

CalRHA Legislative Updates



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November 2022 Political Update

The Governor's Chief of Staff, Jim DeBoo, has announced that he will be stepping down. Dana Williamson, a former Cabinet Secretary to Governor Jerry Brown will be taking over as the Governor's Chief Advisor in January. Additionally, Analea Patterson, Newsom's former legal affairs secretary, will move from acting to permanent Cabinet Secretary, which was previously the role of Ana Matosantos.



Dana Williamson
Chief of Staff



Analea Patterson
Cabinet Secretary

As far as yesterday's election is concerned, Democrats are winning all of the statewide races. Republican Lanhee Chen is currently only behind Malia Cohen for Controller by 7.4%, which is the first time in recent history that a Republican candidate running statewide has come within single digits.



Malia Cohen and Lanhee Chen, the candidates for California Controller, California 2022 Midterm Elections

Due to term limits and redistricting, there will be many (approx 41 of the 120) new Legislators sworn in on December 5th. So far, the results in the Legislature suggest a slightly moderate swing, but California will keep its Democratic party dominance in both houses.

Below, please find the preliminary results of several key races, although many of them are too close to call and final outcomes won't be known for several weeks. To view updated results in real-time, please visit <https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov>.

Closest races that could still swing are highlighted <https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/-close-contests>.

STATE SENATE

Previously 31 Democrats/9 Republicans

Early returns show 32 Democrats / 8 Republicans, due to Republican seat Senate District 4 having a Democrat on Democrat runoff and one seat potentially shifting Democrat to Republican and Republican to Democrat, respectively.

- **SD 4 (SAFE Republican – Fresno)**
Flipped Republican to Democratic Seat
Marie Alvarado-Gil Democrat 51.4%
Tim Robertson Democrat 48.6%
- **SD 6 (LEAN Republican – Roseville)**
Roger Niello Republican 56.7%
Paula Villescaz Democrat 43.3%
- **SD 8 (SAFE Democrat – Sacramento)**
Angelique Ashby Democrat 52%
Dave Jones Democrat 48%
- **SD 10 (SAFE Democrat – Fremont)**
Lilly Mei Democrat 50.7%
Aisha Wahab Democrat 49.3%
- **SD 16 (LEAN Democrat – Tulare)**
May Flip Republican, Within 3,400 votes
David Shepard Republican 52.6%
Sen. Melissa Hurtado Democrat 47.4%
(Incumbent)