



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

ELECTION ROUND UP

California Elections and Community College Measures November 2016 Election Round Up November 14, 2016

OVERVIEW

While the election was last week, ballots are still being counted and final certified results are due to the Secretary of State for presidential electors on December 6, 2016, and for all other state contests on December 9, 2016. The Secretary of State will certify the statewide results by December 16, 2016. Until the results are certified, the outcome of close races may change from what is presented below.

Focusing on results affecting California Community Colleges, the election provided mostly positive results including the passage of the statewide bond measure, Proposition 51, as well as a number of local bonds. Californians passed several tax measures including Proposition 55, which will continue to provide funding for education. Voters in San Francisco passed an extension of the parcel tax to help fund the City College of San Francisco as well as another local measure that increases the transfer tax rate for sales of residential and commercial properties. Proponents state, that with the passage of this measure, the City of San Francisco could provide free community college. Funds from this local measure will go to the City's general fund; however, in July, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution making the City College of San Francisco free for residents a top priority for the new revenue. If results hold in the State Assembly, the Democrats will have gained a supermajority with three seats switching party hands. However, this could change because one of those seats remains a close contest in Assembly District 55 and all three changes are needed for a supermajority. Sharon Quirk-Silva (D) holds a small lead over Young Kim (R). In the State Senate, the Democrats will continue to be one vote short of a supermajority with one close contest in Senate District 29 with Ling Ling Chang (R) slightly ahead of Josh Newman (D).

LOCAL BOND AND TAX MEASURE RESULTS

Fourteen districts had facilities bonds on their local ballot. Of those, twelve were approved. City College of San Francisco also approved a parcel tax extension and a real estate tax that may provide funds for San Francisco residents to attend City College for free. All bonds required 55% of the vote.

Butte – Glenn CCD	\$190 million	65%
Grossmont-Cuyamaca CCD	\$348 million	52%*
MiraCosta CCD	\$455 million	62%
Southwestern CCD	\$400 million	69%
Yuba CCD	\$33 million	59%
Kern CCD	\$500 million	62%
Hartnell CCD	\$167 million	64%
Los Angeles CCD	\$3.5 billion	72%
Santa Monica CCD	\$395 million	64%
Glendale CCD	\$325 million	72%
Shasta CCD	\$139 million	54%*
Antelope Valley CCD	\$350 million	67%
Desert CCD	\$577 million	69%
San Jose Evergreen	\$748 million	64%
San Francisco CCD	Parcel Tax	79%
City of San Francisco	Real Estate Tax	62%

KEY STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Proposition 51: K-12 and Community College Facilities - Passes with a vote of 52%

Proposition 51 authorizes the state to sell \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for education facilities. Of these funds, \$7 billion would be for K-12 public school facilities and \$2 billion for community college facilities. The \$2 billion community college funding is for any facility project, including buying land, constructing new buildings, modernizing existing buildings, and purchasing equipment. If passed by the voters, the Legislature and Governor would approve specific community college facility projects through the annual budget act. Their approval is in large part based on the process administered by the Chancellor's Office and approved by the Board of Governors.

Proposition 55: Tax Extension for Education and Healthcare – Passes with a vote of 62%

Proposition 55 extends the income tax increases on high-income taxpayers created by Proposition 30, which was passed by the voters in 2012. This tax is scheduled to end after 2018, and Proposition 55 extends it through 2030. Proposition 55 does not extend the increase in the sales tax created by Proposition 30, which is set to expire at the end of 2016. The income tax portion of Proposition 30 makes up roughly 70 to 80 percent of the revenue from Proposition 30.

INCOMING STATE LEGISLATORS – COMMUNITY COLLEGE TIES

In this incoming class of state and federal legislators, seven have ties to community colleges, including alumni, faculty and members of the local boards of trustees.

ASSEMBLY

- **Monique Limon** (D) 37th District – Santa Barbara: Former California Student Opportunity and Access Program (CAL-SOAP) coordinator at Santa Barbara City College.
- **Sharon Quirk-Silva** (D) 65th Assembly District – Awarded an A.A. degree from Fullerton College.
- **Steven Choi** (D) 68th Assembly District – Instructor at several colleges, including Coastline Community College.

SENATE

- **Scott Wilk** (R) 21st Senate District – Santa Clarita: Former board trustee at Santa Clarita Community College District, served in State Assembly 2012-2016.
- **Anthony Portantino** (D) 25th Senate District – Pasadena: Former member of Pasadena Area Community College District Bond Oversight Committee, served in State Assembly 2006-2012, Chair of Assembly Higher Education Committee 2007-2010.

CONGRESS

- **Jimmy Panetta** (D) 20th Congressional District – Monterey Peninsula College alumnus.
- **Lou Correa** (D) 46th Congressional District – Instructor at Rancho Santiago CCD.

INCOMING STATE LEGISLATORS – BRIEF BIOS

- **Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D) 4th Assembly District** - Cecilia Aguiar-Curry is the former Mayor of Winters and a co-owner of an 80 acre walnut farm. She is also an alumnus of San Jose State University.
- **Kevin Kiley (R) 6th Assembly District** – Kevin Kiley is a former California Deputy Attorney General. He earned a law degree from Yale, and has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.
- **Heath Flora (R) 12th Assembly District** – Heath Flora is a farmer, volunteer firefighter and small business owner.
- **Tim Grayson (D) 14th Assembly District** – Grayson is a general contractor and served on the Concord City Council. He is an alumnus of Christian Life College.
- **Marc Berman (D) 24th Assembly District** – Marc Berman served on the Palo Alto City Council. He earned his law degree at USC School of Law.
- **Ash Kalra (D) 27th Assembly District** – Ash Kalra served in the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office before being elected to San Jose City Council. He is an alumnus of UC Santa Barbara and Georgetown Law School.
- **Anna Caballero (D) 30th Assembly District** - Anna Caballero was elected to the State Assembly in 2006. She left the Assembly in 2011 to serve as the Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency under Governor Jerry Brown. She is an alumnus of UC San Diego.
- **Vince Fong (R) 34th Assembly District** – Vince Fong served as District Director for Congressman Kevin McCarthy. He earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA and master's degree from Princeton University.
- **Jordan Cunningham (R) 35th Assembly District** - Jordan Cunningham is a Deputy District Attorney for San Luis Obispo County. He is an alumnus of Point Loma University and obtained his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.
- **Monique Limon (D) 37th Assembly District** – Monique Limon is the Assistant Director for the McNair Scholars Program at UC Santa Barbara. She also serves on the Santa Barbara City Council. She is an alumnus of UC Berkeley and Columbia University.
- **Dante Acosta (R) 38th Assembly District** – Dante Acosta is a small business owner and Mayor of Santa Clarita. His son served in the U.S. Army.
- **Raul Bocanegra (D) 39th Assembly District** –Bocanegra served in the State Assembly from 2012-2014. He is a UCLA alumnus and an instructor at CSU Long Beach.
- **Laura Friedman (D) 43rd Assembly District** - Laura Friedman serves on the Glendale City Council. She also serves as Metropolitan Water District Board member. She is an alumnus of the University of Rochester.
- **Blanca Rubio (D) 48th Assembly District** – Blanca Rubio is a K-12 teacher and member of the Baldwin Park Unified School District board. She is an alumnus of Azusa Pacific University.

- **Phillip Chen (R) 55th Assembly District** – Phillip Chen is a small business owner and serves on the board of the Walnut Valley Unified School District. He is an alumnus of USC.
- **Sabrina Cervantes (D) 60th Assembly District** – Cervantes is the District Director for State Assemblymember Jose Medina. She is an alumnus of UC Riverside and Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She replaces incumbent Eric Linder (R).
- **Sharon Quirk-Silva (D) 65th Assembly District** – Sharon Quirk Silva served in the State Assembly from 2012-2014. She received an A.A. degree from Fullerton College. Silva also is an alumnus of UCLA and CSU Fullerton. She is leading her opponent, incumbent Young Kim (R), in a close race with a vote of 50.9% to 49.1%.
- **Al Muratsuchi (D) 66th Assembly District** – Al Muratsuchi served in the State Assembly from 2012-2014. He also was on the Torrance Unified School District Board. He is an alumnus of UCLA and UC Berkeley. He replaces incumbent David Hadley (R).
- **Steven Choi (D) 68th Assembly District** – Steven Choi is the Mayor of Irvine. He earned a doctorate in library science at University of Pittsburgh. He has been an instructor at several colleges including Coastline Community College.
- **Randy Voepel (R) 71st Assembly District** – Randy Voepel is a U.S. Navy veteran and Mayor of Santee. He is an alumnus of St. Leo University.
- **Todd Gloria (D) 78th Assembly District** – Todd Gloria served on the San Diego City Council. He is an alumnus of UC San Diego.
- **Bill Dodd (D) 3rd Senate District** - Bill Dodd served in the State Assembly from 2014-2016. He was also a member of the Napa County Board of Supervisors. He graduated from Justin-Siena High School and California State University, Chico.
- **Nancy Skinner (D) 9th Senate District** – Nancy Skinner served in the State Assembly from 2009 to 2014. She is an alumnus of UC Berkeley.
- **Scott Wiener (D) 11th Senate District** – Scott Wiener served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 2010-2016. He is an alumnus of Duke University and Harvard Law School.
- **Scott Wilk (R) 21st Senate District** – Scott Wilk served in the Assembly from 2012-2016. He also served on the Santa Clarita Community College District Board of Trustees. Wilk is an alumnus of Antelope Valley College and CSU Bakersfield.
- **Anthony Portantino (D) 25th Senate District** - Anthony Portantino served in the Assembly 2006-2012. He served nearly eight years on the La Canada Flintridge City Council and two terms as its Mayor. He is an alumnus of Albright College in Pennsylvania.
- **Henry Stern (D) 27th Senate District** – Henry Stern was senior policy advisor to California State Senator Fran Pavley. He is an alumnus of Harvard and UC Berkley Law.
- **Ling Ling Chang (R) 28th Senate District** - Ling-Ling Chang served on the Diamond Bar City Council, and as Mayor. Chang also serves on the Board of Cal Poly Pomona Partners-in-Education, and on the US Army Los Angeles Advisory Board. She is a National Fellows Alumnus with the Asian Pacific American Women's Leadership Institute. She is leading her opponent, Josh Newman (D) in a close race with 50.9% of the vote to 49.1%.

- **Steven Bradford (D) 35th Senate District** – Bradford served in the Assembly from 2010-2015. He also served on the Gardena City Council. He is an alumnus of CSU Dominguez Hills.
- **Toni Atkins (D) 39th Senate District** – Atkins served as Speaker of the Assembly from 2014-2016. Before that she served on the San Diego City Council.

New California Members of the 115th Congress

- **Ro Khanna (D) 17th Congressional District** – Ro Khanna is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce. He was appointed to the California Workforce Development Board by Governor Brown in 2012. He is an alumnus of Columbia University and Georgetown University.
- **Jimmy Panetta (D) 20th Congressional District** – Jimmy Panetta served as a Deputy District Attorney in Monterey County. He is a US Navy veteran and Monterey Peninsula College alumnus.
- **Salud Carbajal (D) 24th Congressional District** – Salud Carbajal served on the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and is a UC Santa Barbara alumnus.
- **Nannette Barragan (D) 44th Congressional District** – Nannette Barragan served on the Hermosa Beach City Council. She is an alumnus of UCLA and USC Law School.
- **Lou Correa (D) 46th Congressional District** – Lou Correa is a former Assemblymember and State Senator. He also was an instructor at Rancho Santiago CCD and is an alumnus of CSU Fullerton and UCLA.

Kamala Harris Elected to the US Senate

California Attorney General Kamala Harris was elected to the United States Senate with 63% of the vote. Ms. Harris earned an undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University, and a law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. As Attorney General of California, Kamala Harris won a billion dollar lawsuit against Corinthian Colleges for false advertising that misled students. She also took a role in campus safety by issuing guidance to colleges on recently enacted legislation. Under the California Constitution Governor Brown is responsible for appointing a new Attorney General. That appointment must be confirmed by a majority of the State Senate and a majority of the State Assembly. The appointee will hold office for the balance of the unexpired term.