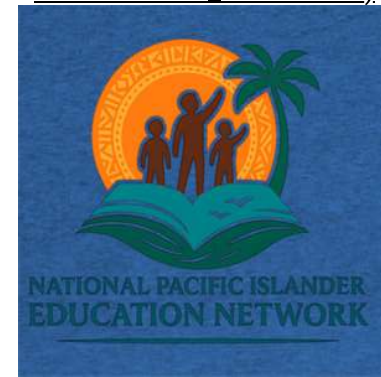
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About Dr. Steven Choi

Dr. Steven S. Choi is a first-generation immigrant, educator, small business owner, and now a State Senator representing the 37th District in California.

Steven S. Choi was born in Naju, South Korea and received his B.A. in English from Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. Simultaneously, he enrolled in the ROTC Program, which led to him being commissioned as an Artillery Lieutenant in the South Korean military upon graduation from University. Choi served in the 3rd Infantry Division fronting at the 38th Parallel and was honorably discharged as First Lieutenant after 2 1/2 years of service. Soon after, the United States Peace Corps hired him as a language instructor where he was relocated to Hilo, Hawaii for his first assignment. After this valuable experience he pursued his education at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for his Master's degree in Library Science. During the summers, Choi went to New York City where he washed dishes in the back of a restaurant and worked as a busboy in a hotel to pay his way through school. After receiving his master's degree he became a librarian at what is now Henderson University.

After three years as a librarian, Steven pursued his doctoral degree at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library & Information Science. After receiving his Ph.D., he became an Assistant Professor at the USC Graduate School of Library & Information Management in Los Angeles. Later, he moved to Orange County and worked at the Newport Beach Public Library as Head of Technical Services Division. Choi then returned to teaching, and taught Korean language at University of California, Irvine. Additionally, Dr. Choi served as a Founding Task Force Member for the Korean SAT II on behalf of the College Board. He later introduced and taught the Korean language at several colleges,

including Coastline College and Saddleback College in Orange County, as well as many Korean church hosted schools. He served as an instructor and Principal, and owner at his own Korean language school – Kumon

Steven Choi was an active participant in his community, finding passion and devotion through teaching people, not only in school but also in Taekwondo. After receiving his black belt, he desired to pass along the sacred knowledge and skill to other generations. Through PE curriculum and teaching classes over the course of three years, he successfully trained one of his personal students to earn a black belt.

With Choi's educational experience, the community urged him to run for the Irvine Unified School District Trustee. After being elected as Trustee on his first attempt, his political career blossomed. Steven continued serving at various levels of government including the Irvine City Councilman, Mayor, State Assemblyman, and now State Senator.

The American dream is achievable and Dr. Steven Choi is living proof.

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Biography

Leticia Castillo is a public servant and community advocate who proudly serves as Assemblywoman for California's Assembly District 58. Elected in November 2024 by both Democrats and Republicans, Leticia's election reflects her commitment to working in areas of common sense and finding common ground in a district where Democrats largely outnumber Republicans. She believes in finding solutions that benefit all constituents, regardless of their political affiliation.

Born to immigrant parents who came to the United States legally from Mexico in pursuit of the American Dream, Leticia has called the unincorporated area of Home Gardens in Riverside County home for over five decades. Her deep connection to her community is evident in her lifelong commitment to serving others.

Leticia attended local schools and graduated from Buena Vista Vocational Educational High School while simultaneously completing the cosmetology program at Corona College of Cosmetology in 1989. In the early 90s, she enrolled at Riverside Community College, where she excelled as a member of the Track and Field Team and developed a passion for running that continues to this day.

Before her tenure at GTE/Verizon from 1995 to 2009, Leticia began her career in various roles that allowed her to serve and engage with her community. During her time at GTE/Verizon, she gained valuable experience across different areas of the telecommunications industry. In 2011, Leticia returned to her studies, earning a Bachelor of Science in Human Services from the University of Phoenix in 2013. She furthered her education at National University, completing a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology with dual specializations in Marriage and Family Therapy and Professional Clinical Counseling in 2016.

Leticia previously worked with the Riverside County Department of Mental Health, where she dedicated her career to helping individuals facing severe mental health challenges. After leaving her position with the county, she opened her own private practice, becoming a successful small businesswoman committed to providing compassionate care to those in need.

As the youngest of six siblings, Leticia is a proud mother to one daughter and grandmother to five grandchildren. Her faith in God serves as her guiding light throughout her journey in public service and in her race for the California State Assembly in District 58. Leticia Castillo is dedicated to being a voice for all constituents, focusing on key issues such as education, economic opportunity, and public safety. She believes that through collaboration and mutual respect, we can create a prosperous future for all residents of Assembly District 58.

Assemblywoman Leticia Castillo's life exemplifies the American Dream, and she is dedicated to making that dream accessible to all her constituents and fellow Californians.

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Natasha Johnson

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Biography

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Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh is a native Californian and the daughter of Mexican immigrants. She credits her family with teaching her personal responsibility, the value of education, hard work, and the belief that home ownership is the cornerstone of the American Dream.

A graduate of San Bernardino High School and the University of California, Santa Barbara, Ochoa Bogh pursued her teaching credential from California State University, San Bernardino, and taught English language learners at the elementary level. She has also worked as a proud Realtor for more than 20 years, helping families achieve their dream of home ownership. She served on the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District board, is a former Chairwoman/President of the Yucaipa Valley Chamber of Commerce, and a former board member of the East Valley Association of Realtors.

In November 2020, Ochoa Bogh made history as the first Republican Latina elected to the California State Senate, representing nearly one million residents in Senate District 23. In November 2024, she was re-elected to serve a second term, now representing the newly drawn 19th Senate District, which encompasses cities and communities across Riverside and San Bernardino counties. SD 19 is the third largest geographical senate district with over 35 cities and communities.

Known as a bipartisan legislator who gets things done in a pragmatic way, Senator Ochoa Bogh has earned a reputation for working across the aisle without compromising her principles. "State Sen. Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, R-Redlands, had more bills signed into law — 14 — by Gov. Gavin Newsom than any other Republican in the Senate, making her one of the most productive GOP lawmakers in Sacramento." ([San Bernardino Sun, October 2024](https://www.sbsun.com/2024/10/26/what-did-inland-empire-legislators-accomplish-in-sacramento-this-year/?fbclid=IwY2xjawMk91leHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmIkETFwTWs4U2U5VUlWdI5TWZWAR6H5L9NmqqPrqsQLYnvdACkjcVPfs1JTFxsg-rRfQqeN9piSopPX_m4xtA_aemDPDrz4PAjXA91IhOyZLYg) (https://www.sbsun.com/2024/10/26/what-did-inland-empire-legislators-accomplish-in-sacramento-this-year/?fbclid=IwY2xjawMk91leHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmIkETFwTWs4U2U5VUlWdI5TWZWAR6H5L9NmqqPrqsQLYnvdACkjcVPfs1JTFxsg-rRfQqeN9piSopPX_m4xtA_aemDPDrz4PAjXA91IhOyZLYg)).

Her record underscores that productivity. In 2024 alone, she introduced 21 bills, 9 of which were signed into law, coauthored 47 bills and 51 resolutions and attended more than 2,500 meetings and events. She has also held 62 town halls, demonstrating her deep commitment to transparency, accountability, and meeting people where they are.

As Chair and Vice Chair of the Inland Empire Caucus, she helped secure critical investments for the region, including unanimous support for transportation funding, public safety initiatives, and support for agriculture by ensuring bipartisan and bicameral collaboration.

Senator Ochoa Bogh has also been instrumental in securing hundreds of millions in funding for her district, including:

- \$54.6 million for employment and supportive services for families in crisis
- \$600,000 to protect ranchers and livestock
- \$2.5 million for behavioral health services at Riverside University Health System
- \$4 million for Loma Linda University Children's Hospital to expand trauma-informed care for children
- \$2 million to the University of Redlands for a plaza and walkway project for the University of Redlands Rail station at the terminus of the Arrow Line in San Bernardino County.

Her leadership has earned widespread recognition. Recent honors include:

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- Cornucopia Award (*California Women for Agriculture, 2024*)
- Legislator of the Year (*State Coalition of Probation Organizations, 2023*)
- Champion of Public Higher Education (*California Coalition for Public Higher Education, 2023*)
- Outstanding Leadership and Community Champion (*Inland Congregations United for Change, 2022*)
- Legislator of the Year (*Southern California Contractors Association, 2022*)
- Legislative Champion of the Year (*Inland Empire Caucus in conjunction with the California Disability Services Association, 2022*)
- Legislator of the Year (*California Alzheimer's Association, 2021*)

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Senator Ochoa Bogh and her husband, Greg, have been happily married for 29 years and call Yucaipa home. They take great pride in their family, which includes a son, two daughters, and their beloved Cocker Spaniel, Penny.

"When you act in good faith and goodwill, you have nothing to hide, and when you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear, and folks, I have nothing to fear. I come to you." — Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh

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Latino Voters and the November 2025 Special Election: Redistricting and Representation

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Executive summary: This nonpartisan and educational report analyzes the impact of the proposed Proposition 50 map on Latino representation across California, with a focus on how the proposed map would alter Latino-majority and Latino-influence congressional districts if it is adopted by voters. Our analysis finds that the proposed map will likely not negatively impact Latino voting power. The proposed map instead diffuses and enhances that power across more districts, and in many ways reflects the changing demographics of communities within the state. While the current map increased Latino voting power over the previous map, we also find that the proposed Proposition 50 map will further increase Latino voting power over the current Commission map. The proposed map will likely *increase* Latino voting power, given its creation of two new Latino community influence districts and the expansion of the Latino electorate in other districts.

Key findings of this report:

- The current map has 16 Latino-majority districts, and the proposed Proposition 50 map maintains 16 Latino-majority districts. From our review of the maps, both the current map passed by the Commission and the Proposition 50 map being presented to voters enhance Latino voting strength and Latino communities of interest over their predecessor maps.
- The current map has 14 Latino-majority districts that frequently elect candidates preferred by Latino voters, and the proposed map is likely to improve Latino representation by creating 16 Latino-majority districts that frequently elect Latino voters' preferred candidates.
- The current map has 6 Latino-influence districts, and the Proposition 50 map will increase the number of Latino-influence districts to 8.
- The proposed Proposition 50 map will likely increase Latino descriptive representation—the election of Latino representatives—via the creation of a new Latino-majority District 41 in southeastern Los Angeles County, as well as the likely reelection of the Latino representative in

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neighboring District 42. New Latino-influence districts in the proposed map may also provide new opportunities for Latino candidate emergence.

- Latino voters are the largest minority group in California and are increasingly flexing voting power. Both the current map passed by the Commission and the Proposition 50 map reflect this Latino voting power in the state, though differential turnout between Latino voters and non-Latino voters in California plays a critical role in who gets elected and who is represented.
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I. Introduction & Context

Purpose of the Report

This nonpartisan and educational report examines the potential effects of California's Proposition 50 on Latino voters, who constitute nearly forty percent of the state's population and 32% of the citizen voting-age population, and play a central role in shaping the state's political future. Although redistricting has implications for all Californians, the Latino electorate merits focused analysis because of its size, regional distribution, and internal diversity. Latino communities are not a uniform constituency; they differ significantly across urban, suburban, and rural regions in terms of socioeconomic status, citizenship rates, linguistic backgrounds, and political participation. These variations influence both how district boundaries translate into political representation and how redistricting changes may amplify or diminish Latino influence in congressional elections.

By isolating the specific effects of Proposition 50 on Latino voters, this report aims to identify where the proposed temporary redistricting process may alter opportunities for representation. Specifically, we examine and compare the current congressional map and the new map that would be put in place temporarily if Prop 50 passes. Understanding these differences is essential to determining whether Proposition 50 strengthens or weakens pathways to equitable representation for California's Latino population.

Background on Proposition 50 and Redistricting

Proposition 50, officially titled the *Election Rigging Response Act*, proposes a temporary transfer of congressional redistricting authority in California from the California Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to the state Legislature for the 2026, 2028, and 2030 election cycles. The measure would allow voters to put into place a new congressional map put on the ballot by the Legislature that complies with federal requirements such as equal population and contiguity. After the 2030 Census, redistricting authority would revert to the Citizens Redistricting Commission under the standard decennial process.

California's independent redistricting framework was established through voter initiatives in 2008 and 2010 to reduce partisan influence and enhance public accountability. The Citizens



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Redistricting Commission has since been regarded as a model for transparent and nonpartisan mapmaking. Proposition 50 would temporarily alter this structure, introducing new maps that voters will consider in 2025. Understanding this institutional shift provides essential context for evaluating its potential implications for Latino political representation and the broader distribution of congressional influence across the state.

How Redistricting Has Historically Shaped Latino Representation in California

Redistricting has played a decisive role in shaping Latino political representation in California. Major gains in Latino representation have occurred in response to redistricting, such as historic local changes made through *Garza v. County of Los Angeles* and other significant redraws. Across successive census cycles, boundary changes have expanded and constrained Latino electoral influence, affecting the creation and preservation of majority-Latino and Latino-opportunity districts under the Voting Rights Act—and preserving and enhancing Latino communities of interest. The establishment of the Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2010 marked a significant institutional shift toward greater transparency and reduced partisan manipulation, and commission-drawn maps have generally corresponded with increases in Latino-majority districts and officeholders.

Nevertheless, disparities persist between Latino population size and political representation, reflecting not only the enduring sensitivity of redistricting to Latino voting power but also broader structural factors such as turnout, citizenship, and candidate recruitment. As such, redistricting remains a central mechanism through which Latino inclusion and influence in California’s democratic process continue to be negotiated.

II. Demographic Overview

Latino Population Trends in California

Latinos comprise roughly 40 percent of California’s total population, making them the state’s largest demographic group ([NALEO 2024](#)). Their political influence continues to expand within the *Citizen Voting-Age Population* (CVAP)—the segment of residents aged 18 and older who are U.S. citizens and therefore eligible to vote—which serves as a key metric in voting-rights and redistricting analyses ([U.S. Census Bureau 2025](#)). As of the most recent 2019–2023 CVAP tabulation, Latinos constitute approximately 32.4 percent of California’s total CVAP, underscoring their growing weight within the state’s eligible electorate ([NALEO 2024](#) & [Redistricting Data Hub 2025](#)).

From 2012 to 2022, the Latino CVAP expanded from 6.4 million to 8.5 million—an increase of 32.5 percent that accounted for more than 90 percent of the state’s overall growth in eligible voters during that period ([NALEO 2024](#)). This sustained expansion positions Latino voters as an



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increasingly central constituency in California’s political landscape and a focal point for assessing electoral equity under any proposed redistricting changes.

Spatially, Latino populations are most concentrated in Los Angeles County, which remains the single largest Latino population center in the United States. The Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) is now majority Latino—about 52 percent of residents identify as Latino (OCPSC 2025)—and the Central Valley also hosts numerous majority-Latino counties. Significant concentrations extend across the Central Coast, San Diego, Imperial, and inner Bay Area regions as well ([UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute 2021](#); U.S. Census 2020). At least 11 of California’s 58 counties now have Latino majorities.

While the overall state population has stabilized, Latino growth within the electorate has continued due to natural increase, naturalization, and aging into voting eligibility. Recent *CVAP* data from the 2019–2023 American Community Survey confirm that Latinos are steadily increasing their share of California’s eligible-voter base ([U.S. Census 2025](#)).

These demographic and geographic patterns are directly relevant to redistricting. Latino population concentration—particularly in the Inland Empire and the Central Valley—creates opportunities for drawing districts where Latino voters can flex electoral power and elect candidates of their choice. Conversely, uneven growth or dispersed settlement in suburban regions raises the risk that new district lines could divide cohesive Latino communities, diluting their collective influence. As Proposition 50 proposes temporary changes to congressional map-drawing authority, these evolving demographic realities underscore the importance of evaluating how any interim maps will reflect, or potentially distort, California’s Latino electorate.

Political Participation in Congressional Elections

Latino engagement in California is increasingly consequential in congressional contests, though participation remains uneven and sensitive to electoral context. Registration among Latinos has grown, but gaps persist relative to their share of the citizen voting-age population. According to NALEO’s 2024 portrait, Latino registered voters make up about 30% of California’s total registered voters—while Latinos account for roughly 36% of the state’s eligible electorate (i.e., citizen voting-age population). This disparity suggests that a nontrivial share of eligible Latinos have not yet registered, limiting their potential influence in all elections, including those for the U.S. House.

When it comes to turnout in congressional and midterm cycles, Latino participation tends to fluctuate with electoral competitiveness. Historical data from the [California Voter Turnout Project](#) show that, in general elections, Latino voters are under-mobilized in off-year cycles compared to presidential years. Given that congressional elections typically occur in these lower-turnout contexts, the consistency of Latino engagement is especially critical to representation and



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policy responsiveness. Further, while Latino voters often prefer Democrats in California, cohesion levels can vary within the diverse Latino voter populace.³

Examples of Districts in Current Map Where Latino Participation Was Key in 2022 and 2024

In several recent House races, Latino turnout—and the success or underperformance of Latino-preferred candidates—was pivotal:

- **CA-13 (Central Valley):** A majority-Latino district (50.2% Latino CVAP) where Democrat Adam Gray defeated Republican John Duarte by just 187 votes in 2024, following Duarte's 564-vote win in 2022. Latino voters supported Gray both cycles, and minor shifts in turnout likely determined the outcome.⁴ While the Latino-preferred candidate won narrowly in 2024, the opposite occurred in 2022.
- **CA-22 (Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties):** A 59% Latino CVAP district where Rep. David Valadao (R), who is of Portuguese descent, has not been the Latino-preferred candidate. Most Latino voters supported Democrat Rudy Salas, yet Valadao's victories in 2022 and 2024 were sustained by lower Latino turnout and stronger participation among non-Latino voters. This pattern highlights how turnout gaps—rather than a simple focus purely on the Latino CVAP—can dilute Latino electoral power.
- **CA-27 (Northern Los Angeles County):** Roughly 33% Latino CVAP, this district defeated the incumbent in 2024 after several close contests, reflecting the influence and mobilization among younger and suburban Latino voters in a competitive district.
- **CA-41 (Inland Empire):** At 29.7% Latino CVAP, this district remained competitive across 2022 and 2024, with margins narrow enough that Latino turnout increases could materially affect future results if this district is not changed. This district did not elect candidates in 2022 and 2024 preferred by Latino voters, but was electorally competitive.

In sum, Latino political participation in congressional elections reflects a dynamic interplay of voter registration levels, turnout volatility, Latino voter cohesion, and generational renewal. Because U.S. House outcomes in California can hinge on narrow margins, mobilizing Latino voters—especially in competitive and Latino-majority districts—can directly shape representation. Proposition 50's temporary redistricting framework must therefore be assessed not only in terms of population balance, but also in how new district boundaries either strengthen or weaken the ability of Latino-preferred candidates to translate community support into electoral success.

³ Jarred R. Cuellar. 2025. "Fe y Politicas: Latino Evangelical Vote Choice in the 2020 Presidential Election." *Religions* 16(6):708. Also see Matt Barreto. 2010. *Ethnic Cues: The Role of Shared Ethnicity in Latino Political Participation*.

⁴ These data on voting preferences are taken from analysis of individual-level survey data and additional analysis of homogenous precincts. For survey data, please see the [California Elections and Policy Poll of 2024](#) California congressional districts. In California, survey data shows that a majority of Latino voters prefer Democratic candidates of choice.



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III. Latino Representation in Current vs. Proposed Maps

Current Map: 16 Latino-majority Districts and 6 Latino-influence Districts

The maps created by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission during the 2020 redistricting cycle [resulted in a noteworthy 16 Latino-majority districts and 6 Latino-influence districts](#). *Latino-majority districts* are districts in which Latinos make up a majority of the citizen voting age population, meaning campaigns in these districts are incentivized to campaign for and mobilize Latino voters. We define *Latino-influence districts* as those in which Latinos are a significantly sized minority, meaning they are at or above 30.0% of the district's CVAP but below 50.0% Latino CVAP. In these districts, Latinos are a large enough portion of the voting population to play an influential role in election outcomes.

The current map was drawn to comply with the Voting Rights Act, ensuring that Latino voters have fair opportunities to elect candidates of their choice in districts where they form a sufficiently large and cohesive community.⁵ Many of these districts are concentrated in the Central Valley and interior communities including San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties. Table 1 lists all Latino-majority districts under the current map, and Table 2 lists the Latino-influence districts in the current map. The districts are listed in order of highest to lowest Latino CVAP.

Table 1: Latino-Majority Congressional Districts Under Current Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP in Commission map
22	Valadao	59.4%
35	Torres	57.4%
34	Gomez	56.1%
38	Sánchez	55.6%
31	Cisneros	54.7%
29	Rivas	54.2%
21	Costa	53.3%
25	Ruiz	52.5%
33	Aguilar	52.5%
42	Garcia	52.4%
39	Takano	51.2%
52	Vargas	51.1%

⁵ Christian R. Grose and Lucien LaScala. 2023 [“The Supreme Court Supports Voting Rights - with massive implications for congressional redistricting.”](#) 3Streams Blog/Medium.



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44	Barragán	51.0%
18	Lofgren	50.5%
46	Correa	50.5%
13	Gray	50.2%

Source: <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps/>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Table 2: Latino Community Influence Districts Under Current Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP in Commission map
43	Waters	44.0%
37	Kamlager-Dove	38.7%
27	Whitesides	33.3%
23	Obernolte	32.8%
26	Brownley	31.6%
9	Harder	31.0%

Source: <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps/>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission.

With Latino-majority districts totaling approximately 30% of California’s 52 congressional districts, it is clear why Latinos are an important group within the electorate. When including the six Latino-influence districts in the current map, Latinos are a sizable portion of the electorate in over 40% of the state’s districts. Latino-majority districts are spread throughout the state, generally found in places with historically large concentrations of Latinos. Of the five districts with the highest Latino CVAP, one is in the Central Valley (CD 22); three are in the greater Los Angeles region (CDs 31, 34, and 38); and one is in the Inland Empire (CD 35). Most of these districts are concentrated in the Central Valley or further south.

However, just because Latinos are the majority (or even a large minority) of a district does not mean it is a guarantee that a Latino candidate of choice will be elected. Racial turnout gaps and fluctuations in electoral competitiveness sometimes result in lower than expected levels of support for Latino candidates of choice, even within Latino-majority districts. For example, in the rural and agricultural communities of CD 22, lower Latino turnout in part led to the Latino candidate of choice losing the 2024 election. Increases in the size of the Latino electorate even in already Latino-majority districts in the proposed map could result in meaningful differences in election outcomes. These changes could be especially palpable in districts like CD 22 where the Latino electorate tends to be lower in socioeconomic status and younger, making mobilizing lower-propensity voters especially challenging. Similarly in the current Commission-drawn CD 13, the Latino candidate of choice has not always won in this district.

Taking into account how frequently Latino candidates of choice are elected in these districts, the current map has 14 districts that are effectively providing an opportunity to elect Latino voters’ preferred candidates in every election since the map was put into place. However, two of the 16



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Latino CVAP-majority districts in the current map passed by the commission—CD 13 and CD 22—are not effectively providing Latino voters’ preferred candidates the opportunity to win. In 2022, the Latino-preferred candidate lost in both CD 13 and CD 22; and in 2024, Latino voters’ preferred candidate lost in CD 22.⁶

Proposed Map: 16 Latino-majority Districts and 8 Latino-influence Districts

The new map maintains the same number of Latino-majority districts as the current map, and it increases the number of districts that will provide effective opportunities for Latino voters to elect candidates of choice. Even with changes to district boundaries, the proposed Proposition 50 map will result in 16 Latino-majority congressional districts. Table 4 shows the percentage of the Latino CVAP in each of the majority-Latino districts in the proposed map. In general, most of the Latino-majority districts under the current map remain a Latino-majority district in the proposed map. The Prop 50 map maintains the same number of Latino-majority districts as the current map.

In fact, a number of Latino-majority districts in the proposed Proposition 50 map change very little relative to the current map. For instance, the Latino-majority District 18 and the Latino-majority District 34 had only minimal changes over the current map. District 18 was created by the Commission in 2020 to provide an additional Latino-opportunity district representing Salinas Valley communities of interest. This district faces minimal changes in the proposed Proposition 50 map and thus maintains Latino voting strength in this region. District 34 is a historically Latino district that has existed over many redistricting cycles and includes eastern sections of the city of Los Angeles, and this district is maintained with significant Latino voting strength.

There is one new Latino-majority district created in the Proposition 50 map that was a non-Hispanic white-majority district in the current map (CD 41, bolded in Table 4). This white-majority CD 41 is represented by Ken Calvert in the current map. The proposed map shifts CD 41 to the west to create a new Latino-majority district centered in the Gateway cities area of southeastern Los Angeles County. This shift of CD 41 into a new Latino-majority district caused one district (CD 42) to have a meaningful decrease in Latino CVAP. It appears that this change occurred because CD 42 was altered to create CD 41 around the Gateway cities community of interest area and to increase the Latino CVAP of CD 41. Public testimony during the 2020 Commission process frequently identified the northern Gateway cities as a community of interest and the city of Long Beach as a separate community of interest, and this significant level of testimony may have factored into the newly proposed CD 41 in the Proposition 50 map.

⁶ We examined individual-level survey data in these districts, as well as conducted an analysis of homogenous precincts to draw these empirical conclusions. For instance, surveys we have conducted of congressional districts showed that the Latino-preferred candidates lost in both CD 13 and CD 22 in 2022, and in CD 22 in 2024. Thus, while these districts are majority-Latino CVAP, the districts are not effectively electing the candidates that a majority of Latino voters voted for.



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Where CD 41 is not a Latino-influence district in the current map, in the proposed map it has the third highest Latino CVAP proportion in the state. The current map's CD 42 is Latino-majority, and in the new map it is centered in Long Beach and coastal Orange County. The proposed CD 42 is a racially and ethnically diverse district with slightly less than half of the district's CVAP being voters of color. CD 42 will likely continue to elect the Latino representative who currently represents Long Beach in the current map if Proposition 50 passes and if voters of color vote in coalition for this Latino representative, even though it is no longer Latino-CVAP majority.

Table 4: Majority Latino Congressional Districts in Prop 50 Proposed Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP	Change from 2020 Commission Map
22	Valadao	65.4%	+6.0%
44	Barragán	62.3%	+11.3%
41	Calvert	55.0%	+25.3%
34	Gomez	54.9%	-1.2%
33	Aguilar	54.5%	+2.0%
21	Costa	54.4%	+1.1%
39	Takano	54.3%	+3.1
13	Gray	53.8%	+3.6%
29	Rivas	53.6%	-0.6%
35	Torres	53.1%	-4.3%
18	Lofgren	53.0%	+2.5%
46	Correa	52.7%	+2.2%
38	Sánchez	52.6%	-3.0%
31	Cisneros	52.2%	-2.5%
25	Ruiz	52.1%	-0.4%
52	Vargas	51.8%	+0.7%

Source: <https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/proposed-congressional-map>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA State Assembly.

While the number of Latino-majority districts remains the same, the proposed map does shift the share of Latino voting power across districts. There is an increase in the Latino CVAP of ten districts, and in eight of those districts, the Latino CVAP would be at least two percentage points higher than in the current map. Such a change is noteworthy because even a two percentage point increase in Latino CVAP can make a meaningful difference for Latino candidates of choice, and two districts see even greater jumps in their Latino CVAP. If Proposition 50 is passed, CD 22 in the Central Valley would have a 6 percentage point higher Latino CVAP and CD 41 in southern California would have a 25 percentage point higher Latino CVAP than in the current map.

Not all districts in the proposed map would increase the size of their Latino electorate. The Latino CVAP would decrease in six Latino-majority districts. However, these decreases would generally be small, hovering around one percentage point or less. Of the Latino-majority districts



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in the Proposition 50 map, CD 35 and CD 38 are the two districts that would see the largest decreases in their Latino electorate, with about a 4%-point drop to 53.1% and a 3.0%-point drop to 52.6%, respectively. However, given that these districts still have high enough Latino CVAPs to not even fall to the bottom of the list in Table 4, there is reason to believe the proposed map would not significantly dilute the Latino voting power in these districts.

To summarize, the Latino CVAP increased in a number of proposed districts where Latino voters have not had meaningful voting strength, and the percentage point increases are relatively significant. In districts where Latino CVAP declined, most of these declines are relatively small and in districts where Latino voters' preferred candidates are winning in the current Commission map and will likely continue winning in the Proposition 50 map. Only in CD 42 was there a significant decrease in Latino CVAP in the proposed map, though it was offset by the significant increase in Latino CVAP in CD 41.

Table 5: Latino Community Influence Congressional Districts in Prop 50 Proposed Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP	Change from 2020 Commission Map
43	Waters	46.5%	+2.5%
37	Kamlager-Dove	39.8%	+1.1%
27	Whitesides	39.5%	+6.2%
23	Obernolte	37.0%	+4.2%
26	Brownley	33.9%	+2.3%
48	Issa	32.0%	+10.6%
20	Fong	31.8%	+6.4%
9	Harder	31.0%	+0.0%

Source: <https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/proposed-congressional-map>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA State Assembly.

Table 5 shows the congressional districts that are not Latino CVAP majority but would meet the over 30% Latino CVAP threshold to be considered a Latino community influence district. **While the current map includes a noteworthy six Latino-influence districts, the proposed map would increase the number of Latino-influence districts to eight.** None of these districts would face decreases in their Latino CVAP under the new map boundaries. Many would see significant increases in the Latino portions of their electorate, strengthening the relative power of the Latino vote in those communities. The one district with little change in Latino CVAP under the new map would be CD 9, in which Latinos would remain the same 31% of the CVAP as the current map.

Of particular noteworthiness are the two new Latino influence districts, CD 20 and CD 48 (bolded in Table 5). Neither district has a sufficiently large enough Latino CVAP under the current map to be classified as a Latino influence district (25.4% and 21.4% respectively). With the proposed map, however, CD 20 would have a Latino CVAP of nearly 32% and CD 48 would also have a Latino CVAP of 32%. These are significant shifts in districts that under the current



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map have much larger non-Hispanic white majorities. While the current map has a notable number of Latino-influence districts, the proposed map creates a heightened Latino electoral advantage through the creation of two new Latino-influence districts and generally larger Latino CVAPs than in pre-existing influence districts in the current map.

In addition, at least two of these proposed Latino-influence districts have majority-minority CVAPs, providing additional opportunities for Latino voters to flex strength if voting cohesively and in concert with other minority groups. Voters of color are more than 60% of the CVAP in Proposition 50's CD 9, while voters of color were about 55% of the district's CVAP in the Commission map. Latino voters may be able to elect preferred candidates if there is a multiracial coalition in this district. In both the current and proposed maps, District 27 has a majority-minority CVAP. Latino voters are the largest minority group in District 27 in the Proposition 50 map, and this district could provide electoral strength to Latino voters who vote in coalition with other voters of color or with crossover white voters.

To summarize, the Proposition 50 map increases the number of Latino-influence districts, defined as districts with Latino CVAP of 30% to 50%, relative to the current map. Both the current map and the proposed map provide meaningful influence for Latino voters in influence districts (6 influence districts in the current map and 8 influence districts in the proposed map).

IV. Key Districts of Interests for Latinos

The table below summarizes several of the largest net gains and net losses in Latino CVAP in the Proposition 50 map relative to the current map. As can be seen, several districts in southern California (CA-41, CA-44, CA-48) and the Central Valley (CA-20, CA-22) have gains in Latino CVAP in the proposed Proposition 50 map. Several other districts, all in southern California (CA-29, CA-31, CA-35, CA-38, CA-42), have reductions in Latino CVAP in the proposed Proposition 50 map relative to the current map.

Table 6: Proposed Districts with Largest Net Gains and Losses in Latino Eligible Voters

District	Representative	Net Change Latino CVAP (in Percentage Points)
41	Calvert	+25.3
44	Barragán	+11.3
48	Issa	+10.6
20	Fong	+6.4
22	Valadao	+6.0
42	Garcia	-27.8
35	Torres	-4.3
31	Cisneros	-2.5
38	Sánchez	-3.0



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29	Rivas	-0.6
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Source: <https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/proposed-congressional-map>, <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps/>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA State Assembly.

V. Regional Breakdown of Latino Representation Shifts in the Proposed Map

Los Angeles County / San Gabriel Valley

Latino-majority representation in Los Angeles County remains robust under the proposed map but becomes more geographically balanced. The greater Los Angeles region trades one concentrated Latino-majority district for broader, multi-district Latino influence. This change will likely promote continued competitiveness and representation for Latino voters in the region.

- **CA-35 (Norma Torres, D)** and **CA-38 (Linda Sánchez, D)** record small declines (−4.3 percentage points in CA-35, and −3 percentage points in CA-38) but remain safely majority-Latino.
- **CA-42 (Robert Garcia, D)** shows the largest Latino CVAP decline statewide, falling from 52 % → 25 % (about a −27 percentage point change). Southeast L.A. County’s Latino population is redistributed into nearby districts—especially CA-41 and CA-44—broadening, rather than eliminating, Latino voting power, while CA-42 continues to have Long Beach as its anchor population and making the former mayor of Long Beach, Garcia, likely to win in the new district.
- **CA-44 (Nanette Barragán, D)** gains +11 percentage points, rising to 62% Latino CVAP. This change consolidates South L.A. County and Harbor communities into a stronger Latino majority seat.

Central Valley (Fresno, Kern, Stanislaus, Tulare)

The Central Valley continues to be a cornerstone of Latino political power. Overall, the map deepens Latino representation in agriculture-based counties while extending influence into previously lower-representation areas.

- **CA-13 (Adam Gray, D)** increases from 50.2 % Latino CVAP to about 54% Latino CVAP (approximately a +4 percentage point increase), allowing greater opportunity for Latino voters to choose the winning candidate.
- **CA-20 (Vince Fong, R)** increases from 25.4 % Latino CVAP → 31.8 % Latino CVAP (+6.4 percentage point increase), becoming a new Latino-influence seat.



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- **CA-21 (Jim Costa, D)** in the Fresno area has a slight increase in Latino CVAP between the current map and the proposed map, and is a district in which Latino voters' preferred candidates are likely to win in either the current map or the proposed map.
- **CA-22 (David Valadao, R)** climbs from 59.4 % Latino CVAP → 65.4 % Latino CVAP (+6 percentage point change), strengthening its ability for Latino voters to affect the outcome of the election.

Inland Empire (Riverside, San Bernardino, Ontario, Corona)

The Inland Empire emerges as California's new hub of Latino electoral growth. Latino voters are consolidated across Riverside County and the broader area, shifting the region's political center of gravity toward Latino-majority representation.

- **CA-25, CA-33, CA-35, CA-39** are all majority-Latino districts in the Inland Empire region in the current map and in the Proposition 50 map.
- **CA-41 (Ken Calvert, R)** posts the largest statewide gain in the Proposition 50 map—**+25.3 percentage points**, from 29.7% to 55.0% Latino CVAP—transforming into a new majority-Latino district (and moving the district to L.A. County in the Proposition 50 map).

Orange County / San Diego

Latino representation grows markedly in northern Orange County and remains strong along the border. Overall, Orange County's Latino communities, once split among multiple suburban districts prior to this decade now form a more cohesive district in CA-46 in both the current and the proposed map, while San Diego's Latino influence increases in the proposed map in CA-48.

- **CA-46 (Lou Correa, D)** and **CA-52 (Juan Vargas, D)** remain securely majority-Latino in both the current and the proposed maps. In the proposed maps, these two districts are both at or near 53% Latino CVAP, and in the current map both are Latino CVAP majority. CA-46 is centered in Santa Ana and inland Orange County and CA-52 is centered in San Diego and suburban San Diego County communities near the Mexico border.
- **CA-48 (Darrell Issa, R)** rises from 21.4 % → 32.0 % (+10.6 percentage points) in the Proposition 50 map, creating a new Latino-influence district centered on the transportation corridor connecting San Diego County to Temecula and Palm Springs in Riverside County.

Bay Area & Northern California

Latino representation remains smaller in number but steady in influence. Overall, the Bay Area sees continuity rather than major change, maintaining current levels of Latino political presence within multi-ethnic urban districts.



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- **CA-18 (Zoe Lofgren, D)** gains modestly (+2.5 percentage points → 53.0 % Latino CVAP) and remains majority-Latino. This was a new Salinas Valley-based Latino CVAP-majority district created by the Commission in 2020, and it continues with greater Latino CVAP strength in the proposed Proposition 50 map.
- Other Bay Area districts (e.g., CA-12) maintain coalition and crossover-based representation where Latino, Asian-American, and Black voters have the potential to collectively shape outcomes in both the current map and in the proposed map.

Statewide Takeaway

Adopting the proposed Proposition 50 map would largely redistribute—not diminish—Latino voting strength. Latino influence would expand across fast-growing inland and suburban regions while preserving or enhancing long-standing majority-Latino representation in Los Angeles and the Central Valley.

Rather than concentrating Latino voters into a limited number of extremely safe seats, the proposed map broadens their reach into more districts, creating more opportunity for Latino communities to have a decisive and influential voice in a greater share of California’s 52 congressional races. This geographic rebalancing reflects the state’s ongoing demographic evolution—where Latino population growth in suburban and inland corridors now reshapes the political landscape—making equitable representation increasingly dependent on sustained engagement and turnout among Latino voters statewide.

VI. Conclusion

Having examined the data under the current map and the proposed Proposition 50 map, we find that there is no change in the number of Latino-majority CVAP districts across both maps. Each map has 16 Latino-majority districts, meaning there is significant opportunity for Latino representation. We also conclude that—when considering Latino voting patterns in each district—Proposition 50’s map increases the number of districts wherein Latino voters are likely to end up on the winning side, electing preferred candidates. In the current map, 14 Latino-majority districts regularly observe candidates preferred by Latino voters winning. In the Proposition 50 map, our data analysis suggests this will likely increase to 16 Latino-majority districts where Latino voters are able to regularly elect their preferred candidates. Because of changes to CD 13 and CD 22, in particular, Proposition 50’s map enhances the opportunity for Latino voters’ preferred candidates to win, without significantly altering Latino voters’ decisive role in the other 14 Latino-majority districts. However, while our analysis suggests that Proposition 50’s map is more likely to allow for Latino voters’ preferred candidates to win in all 16 Latino-majority districts, we conclude that both the current Commission map and the proposed Proposition 50 map provide significant opportunities for Latino voters.



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In terms of Latino-influence districts, the proposed map includes more influence districts than the current map. This increase of two districts could provide opportunities for greater Latino representation. Our analysis also suggests that the number of Latino descriptive representatives will likely increase in 2026 if the Proposition 50 map passes, but this does not diminish the fact that Latino descriptive representation was significantly improved by the current map over its predecessor map.

We present this nonpartisan and educational analysis in order to understand how the current and proposed maps would affect Latino voters in California. We also want to emphasize that more research is needed on the effects of redistricting maps on Latino voters and Latino representation. Attempts to increase Latino representation in California have historically occurred via the courts and redistricting. Voters now face a choice at the ballot box that will have implications for the future of Latino representation in California.

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The parties are directed to file supplemental briefs addressing the following question raised on pages 36–38 of the Brief for Appellees: Whether the State’s intentional creation of a second majority-minority congressional district violates the Fourteenth or Fifteenth Amendments to the U. S. Constitution. Supplemental briefs for appellants are due on or before Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Supplemental brief for appellees is due on or before Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Reply briefs are due on or before 2 p.m., Friday, October 3, 2025. The time to file *amicus curiae* briefs is as provided for by this Court’s Rule 37.3. Word limits and cover colors for the briefs should correspond to the provisions of this Court’s Rule 33.1(g) pertaining to briefs on the merits rather than to the provision pertaining to supplemental briefs.

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DCCC Executive Director Julie Merz released the following statement after the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee submitted a congressional map for consideration by the California state legislature:



"Earlier today, the DCCC submitted a proposed congressional map to the legislative public portal with collaborative input from stakeholders and legislators. We anticipate this proposal will have widespread support both among California office holders and various stakeholders across the state.

"We will not stand by as Republicans attempt to rig the election in their favor and choose their voters. It's increasingly clear that Republicans will do anything to protect their narrow majority because they know they can't win on their disastrous legislative record which has raised costs and rips away health care for millions, all to give the ultra-wealthy a tax break.

"We applaud Governor Newsom and legislative leaders for their commitment to put this measure in front of voters, which not only levels the playing field against corrupt Republican efforts in Texas, but also reaffirms Democrats' commitment to redistricting reform and the use of fair, nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide."

Key points on the submitted map:

- The submitted map is consistent with criteria laid out by the California's Citizen Redistricting Commission.
- It keeps districts more compact than in the current Commission-drawn map, which helps to keep more communities and neighborhoods together.
- It splits fewer cities than the current map (57 in submitted map versus 60 in current map).
- It minimizes changes to the 2020 Commission map to impact as few residents as possible.
 - The submitted map leaves 8 districts untouched and, in 20 districts, fewer than 10% of residents are impacted.
- Communities of interest are protected, with necessary splits in San Jose, Sacramento, and Los Angeles (all cities that were split by the commission) done so along neighborhood boundaries and/or city council district lines.

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Primary Election – June 2, 2026

Description of Event	Deadline*	E-Date ¹
Voter-Nominated Office: Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Period	December 19, 2025 ² – February 4, 2026	E-165 – E-118
Last day for legislative measures to qualify to appear on the ballot	January 22, 2026	E-131
Voter Information Guide: Proposition Argument Submission Deadline	February 3, 2026	E-119
Voter Information Guide: Proposition Argument Selection and Exchange	February 8, 2026*	E-114
Voter-Nominated Office: Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Paper Period	February 9 – March 6, 2026	E-113 – E-88
Voter-Nominated Office: Candidate Statement Period for County Voter Information Guides (U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, and State Assembly)	February 9 – March 6, 2026	E-113 – E-88
Voter Information Guide: Statewide Constitutional Office Candidate Statement Deadline	February 11, 2026	E-111
Voter Information Guide: Proposition Analysis and Text Deadline	February 12, 2026*	E-110
Voter Information Guide: Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline	February 12, 2026*	E-110
Voter Information Guide: Available for Public Display and Examination	February 17 – March 9, 2026	E-105 – E-85
Governor candidates: Tax Returns Deadline	March 6, 2026	E-88
Voter-Nominated Office: Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Paper Extension Period if Incumbent Does Not File	March 7 – March 11, 2026	E-87 – E-83
Randomized alphabet drawing for the order of the candidates on the ballot	March 12, 2026	E-82
Governor candidates: Tax Returns – Deadline for submitting properly redacted tax returns	March 16, 2026	E-78
Notice to Candidates (Voter-Nominated Candidates)	March 21, 2026*	E-73
Certified List of Candidates for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election will be posted	March 26, 2026	E-68
Voters can check their status at My Voter Status to confirm their mailing address and voting status	March 26, 2026	E-68
Voter Information Guide : Online Version Available	April 3, 2026	E-60
Voter-Nominated Office: Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Paper Period	April 6 – May 19, 2026	E-57 – E-14
Last day for county elections officials to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military and overseas voters who have requested them by this date	April 18, 2026**	E-45

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Secretary of State will mail the Voter Information Guide during this period	April 23 – May 12, 2026	E-40 – E-21
County elections officials will mail the County Voter Information Guide during this period	April 23 – May 12, 2026	E-40 – E-21
No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot	May 4, 2026	E-29
Early Voting sites open	May 4, 2026	E-29
By this date, all counties shall open ballot drop-off locations for vote-by-mail ballots. To find a location, please visit: https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/	May 5 – June 2, 2026	E-28 – E
Last day to register to vote for the primary election. To check your voter registration status, visit My Voter Status	May 18, 2026	E-15
Same Day Registration available. Voters can "conditionally" register and vote a provisional ballot during this time.	May 19 – June 2, 2026	E-14 – E
Certified List of Write-In Candidates	May 22, 2026	E-11
Voter's Choice Act counties to open Vote Centers	May 23, 2026*	E-10
Election Day – Polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	June 2, 2026	E
Beginning at 8:00 p.m., county elections officials begin reporting election results; counties shall conduct the semifinal official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours until completed.	June 2, 2026	E
Vote-By-Mail Ballots returned by mail, in order to be counted, must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office	June 9, 2026	E+7
Last day for county elections officials to certify election results	July 2, 2026	E+30
County elections official shall send to the Secretary of State, in an electronic format, one complete copy of the primary election returns.	July 3, 2026	E+31
Statement of Vote certified by the Secretary of State	July 10, 2026	E+38
Voter-Nominated Office: Certificates of Nomination	July 13, 2026	E+41
Last day for Secretary of State to release the official Supplement to the Statement of the Vote	November 7, 2026*	E+158

*Date falls on a weekend or state holiday; it moves forward to the next business day.

**Elections Code section 3114 and the federal MOVE Act require that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters no later than 45 days prior to an election. This E-45 deadline must be adhered to and does not move forward even though the date falls on a Saturday.

1. "E-" days indicate the number of days prior to Election Day. "E+" days indicate the number of days after Election Day.¹

2. Senate Bill (SB) 280 (Cervantes) Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025, added Section 8162 to the Elections Code effective August 21, 2025.¹