



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES ELECTION ROUND UP

California Legislator Elections and Community College Measures

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Overview

In addition to the national races and the passage of Proposition 30, the November 6, 2012 election also resulted in up to 38 new members of the State Assembly (depending on final vote counts). A number of these new members have ties to community colleges (see below). Nine new State Senators were elected and one special election looks to have been settled in Senate District 4 with Assemblymember Jim Nielsen winning with over 50% of the vote. If the final vote tallies are consistent with current results, the Democrats will have supermajorities in both State houses. However, two State Senators whose seats were not up for election were elected to congress and their vacancies will require a special election, putting any exercise of the supermajority authority on hold.

A number of important local measures were also put to the voters, and the current results are summarized below. It is important to note that the election results are not final, and the results of a few close races may change. County elections officials are required to report their final results to the California Secretary of State by December 7, and the Secretary of State has until December 14 to certify the results of the election. Up to this deadline provisional, absentee, and other ballots will be added to local results over the next few weeks.

Newly Elected State Assembly Members with Community College Ties

Assembly District 21	Adam Gray (D)	Merced College alum, UC Merced lecturer
Assembly District 36	Ron Smith (R)	Adjunct professor at Antelope Valley College, Academic Senate President, Campaign Chair for Antelope Valley College bond
Assembly District 38	Scott Wilk (R)	Trustee at College of the Canyons, CTE a campaign issue, former staffer for Buck McKeon
Assembly District 51	Jimmy Gomez (D)	Los Angeles Community College adjunct professor, community college alum
Assembly District 58	Cristina Garcia (D)	Teaches math at Los Angeles Community College and to high school students, worked with the LACCD to help students pass the CAHSEE
Assembly District 61	Jose Medina (D)	Trustee at Riverside Community College, Teacher at Riverside USD
Assembly District 63	Anthony Rendon (D)	Cerritos Community College alum
Assembly District 76	Rocky Chavez (R)	Coached wrestling at El Camino High School, former Chief Education Officer for the School of Business and Technology Charter High School in Oceanside, CalVet Undersecretary, USMC Colonel
Assembly District 79	Shirley Weber (D)	Los Angeles Community College adjunct professor

LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTION RESULTS - BONDS AND PARCEL TAX MEASURES

Parcel Taxes – 2/3 Approval Required

San Francisco City College Parcel Tax, Proposition A San Francisco County:	PASS 72%
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Measure I, Special Parcel Tax Measure:	FAIL 61%
Contra Costa Community College District Measure A, Parcel Tax :	FAIL 65%*

Local Facilities Bond Measures – 55% Approval Required

West Hills Community College District Measure L:	PASS 56%
El Camino Community College Improvement Measure E:	PASS 67%
Cerritos Community College District Measure G:	PASS 69%
Golden West College, Orange Coast College and Coastline Community College Measure M:	PASS 56%
Rancho Santiago Community College District, Santa Ana College Improvement Measure Q:	PASS 69%
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Proposition V:	PASS 57%
MiraCosta Community College Proposition EE:	FAIL 54%*
Solano Community College Bond Proposition, Measure Q:	PASS 62%

Election of Trustees by Area - Majority Approval Required

Ohlone Community College District Measure K. Election of Trustees by Area Voters:	PASS 73%
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* Election results are not final.

New California Members of the 113th Congress

The November 6th election brought over 80 new members to Washington, DC. Eleven new members will be representing California. Below are the new members from California along with biographical information describing their political and education affiliations:

Julia Brownley (D), 26th House District

In a tight race against Tony Strickland (R), Julia Brownley won with 52% of the vote. From 1994 to 2006 Brownley served on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education and eventually became Board President. In 2006 she was elected to represent her district in the California State Assembly where she chaired the Assembly Education Committee and served on the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

Tony Cárdenas (D), 29th House District

Tony Cárdenas is the first Latino Congressman to represent the San Fernando Valley in a landslide victory against David R. Hernandez, taking 74% of the vote. Tony Cárdenas served in the California State Assembly from 1996 to 2004 where he became the first Latino to represent the San Fernando Valley in the state's 39th Assembly District.

Paul Cook (R), 8th House District

Succeeded by Jerry Lewis (R) who is retiring from Congress after serving in various seats since 1978, Paul Cook beat Gregg Imus (R) with 57.6% of the vote to represent the Yucca Valley. Paul Cook achieved the rank of Colonel in the Marine Corps and commanded Camp Pendleton in California before retiring from the military in 1992. Cook taught Political Science and History at Cal State University, San Bernardino, UC Riverside, and Copper Mountain College. In 2006, he was elected to represent the 65th Assembly District of California. In 2011-12, Cook has served as Chair of the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee and in 2009-10, he sat on the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Jared Huffman (D), 2nd House District

Jared Huffman beat GOP candidate Daniel W. Roberts with 70.4% of the vote. He replaces Representative Lynn Woolsey (D), who is retiring from Congress after serving for two decades. Huffman served on the Marin Municipal Water District from 1994 to 2006 and in 2006 won the election to represent the 6th District of the California State Assembly and has served in that capacity until earning his seat in Congress.

Doug LaMalfa (R), 1st House District

Doug LaMalfa won his district's race with 58.1% of the vote by beating his democratic opponent Jim Reed. LaMalfa earned an A.A. Degree at Butte Community College before graduating from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1982 with a B.S. in Agriculture Business Management. He has served in both houses of the California Legislature, as an Assemblymember from 2002 to 2010 and as a Senator from 2010 to 2012.

Alan Lowenthal (D), 47th House District

The former Chair of the California Senate Education Committee, Alan Lowenthal beat Gary DeLong (R) with 55.3% of the vote. Lowenthal started his career in 1968 as a Professor at the California State University, Long Beach where he taught until 1998. In 1992 he ran for Long Beach City Council which he served on for six years before he was elected to represent Long Beach in the California State Assembly. Once he reached his term-limit in the Assembly, he was elected to represent the 27th California Senate District in which he served in the Legislature for another six years. In 2012 Lowenthal authored SB 1456,

the Student Success Act of 2012, setting the stage to improve graduation and transfer rates at California's 112 community colleges. Alan Lowenthal's wife, Dr. Deborah Malumed is a member of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

Gloria Negrete McLeod (D), 35th House District

With 55.7% of the vote, Gloria Negrete McLeod beat out the incumbent Joe Baca (D) to represent the Inland Empire. McLeod graduated from Chaffey College with an A.A. in 1975 and later served on the Board of Chaffey Community College from 1995 to 2000 and became President of the Board. She was elected to the California State Assembly from 2000 to 2006 and then was elected represent the 32nd Senate District in 2006.

Eric Swalwell (D), 15th House District

Thirty-one year old Eric Swalwell took the Congressional seat from the 80 year old incumbent Pete Stark (D) by 52.2% of the vote. After attending college at the University of Maryland where he obtained his J.D., he returned to his hometown of Dublin, California to work as a prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. He also founded and still serves as President of the Dublin High School Alumni Association. In 2010 he was elected to serve on the Dublin City Council.

Mark Takano (D), 41st House District

Mark Takano won this newly created 41st Congressional seat against John Tavaglione with 57.6% of the vote. Public education is at the forefront of his political agenda. He taught English and Social Studies at the Rialto Unified School District since 1988. In 1990, Takano was elected to the Riverside Community College District's Board of Trustees. He became the board's longest-serving member, spending two separate terms as the board's president.

David Valadao (R), 21st House District

In another newly drawn Congressional seat, David Valadao beat John Hernandez (D) with 58.9% of the vote. The 21st House District encompasses parts of the agriculturally rich Central Valley where Valadao was raised and has been active in agriculture issues throughout his life. Valadeo attend the College of the Sequoias, but did not graduate, instead became a partner in his family's dairy farm. Prior to being elected into Congress, he represented California's 30th State Assembly District.

Juan Vargas (D), 51st House District

Juan Vargas won the seat previously held by Bob Filner (D) by 70% of the vote against Michael Crimmins (R). In 1991 Vargas earned a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School, where he was classmates with President Barack Obama. He was born and raised in the San Diego area and in 1993 he was elected to the San Diego City Council. Vargas served in the California State Assembly from 2001 to 2006 representing the 79th Assembly District. Following his term in the Assembly he was elected to the California State Senate where he passed Senate Bill 1264 in 2012 to add any athletic coach, assistant coach and graduate assistant involved in coaching to the list of individuals who are mandated reporters at a public or private postsecondary institution. This legislation was a direct response to the Penn State University sex-abuse scandal by holding university coaching staff accountable for reporting acts of child sexual abuse.