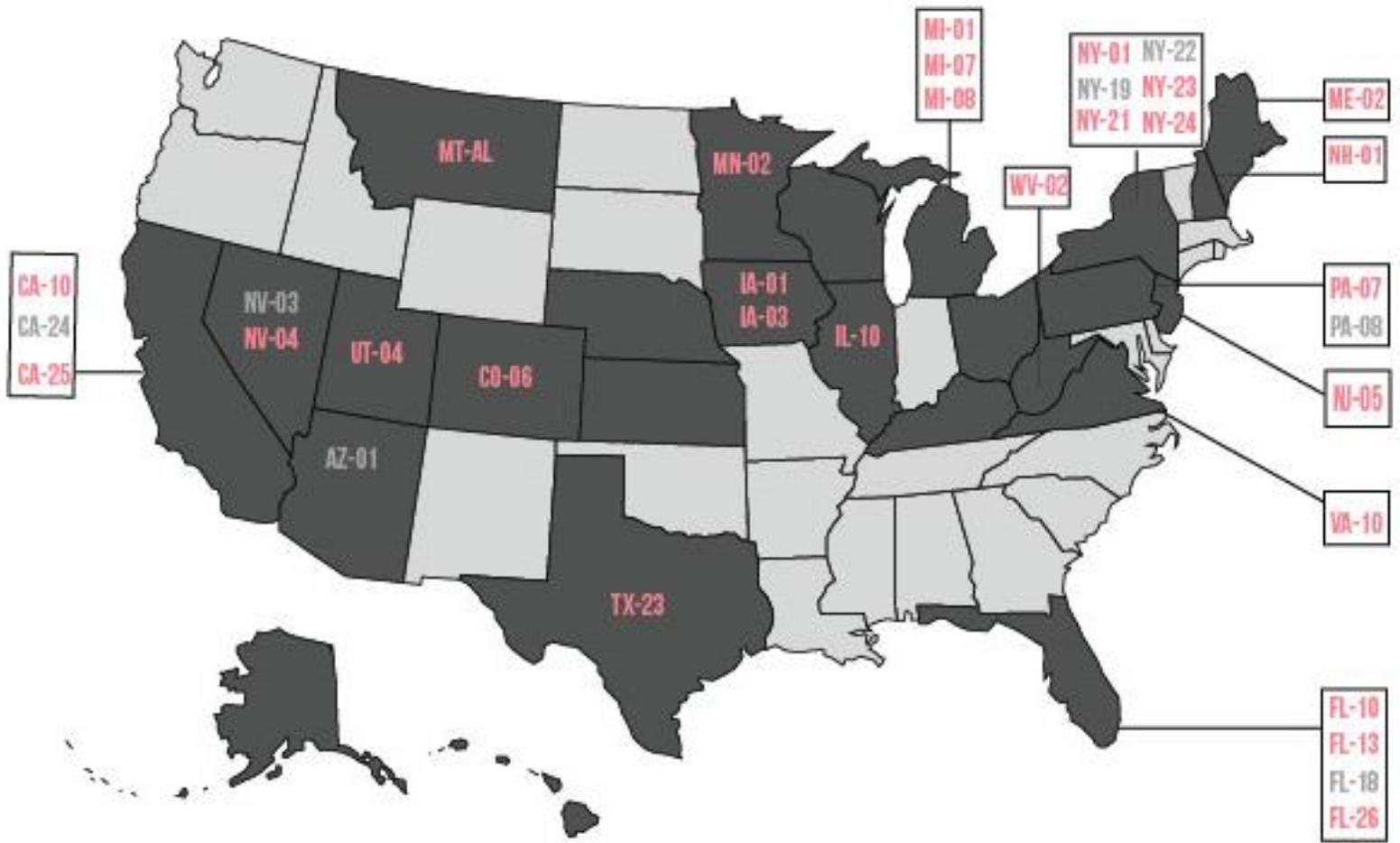


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Salud Carbajal

CALIFORNIA – 24 – Open



Media Market:
SantaBarbara-
Sanmar-SanLuob,
Los Angeles



Obama 2012:
55.6%



Major Cities:
Santa Barbara,
Santa Maria

District Information:

We are in danger of not having a Democrat on the general election ballot in this Democrat-held open seat. When Representative Capps announced her retirement in early 2015, she spurred an intensely-competitive election to replace her. Carbajal entered the June all-party “jungle” primary, followed by two strong Republicans and several additional Democratic candidates, setting up the opportunity for Republicans to advance two candidates past June and shut the Democrats out of the general election. Republican State Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian leads in early polls released by campaigns, but 2014 Republican candidate Justin Fareed has the resource advantage to catch up and in the top-two. Supervisor Carbajal has already raised over \$1.4 million and has announced a slew of prominent endorsements, including Leader Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Capps. He is part of the DCCC’s Red to Blue program. Salud will need to continue to raise considerable resources to advance past the June primary and hold this seat for the Democrats in a competitive and costly general election this November.

Candidate Biography:

Salud was first elected to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in March, 2004 and was most recently reelected in June, 2012. Salud graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB). He holds a Master’s Degree in Organizational Management from the Fielding University. Salud served eight years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, including active duty service during the 1991 Gulf War.

Salud is married to Gina and they are proud parents of Natasha and Michael.

Salud formerly served as Chief of Staff to previous First District County Supervisor, Naomi Schwartz, Program Director in the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Assistant Executive Director of Zone Seca, Parent Involvement Coordinator for the Head Start Program, and Program Director for the City of Santa Barbara Lower Westside Recreation Program.

Over the years, Salud's public service has demonstrated a strong commitment to protecting our natural environment and resources, enhancing public safety, and working regionally to address our transportation, housing, and workforce challenges. He championed the development of a comprehensive customer service program in county government to ensure responsive, effective, and accountable government for all residents and initiated the effort to create the Blue Ribbon Budget Task Force to examine our county operations and budget process. He has also advocated for health and social service safety net programs for our most vulnerable residents - children, frail and elderly, poor and the homeless - that includes co-sponsoring an initiative to provide health insurance for all the County's children and spearheading the creation of a job skills and mentorship program for at-risk youth throughout the County.



Morgan Carroll

COLORADO – 06 – Rep. Mike Coffman (R)



Media Market:
Denver



Obama 2012:
52.8%



Major Cities:
Denver, Aurora,
Centennial

District Information:

Colorado’s 6th Congressional district contains the inner suburbs and exurbs of Denver. The district includes three counties (Adams, 12.5% of vote, Arapahoe, 72.0% of vote, and Douglas, 15.5% of vote) and is entirely in the Denver media market. The district’s population centers are mainly in the center and southern areas of the district, around the heavily Democratic area of Aurora, as well as the wealthier Republican-leaning exurban areas surrounding the city such as Centennial, and Highlands Ranch. Voters here vary between upper-middle class suburban voters and urban minority voters. At the Presidential level, Obama won the district with 52.8% of the vote in 2012 and 54.4% of the vote in 2008. In the 2012 congressional election, the Democratic candidate, Joe Miklosi, lost the district with 48.9% of the major-party vote. In 2014 the race between Democratic candidate Andrew Romanoff and Rep. Mike Coffman was competitive and expensive. Romanoff raised nearly \$5.5 million and Coffman followed behind with \$4.7 million raised. However, Coffman, who had been able to use the last couple of cycles to position himself as a moderate, won with 54.7% of the vote. State Senator and former Senate President Morgan Carroll is running here in 2016. Her entrance in the race prompted The Cook Report to change its rating, indicating increased competitiveness.

Candidate Biography:

Making government more efficient and transparent, lowering healthcare premiums to put more money in the pockets of hardworking Coloradans, taking on lobbyists and special interests – many people said it couldn’t be done. Others said it wasn’t worth the fight. Morgan Carroll saw things differently, and she proved the naysayers wrong by bringing people together to deliver results.

A lifelong Coloradan, Morgan has devoted herself to community and family. Morgan’s grandparents were homesteaders, raised during the Great Depression. Her mother attended Aurora High School and went on to become a pioneering woman in law. Her father, a Colorado native, was a relentless advocate and attorney. After high school, Morgan spent years working at a gas station, a video store, and as an office secretary – all without benefits and health insurance – to pay the bills and put herself through CU Denver and CU School of Law. Along the way, Morgan lost her father to Parkinson’s disease and saw firsthand how quickly a lifetime of retirement savings can be erased by medical bills, an experience that deepened her commitment to standing up for Colorado’s middle class families.

Following law school, Morgan and her mother opened up one of the only mother-daughter law firms in the country. Together they advocated for people with disabilities and people whose legal rights were being threatened.

Seeing a need for creative solutions and new energy, Morgan took her fight to the Colorado House of Representatives and then to the State Senate. During her two terms in the Senate, Morgan was chosen by her colleagues to be Caucus Chair and Majority Leader. In 2013, she became only the second woman in Colorado history to be selected President of the Colorado Senate.

Morgan has been commended for her ability to bring people together to deliver results for hardworking Coloradans. Her successes include lowering healthcare costs, supporting small businesses to create good paying jobs, securing affordable housing for our troops, and creating the Military Family Relief Fund to help families experiencing hardship as a result of deployment – among many others.

Now, Morgan is taking on a broken Congress that’s rigged against hardworking families. There’s no doubt it’s going to be her greatest challenge yet. But if the fight was easy, it wouldn’t be for Morgan. She’s never backed down, never will.



Chief Val Demings

FLORIDA – 10 – Open



Media Market:
Orlando-Daytona
Beach-Melbourne,
Tampa-St.
Petersburg (Sarasota)



Major Cities:
Orlando

District Information:

The redistricting plan formalized by the Florida Supreme Court on December 2, 2015 makes Florida's 10th district a high performing Democratic district where President Obama won more than 60% of the vote in 2012. Former Orlando Police Chief Val Demings announced her candidacy on August 18th and she was recently endorsed by Leader Pelosi and the Congressional Black Caucus. Demings has also received strong support from labor and local community leaders. Other Democrats vying for the seat include state Senator Geraldine Thompson, former Florida Democratic Party Chairman Bob Poe and family law attorney Fatima Fahmy.

Candidate Biography:

Val Demings' parents—her mother a maid and her father a janitor—never graduated from high school, but they instilled in their daughter the message that Demings could “Do more, be more and have more.” After 24 years in law enforcement, Demings was appointed to Chief of Police, becoming Orlando's first female Police Chief and proving to young girls and women everywhere that they too could do more, be more and have more.

Attending a segregated school until sixth grade, Demings overcame tremendous hardship and discrimination. Growing up black, poor and female, Demings heard her fair share of “no's.” But for Demings, the “no's” motivated her all the more: “The more people told me I could not do something, it just made me more and more determined to do just that.”

At the police academy, despite her small stature—5'4 tall and weighing 120lbs—and the fact that she was one of very few women, Demings was still elected class president by her peers. Unstoppable, she graduated at the top of her class and received the Board of Trustees Award for Overall Excellence. Her determination paid off as she rose up the ranks to become Chief of Police. Male officers, unfamiliar with reporting to a female boss, often challenged her authority. Over time, however, she established herself as a force to be reckoned with and received the respect she deserved. “Brains are much more important than brawn in police work.”



Randy Perkins

FLORIDA – 18 – Open



Media Market:
West Palm Beach-Ft.
Pierce



Major Cities:
Palm Beach, Juniper
Beach, Port St
Lucie, Fort Pierce

District Information:

Florida's 18th Congressional District is located along South Florida's Treasure Coast. Current Rep. Murphy, who defeated Tea Party favorite Allen West in one of the closest and the most expensive race in the country in 2012, is leaving this seat to run for the Senate seat being vacated by Marco Rubio. Rep. Murphy has proven a path to victory in this district based on a narrow victory in Palm Beach County, running up the score in more Democratic St. Lucie County and mitigating losses in conservative Martin County. President Obama won this district in 2008 with 51.5% of the vote. There are two declared Democratic candidates; attorney Jonathan Chane and Randy Perkins, owner and founder of AshBritt Inc. Perkins leads the field in fundraising by over \$1 million, amassing more than \$2 million dollars on hand heading into Q2. He has been named to the DCCC's Red to Blue program. There are more than 11 Republicans running in the primary here.

Candidate Biography:

Randy Perkins has always worked hard, since he got his first job cleaning farm stables at age 10. A decade later, Randy and his wife Saily had their first daughter, and Randy left college to get a job and support the family. While working all night unloading trucks, Randy used his days to start a one-person landscaping business – and with the help of small business loans, access to credit and a lot of hard work, he grew it into a large regional landscaping company in South Florida.

Then in 1992, Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida with Category 5 winds, uprooting lives, leaving many families displaced, and causing catastrophic damage. To meet these critical needs, Randy's company expanded to include cleanup of damaged communities devastated by the storm. He called the company AshBritt, named for his two eldest daughters: Ashley and Brittany.

Today, AshBritt is one of the nation's leading disaster recovery companies, chosen by the United States Army Corp of Engineers as a partner to provide disaster response and recovery in Florida and around the country. AshBritt has executed more than 200 disaster recovery missions and multiple special environmental projects – serving hundreds of clients in Florida and across the country, and helping American communities recover so they can rebuild following disaster.



Annette Taddeo

FLORIDA – 26 – Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R)



Media Market:
Miami-Ft.
Lauderdale



Major Cities:
Miami, Florida Keys

District Information:

Florida's 26th Congressional district spans from the Western Miami-Dade County south to the Florida Keys. The redistricting plan recommended by Judge Lewis improves this district for a Democrat by 2-3 points. Candidate Annette Taddeo was the Democratic Lieutenant Governor nominee in Florida in 2014. She and Charlie Crist came within two points of winning statewide in a very difficult year. As a ticket they received more than 54% of the vote in Florida's 26th Congressional district in 2014. Former Rep. Joe Garcia announced at the beginning of Q1 that he will also be running for this seat. Miami is a very expensive media market.

Candidate Biography:

Annette Taddeo is a small business owner and a working mom who has lived in South Florida for more than 30 years. Annette's father, Anthony, was a WW II and Korean War fighter pilot. He met her mother, Elizabeth, when he was asked to establish the first helicopter school in South America. They fled an unstable Colombia when Annette was 18, and moved to Miami to build a better life for their family. Annette learned English, persevered to improve her language skills, earned herself admission to college, and graduated from the University of North Alabama in 1992 with a degree in commercial Spanish and a minor in business administration.

It was this same year that Hurricane Andrew ravaged South Florida and destroyed Annette's parents' home in its sweep of damage. Annette lived with her parents in an RV for months, helping them and their neighbors rebuild, and learning the true meaning of economic security. After Andrew, Annette started her own business providing translation services. Today, LanguageSpeak provides translations in more than 240 languages and has been named one of the top 100 small businesses in Florida and one of the top 500 in the United States.

As she built her company into one of the top small businesses in the country, Annette worked hard, pressed on through setbacks, and never gave up fighting for the issues she in which she believed. In Congress, she'll use that same resilience to advocate for her constituents – no challenge is too big and she will never let partisan politics get in the way.

Annette is a proud wife and mother, married to Dr. Eric Goldstein, a clinical psychologist and motivational speaker. In addition to their 8-year-old daughter, Sofia, Dr. Goldstein has two children from a previous marriage. Their family lives in South Miami-Dade.



Brad Schneider

ILLINOIS – 10 – Rep. Robert Dold (R)



Media Market:
Chicago



Obama 2012:
58.3%



Major Cities:
Waukegan,
Highland Park

District Information:

Illinois’s 10th Congressional district is the second most Democratic district in the country that is currently represented by a Republican. Democrats lost this seat in 2014 due to the vast unpopularity of former Governor Pat Quinn, who lost the district by 13 points in 2014. In 2012 President Obama won by more than 16 points, and Brad Schneider defeated one-term incumbent Rep. Bob Dold 51% - 49% in one of the most expensive races in the country that year. Despite the grand top-of-ticket swing from 2012 to 2014, Schneider narrowly lost in 2014 by only 2.6 points. A poll conducted by the DCCC in April 2016 shows Brad Schneider leading Rep. Dold by 9 percentage points. All independent race handicappers list this race as one of the most likely districts to flip in the presidential election year.

Candidate Biography:

Brad Schneider was born and raised in Denver, CO. His mother was an active Democrat, introducing him to politics at a young age. He fondly recalls joining her to canvass for Hubert Humphrey’s presidential campaign in 1968 and hosting a fundraiser at their home in 1972 for then-candidate Patricia Schroeder. Schneider said in an interview that he admired other Colorado Democrats such as Gov. Richard Lamm and Sens. Gary Hart and Timothy Wirth, whom he called “politicians who could actually get things done.”

Schneider initially came to the Chicago area to attend Northwestern University, where he received a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering and three years later a master’s degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management. In between he spent a year in Israel working on a kibbutz (a community centered on agricultural work), and two years in strategic consulting with Price Waterhouse.

After getting his MBA, Schneider returned to management consulting before working in management positions for a number of Fortune 500 companies. In 1995 he once again returned to consulting, this time working mostly with small- and medium-sized, mostly family-owned businesses. Schneider has also been very active in the local community, including leadership positions with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan, Chicago, American Jewish Committee and Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, a social-justice organization in the Windy City. He and Julie, his wife of 26 years, live in Deerfield and have two sons, Adam (22) and Daniel (20).



Monica Vernon

IOWA – 01 – Rep. Rod Blum (R)



Media Market:

Cedar Rapids-Wtrlo-IWC&Dub, Des Moines-Ames, Rochester-Mason City-Austin, Davenport-R.Island-Moline



Obama 2012:

56.9%



Major Cities:

Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Waterloo

District Information:

Iowa's 1st Congressional district is one of the most Democratic-leaning districts in the country currently held by a Republican. At the Presidential level, Obama won the district with 56.9% of the vote in 2012 and 59.2% of the vote in 2008. Former Rep. Bruce Braley vacated this seat in 2014 for his unsuccessful run for Senate. Despite Braley having won 57.8% of the vote in 2012, 2014 Democratic candidate Pat Murphy lost due to the difficult environment, gaining only 48.9% of the vote (Braley also lost this district in the Senate race). Iowa's 1st Congressional District is represented by first-term Republican Rep. Rod Blum and sits in the northeast corner of Iowa, running from the suburbs of Des Moines to the Mississippi River and north to Wisconsin. It is home to a large portion of Iowa's manufacturing sector and agricultural communities. The district is largely contained in the Cedar Rapids media market with a portion in the Des Moines media market. 2014 Democratic nominee Pat Murphy and Cedar Rapids City Councilwoman Monica Vernon are competing for the Democratic nomination in 2016. Vernon is part of the DCCC's Red to Blue program.

Candidate Biography:

Monica moved to Iowa as a young child and graduated from high school in Cedar Rapids. She received both her B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1980 and 1999. Monica and her husband Bill have three adult daughters. First elected in 2007, Monica is currently serving her second four-year term on the Cedar Rapids City Council. She represents the city's 2nd district and is serving her fifth year as Mayor Pro Tempore. She also serves as Chair of the Council's Community/Economic Development Committee and past Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization where she worked with officials from Cedar Rapids, Marion, Hiawatha, Robins, Ely, Fairfax and Linn County.

Monica was instrumental in driving the successful recovery of Cedar Rapids after the historic 2008 flooding disaster. As part of the recovery efforts, Monica helped coordinate the recovery work with federal, state and local agencies, local not-for-profits, neighborhood organizations, local labor unions and area businesses. Her work was instrumental in bringing back housing, businesses, jobs and public facilities in the affected area that encompassed approximately 1/6 of the city. Prior to her work on city council, Monica built a reputation for progressive leadership in her community. She spearheaded local efforts to raise \$1.7 million to build the Madge Phillips Center for homeless women and children. In 2013, Trees Forever honored her with their Elected Official Advocate of the Year award.

A small business owner by trade, Monica is the founder and past president of Vernon Research Group, a 28-year-old market research firm that serves business, industry, government, education, health care, and not-for-profits. Prior to founding Vernon Research Group, Monica served as community relations director for Mount Mercy University and worked as a reporter for The Gazette. She has also been an adjunct faculty member of the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center in the Tippie College of Business at the University



Emily Cain

MAINE – 02 – Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R)



Media Market:
Bangor, Portland-
Auburn, Presque-
Isle



Obama 2012:
54.4%



Major Cities:
Bangor, Lewiston,
Auburn

District Information:

Former Maine State Senator Emily Cain ran for Congress in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District in 2014. She won her primary with 70% of the vote, but lost the general election to businessman and former state treasurer Bruce Poliquin as outgoing Rep. Mike Michaud was losing this district in his gubernatorial race. Cain ran a strong campaign, raising nearly \$2 million for her race. In the final weeks before the election, the NRCC made a last-minute decision to cancel their television buy as polls showed Emily comfortably ahead. Unfortunately, the national and in-state atmospheres were too much to overcome. This district becomes much better in a presidential cycle. The DCCC has recruited Cain to run in 2016, and she is part of the Red to Blue program.

Candidate Biography:

Emily Cain has established a decade-long record of outstanding leadership for Maine as a legislator from Penobscot County focused on Maine families and growing Maine’s economy. In the Maine Legislature, Cain distinguished herself as a tireless and effective leader for small businesses, students, victims of domestic violence, and working families.

Growing up, Cain’s family had to move several times to find economic opportunity. This brought her to Maine, where the University of Maine offered her a chance to get a quality education her family could afford.

In Congress, Cain’s number one priority will be to create more economic opportunity for every Maine family by making investments in small businesses, rebuilding our roads and bridges, lowering student debt, opposing unfair trade deals that cost jobs, and expanding access to workforce training.

“I love Maine. Maine provided tremendous opportunity for my family when I was young, and I want to help make those opportunities – economic, educational, and overall quality of life – a reality for all Mainers, especially as we work together to grow our middle class. I want to make sure we are doing everything possible to strengthen our future as a state.”

Emily is married to Bangor native Danny Williams and works with the Jobs for Maine’s Graduates program. Emily is also a singer and a runner, and together she and Danny enjoy exploring Maine and spending time with family, friends, and their dog, Bartlet.



Lon Johnson

MICHIGAN – 01 – Open



Media Market:
Traverse City-
Cadillac,
Marquette,
Alpena, Green
Bay-Appleton,
Duluth-Superior



Obama 2012:
45.8%



Major Cities:
Traverse City,
Marquette

District Information:

Michigan's 1st Congressional district is located in Northern Michigan and includes all of the Upper Peninsula. Rep. Benishek surprisingly announced in September he would not run for a fourth term, making MI-01 an open seat. A well-funded Democrat will be in prime position to contest this seat in 2016. Former Michigan Democratic Party Chair Lon Johnson announced over the summer and is endorsed by 1,200 in-district leaders. On the GOP side, State Senator Tom Casperson and former State Rep. Jason Allen will battle it out in this late primary.

Candidate Biography:

Work hard. Play by the rules. Never give up.

These values Lon learned growing up in a family with five generations of Northern Michigan history. They guided Lon as he became one of the first in his family to graduate from college, during his civilian service in Iraq in 2005, and throughout his work investing in, and growing, US manufacturing businesses.

Now, Lon will take those values to Congress to:

- * Create a U.P. and a Northern Michigan where our families can stay and succeed.
- * Keep the U.P. and Northern Michigan both beautiful and profitable.
- * Rebuild our government to become as hardworking and honest as the people who pay for it.

We can do this by investing in and protecting our three greatest resources: our people, our land, and our Great Lakes.

Lon is 44, married to Julianna Smoot, and lives in Kalkaska County. Please join with him to help move the U.P. and Northern Michigan forward.



Gretchen Driskell

MICHIGAN – 07 – Rep. Tim Walberg (R)



Media Market:
Lansing, Detroit,
Toledo, Grand
Rapids-Kalamazoo -
B.Crk



Obama 2012:
48.4%



Major Cities:
Jackson, Monroe

District Information:

Michigan’s 7th Congressional district is located in southern Michigan and runs from the Lansing suburbs, southeast around the city of Ann Arbor, out to the western shoreline, and up through the Ohio suburbs in Monroe County. It is a highly competitive and winnable seat for Democrats in 2016. At the Presidential level, Obama won the district with 51.8% of the vote in 2008, and narrowly won in 2012 (48.4%). Polling has consistently showed incumbent Republican Tim Walberg as highly vulnerable to a quality candidate with fundraising ability. State Rep. Gretchen Driskell is running here and has raised over \$1 million so far this cycle.

Candidate Biography:

State Representative Gretchen Driskell is serving her second term representing Michigan’s 52nd House District, which encompasses northern and western Washtenaw County, including Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Saline and Whitmore Lake. In her first term, Rep. Driskell served on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Commerce Committee. Additionally she worked on broadband accessibility and energy-related issues. She currently sits on the Agriculture and Communications and Technology Committee, and serves as minority vice chair on the Elections Committee.

Before serving in the Legislature, Driskell served as the mayor of Saline for 14 years, making her its longest-serving and first female mayor. Before that, she served for six years as a city council member. She works as a commercial real estate agent and formerly as an accountant. Driskell previously served as vice president and a board member of the Michigan Municipal League, is a graduate of MML’s Elected Officials Academy, and also served as a chair and as a board member of the MML Workers Compensation Fund. She previously served as the vice chair for SEMCOG and as the chair of the SEMCOG Transportation Advisory Council, was the chair of the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, and served as the chair of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for Governor Granholm’s Transportation Funding Task Force. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Lynchburg College, masters of business administration from George Washington University, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Gretchen Driskell lives in Saline and is the proud mother of three children: Ryan, Matthew and Marielle.



Angie Craig

MINNESOTA – 02 – Open



Media Market:
Minneapolis-St.
Paul



Obama 2012:
50.03%



Major Cities:
Eagan, Southern
Twin Cities
suburbs

District Information:

Prior to 2012 redistricting, Minnesota's 2nd Congressional district leaned Republican; following redistricting, this suburban district became a quintessential swing district. President Obama received 50% of the vote here in 2012 and 51.5% in 2008. In September of 2015, Rep. Kline announced that he would not be seeking reelection. Successful LGBT businesswoman Angie Craig has consolidated Democratic support for the nomination, while the Republicans have a messy and crowded primary field to sort out. The district includes the expensive Twin Cities media market. Craig is a part of the Red to Blue program.

Candidate Biography:

Angela Craig has more than 20 years of global experience in businesses and healthcare policy leadership. For nearly 10 years, Angela has been one of the top executives at Minnesota-headquartered Fortune Most Admired Company St. Jude Medical. Her responsibilities have included global human resources, health policy, investor relations, government relations, reimbursement, public and media relations and corporate branding. She currently is Vice President of Global Human Resources.

Prior to St. Jude Medical, Angela spent over 10 years at London-based orthopedics company Smith & Nephew. She led Corporate Affairs for the company in addition to other communications, public relations and government affairs. She was based in London, England, and Memphis, Tennessee, during her tenure with Smith & Nephew. Angela is actively involved in the Twin Cities community, including serving as a current board member of Open Arms of Minnesota, women winning, and as a member of the Eagan Rotary.

She also serves as a precinct chair in Senate District 51 for the Democratic-Farmer Labor Party (DFL). She formerly served as a board member of the Twin Cities American Heart Association and has chaired the Twin Cities Go Red campaign. She has also served on the Boards of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and LifeScience Alley; a Minnesota based medical device advocacy organization. She also has supported Children's Heartlink, Camp Odayin, Project 515 and Minnesotans United. Angela has a bachelor of art's degree in journalism from the University of Memphis. She began her career as a newspaper reporter in Memphis, Tennessee. She lives in Eagan, Minnesota, and enjoys politics, reading, travel, sports, and time with her family at their cabin up north.



Jacky Rosen

NEVADA – 03 – Open



Media Market:
Las Vegas



Obama 2012:
50.4%



Major Cities:
Las Vegas,
Henderson

District Information:

Nevada's 3rd Congressional District covers the southern portion of Nevada and includes the southern part of Las Vegas, all of Henderson, and unincorporated Clark County. Republican Rep. Joe Heck has represented the district since the 2010 election, in which he narrowly defeated Democratic incumbent Dina Titus by just 1,748 votes. Rep. Heck announced he is running for Senate. In 2012 and 2008 President Obama carried this district by 50.4% and 54.5%, respectively, making it one of the most competitive open districts in the country. Democrat Jacky Rosen announced her candidacy in January and polls show her in a dead heat with potential general election candidate State Senate Majority Leader Michael Roberson. But Jacky will need strong early fundraising to win her June primary and defeat her Republican opponent in November.

Candidate Biography:

Jacky has been proud to call Southern Nevada home for more than 35 years and it's been an incredible place to work, raise a family, care for her parents and volunteer in the community. But there are serious challenges holding us back. Our economy is growing, but there are still too few good paying jobs and incomes are failing to keep up with the cost of living. Our graduation rates are unacceptable and it is becoming increasingly harder for seniors to retire and live comfortably here. And Congress still is not listening.

Jacky is running for Congress because these challenges also present opportunities. By investing in solar and renewable energy we can create good paying jobs while bringing down utility rates. Lower utility rates would especially help seniors living on a fixed income. And improving our graduation rates means a stronger workforce, attracting more employers.



Josh Gottheimer

NEW JERSEY – 05 – Rep. Scott Garrett (R)



Media Market:
New York



Obama 2012:
48.5%



Major Cities:
Hackensack,
Paramus,
Ridgewood

District Information:

This northern New Jersey district – in the expensive New York City media market – requires a candidate that has the ability and network to produce substantial funding. For this reason, previous candidates who have challenged Rep. Scott Garrett have not had the ability to communicate to voters why Garrett is out of the step with the district. Recently news broke that Garrett refuses to contribute to the NRCC because of that committee’s occasional support of gay candidates. This has resulted in blowback from donors, especially financial firms who have long supported Garrett because of his service on the House Financial Services Committee. Businessman and former Clinton administration staffer Josh Gottheimer is running against Garrett and has demonstrated he will be able to raise the resources needed to communicate in this expensive media market.

Candidate Biography:

Josh currently serves as General Manager of Corporate Strategy for Microsoft. He has served as Senior Counselor to the Chairman of the FCC, Julius Genachowski. Previously, Josh served as Executive Vice President, Worldwide at Burson-Marsteller, a global communications firm, where he helped lead the company’s business strategy, operations, and senior client relationships. Before joining Burson-Marsteller, Josh was Director of Strategic Communications at Ford Motor Company. He oversaw the company’s global corporate advertising, communication strategy and message development, and supervised the Washington, DC Public Affairs operation.

Between 1998 to 2001, Josh served as Special Assistant to the President and as a Speechwriter to President Bill Clinton. Among others, he helped draft the State of the Union addresses in 1999 and 2000 and the 2000 Democratic Convention speech. After leaving the White House, Josh was a Senior Advisor to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. In the 2004 presidential race, Josh served as Deputy Director of Speechwriting and Senior Policy Advisor to the John Kerry for President campaign.

Josh is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and received his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Journal on Legislation. He was also a Thouron Fellow at Oxford. Josh is currently a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches a course on the history of presidential speechwriting. Josh is a member of the New York State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar and the New York Economic Club. He founded Jobs for Jersey to help promote jobs in the state of New Jersey. Josh also served on the advisory boards for Hope for Vision and Leapfrog, the first micro-insurance provider for developing countries.



Pete Gallego

TEXAS – 23 – Rep. Will Hurd (R)



Media Market:
San Antonio,
Odessa-Midland, El
Paso (Las Cruces),
San Angelo



Obama 2012:
48.6%



Major Cities:
San Antonio, El
Paso

District Information:

Texas’s 23rd Congressional district is one of the largest in the country, encompassing 29 mostly rural counties in Southwest Texas. Covered by four media markets, it is a difficult and expensive territory. After defeating former Rep. Ciro Rodriguez in a competitive Democratic primary, Rep. Gallego defeated incumbent Republican Francisco Canseco by nearly five points in 2012. In 2014, Republicans went to a runoff election, which was won by CIA operative Will Hurd. Rep. Gallego ran a solid campaign, but a combination of heavy Republican outside spending and poor turnout at the top of the ticket for Governor led to a very narrow loss in 2014. Gallego’s is running again in 2016 and his campaign is off to a good 2016 after raising over \$320,000 in Q1. Due to the large Hispanic population this district should benefit greatly if Donald Trump is at the top of the ticket.

Candidate Biography:

The son of a World War II veteran and state employee, Pete was born in the West Texas town of Alpine. He attended local public schools and worked in his family’s restaurant where he learned the value of a hard day’s work. Pete graduated from his hometown college, Sul Ross State University, in two years while balancing three jobs. After graduating, Pete went on to earn a degree from The University of Texas School of Law. He became an Assistant Attorney General before returning home to serve as a felony prosecutor.

At just 28 years old, Pete’s neighbors elected him State Representative and sent him to Austin to fight for them. During his career in Austin, Pete led the 43 members of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus and chaired numerous legislative committees. Pete crafted and helped pass legislation investing billions of dollars in public schools. He’s worked to secure our border, reform our criminal justice system and support Texas veterans.

Since he was first elected in 1990, Pete Gallego has earned a reputation for reaching across the aisle to solve problems. An example of his bipartisan ways was in 2009 when Pete authored House Bill 806, a measure that would ensure insurance companies paid to replace the prosthesis of the children who had outgrown their current device. Prior to this legislation, insurance companies were only responsible for providing one prosthetic device during the child’s lifetime. As children grew, so did the cost associated with maintaining an adequate device that would allow the child to live a full and happy life. Pete worked with Democrats and Republicans alike to ensure Texans with disabilities have access to cutting edge technology.

With more miles of the US/Mexico border than any other district in the country, Rep. Gallego is a leader on border security and Comprehensive Immigration Reform.



Doug Owens

UTAH – 04 – Rep. Mia Love



Media Market:
Salt Lake City



Obama 2012:
35.6%



Major Cities:
Salt Lake City

District Information:

Democratic Rep. Jim Matheson represented this district from 2001 to 2015. In 2012, Matheson defeated Mia Love in the most difficult reelection contest of his career. Heightened enthusiasm among Republican Mormon voters in support of Mitt Romney at the top of ticket and a new, more Republican-leaning district still yielded a victory for Matheson. While Romney defeated Obama 69% to 31%, Matheson carried the district with 50.2%. Matheson retired in 2014, and Democratic candidate Doug Owens came within 7,500 votes of beating Mia Love despite a Republican midterm year and being outspent by \$5 million dollars to his \$800,000. Owens is running again and has raised over one million dollars since he launched his campaign. He landed months of earned media on Rep. Love misusing taxpayer dollars for a trip to the White House Correspondents dinner..

Candidate Biography:

Doug Owens was born and raised in Salt Lake City and chose to raise his own four children here as well.

Doug learned the value of public service from his father Wayne Owens who represented Utah in Congress from 1973 to 1975, and again from 1987 to 1993. Six generations of Doug's family have called Utah home. It was from those ancestors that Doug inherited the values he'll take to Washington – hard work, concern for his neighbors, an appreciation for Utah's unique beauty, and a desire to get things done.

As a highly respected business defense attorney, Doug brings more than 20 years of experience resolving complex commercial, environmental and employment challenges. He understands what government can do to help business grow, and when government should just get out of the way.

Doug is committed to finding pragmatic solutions, and he believes that our Representatives should be working for Utah, not serving the party bosses in D.C. As your Congressman, Doug will fight for your priorities – good jobs for Utahns, responsible spending in Washington, and to protect the things that make Utah special.



LuAnn Bennet

VIRGINIA – 10 – Rep. Barbara Comstock (R)



Media Market:
Washington, DC



Major Cities:
Greater Washington
DC, Winchester

District Information:

Demographics in Virginia’s 10th Congressional district have been trending increasingly Democratic for years. Prior to his retirement in late 2013, Democratic candidates had failed to mount serious challenges to Rep. Frank Wolf because of the expensive price tag on the Washington media market. His retirement last cycle created an open seat opportunity, however Rep. Barbara Comstock prevailed amid low turnout across Virginia in 2014. President Obama and Senators Warner and Kaine have all received more than 50% of the vote in this district in past cycles.

The key for Democrats will be to rack up large margins in Democratic areas of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties and mitigate his losses in more conservative rural areas in the Western portions of the district include Winchester, VA. LuAnn Bennet announced her candidacy in December and raised nearly \$300,000 in just one month to close the year. She followed this up with over \$400,000 raised in Q1. This district has recently received increased coverage about the negative effect that Donald Trump would have down ticket.

Candidate Biography:

Over the last 35 years, LuAnn Bennett has raised a family in Northern Virginia and grown a thriving small business. The middle of three children, LuAnn grew up on her family’s working farm in Highland, Illinois. At an early age, her parents instilled in LuAnn the values that have guided her life: the importance of hard work, determination, and honesty. LuAnn lost her husband Rick to leukemia in 1994. His sudden passing left her a single mom of three young boys, and left their business in a difficult financial position. Despite these challenges, LuAnn never missed a payroll, continuing to build the real estate company into the success it is today.

Today, her sons Kevin, Bryan, and Richard are grown, and she’s a proud grandmother to one-year-old Sam. LuAnn was married to Congressman Jim Moran from 2004 to 2011 while he represented the neighboring 8th Congressional District – and they remain friends.

While leading Bennett Group, she has been deeply involved in the community. She currently serves on the National Children’s Museum board, the Institute for Sustainable Communities board and the New Jersey & H Educational Foundation Advisory Board. She is a former member of the Virginia Health Care Foundation, Charity Works Advisory Board, and she previously served on Virginia’s Climate Change Commission as an appointee of then-Governor Tim Kaine.

LuAnn has a Bachelor’s degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, and today she works to provide educational support to high poverty schools in partnership with groups such as TurnAround for Children and I Have a Dream Foundation.

LuAnn has faced down tough challenges, always emerging stronger. She knows that Northern Virginia has done the same – in the face of government shutdown and traffic gridlock, booming growth and recession. LuAnn will be a strong leader for Virginia’s 10th Congressional District, putting people over politics and fighting for a better future.

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