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MEMORANDUM

TO: APC
FROM: Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP
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RE: Preliminary General Election Results

INTRODUCTION

On November 3, 2020, the Presidential Election was held, along with all 53 congressional races; 80 Assembly races; 20 Senate races; 11 propositions; and 1 referendum. Californians voted early in record numbers with over 9 million people voting prior to Election Day and over 17 million ballots cast as of November 16th. The Secretary of State has until December 1st to report the results of the Presidential Election and until December 4th to report the results of all state and local elections. All results must be certified by December 11th.

There are still an estimated 312,000 votes in California still to be counted. Below are the updated tabulations for most highly contested races of the 2020 General Election.

1. Congressional Races

The last two Congressional races to be called are CD 21 and CD 25. With ballots left to be counted in both districts, the winner will not be known until next week.

U.S. House District 21: Winner Unknown

TJ Cox- [DEM-49.4%](#)

David G. Valadao- [REP-50.6%](#)

Former Republican Congressman David Valadao has a slight lead of **1,796** votes over incumbent TJ Cox. In 2018, Valadao had a consistent lead until the final provisional ballots were counted and he ended up losing by roughly 800 votes. Valadao's lead decreased over 1,500 votes from the previous update. There are still **24,000 votes to be counted in Kern and Kings Counties** so this result could change.

U.S. House District 25: Winner Unknown

Christy Smith-[DEM-49.9%](#)

Mike Garcia- [REP-50.1%](#)

Assemblywoman Christy Smith has lost her small lead in a rematch of a special election that was held earlier this year and won by Congressman Mike Garcia. **Garcia's lead is 446 votes.**

U.S. House District 39: REP Flip

Gil Cisneros-DEM-49.6%

Young Kim- REP-50.4%

This is a rematch of 2018. The Associated Press has called this race in favor of challenger Young Kim.

U.S. House District 48: REP Flip

Harley Rouda-DEM-49.1%

Michelle Steel-REP-50.9%

Incumbent Harley Rouda has conceded defeat to Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steele.

2. Assembly Races

Democrats currently hold 61 seats in the Assembly and Republicans 18. Chad Mayes is the only Independent. Assembly District 38 was flipped Republican in the Primary and Mayes easily won re-election. It is anticipated that Democrats will hold 60 seats once all votes are counted. **The last race to be called was Assembly District 13, which was won by Carlos Villapudua.**

Assembly District 13: Carlos Villapudua Wins

Kathy Miller-DEM-49.9%

Carlos Villapudua-DEM-50.1%

Former San Joaquin County Supervisor Carlos Villapudua now has defeated San Joaquin County Supervisor Kathy Miller in the race to replace Susan Eggman. Eggman endorsed Kathy Miller. Miller conceded on Monday.

Assembly District 35: REPS Hold

Dawn Addis-DEM-46.7%

Jordan Cunningham-REP-53.7%

Jordan Cunningham is widely seen as the strongest Republican incumbent in the Assembly and easily won re-election.

Assembly District 36: REPS Hold

Steve Fox-DEM-45.0%

Tom Lackey-REP-55.0%

Tom Lackey has defeated Steve Fox for the fourth consecutive election.

Assembly District 68: REPS Hold

Melissa Fox-DEM-47%

Steve Choi-REP-53%

Incumbent Steve Choi represents Irvine and the western part of Orange County. He has defeated challenger Melissa Fox.

Assembly District 72: REPS Hold

Diedre Nguyen-DEM-46%

Janet Nguyen-REP-54%

One of three contested races in Orange County, the winner will replace Assemblyman Tyler Diep who lost in the primary. Janet Nguyen has defeated Diedre Nguyen. She returns to the Legislature after losing a razor-thin Senate race in 2018 to Tom Umberg.

Assembly District 74: DEM Hold

Cottie Petrie-Norris-DEM-51%

Dianne Dixon-REP-49%

Cottie Petrie-Norris is running for re-election in the most Republican District in the Legislature that is held by a Democrat. Her lead is now down to 2,704 votes, but only 9,000 ballots remain in Orange County.

3. Senate

There are currently 29 Democrats and 11 Republicans in the Senate. Once all ballots are counted there is a possibility that Senate Democratic Caucus increases their membership to at least 31. Dave Min and Josh Newman have unseated incumbents John Moorlach and Ling Ling Chang. **The last Senate race to be called is Senate District 21.**

Senate District 5: DEM Hold

Susan Eggman-DEM-58%

Jim Ridenour-REP-42%

As expected, Susan Eggman easily won the race to replace Cathleen Galgiani.

Senate District 15: DEM Hold

Dave Cortese-DEM-53.8%

Ann M. Ravel-DEM-46.2%

Challenger Ann Ravel has conceded in her race against Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese. Cortese is the son of former Assemblyman Dominic Cortese.

Senate District 21: Winner Unknown

Kipp Mueller-DEM-49.3%

Scott Wilk-REP-50.7%

In this north Los Angeles centered district, Incumbent Scott Wilk has increased his lead to over 6,000 votes. Historically, ballots after Election Day strongly favor democrats, however throughout California this year they are favoring Republicans. This will still be one of the last races to be finalized, but Wilk has increased his lead in every update.

Senate District 23: REP Hold

Abigail Medina-DEM-47.4%

Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh-REP-52.6%

Senate District 23 is centered in west San Bernardino County. Incumbent Republican Mike Morrell is termed out. After trailing on Election Night, Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh has seen her lead increase to over 17,500 votes.

Senate District 29: DEM Flip

Josh Newman-DEM-51.4%

Ling Ling Chang-REP-48.6%

Incumbent Republican Ling Ling Chang has once again lost to former Senator Josh Newman. Senate District 29 encompasses parts of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties. Incumbent Ling Ling Chang and challenger Josh Newman are facing off for the third time in four years. In 2016, this was the last race to be certified and Josh Newman won. Ling Ling Chang regained the seat once Newman was recalled for voting for the gas tax.

***Senate 30: Special Election**

Senator Holly Mitchell was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. As a result, this will trigger a Special Election that will happen in early 2021. Assemblywoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove has announced that she is running to replace her. If Assemblywoman Kamlager-Dove wins then a Special Election will decide her replacement. Additionally, a new Chair of the Senate Budget Committee will need to be appointed as a result of Senator Mitchell's victory.

Senate District 37: DEM Flip

Dave Min-DEM-51.6%

John M. W. Moorlach-REP-48.4%

Incumbent John Moorlach has been defeated by Dave Min. Min is a law professor at UC Irvine and previously ran for Congress in CD 45.

4. Propositions

There are 12 propositions on the ballot this year. The three most contested from a financial standpoint are Propositions 15, 21, and 22. All three were considered business vs. labor contests and business has won all three races. Proposition 15 was the most closely watched race and the No side is winning by 650,000 votes. The **NO on 15** Campaign has declared victory.

California Proposition 15. Change Commercial Property Tax

52% No ·

California Proposition 21. Local Government Rent Control

59.7% No ·

California Proposition 22. App-Based Drivers as Contractors, Not Employees

58.4% Yes ·