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Today we are publishing this additional report, covering six (6) additional “flippable” CA congressional districts.

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THE ‘OTHER’ CA HOUSE RACES (and what you can do to help)

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Since that time we have been asked for a listing of other CA districts which are “flippable,” and what we can do from here in Los Gatos to help – so we have created this report as a supplement to our earlier fund-raising letter.

There are six (6) districts in the state (in addition to the above) which are currently held by Republicans, or are ‘open,’ that have Democratic candidates who are within striking distance of election. The status of those races, and the candidates’ financial circumstances, are set forth below, as well as recommendations on how to assist them.

As indicated in our earlier report on competitive Senate races, all of these campaigns can be donated to through ActBlue (www.actblue.com), just be sure you indicate that your contribution is a one-time donation for this election cycle.

CA-25 (parts of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)

Status: Steve Knight (R) is the incumbent. Katie Hill (D) is his opponent. Polling has been close – a Siena College poll in mid-September has Knight up by 2%points; a Los Angeles Times poll on October 4 put Hill ahead by 4% points. (Both polls sampled 500-600 voters.)

Money: Hill has raised \$2,450,000 and had \$850,000 in reserve at last reporting. Knight raised \$1,700,000, with a reserve of \$1,300,000. (The Democratic primary was hotly contested and expensive.) The ‘polling class’ (Cook, Sobato etc.) rate this race a ‘toss-up.’

Recommendations: Send money. Help Hill get out the vote. The district is 46% white, 35% Hispanic, and 8% Asian. Clinton carried the district by 7% points in 2016, and Obama has endorsed Hill.

www.katiehillforcongress.com

661-505-1054

CA-39 (parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino Counties)

Status: Congressman Ed Royce (R) has retired, so the seat is open. Clinton carried the district by a 51.5% to 42.9% margin in 2016. Gil Cisneros is the Democratic candidate, Young Kim the Republican. Only two polls have been reported: Monmouth University showed Young up by 4% in September, and a Democratic poll showed Cisneros up by 11% in August. (Both with small sample sizes.)

Money: At last reporting Cisneros had raised \$5,500,000 to Kim's \$1,300,000. Cisneros spent all but \$750,000 in a heavily contested Democratic primary. Kim reported \$300,000 cash on hand in mid-summer.

Recommendations: The 'polling class' (Cook, Sobato) rates the district a 'toss up.' Obama has endorsed Cisneros. Send money...these last few weeks will likely be expensive. And help get out the vote.

www.cisnerosforcongress.com

657-234-0272

CA-45 (central Orange County)

Status: This race pits incumbent Mimi Walters (R) against Katie Porter (D). The district favored Clinton by 5% points in 2016. CA-45 is 55% white and 21% Asian.

Polls: Five polls have been done since August, and show a very close race. The earliest poll showed Walters up 1%, while subsequent polls have favored Porter from 1% to 5%. (Sample sizes have all been about 500 voters.) The polling has largely been done by Democratic leaning organizations, save for the last (September 25) which was done for the New York Times, and showed Porter up 5%, but with 8% in the district undecided. The national Republican Party has targeted this district and is spending very heavily, as are a number of affiliated PACs.

Money: Porter has raised \$2,000,000 but spent \$1,300,000 in an expensive primary. Walters has raised \$3,000,000 and at last report had \$1,500,000...twice the reserve reported by Porter.

Recommendations: Cook and Sabato rate this race a 'toss-up.' Porter needs money for this final push to election day – for advertising and to get out the vote. SEND MONEY. And volunteer to help get out the vote. It's an educated suburban district and many voters cannot be pleased with the Republicans and their kavanaugh confirmation performance.

www.katieporter.com

949-236-7207

CA-48 (southern and coastal Orange County)

Status: The incumbent is Dana Rohrbacher (R), infamous for being "Putin's Favorite Congressman." His opponent is Harley Rouda (D). Clinton won this district in a squeaker, 47.9% to 46.2% in 2016. Obama has endorsed Rouda. (Cook and Sabato rate the district a 'toss-up.')

Polls: Three reported polls since July show the race to be a dead heat. The most recent (September 23 for the Los Angeles Times) shows each candidate polling at 48% with only 4% undecided. (Sample size – 600.)

Money: Rouda has raised \$3,100,000, but a very expensive primary has left him with \$482,000 in reserves at the time of most recent reporting. Rohrbache has raised \$1,800,000, and has reported reserves of \$480,000.

Recommendations: Rouda NEEDS MONEY. Send money...then volunteer to get out the vote.

www.harleyforcongress.com

657-345-5296

CA-49 (north San Diego County)

Status: This is an 'open' seat – Darryl Issa has retired and will not run for re-election. Mike Levin (D) is opposed by Diane Harkey (R). The district favored Clinton by 7% points in 2016. Obama has endorsed Levin.

Polls: Only three polls have been published for this district since June. Levin was up 3% point in June, down 3% in July. The most recent poll, by UC Berkeley, shows Levin up by 14%. (September 23)

Money: Levin's primary was expensive. He had raised \$2,500,000 at last reporting, but spent \$1,700,000 through the primary, and has \$850,000 in

reserve. Harkey has raised only \$700,000, and at last reporting showed \$170,000 in reserve.

Recommendations: Help Levin get out the vote.

www.mikelevin.org

760-622-3394

CA-50 (parts of San Diego and Riverside Counties)

Status: Duncan Hunter, Jr. (R) is the incumbent. (Yes, that Duncan Hunter who is under felony indictment and waiting trial...) He is opposed by Ammar Campa-Najjar (D). Hunter has undertaken an incredibly racist advertising blitz against Campa-Najjar, in this district which is 59% white and 30% Hispanic. Obama has endorsed Campa-Najjar,

Polls: Three polls have been published since August, with Hunter leading in each – by 8%, 15% and 2%. (And yes, all were taken after he was indicted for felony campaign violations! Let's hope it just takes a long time for the news to travel to Riverside.....)

Money: Hunter reports having raise \$848,000 and spent \$1,200,000, with \$352,500 'cash on hand.' (No wonder he's been indicted.) Campa-Najjar has raised \$1.050,000, but has only \$280,000 in reserve at last report.

Recommedations: SEND MONEY. Campa-Najjar needs to fight back against Hunter's racist attacks. You can also help him get out the vote. It looks like a longshot....but let's hope the Pony Express has delivered those newspapers about the indictment...or Hunter throws another drunken fit on an airplane. (Yes, he has done that, too.)

www.campacampaign.com

760-654-5059

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SEND MONEY TO: KATIE HILL (CA-25)
GIL CISNEROS (CA-39)
KATIE PORTER (CA-45)
HARLEY ROUDA (CA-48)
AMMAR CAMPA-NAJJAR (CA-50)

SEND HELP: to all of the above, plus MIKE LEVIN (CA49)