

OVERVIEW OF 2014 LA COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS

Dear Colleagues:

The November 4th General Election was important for our campus. With the retirements of Congressman Henry Waxman and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, UCLA will be represented by a new member of Congress for the first time since 1975 and a new Los Angeles County Supervisor for the first time in 20 years. Also, voters selected a new State Senator that will represent the 26th District and includes the entire UCLA campus.

Additionally, there were many other important races throughout Los Angeles County. This document prepared by Government & Community Relations staff, summarizes the preliminary results from key races in Los Angeles County at the federal, state and local levels of government. The election results are current as of November 5th. The final results have not been certified at this time, with absentee and provisional ballots still being counted in some races. Further updates will be provided if there are significant changes.

LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESULTS

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors District 3: Sheila Kuehl was successfully elected (**52.7%**) defeating Bobby Shriver (47.2%). Her term will begin on December 1, 2014. UCLA Community and Local Government Relations co-hosted a candidate forum in September on campus for the two candidates.

The third district covers the western part of Los Angeles County, including the **UCLA campus**, the Westside and the Santa Monica Mountains to the Ventura County line, the San Fernando Valley and east to Atwater Village.



Sheila Kuehl ('62) served for eight years in the California State Senate and six years in the State Assembly. She represented over a million people on the Westside of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley in a district that ran from the ocean to Hollywood and Westlake Village to Universal City. In 2008, she left the legislature under California's term limits statute.

She currently serves as Founding Director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College, an institute devoted to undergraduate and community education and the exploration of public policy at the local level.

In the Spring of 2012, she was appointed Regents' Professor of Public Policy at UCLA, and taught a class for graduates and undergraduates on the role of law and regulation in the formation of public policy. She has produced and moderated a television series on Marriage for the Williams Institute at the UCLA Law School. She was a law professor at Loyola, UCLA and USC Law Schools, and co-founded and served as managing attorney of the California Women's Law Center.

She was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly and the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature.

She received her undergraduate degree in English at UCLA in 1962 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978 where she was the second woman in the school's history to win the Moot Court competition. She served on the Harvard University Board of Overseers from 1998 to 2005. *(Biography from campaign website)*

CALIFORNIA STATE ELECTION RESULTS

DEMOCRATS LOSE SUPERMAJORITY

Two years after California Democrats swept to commanding two-thirds majorities in both houses of the State Legislature, they were unable to again claim the same margin in the State Senate. The State Assembly remains in doubt with key races too close to call.

TOO CLOSE TO CALL

AD 36 – San Fernando Valley

Incumbent Assemblymember **Raul Bocanegra** (D) (49.7%) is in a surprisingly tight race with fellow Democrat **Patty Lopez** (D) (50.3%). With 100 percent of the precincts reporting, Lopez is ahead by less than 600 votes. The vote tallies are considered semiofficial at this point. UCLA State Government Relations (SGR) will continue to monitor this race.

AD 66 - Torrance

Incumbent Assemblymember **Al Muratsuchi** (D) (48.6%) is in a narrow race with **David Hadley** (R) (51.4%). After all precincts reported, Hadley held onto a slim 2,329-vote lead. UCLA SGR will continue to monitor this race.

OPEN SEATS

STATE ASSEMBLY RACES

AD 53 – Huntington Park

In the race to fill the seat of outgoing Speaker John Pérez (D), who unsuccessfully ran for State Controller, Los Angeles Community College board member **Miguel Santiago** (D) (64.2%) defeated Pico Union educator Sandra Mendoza (D) (35.8%). Santiago has a close working relationship with UCLA SGR from his time in Speaker Perez' office. He is scheduled to visit the campus on November 14th. In the past he has attended UCLA athletic events.



Miguel Santiago (D) ('98) was born to immigrant parents and was the first in his family to attend college, earning his degree from **UCLA**. Santiago was appointed in 2008 to the Los Angeles Community College Board, elected in 2009, and re-elected in 2011. He is currently District Director to Speaker John Pérez. *(Biography from campaign website)*

AD 62 – Inglewood/LAX

In the race to succeed Assemblymember Steven Bradford (D), **Autumn Burke** (D) (75.7%) defeated Ted Grose (R) (24.3%). UCLA SGR co-hosted a candidate forum in April at Loyola Marymount University and Autumn Burke was a participant. Burke also participated in our Candidate to Campus program, where she met with representatives from Women in Philanthropy at UCLA and representatives from UCLA Grand Challenges.



Autumn Burke (D) is the daughter of businessman William Burke and retired Supervisor Yvonne Burke. She currently owns Mandeville Group, LLC, a professional consulting firm that offers business development, community outreach and energy efficiency consulting services. *(Biography from campaign website)*

AD 64 –Compton

In the race to succeed Assemblymember Isadore Hall (D), Carson Councilmember **Mike Gipson** (D) (64.1%) defeated La'Omar (Prophet) Walker (D) (35.9%). Mike Gipson participated in a candidate forum hosted by UCLA SGR and California State University, Dominguez Hills during the primary race.



Mike Gipson (D) was first elected into the Carson City Council on March 8, 2005 and was selected to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem in March 2008. In 2013, he won re-election to his third term in office. He currently works for the California State Board of Equalization. *(Biography from campaign website)*

AD 70 – Long Beach

In a Long Beach district formerly represented by Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal (D), Long Beach City Councilmember **Patrick O'Donnell** (D) (63.0%) defeated small business owner John Goya (R) (37.0%). UCLA SGR is scheduling a campus visit with Assemblymember-elect O'Donnell.



Patrick O'Donnell (D) is a teacher who serves on the Long Beach City Council. A teacher for 19 years, he helped create a program at his high school to ensure students have more instructional time to improve graduation rates and college preparedness. On the City Council, he helped create a "Rainy Day Fund" policy that requires the city council to put away money for tough budget times. *(Biography from campaign website)*

STATE SENATE RACES

SD 18 – Pacoima/San Fernando Valley

In the race to succeed State Senator Alex Padilla (D), who chose to run for Secretary of State, former Assembly Speaker **Bob Hertzberg** (D) (69.9%) defeated Ricardo Benitez (R) (30.1%). As a member of the Assembly from 1996-2002, UCLA maintained a great relationship with Hertzberg and actively engaged him on several issues, including the state budget. UCLA SGR will look to reinforce this relationship, as he begins his tenure in the Senate.



Bob Hertzberg (D) represented the San Fernando Valley in the California State Assembly from 1996 to 2002. In 2000, he was unanimously chosen by both political parties to be the 64th Speaker of the California State Assembly – the first Speaker in decades to be elected in such a bipartisan fashion. After leaving the State Assembly, he has worked on clean energy and government reform. *(Biography from campaign website)*

SD 26 – West Los Angeles (including the UCLA Campus)

The district, which follows the Los Angeles coast down to Rancho Palos Verdes and includes the entire UCLA campus, was redrawn following the 2010 census and is electing a state senator for the first time in this election. UCLA was formerly included in the 28th district, currently represented by State Senator Ted Lieu (D), who chose to run for U.S. Congress to replace Rep. Henry Waxman. **Ben Allen** (D) (60.8%), former UC Regent and a two-term member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and UCLA Law School lecturer, defeated Sandra Fluke (D) (39.2%), a West Hollywood attorney. UCLA hosted a candidate forum in May as well as a Reddit AMA in October. Ben Allen also participated in our Candidate to Campus program, where he met with VC Steve Olsen, VC Kevin Reed, and Chancellor Gene Block, and representatives from UCLA Grand Challenges. He also participated in a meet and greet with students and Bruin Caucus members.



Ben Allen (D) was elected in both his 2008 election and 2012 reelection to the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education, and was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Board's President. He is a lecturer at UCLA Law School, where he teaches education law and policy. Ben Allen served as a UC Student-Regent. *(Biography from campaign website)*

SD 32– Montebello

In the race to replace State Senator Ron Calderon (D), former Assemblymember **Tony Mendoza** (D) (51.8%) defeated Mario Guerra (R) (48.2 %). Tony Mendoza participated in an UCLA Legislator to Campus visit in 2006, where he met with Chancellor Abrams, Vice Chancellor Janina Montero and representatives from Center for Community College Partnership.



Tony Mendoza (D) was a member of the California State Assembly, representing the 56th district. Before serving in the Assembly, Mendoza was a fourth grade teacher in East Los Angeles and served as a mayor and city councilman in Artesia. *(Biography from campaign website)*

INCUMBENT RACES

STATE ASSEMBLY RACES

AD 36 – Palmdale

Assemblymember Steve Fox (D) (38.5%) was defeated by Palmdale city council member and a former California Highway Patrol sergeant **Tom Lackey** (R) (61.5%). UCLA SGR is scheduling a campus visit with Assemblymember-elect Lackey.



Tom Lackey (R) was first elected as councilmember for the City of Palmdale in 2005. Currently serving on the city council in the additional role of Mayor Pro Tem for the second time, Lackey first entered elected public service as a member of the Palmdale Elementary School District Board of Trustees. *(Biography from campaign website)*

OTHER LOS ANGELES AREA ASSEMBLY AND SENATE RACES

AD 41 - Pasadena

Incumbent Assemblymember [Chris Holden](#) (D) (59.0%) defeated Nathaniel Tsai (R) (41.0%).

AD 43 - Glendale

Incumbent Assemblymember [Mike Gatto](#) (D) (65.8%) defeated Todd Royal (R) (34.2%).

AD 45 - Los Angeles

Incumbent Assemblymember [Matt Dababneh](#) (D) (56.1%) defeated Susan Shelley (R) (43.9%).

AD 46 – Sherman Oaks

Incumbent Assemblymember [Adrin Nazarian](#) (D) (71.1%) defeated Zachary Taylor (R) (28.9%).

AD 48 - Baldwin Park

Incumbent Assemblymember [Roger Hernandez](#) (D) (54.0%) defeated Joe Gardner (R) (46.0%).

AD 49 - El Monte

Incumbent Assemblymember [Ed Chau](#) (D) (60.8%) defeated Esthela Siegrist (R) (39.2%).

AD 50 - Santa Monica

Incumbent Assemblymember [Richard Bloom](#) (D) (71.2%) defeated Brad Torgan (R) (28.8%).

AD 51 - Los Angeles

Incumbent Assemblymember [Jimmy Gomez](#) (D) (83.7%) defeated Stephen Smith (R) (16.3%).

AD 54 - Culver City (includes UCLA campus)

Incumbent Assemblymember [Sebastian Ridley-Thomas](#) (D) (78.3%) defeated Glen Ratcliff (R) (21.7%).

AD 57 - Whittier

Incumbent Assemblymember [Ian Calderon](#) (D) (51.4%) defeated Rita Topalian (R) (48.6%).

AD 58 - Norwalk

Incumbent Assemblymember [Cristina Garcia](#) (D) ran unopposed to win re-election.

AD 59 - Los Angeles

Incumbent Assemblymember [Reggie Jones-Sawyer](#) (D) ran unopposed to win re-election.

AD 63 - Lakewood

Incumbent Assemblymember [Anthony Rendon](#) (D) (68.8%) defeated Adam Miller (R) (31.2%).

SD 22 – West Covina

Incumbent Senator [Ed Hernandez](#) (D) (64.4%) defeated Marc Rodriguez (R) (35.6%).

SD 24 – Los Angeles

Incumbent Senator [Kevin De Leon](#) (D) (66.7%) defeated Peter Choi (D) (33.3%).

SD 30 – Los Angeles

Incumbent Senator [Holly Mitchell](#) (D) (68.7%) defeated Isidro Armenta (D) (31.3%).

STATEWIDE RACES

Governor

Incumbent Governor [Jerry Brown](#) (D) (58.7%) defeated businessman Neel Kashkari (R) (41.3%).

During his current term in office, Governor Jerry Brown campaigned on the UCLA campus for the passage of Proposition 30 which changed the state's revenue structure and secured funding for the University of California. He held a budget forum on campus after being elected in 2010, and in 2011 the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation partnered with Governor Brown's office to host the Governor's Conference on Local Renewable Energy Resources.

Lieutenant Governor

Incumbent Lt. Governor [Gavin Newsom](#) (D) (55.9%) defeated educator Ron Nehring (R) (44.1%).

UCLA State Government Relations staff has been actively talking to Lieutenant Governor Newsom about Athletics related issues, and as a result have arranged several briefings for his staff on the subject. He has also visited campus to discuss educational approaches at the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation.

Attorney General

Incumbent Attorney General [Kamala Harris](#) (D) (56.3%) defeated retired State Prosecutor Ronald Gold (R) (43.7%).

Attorney General Kamala Harris visited UCLA earlier this year to discuss campus diversity and campus climate with UCLA Campus Leadership, including Chancellor Gene Block, Provost Scott Waugh, Vice Chancellor Janina Montero, and other members of campus leadership. At the meeting, Attorney General Harris discussed both current procedures and future plans to improve campus climate issues.

Secretary of State

Senator [Alex Padilla](#) (D) (52.5%) defeated educator Pete Peterson (R) (47.5%).

UCLA SGR has worked extensively with State Senator Alex Padilla, who visited campus in October 2011 and met with faculty from the UCLA Anderson School of Management, the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, and Chancellor Block. The UCLA Volunteer Center has selected sites within his district for Volunteer Day in 2013 and 2014, and will be hosting a One Bus, One Cause event in his district on November 15, 2014.



Alex Padilla (D) was elected to the State Senate in 2006. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering. Previously, he served as a member of the LA City Council, where he was the first Latino and the youngest person elected president. At the State Senate, he chaired the Select Committee on Science, Innovation, and Public Policy. Padilla's Senate career focused on public safety, health, education, green technology, environmental quality, and consumer protection issues. (*Biography from campaign website*)

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Incumbent [Tom Torlakson](#) (D) (52.1%) defeated Marshall Tuck (NP) (47.9%).

Insurance Commissioner

Incumbent Commissioner [Dave Jones](#) (D) (52.8%) defeated Ted Gaines (R) (43.7%).

Controller

Board of Equalization member **Betty Yee** (D) (52.8%) defeated Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin (R) (47.2%).



Betty Yee (D) was elected to the Board of Equalization in 2004. She received a BA in Sociology from UC Berkeley and a MA in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. She currently serves as Vice President of California Women Lead, which is an organization for women holding or interested in running for political office. Yee looks forward to implementing comprehensive tax reform, preserving retirement security, and modeling responsible environmental stewardship. *(Biography from campaign website)*

Treasurer

State Controller **John Chiang** (D) (57.7%) defeated retired accountant Greg Conlon (R) (42.3%).

John Chiang has attended several UCLA Anderson Forecast conferences in recent years as well as serving as a keynote speaker at a UCLA Downtown LA Bruin Professionals reception in February 2014.



John Chiang (D) was elected as State Controller in 2006. He graduated with a degree in finance from the University of South Florida and his Juris Doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Prior to being elected Controller, he was a member of the CA State Board of Equalization, a tax law specialist with the Internal Revenue Service, and an attorney in the State Controller's Office. As Controller, he championed programs like claiming unclaimed property and protecting current property. He looks forward to reforming public pension plans, continuing to be a watchdog for California Taxpayers, and demanding sound state budgetary policies. *(Biography from campaign website)*

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1: Proposition 1, the Water Bond (AB 1471), would enact the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Prop 1 would allow the state to redirect \$425 million in unsold bonds and sell \$7.1 billion in additional bonds, for a total of \$7.5 billion in general obligation bonds. The funds would be used to manage water supplies, to restore and protect the wetlands, improve water quality, and increase flood protection. A lot of the money would go towards water supply and water quality projects.

YES (66.8%) NO (33.2%)

Proposition 2: Proposition 2, the Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Fund Act or Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1), would reduce the annual revenue transfer to the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) to about \$1.6 billion, but add a portion of capital gains-related taxes in years when such revenues exceed a certain level. It would require half of the revenues to be used to repay state debts. Prop 2 limits use of remaining funds to emergencies or budget deficits.

YES (68.7%) NO (31.3%)

Proposition 45: Proposition 45, the Public Notice Required for Insurance Company Rates Initiative, would require the Insurance Commissioner’s approval before a health insurer can change its rates or anything else affecting the charges associated with health insurance. It would provide for public notice, disclosure, and hearing, and subsequent judicial review. Additionally, it would exempt employer large group health plans.
YES (40.2%) **NO (59.8%)**

Proposition 46: Proposition 46, the Medical Malpractice Lawsuits Cap and Drug Testing of Doctors Initiative, would require drug testing for doctors and review of statewide prescription database before prescribing controlled substances. It would increase the \$250,000 pain/suffering cap in medical negligence lawsuits for inflation.
YES (32.9%) **NO (67.1%)**

Proposition 47: Proposition 47, the Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative, would require misdemeanor sentences instead of felony for certain drug and property offenses. It is inapplicable to persons with prior convictions for serious or violent crimes and registered sex offenders.
YES (58.5%) NO (41.5%)

Proposition 48: Proposition 48, the Referendum on Indian Gaming Compacts, would approve tribal gaming compacts between the state and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the Wiyot Tribe. There would be one-time payments and for 20 years annual payments from the Indian tribes to state and local governments to address costs related to the operation of a new casino.
YES (39.1%) **NO (60.9%)**

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

33rd Congressional District – West LA/South Bay

In the race to fill Henry Waxman’s Congressional seat, Democrat **Ted Lieu** (58.4%) defeated Republican Elan Carr (41.6%). The district, which has been represented by Waxman for the past 40 years, stretches from Los Angeles’ west side communities of Beverly Hills, Bel Air, Brentwood and Malibu down through Santa Monica and most of the South Bay and Palos Verdes Peninsula. The **UCLA campus**, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, and Santa Monica hospital are all located in the 33rd district. In addition, the district is home to several of UCLA’s major aerospace industry partners. Having represented UCLA as a state legislator, Lieu has met with campus leadership on numerous occasions and has been featured as a speaker at UCLA events including Veterans’ Day ceremonies.



Ted Lieu (D) previously served in the California State Senate (2011-2014), the California State Assembly (2005-2010), and on the Torrance City Council (2002-2005). He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force and remains a member of the JAG Corps. He is an alumnus of Stanford University and Georgetown Law, and resides with his wife and two children in Torrance, CA. *(Biography from campaign website)*

25th Congressional District – Santa Clarita/Simi Valley

The 25th Congressional District in north Los Angeles County includes the cities of Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Palmdale, Lancaster, and the northern part of the San Fernando Valley. Retiring Congressman Howard “Buck” McKeon has represented the district since 1993. In the race to fill his seat, Republican **Steve Knight** (53.5 %) defeated Republican Tony Strickland (46.5 %).



Steve Knight (R) is a former State Assemblyman (2008-2012) and the current State Senator for California’s 21st District who represents various communities in northeastern Los Angeles and western San Bernardino counties in the High Desert region. During his tenure in Sacramento, he has built a reputation as a conservative leader, voting against an increase of minimum wage, gun control of semi-automatic weapons and water regulations for the city. After graduating from Palmdale High School, he served in the US Military and then went on to become a police officer for the City of Los Angeles. He resides in Palmdale with his family. *(Biography from campaign website)*

45th Congressional District – Orange County

In the race to replace retiring Congressman John Campbell (UCLA '76), Republican **Mimi Walters (UCLA'84)** (65.4%) defeated Republican opponent Drew Leavens (34.6 %). The district includes Orange County cities of Irvine, Tustin, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, and Mission Viejo.



Mimi Walters (R) is a former State Senator and State Assemblywoman, representing South Orange County in Sacramento for the past decade. She served in the Republican leadership as Assistant Republican Leader and Vice Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Walters becomes the newest Bruin elected to Congress, having earned her bachelor’s degree in Political Science at UCLA in 1984. *(Biography from campaign website)*

OTHER LOS ANGELES AREA CONGRESSIONAL RACES and UCLA ALUMNI RESULTS (*UCLA Alum)

26th Congressional District – Oxnard/Thousand Oaks

Incumbent [Julia Brownley](#) (D) (50.2%) defeated Jeff Gorell (R) (49.8%)

27th Congressional District - Pasadena

Incumbent [Judy Chu](#)* (D) (58.6%) defeated Jack Orswell (R) (41.4%)

28th Congressional District - Burbank

Incumbent [Adam Schiff](#) (D) (76.0%) defeated Steve Stokes (I) (24.0%)

29th Congressional District - San Ferndando Valley

Incumbent [Tony Cardenas](#) (D) (74.5%) defeated William O'Callaghan Leader (R) (25.5%)

30th Congressional District - Sherman Oaks

Incumbent [Brad Sherman](#)* (D) (64.9%) defeated Mark Reed (R) (35.1%)

32nd Congressional District - El Monte

Incumbent [Grace Napolitano](#) (D) (59.4%) defeated Art Alas (R) (40.6%)

34th Congressional District - Los Angeles

Incumbent [Xavier Becerra](#) (D) (73.3%) defeated Adrienne Nicole Edwards (D) (26.7%)

36th Congressional District - Palm Springs

Incumbent [Raul Ruiz](#)* (53.3%) defeated Brian Nestande (R) (46.7%)

37th Congressional District - Los Angeles

Incumbent [Karen Bass](#) (D) (83.8%) defeated Adam King (R) (16.2%)

38th Congressional District - Cerritos

Incumbent [Linda Sanchez](#)* (D) (58.7%) defeated Benjamin Campos (R) (41.3%)

40th Congressional District - Commerce

Incumbent [Lucille Roybal-Allard](#) (D) (61.4%) defeated David Sanchez (D) (38.6%)

43rd Congressional District - Los Angeles

Incumbent [Maxine Waters](#) (D) (70.4%) defeated John Wood (R) (29.6%)

44th Congressional District - San Pedro

Incumbent [Janice Hahn](#) (D) (87.0%) defeated Adam Shbeita (P/F) (13.0%)

47th Congressional District - Long Beach

Incumbent [Alan Lowenthal](#) (D) (55.0%) defeated Andy Whallon (R) (45.0%)

4th Congressional District – Granite Bay

Incumbent [Tom McClintock](#)* (R) (60.1%) defeated Art Moore (R) (39.9%)

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