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2024 House Overview: New York, New Majority?

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Start spreading the news: New York is about to be the epicenter of the fight for the House, with a special election competing with the Republican presidential race for center stage early next year.

The Long Island-based 3rd District is vacant after the House expelled Republican George Santos, and the two parties are gearing up for an expensive battle on Feb 13. It's a competitive seat where Joe Biden won in 2020 but Republicans have been resurgent in the last few years. The election result could narrow Republicans' majority next year and put Democrats a seat closer to recapturing the majority in the 2024 elections. And both party strategists and political analysts will be looking for clues about the efficacy of certain messages heading into next November.

No matter what happens in the special election, Democrats likely need to win a handful of seats in New York in order to cross the 218 seat threshold. Their task got a bit easier this week after a court decision paved the way for Democrats to redraw the current congressional map.

While New York was the biggest remaining redistricting domino to fall, there's still uncertainty around the maps in Louisiana, Georgia, and South Carolina, where litigation could lead to more Democratic-leaning districts.

Even without any major map changes, control of the House is within reach for Democrats, who need a net gain of five seats to reclaim the majority they lost in 2022. That margin could narrow to a gain of four seats, if Democrats win the special election.

Looking at the races individually shows Republicans still have a narrow advantage to maintain their majority, but the presidential race hovers over the entire fight for the House. If the race for the White House is competitive, then the fight for the House should be a close, district-by-district battle. But if the presidential race turns into a lopsided affair, then the presidential winner will likely bring the House majority with them. This issue brought to you by



2024 House Ratings

Toss-Up (5D, 7R)

CA 13 (Duarte, R) NY 3 (Vacant, R) CA27 (Garcia, R) NY 4 (D'Esposito, R) CO 8 (Caraveo, D) NY 17 (Lawler, R) MI 7 (Open; Slotkin, D) NY 22 (Williams, R) NM 2 (Vasquez, D) OR 5 (DeRemer, R) NC 1 (Davis, D) WA3 (Perez, D) Tilt Democratic (7D) Tilt Republican (9R) AK AL (Peltola, D)* NY 19 (Molinaro, R) AZ 1 (Schweikert, R) CA 47 (Open; Porter, D) AZ 6 (Ciscomani, R) VA 2 (Kiggans, R) MI 8 (Open; Kildee, D) CA 22 (Valadao, R) OH 13 (Sykes, D) CO 3 (Boebert, R) PA7 (Wild, D) IA 3 (Nunn, R) MI 10 (James, R) PA 8 (Cartwright, D) VA7 (Open; Spanberger, D) NJ 7 (Kean Jr., R) Lean Democratic (12D) Lean Republican (8R) CT 5 (Hayes, D) CA41 (Calvert, R) PA 10 (Perry, R)# IL 17 (Sorensen, D) CA45 (Steel, R) TX 15 (De La Cruz, R) ME 2 (Golden, D) IA 1 (Miller-Meeks, R) MI 3 (Scholten, D) MT1 (Zinke, R) MN 2 (Craig, DFL) NE 2 (Bacon, R) NV 3 (Lee, D) NY 1 (LaLota, R) NH 1 (Pappas, D) GOP DEM NY 18 (Ryan, D) 174 Solid 188 OH 1 (Landsman, D) Likely/Lean/Tilt 29 32 OH 9 (Kaptur, D) Total 217 206 OR 6 (Salinas, D) Toss-up 12 PA 17 (Deluzio, D) Needed for majority 218 Likely Democratic (12D, 1R) Likely Republican (9R, 3D) AL2 (Open; Moore, R) NV 4 (Horsford, D) CA3 (Kiley, R) NC 14 (Open; Jackson, D) CA 49 (Levin, D) NH 2 (Kuster, D) CA 40 (Kim, R) PA1 (Fitzpatrick, R) FL 9 (Soto, D) OR 4 (Hoyle, D) FL 13 (Luna, R) SC 1 (Mace, R) IN 1 (Mrvan, D) TX 34 (Gonzalez, D) FL 27 (Salazar, R) WI 1 (Steil, R) KS 3 (Davids, D) VA 10 (Open; Wexton, D) IA 2 (Hinson, R) WI 3 (Van Orden, R) MD 6 (Open; Trone, D) WA 8 (Schrier, D) NC 6 (Open, Manning, D) NV 1 (Titus, D) NC 13 (Open, Nickel, D) Takeovers in Italics, # moved benefiting Democrats, * moved benefiting Republicans

CALENDAR

	Christmas Day
Jan. 8	College Football National Championship
Jan. 15	Iowa GOP Presidential Caucuses
Jan. 23	New Hampshire GOP Primary

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Alabama. Primary March 5. Runoff April 2.

1st District (Southern Alabama) Jerry Carl, R, re-elected 84%. Trump 75%. Court-ordered redistricting has given Alabama two congressional districts where Black voters will have the opportunity to elect a representative of their choice in 2024. Rather than run in the now Democratic-leaning 2nd District, GOP Rep. Barry Moore decided to primary Carl in the 1st District, which now includes Moore's home. At the end of September, Carl had the fundraising lead, with \$900,00 on hand compared to Moore's \$600,000. And Carl is already up on TV with a positive spot. Solid Republican.

2nd District (Mobile, Montgomery, and eastern Black Belt) Open; Barry Moore, running in 1st District. Biden 56%. Ten Alabama Democrats have filed to run for this newly-drawn seat, which Democrats are poised to pick up next year. A few names to watch: state House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, state Reps. Napoleon Bracy and Jeremy Gray, state Sen. Merica Coleman, and former DOJ official Shomari Figures. Since the field is so crowded, the primary is likely to go to a runoff in April. With Moore running in the 1st, Republicans have a primary as well; an early poll shows former state Sen. Dick Brewbaker leading the pack. Whoever wins the GOP primary is the underdog in this district, which Biden won by double digits. Likely Democratic.

Alaska. Filing deadline June 1. Primary Aug. 20.

At-Large, Mary Peltola, D, re-elected 55%. Trump 53%. Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom's entrance into the race gives Republicans a candidate with less baggage than tech entrepreneur Nick Begich III, who placed third in both the special and general elections for this seat in 2022. But while national GOP strategists are excited about Dahlstrom, Begich's continued presence in the race could complicate her path given Alaska's unique top-four ranked choice voting system. Peltola will likely have to deal with a level of attacks she avoided last year, as outside GOP groups look to bring down her high image rating in the Republican state. Move from Lean Democratic to Tilt Democratic.

Arizona. Filing deadline April 8. Primary Aug. 6.

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) David Schweikert, R, re-elected 50%. Biden 50%. Former news anchor Marlene Galán-Woods picked up endorsements from several unions and Democratic leaders in the state (including Attorney General Kris Mayes, Rep. Raúl Grijalva, and former Gov. Janet Napolitano). But former Arizona Democratic Party Chairman Andrei Cherny remains the frontrunner in fundraising, and state Rep. Amish Shah, who already

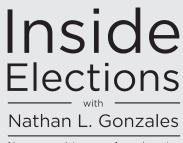
2024 Senate Ratings

Toss-Up (3)			
Brown (D-Ohio)	Tester (D-Mont.)		
Sinema (I-Ariz.)			
Tilt Democratic (2)	Tilt Republican		
Casey (D-Penn.)	-		
Rosen (D-Nev.)			
Lean Democratic (2)	Lean Republican		
MI Open (Stabenow, D)	-		
Baldwin (D-Wis.)			
Likely Democratic (1)	Likely Republican (1)		
Menendez (D-N.J.)	Cruz (R-Texas)		
Solid Democratic (14)	Solid Republican (11)		
CA Open (Butler, D)	IN Open (Braun, R)		
DE Open (Carper, D)	UT Open (Romney, R)		
MD Open (Cardin, D)	WV Open (Manchin, D)		
Cantwell (D-Wash.)	Barrasso (R-Wyo.)		
Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)	Blackburn (R-Tenn.)		
Heinrich (D-N.M.)	Cramer (R-N.D.)		
Hirono (D-Hawaii)	Fischer (R-Neb.)		
Kaine (D-Va.)	Hawley (R-Mo.)		
King (I-Maine)	Ricketts (R-Neb.)		
Klobuchar (D-Minn.)	Scott (R-Fla.)		
Murphy (D-Conn.)	Wicker (R-Miss.)		
Sander (I-Vt.)			
Warren (D-Mass.)			
Whitehouse (D-R.I.)			
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represents a large portion of Democratic voters in the district, will be a factor as well. In addition to the top three candidates, multiple self-funders are running, though it's not clear how much they would actually spend on the race. Democrats acknowledge this primary has the potential to get messy but believe they have multiple strong candidates in the race who'd be well-positioned to take on Schweikert. Tilt Republican.

3rd District (Downtown and western Phoenix) Open; Ruben Gallego, D, running for Senate. Biden 75%. State Sen. Raquel Terán and Phoenix City Council member Yassamin Ansari are locked in a

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competitive race for the Democratic nomination. Though Ansari has a clear financial advantage — she's raised \$763,000 to Terán's \$437,000 — Terán has racked up significant local and national endorsements (including from the Congressional Progressive Caucus PAC, the Working Families Party, and several labor unions). Ansari publicized an internal poll from the end of October that showed the race was neck-and-neck. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, elected 51%. Biden 49.3%. Ciscomani is headed for a rematch with former state Sen. Kirsten Engel, who came a point-and-ahalf away from winning despite not having much outside Democratic support. The freshman congressman is also facing a primary challenge from Kathleen Winn, the third-place finisher in the 2022 primary. Tilt Republican.

8th District (Western suburbs of Phoenix) Open; Debbie Lesko, R, retiring. Trump 56%. The Republican primary for this open seat has drawn a cast of characters — 2022 Senate nominee Blake Masters, former Rep. Trent Franks (who resigned from this seat in 2017 after he was accused of asking two staffers to bear his child), 2022 Attorney General nominee Abe Hamadeh, and state House Speaker Ben Toma. Jacob Chansley, better known as the "QAnon Shaman," is also running as a Libertarian. Lesko backed Toma, but Masters and Hamadeh probably have the edge in the primary because of their previous statewide bids — though neither candidate currently lives in the district. Hamadeh also secured former President Donald Trump's endorsement. Solid Republican.

California. Primary March 5.

3rd District (Northeastern Sacramento suburbs and Lake Tahoe to Death Valley) Kevin Kiley, R, elected 54%. Trump 49.7%. While Democrats are more confident that this seat will be a top pickup opportunity later in the decade as the GOP voter registration advantage continues to wane, Jessica Morse's strong early fundraising makes some strategists believe she can put the race in play later this year. The former deputy secretary for forest and wildfire resilience raised \$320,000 in her first month and had \$200,000 left over from her 2018 run for a previous version of this seat. While this district isn't at the top of the list for either party, if Morse can prove viability closer to Election Day, she could attract some outside support. Likely Republican.

12th District (Oakland and Berkeley) Open; Barbara Lee, D, running for Senate. Biden 89%. Bay Area Rapid Transit Board member Lateefah Simon easily won the state party's endorsement, has backing from most of the state's major players, and has several times more cash in the bank as of Sept. 30 than her opponents, Navy veteran Tim Sanchez and Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Tran. Solid Democratic.

13th District (Mid-Central Valley) John Duarte, R, elected 50%. Biden 54%. The general election is set in this highly competitive seat; Duarte and 2022 Democratic nominee Adam Gray were the only two candidates to file. Democrats believe turnout in the Central Valley will be significantly higher and better for them in a presidential year. Toss-up.

16th District (Silicon Valley) Open; Anna Eshoo, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 75%. Eshoo's surprise retirement kicked off a crowded primary. Former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Santa Clara Supervisor Joe Simitian probably start as the candidates to watch, Liccardo because of his high name ID and Simitian because of the \$681,000 he has saved up in an old congressional account from a 2009 special election that never materialized. But state Assemblyman Evan Low, Palo Alto Councilwoman Julie Lythcott-Haims, and Marine veteran Peter Dixon, who co-founded bipartisan PAC With Honor Fund, are all credible candidates. Former Menlo Park Mayor Peter Ohtaki is the only notable Republican running. Solid Democratic.

20th District (Eastern Central Valley from the Bakersfield to Fresno areas) Open; Kevin McCarthy, R, resigning. Trump 61%. The former House speaker announced he is leaving Congress at the end of the year. The seat should stay in GOP hands in a yet-to-be-announced special election, but it means Republicans will be short one vote on Capitol Hill until the seat is filled. Tulare County sheriff Mike Boudreaux and state Assemblyman Vince Fong are the most serious GOP candidates, but Fong (who McCarthy endorsed) may have trouble getting on the ballot because he also filed to run for his own re-election. Solid Republican.

22nd District (Southern Central Valley and eastern Bakersfield



area) David Valadao, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 55%. A return to presidential-level turnout, especially in Bakersfield, where most of the district's Democratic voters are and where turnout crashed in 2022, is crucial for Democrats' hopes against

David Valadao

Valadao. But both Valadao and 2022 Democratic nominee Rudy Salas first have to navigate a primary that also includes Democratic state Sen. Melissa Hurtado and 2022 Republican candidate / farmer Chris Mathys, who nearly edged out Valadao for second place in last year's primary. Salas, who has endorsements from the state party and Gov. Gavin Newsom, will likely have to spend to get past Hurtado, who represents most of the district in Sacramento but who had just \$33,000 in the bank on Sept. 30 and little chance of getting outside support. She also has a relatively conservative voting record and low scores from progressive groups such as Sierra Club and NARAL. Tilt Republican.

27th District (Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale in northern Los Angeles County) Mike Garcia, R, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. Former Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides continues to be one of national Democratic strategists' favorite candidates in the country. Now that he no longer has a Democratic opponent in the primary, Whitesides can focus entirely on taking out Garcia, who has only ever run against former state Assemblywoman Christy Smith, who had significant baggage. Whitesides is on offense over recent reporting on Garcia's stock trades, and had more money in the bank on Sept. 30 than Garcia after chipping in over \$1 million in personal funds. Republicans hope that the incumbent's fighter pilot biography and Hispanic heritage will help him overcome the top of the ticket drag. Toss-up.

29th District (Eastern San Fernando Valley) Open; Tony Cárdenas, not seeking re-election. Biden 75%. State Assemblywoman Luz Rivas has consolidated support as Cárdenas' successor, and will likely face a general election matchup against fellow Democrat Angelica Dueñas, a progressive activist who is making her third consecutive bid for the seat after losing to Cárdenas in the 2020 and 2022 general elections. Solid Democratic.

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30th District (Los Angeles, Burbank, and Glendale) Open; Adam Schiff, D, running for Senate. Biden 72%. Though 17 candidates have filed to run here, the top tier of contenders is probably five or so Democrats: former Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, state Sen. Anthony Portantino, state Rep. Laura Friedman, L.A. school board member Nick Melvoin, and actor Ben Savage. Feuer released a poll showing him and Friedman tied for the lead but with a remarkably low share of undecided voters in an unformed, crowded special election. Solid Democratic.

31st District (Eastern San Gabriel Valley) Open; Grace Napolitano, D, retiring. Biden 65%. A crowded Democratic field seems to boil down to state Sen. Susan Rubio and former Rep. Gil Cisneros. Rubio has a deep political history in the district and represents much of it in Sacramento, while Cisneros has virtually limitless personal wealth at his disposal in the expensive media market. State Sen. Bob Archuleta, former Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, and attorney Greg Hafif are also running as Democrats. Three Republicans filed to run, lowering the likelihood any Republican makes it to the general election. Solid Democratic.

40th District (Eastern Orange County) Young Kim R, re-elected 57%. Biden 49.9%. Former Orange County Fire Captain Joe Kerr has

leveraged his deep political connections and union support to make this a real primary against Tustin Unified School District Board Member Allyson Muñiz Damikolas — both received support at the state Democratic Party convention,



Allyson Damikolas

which deadlocked on giving either one an endorsement. Either would be an underdog against Kim, who Democrats acknowledge has done a good job positioning herself in this swing district. Likely Republican.

41st District (Southern Riverside suburbs to Palm Springs) Ken Calvert, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 50%. Democrats remain excited about Will Rollins, the former federal prosecutor who came 5 points short of winning this seat last year. National strategists are hopeful Rollins will outpace Calvert financially by the end of the year (reports are not due until the end of January) and will be able to hit Calvert with extensive opposition research, including on the congressman's land deals. Lean Republican.

45th District (Western Orange County) Michelle Steel, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Democrats are no closer to settling on a standardbearer, with Garden Grove City Councilwoman Kim Nguyen-Penaloza easily securing the state party endorsement but still struggling to raise money, and attorney / Army veteran Derek Tran raising \$250,000 in his first 24 hours but lacking the political roots of Nguyen-Penaloza. Attorney and TikToker Cheyenne Hunt is professionalizing her campaign team but isn't seen as a real factor in the race, and neither is attorney Aditya Pai. Tran released a poll showing Tran, Nguyen-Penaloza, and Hunt at 11 percent, 10 percent, and 6 percent, respectively, with Steel in front at 39 percent. Steel can stockpile cash for an expensive race while Democrats sort out their primary. Lean Republican.

47th District (Coastal Orange County and Irvine) Open; Katie Porter, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 54%. Democratic strategists are unsure what's going to happen in this primary. State Sen. Dave Min is still dealing with the fallout from his misdemeanor DUI charge but had no problem locking up the state party's endorsement. Attorney Joanna Weiss continues to raise money and make the case that Min's DUI would make it impossible for him to win a general election. Weiss's own polling shows that the two perform equivalently against likely GOP nominee Scott Baugh, and while she's been a strong fundraiser, the LA media market is so expensive it's still not clear if she will have the resources to inform enough voters of Min's arrest to move the needle. Baugh has his own history of legal issues but is already raising more money than he did last cycle. Democrats should be helped by presidential year turnout in a district that doesn't like Trump. Tilt Democratic.

49th District (Coastal southern Orange and northern San Diego counties) Mike Levin, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. While this race is a lower tier opportunity for the GOP, national Republicans like Margarita Wilkinson's background as a Latina news executive with serious selffunding capacity. But she'll have to get past auto dealer/2022 state Senate nominee Matt Gunderson. Automotive marketer Sheryl Adams and Marine veteran Kate Monroe are also running as Republicans. Likely Democratic.

Colorado. Filing deadline March 19. Primary June 25.

3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Lauren Boebert, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 53%. Boebert's continued antics — including but not limited to her kerfuffle at *Beetlejuice* — have made life much more difficult for the Republican than it should be in this GOP-leaning district. She has a credible primary challenger in attorney Jeff Hurd, who has backing from several old guard Colorado Republicans such as former Gov. Bill Owens and former Lt. Gov. Jane Norton and raised \$412,000 in just a few weeks. And she faces a tough general election against 2022 nominee Adam Frisch, who had already established a \$3 million cashon-hand advantage over her on Sept. 30 and is one of the top fundraisers in the country. Frisch faces his own nominal primary against Grand Junction Mayor Anna Stout. Tilt Republican.

4th District (Eastern Colorado and Denver exurbs) Open; Ken Buck, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 57%. Buck's surprise retirement has led to a busy GOP primary that includes 2022 Senate candidate and radio host Deborah Flora, Logan County Commissioner Jerry Sonnenberg, former state Sen. Ted Harvey, state Rep. Richard Holtorf, and Weld County Councilor Trent Leisy. Holtorf and Leisy were running before Buck announced he wouldn't seek re-election. Several other candidates could still jump in, including state House minority leader Mike Lynch and former state House minority leader Patrick Neville. Solid Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Yadira Caraveo, D, elected 48%. Biden 51%. Republicans need to sort out a primary between Weld County Commissioner Scott James and state Rep. Gabe Evans before they turn to Caraveo, who won her seat with a lower percentage of the vote than any other member of Congress. Toss-up.

Connecticut. Filing deadline June 11. Primary Aug. 13.

5th District (Northern Fairfield County and northwestern Connecticut) Jahana Hayes, D, re-elected 50%. Biden 55%. George Logan, the former state senator who nearly won here last cycle, is running again. That makes Republicans happy, but he'll have a tougher task in a presidential year. A Logan campaign poll from November found him trailing by 2 points, 43-41 percent. Lean Democratic.

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Delaware. Filing deadline July 9. Primary Sept. 3.

At-Large, Open; Lisa Blunt Rochester, D, running for Senate. Biden 59%. The most important contest is the Democratic primary. State Sen. Sarah McBride (who would be the first openly transgender member of Congress), Director of the Delaware State Housing Authority Eugene Young, and state Treasurer Colleen Davis are all running. McBride entered the race first and led the field in cash-on-hand on Sept. 30 with \$568,000. Young had \$137,000, followed by Davis (\$84,000). Solid Democratic.

Florida. Filing deadline July 22. Primary Aug. 20.

9th District (Orlando and southern suburbs) Darren Soto, D, reelected 54%. Biden 58%. Though Osceola County commissioner John Quiñones is mounting a legitimate challenge to Soto, this seat remains a reach for Republicans, particularly in a presidential cycle. Likely Democratic.

11th District (Western Orlando suburbs and The Villages) Daniel

Webster, R, reelected 63%. Trump 55%. Webster had a competitive primary in 2022, defeating right-wing activist Laura Loomer by just 7 points. This cycle, former state Rep. Anthony Sabatini is challenging him, and Republican



Daniel Webster

strategists say the congressman isn't taking this primary for granted. Solid Republican.

13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, elected 53%. Trump 53%. Whitney Fox, the marketing director of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, announced she's challenging Luna, giving Democrats a serious candidate. Flipping this seat would still be a reach for Democrats, but Luna's reputation as a hardline conservative (and questions about her misrepresenting parts of her biography) could make this race more competitive. If an abortion measure is on the ballot in 2024, Democrats' prospects will improve across the state. Likely Republican.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) Maria Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 49.9%. Democrats have a credible candidate in Lucia Baez-Geller, a member of the Miami-Dade School Board. But Republicans have made serious inroads in South Florida over the past few cycles, and Salazar — who won by 15 points in 2022 — is a formidable opponent. Likely Republican.

Georgia. March filing deadline. May 21 primary. June 18 runoff.

A federal judge ordered the state legislature to draw a map adding another district that gives Black voters the opportunity to elect a representative of their choice. While the new map, just signed into law by Republican Gov. Brian Kemp, does create a new Black-majority district, it does so by demolishing Democratic Rep. Lucy McBath's district — where Black, Latino and Asian voters currently make up a majority. The plaintiffs from the original case have asked the federal judge to reject the new map. Meanwhile, GOP Rep. Drew Ferguson, the former chief deputy whip and an ally of McCarthy, announced he wouldn't run for re-election. Potential candidates to succeed Ferguson in the 3rd District include Trump campaign senior advisor Brian Jack and former state Rep. Philip Singleton.

Illinois. Primary March 19.

7th District (West Side and downtown Chicago) Danny Davis, D, uncontested. Biden 86%. Davis, one of the oldest members of the Democratic caucus, faces multiple serious primary opponents. Progressive activist Kina Collins is challenging Davis for the third cycle in a row. Chicago City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin is also running, but her campaign has been stunted by an ethics investigation. The crowded field, which includes four other Democrats, increases Davis' odds of winning. Solid Democratic.

12th District (Southern Illinois and southeastern St. Louis exurbs) Mike Bost, R, re-elected 75%. Trump 71%. A GOP primary poll from July showed Bost leading former state Sen. Darren Bailey, 43-37 percent. But allies of Bost are confident that the congressman's lead will grow once he introduces himself to the rest of his new district. Bailey, the GOP nominee for governor in 2022, is better known than Bost right now, but the congressman will have the ability to boost his name ID. At the end of September, Bost had \$1.2 million on hand while Bailey had just \$100,000. Solid Republican.

17th District (North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington) Eric Sorensen, D, elected 52%. Biden 53%. Retired circuit court judge Joe McGraw is the presumptive GOP nominee, now that Ray Estrada has dropped out of the race. Republicans hope the judge will be an effective foil to Sorensen, a former meteorologist with a penchant for tweeting. Lean Democratic.

Indiana. Filing deadline Feb. 9. Primary May 7.

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 53%. Randy Niemeyer, the owner of a trucking company and a member of Lake County Council, is running for the GOP nomination. His blue-collar roots make him a good fit for this district, but he'll have an uphill battle against Mrvan. Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Northeastern Indiana including Fort Wayne) Open; Jim Banks, R, running for Senate. Trump 64%. A clear frontrunner has yet to emerge in the crowded primary to succeed Banks. Fort Wayne businessman Tim Smith loaned himself \$500,000, giving him an edge in cash-on-hand. Former circuit court judge Wendy Davis, former Rep. Marlin Stuztman, and state Sen. Andy Zay are also in the top tier of candidates. Meanwhile, Smith's nonprofit, Lasting Change, is under fire for its reported mishandling of sexual abuse allegations. Solid Republican.

5th District (Northern Indianapolis suburbs and part of central Indiana) Open; Victoria Spartz, R, retiring. Trump 57%. The Republican primary field for this open seat is growing, and now includes multiple wealthy candidates. Construction company CEO / state Rep. Chuck Goodrich has loaned himself \$1 million (and raised another \$500,000 since launching his campaign). Trucking business owner Sid Mahant also loaned his campaign \$1 million. Solid Republican.

Iowa. Filing deadline March 15. Primary June 4.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianette Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 53%. Trump 50%. While the 1st is still behind the 3rd on *Continued on page 6*

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Democrats' Iowa priority list, former state Rep. Christina Bohannan's strong launch (she raised \$664,000 in six weeks) has Democrats cautiously optimistic. Lean Republican.

3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, elected 50%. Trump 49%. Democrats believe they have found a strong candidate in Lanon Baccam, an Army veteran and former Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture in the Biden administration. Baccam's parents are Tai Dam refugees who were resettled in Iowa following the Vietnam War, and Democrats believe his story — plus a backlash to Iowa's new restrictive abortion law — will boost him against Nunn. But Iowa Democrats still have a lot to prove. Tilt Republican.

Kansas. Filing deadline June 3. Primary Aug. 6.

3rd District (Kansas City suburbs) Sharice Davids, D, re-elected 55%. Biden 51%. Oncologist Prasanth Reddy got another stamp of establishment approval when Speaker Mike Johnson included the former LabCorp executive and Air Force Reserve officer in his joint fundraising committee. He'll need the money, maybe not so much to get past police officer Jonathon Westbrook and HVAC company owner Karen Crnkovich in the GOP primary, but to have a shot against Davids in a tough district that's only growing more difficult for Republicans. Last cycle, Davids won by 12 points as fellow Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly carried the 3rd by 17 points. Likely Democratic.

Louisiana. Filing deadline July 19. Primary Nov. 5. Runoff Dec. 7.

A federal judge ruled that Louisiana's current map violated the Voting Rights Act, and the state legislature has until the end of January to draw a new map. Only one of the state's six districts is majority Black, despite African Americans making up a third of the state's population. Depending on the way the new map is drawn, Democrats could pick up a second seat.

Maine. Filing deadline March 15. Primary June 11.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 52%. Speaker Johnson waded into the GOP primary here by announcing he would help former NASCAR driver/state Rep. Austin Theriault raise money — that's a continuation of support from leadership for Theriault, who was recruited into the race by McCarthy but still faces a primary against state Rep. Mike Soboleski. National GOP strategists like Theriault's profile and believe Golden's reversal on an assault weapons ban after the mass shooting in Lewiston will weaken his crossover support. Local and national Republicans acknowledge Golden is a tough opponent. Lean Democratic.

Maryland. Filing deadline Jan. 19. Primary April 23.

3rd District (Baltimore suburbs in Howard and Anne Arundel counties) Open; John Sarbanes, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 62%. More Democrats jump into this open primary by the day. Current contenders include state Sens. Sarah Elfreth and Clarence Lam, and state Dels. Mark Chang, Terri Hill, and Mike Rogers. State Del. Vanessa Atterberry dropped out. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Western Maryland and northwestern D.C. exurbs) Open; David Trone, D, running for Senate. Biden 54%. April McClain-Delaney, a former Commerce Department official and the wife of former 6th District Rep. John Delaney, appears to have the edge in a crowded Democratic primary because of her significant financial resources. But with state Dels. Lesly Lopez and Joe Vogel, Montgomery County Councilwoman Laurie-Anne Sayles, Hagerstown Mayor Tekesha Martinez, former Chevy Chase vice mayor Joel Rubin, psychiatrist and Army veteran Geoffrey Grammer, and former HUD official Destiny Drake West all in the race, there's potential for things to get interesting. On the GOP side, national strategists like former Navy pilot Tom Royals, but former state delegate/2022 gubernatorial nominee Dan Cox is also running, as is former state Del. Brenda Thiam. Likely Democratic.

Michigan. Filing deadline April 23. Primary Aug. 6

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, elected 55%. Biden 53%. Several Republicans are running for this



West Michigan seat, but it's less competitive than the 7th and 8th Districts. East Grand Rapids attorney Paul Hudson is the preferred candidate of national Republicans. Lean Democratic. 7th District (Lansing area and

Hillary Scholten

northwestern Detroit exurbs) Open; Elissa Slotkin, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 50%. Former state Sen. Curtis Hertel, the presumptive Democratic nominee, and former state Sen. Tom Barrett, the presumptive Republican nominee, are both focused on stockpiling funds ahead of what's guaranteed to be an expensive race. Hertel's political connections have paid off — the Democrat raised close to \$750,000 in the third quarter. But Republicans are accusing Hertel of being a "Lansing Insider," highlighting a *Detroit News* story about his work for a nonprofit benefitting from a grant awarded by the state's budget, which Hertel helped negotiate as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's top lobbyist. Barrett, meanwhile, raised a little under \$500,000 in the third quarter. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Open; Dan Kildee, D, retiring. Biden 50%. Kildee's retirement announcement makes this district significantly more competitive — the congressman's record and family name (his uncle had previously represented the district for 36 years) made him a formidable opponent, even as his district became more Republican.

Both parties are still in the recruitment stage. Army veteran Martin Blank was already running here, but hasn't been successful in previous state legislative races. 2022 nominee Paul Junge (who also ran against Slotkin in 2020) announced a campaign shortly after Kildee's announcement, but Republicans in D.C. see him as a flawed candidate; they're hoping either former state House Speaker Tom Leonard or state Rep. Bill G. Schuette (former Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's son) will run. The Democratic primary could get crowded too. Democrats are recruiting state Sen. Kristen McDonald Rivet to run — she represents a large portion of the district already. Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley and his predecessor Karen Weaver both said they're considering running. And State Board of Education President Pamela Pugh ended her longshot Senate bid to run for the 8th.

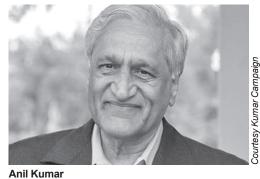
Though this district has trended in Republicans' favor over the *Continued on page 7*



past few election cycles, and Biden only won it by 2 points in 2020, there's signs that the president could still win this district in 2024 — Republican polling from the Congressional Leadership Fund showed his job approval in the district was at 41 percent (slightly higher than his national job approval), and he and Trump were tied at 44 percent. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Macomb County) John James, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.8%. Former Macomb County judge and 2022 nominee Carl

Malinga remains the frontrunner in the primary, but he only had \$143,000 in his campaign account at the end of September. Financial planner Diane Young and gun violence prevention activist Emily Busch had even less.



Urologist Anil Kumar

is in the best position financially, having loaned himself \$400,000 and raised another \$177,000. But defeating Marlinga will be difficult; he has served in various elected roles in Macomb County since 1984. James has continued to pad his war chest and ended September with \$2.2 million on hand. Tilt Republican.

13th District (Detroit and southwestern suburbs) Shri Thanedar, D, elected 71%. Biden 74%. As frustrations with Thanedar are mounting, former state Sen. Adam Hollier has launched a campaign and picked up support from many of Michigan's Democratic leaders — including state House Speaker Joe Tate, former Rep. Brenda Lawrence, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. Wisconsin Rep. Gwen Moore, the former whip of the Congressional Black Caucus, and liberal outside group VoteVets also endorsed Hollier. Solid Democratic.

Minnesota. Filing deadline June 4. Primary Aug. 13.

2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Angie Craig, DFL, re-elected 51%. Biden 52%. Former federal prosecutor and Marine veteran Joe Teirab is running for the GOP nomination, and is working with former NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer's team. Republicans see Teirab as one of their best recruits, but they acknowledge that Craig will be a difficult opponent. Lean Democratic.

3rd District (Western Minneapolis suburbs) Open; Dean Phillips, DFL, running for president. Biden 60%. Phillips, who's faced criticism for his quixotic primary challenge to Biden, said he won't run for reelection. State Sen. Kelly Morrison and Democratic National Committee member Ron Harris are both running for the open seat, and others have expressed interest. Whoever wins the DFL primary would be the heavy favorite in the general election. Solid Democratic.

5th District (Minneapolis area) Ilhan Omar, DFL, re-elected 75%. Biden 81%. The congresswoman now has a third primary opponent, as she continues to face criticism for her response to the Israel-Hamas war. Former Minneapolis City Council member Don Samuels — who lost to Omar by just 2 points in the 2022 primary — announced his challenge to Omar last month. Attorney Sarah Gad and Air Force veteran Tim Peterson were already in the primary. Solid Democratic.

Missouri. Filing deadline March 26. Primary Aug. 6.

1st District (St. Louis and northern suburbs) Cori Bush, D, reelected 73%. Biden 78%. St. Louis County prosecutor Wesley Bell ended his Senate campaign to mount a primary challenge to Bush, another progressive member under fire for her response to the Israel-Hamas war. At the end of September, Bush had just \$20,000 in campaign account; Bell had \$88,000. Solid Democratic.

Montana. Filing deadline March 11. Primary June 4.

1st District (Western Montana) Ryan Zinke, R, elected 49.6%. Trump 52%. Likely Democratic nominee Monica Tranel may get more outside support than last cycle, when Democrats were largely on defense and the only super PAC to spend on her behalf was a local group. More important will be the organizational heft of Sen. Jon Tester's Senate campaign, which makes a tough climb slightly more scalable. Lean Republican.

Nebraska. Filing deadline Feb. 15. Primary May 14.

2nd District (Greater Omaha area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Democrats remain hopeful that state Sen. Tony Vargas can defeat the Republican congressman in 2024, after falling short in 2022. While Democrats are favored to win this district's electoral college vote, Bacon consistently outperforms the top of the ticket. Lean Republican.

Nevada. Filing deadline March 15. Primary June 11.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Unlike last cycle, Republicans are fairly pessimistic about their chances of flipping the 1st. Restaurateur Flemming Larsen, who's loaned his campaign \$850,000, and 2022 GOP nominee Mark Robertson are both vying for the Republican nomination. Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. State Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama is currently the frontrunner for the GOP nomination, but former state Treasurer Dan Schwartz is eyeing the race too. The 3rd District is slightly more competitive than the 1st and the 4th, but Lee is still favored to win, particularly in a presidential cycle. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Northern Las Vegas area and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Former North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee — a Democrat up until 2021 — announced a campaign in October. Lee, who ran for governor last year, has the ability to self-fund a campaign. But he first needs to get through the GOP primary, which also includes Air Force veteran David Flippo. Likely Democratic.

New Hampshire. Filing deadline June 14. Primary Sept. 10.

1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Chris Pappas, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 52%. The GOP primary currently consists of former Executive Councilor Russell Prescott (who placed fourth in the GOP primary for this seat in 2022), steel fabricator Hollie Noveletsky, and Army veteran/facilities management CEO Chris Bright. With a late primary date, Pappas has time to pick up his fundraising; he had just \$890,000 in the bank on Sept. 30. Lean Democratic.

New Jersey. Filing deadline March 25. Primary June 4.

3rd District (Outer Philadelphia suburbs) Open; Andy Kim, D, running for Senate. Biden 56%. Two notable Democrats are vying to *Continued on page 8*



succeed Kim so far: state Assembly members Herb Conaway and Carol Murphy. While others could join, Conaway — who was the nominee for this seat in 2004 — secured a major endorsement from the Burlington County Democratic chairman. Burlington casts more than 60 percent of the district's Democratic votes, and it could give Conaway the inside track to get the valuable "county line" in the primary. Solid Democratic.

7th District (Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs) Tom Kean Jr., R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. The Democratic primary field continues to shift; Roselle Park Mayor Joe Signorello dropped out, and Summit Town Council President Greg Vartan is in, while former NJ Working Families Party director Sue Altman and former State Department official Jason Blazakis remain the frontrunners. Democrats were heartened by local legislative results in the area in November, but the potential nominees have some weaknesses Kean and his allies will look to exploit. Former Rep. Tom Malinowski, who passed on a rematch with Kean earlier this year, is now making noises about running for Senate, making some Democrats wonder if he will ultimately reverse course and hop in this race. Tilt Republican.

8th District (Jersey City area) Rob Menendez, D, elected 74%. Biden 72%. Menendez is in political danger for the same reason he won his seat to begin with: his name. While being the son of the state's senior senator cleared the way for the younger Menendez to win here in 2022, he's now dealing with the fallout of his father's indictments on a variety of felonies. He has a serious challenger in Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla, who has raised well over \$500,000 to take on the freshman and will have outside support as well. Solid Democratic.

New Mexico. Filing deadline Feb. 6. Primary June 4.

2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, elected 50%. Biden 52%. Vasquez got some welcome news when the New Mexico state Supreme Court chose not to order a redraw of this district, but he's still one of Democrats' most endangered incumbents. He faces a rematch with former Rep. Yvette Herrell in a race that may turn on Democrats' standing with Hispanic men. Toss-up.

New York. Primary June 25.

New York's highest court has ordered the state's Independent Redistricting Commission to submit a new congressional map to the state legislature, likely clearing the way for a new map to take the place of the special master-drawn map used in 2022. Democrats hope that the Democrat-dominated state legislature will ultimately be able to redraw the map after voting down any commission-drawn submission. If that happens, state lawmakers could alter the lines on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley to give Democratic candidates slightly more favorable districts to run in. The commission has until Feb. 28 to produce a map, so we're several months away from knowing what the final lines will be for 2024.

1st District (Eastern Long Island and north shore of Suffolk County) Nick LaLota, R, elected 54%. Biden 49.5%. While Democrats universally acknowledge that this already tough district is made even more difficult by the party's struggles on Long Island, national strategists are also excited about chemistry professor Nancy Goroff as a candidate. Goroff, who is personally wealthy and was the party's 2020 nominee, faces a nominal primary challenge from state Sen. Jim Gaughran. Goroff's best chance against LaLota is if the Democratic-controlled state legislature redraws this district to resemble how it looked in their initial attempt at a map in 2021. That version would have voted for Biden by 12 points. Lean Republican.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) Vacant; George Santos, R, expelled. Biden 54%. The special election between former Democratic



Rep. Tom Suozzi and Republican Nassau County Legislator Mazi Pilip will take place Feb. 13. Suozzi begins the race with a financial head start and universal name ID. While Pilip has a compelling story as a Jewish Ethiopian refugee who served

Tom Suozzi

in the Israeli military before moving to Long Island, she is unknown in the district, untested on the national stage, and wasn't a candidate until this week, so she lacks the same campaign setup as Suozzi. The holidays further complicate things for Republicans, who will likely only have six weeks to press their message. Outside groups are unlikely to begin spending on Pilip's behalf before the new year, and the candidate herself likely needs time to build out a national fundraising operation. Suozzi has already started advertising on cable TV.

But Long Island remains a trouble spot for New York Democrats, who took a shellacking in Nassau and Suffolk counties in the local elections this November. While Suozzi has staked out a more moderate position on crime and migrant issues than some other New York Democrats, and ran aggressively against the unpopular Gov. Kathy Hochul last year, he will still have to respond effectively to attacks linking him to negative stories coming out of New York City. And the Nassau County Republican Party has a strong field program that will be invaluable in this sprint of an election. The special election is a Toss-up, but if Suozzi wins it would make life easier for Democrats looking to hold this seat in the fall.

4th District (Southern Nassau County) Anthony D'Esposito, R, elected 52%. Biden 57%. Former Hempstead Town Supervisor and 2022 nominee Laura Gillen is the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination, and there's some chatter that state Sen. Kevin Thomas might not stick around until the primary — a poll from Gillen showed her far ahead, and this is an expensive district to introduce yourself to. As the most Biden-friendly district held by a Republican, this is a top target for Democrats, who hope to exploit D'Esposito's voting record. Toss-up.

16th District (Southern Westchester County) Jamaal Bowman, D, re-elected 84%. Biden 71%. Bowman, who got to Congress by beating a longtime Democratic incumbent in a primary, faces a spirited primary challenge from Westchester County Executive George Latimer. Bowman's progressive politics haven't always appealed to all of the district's Democrats, and he only won 54 percent of the vote in his 2022 primary against two underwhelming opponents. Since then, he's attracted more scrutiny for his position on the Israel-Hamas war (the district has a substantial Jewish population) and for needlessly pulling a fire alarm before a vote in the House (he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor). Latimer is also attacking him for voting against Biden's major legislative priorities such as the bipartisan infrastructure bill. If the district remains predominantly Westchester-based, Bowman is in serious *Continued on page 9*



trouble, but if it picks up more of the Bronx, he'll have more of a cushion. Solid Democratic.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, elected 50%. Biden 55%. Former Rep. Mondaire Jones is the likely Democratic nominee after former Lewisboro-Katonah School Board member Liz Gereghty dropped out of the race. Jones has locked up support from much of the district's political class. But there's still some concern among Democratic operatives that the positions he took in 2020 and 2022 (when he left the Hudson Valley to run for an open seat in Brooklyn) will make it difficult to beat Lawler, who has worked hard to burnish his image as a moderate. This district could get significantly better for Jones if Democrats redraw it. Toss-up.

18th District (Upper Hudson Valley) Pat Ryan, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 53%. Republicans got their desired candidate in Alison Esposito, the party's 2022 nominee for lieutenant governor and a 22-year veteran of the NYPD. She's a step up from the party's nominee last cycle, state Rep. Colin Schmitt. But she still has an uphill battle against Ryan in a presidential year — the incumbent was the only Democrat to win a seat carried by Esposito and Lee Zeldin in last year's gubernatorial race. Lean Democratic.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Marc Molinaro, R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. The matchup is largely set here between Molinaro and his 2022 opponent, attorney Josh Riley — barring a redistricting change that could coax Riley into running in a neighboring Syracuse-based district. Riley continues to outraise Molinaro, and Democrats could find a way to make this district more favorable for them. Two Democratic "dark money" organizations that do not disclose their donors have already spent \$1.5 million on anti-Molinaro ads. Tilt Republican.

22nd District (Syracuse and Utica areas) Brandon Williams, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. Williams' messy personal life has spilled

out into public, with video of him threatening a former staffer going viral and his subsequent explanation only raising more questions. Democrats are convinced he isn't a fit for the district, but have to sort out a primary first between



Sarah Klee Hood

DeWitt Town Councilor Sarah Klee Hood and state Sen. John Mannion. Mannion is a well-known local figure who has substantial union support (he's a former president of the West Genesee Teachers' Association), but Hood ran a surprisingly strong campaign on a shoestring budget in last year's primary and has a more professional operation this time. This district could become slightly more favorable to Democrats, but the party is excited about taking on Williams regardless of the lines. Toss-up.

26th District (Buffalo area) Open; Brian Higgins, resigning February. Biden 61%. When Higgins departs in February, local party leaders will select a nominee for the subsequent special election. Right now Democratic state Sen. Tim Kennedy has the inside track, but Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown has also expressed interest. And India Walton, the Democratic Socialist who beat Brown in the 2021 Democratic mayoral primary only to lose to his write-in campaign in the general election, could throw her hat in the ring as well. If the party leaders pick Kennedy for the special, Brown probably won't run in the regular primary, but Walton still might. Solid Democratic.

North Carolina. Primary March 5. Runoff May 14.

1st District (Inland northeastern North Carolina) Don Davis, D, elected 52%. Biden 50.4%. North Carolina's Republican-controlled legislature has transformed the state's congressional map, allowing Republicans to easily flip three Democratic-held seats and leaving just one competitive seat: the 1st. The new version of this district moved a few points in Republicans' favor — Biden would have won it by just 1 point in 2020.

But before Republicans take on Davis — who they acknowledge has developed a fairly moderate profile — they'll have to sort through a messy primary. Sandy Smith, an ardent Trump supporter who's been accused of domestic abuse, is running for the third cycle in a row. The Congressional Leadership Fund spent \$600,000 on ads attacking Smith in the 2022 primary, but she managed to win the crowded primary with 31 percent. Retired U.S. Army Col. Laurie Buckhout is also running, and loaned her campaign \$1 million. But the first-time candidate might also need outside help to win the primary. Toss-up.

6th District (Central Piedmont region) Open; Kathy Manning, D, not seeking re-election. Trump 57%. Manning announced she won't run for re-election, after redistricting transformed the 6th into a safe Republican seat. The GOP primary field includes former Rep. Mark Walker, who represented a version of this district from 2015 to 2021; Bo Hines, the GOP nominee in the 13th in 2022; High Point Mayor Jay Wagner; and Christian Castelli, the 2022 GOP nominee. Likely Republican.

8th District (Eastern Charlotte suburbs and rural areas east of Charlotte) Open; Dan Bishop, R, running for attorney general. Trump 58%. In 2018, the election results in the 8th District were thrown out after the state Board of Elections found evidence that Baptist pastor Mark Harris' campaign had committed election fraud. Now that Bishop is leaving D.C. to run for higher office, Harris is waging his third congressional bid. Despite his scandal, Harris is still well-connected in conservative circles and is a frontrunner in the GOP primary. His primary opponent is state Rep. John Bradford, who ended his state treasurer campaign to run for the 8th and has loaned his congressional campaign \$2 million. Former Union County Commissioner Allan Baucom is also running. Solid Republican.

10th District (Winston-Salem and western Piedmont region) Open; Patrick McHenry, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 57%. McHenry the interim House speaker who was once seen as a potential successor to McCarthy — is heading for the exits. Former Green Beret Pat Harrigan quickly announced he would run for the 10th instead of the 14th. Harrigan, the GOP nominee for the 14th in 2022, has hired McHenry's former campaign manager and had \$750,000 in his campaign account at the end of September. But he won't have the field to himself — state Rep. Grey Mills is running, and state Sen. Vickie Sawyer is weighing a bid. Solid Republican.

13th District (Raleigh exurbs and nearby rural areas) Open; Wiley Nickel, D, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. The new lines make it nearly impossible for a Democrat to win this district, so Nickel announced Thursday he will not seek re-election ahead of a U.S. Senate *Continued on page 10*



run in 2026. The new map has also shaken up the GOP primary field state Rep. Erin Paré is out, and former federal prosecutor Brad Knott is in. 2022 candidate Kelly Daughtry is also considering running. Daughtry and Knott both have the capacity to self-fund, and Navy veteran Fred Von Canon and emergency room physician Josh McConkey have also loaned their campaigns \$300,000 and \$250,000, respectively. And a super PAC called American Foundations Committee has already spent more than \$400,000 on TV ads backing Knott. There's a decent chance this race will go to a runoff, if no candidate receives 30 percent of the primary vote. Likely Republican.

14th District (Western Charlotte and western foothills) Open; Jeff Jackson, D, running for attorney general. Trump 57%. With Harrigan running for the 10th, state House Speaker Tim Moore has a clear path to the Republican primary nomination. Shortly after the new congressional map was passed, Jackson announced his expected campaign for state attorney general. Likely Republican.

Ohio. Filing deadline December 20. Primary March 19.
1st District (Cincinnati area) Greg Landsman, D, elected 53%.
Biden 54%. Army veteran Orlando Sonza has locked up support from

local Republicans, and doesn't have any primary opponents. But defeating Landsman will be difficult, and national Republicans aren't prioritizing this race. Lean Democratic.



2nd District (Southern Ohio and eastern Cincinnati

Orlando Sonza

suburbs) Open; Brad Wenstrup, R, retiring. Trump 72%. Several Republicans are running to succeed Wenstrup in this Appalachian district, which is the most conservative district in Ohio. State Sen. Niraj Antani announced a campaign last month; he currently represents Montgomery County, which is in the neighboring 10th District. Clermont County GOP Chairman Charles Tassell and Marine veteran Tim O'Hara are also running, and state Sen. Shane Wilkin is gearing up for a bid as well. Solid Republican.

6th District (Southeastern Ohio and Youngstown area) Open; Bill Johnson, R, resigning. Trump 64%. Johnson, who is resigning to become president of Youngstown State University, reportedly plans to step down in February or March, sparking a special election to replace the congressman. The GOP primary will decide the next member in this district. State Sen. Michael Rulli announced a campaign and picked up some local endorsements. State Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus, known for proposing a state holiday to honor Trump, is also running, and state Rep. Ron Ferguson and 2022 13th District nominee Madison Gesiotto Gilbert are weighing campaigns as well. Solid Republican.

9th District (Toledo area and northwestern Ohio) Marcy Kaptur, D, re-elected 57%. Trump 51%. J.R. Majewski, a Trump acolyte who misrepresented his military career, was considered one of the GOP's worst House candidates last cycle and Kaptur easily defeated him despite the Republican-lean of this district. In spite of GOP efforts to keep Majewski from winning the nomination a second time, he looks like the favorite right now. After footage of former state Rep. Craig Reidel criticizing Trump leaked, Ohio Rep. Max Miller rescinded his endorsement of Reidel and backed Majewski, and shortly afterward, Ohio Senate candidates Bernie Moreno (Miller's father-in-law) and Frank LaRose (the state secretary of state), and Sen. J.D. Vance endorsed Majewski. If Majewski wins the nomination, Kaptur has a much better chance at winning re-election. But GOP outside groups might get involved in this primary to prevent that from happening. Lean Democratic.

13th District (Akron and Canton areas) Emilia Sykes, D, elected 53%. Biden 51%. Hudson City Councilman Chris Banweg and former state Sen. Kevin Coughlin are challenging Sykes. Both are first-time congressional candidates, and it's not clear yet who would be the stronger candidate. Last November, Sykes defeated a lackluster GOP opponent by 5 points, and Biden won this seat by just 2 points in 2020. A poll commissioned by the Congressional Leadership Fund (which hasn't taken sides in the primary) showed Biden's job approval was at just 21 percent, and Republicans had a 1-point advantage on the generic ballot. Tilt Democratic.

Oregon. Filing deadline March 12. Primary May 21.

3rd District (Eastern Portland area) Open; Earl Blumenauer, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 73%. Divisions in the Democratic Party now heightened by the Israel-Hamas war are likely to play out in the primary for this deep blue open seat. Washington Rep. Pramila Jayapal's older sister Susheela, a Multnomah County commissioner up until last month, is running firmly in the progressive lane, and faced criticism for not signing onto a statement from county leaders condemning the Oct. 7 Hamas attack. Gresham City councilor Eddy Morales and state Rep. Maxine Dexter are also running. The outgoing congressman has called Dexter "a very intriguing candidate," though he also said he wasn't going to get involved in the primary. Solid Democratic.

4th District (Southern Willamette Valley and southern coast) Val Hoyle, D, elected 51%. Biden 55%. Hoyle continues facing scrutiny for her record as labor commissioner. Though this district would be out of reach for Republicans under normal circumstances, the corruption allegations make Hoyle more vulnerable — and now she has a serious Republican opponent, Air Force veteran Monique DeSpain. Likely Democratic.

5th District (Southern Portland suburbs and central Oregon) Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. State Rep. Janelle Bynum is now backed by Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and Oregon Reps. Suzanne Bonamici and Andrea Salinas, along with a slew of state legislators. But 2022 nominee Jamie McLeod-Skinner will be difficult to beat in the primary — she remains popular with Democratic voters in the 5th, and early primary polling shows she has a double digit lead. Democrats expect a nasty fight between Bynum and McLeod-Skinner, who faces allegations of staff mismanagement. Meanwhile, Metro President Lynn Peterson's campaign has struggled to pick up steam. Toss-up.

6th District (Salem area and southwestern Portland suburbs) Andrea Salinas, D, elected 50%. Biden 55%. Republican strategists like former state Sen. Denyc Boles, but acknowledge that her fundraising has been lackluster. 2022 nominee Mike Erickson says he's planning on running again but still hasn't announced a campaign; if Erickson runs again, his previous congressional bids would give him the advantage in the GOP primary, though he has baggage from a 2016 DUI and reports that he paid for a girlfriend's abortion in 2000. Lean Democratic.

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Pennsylvania. Filing deadline February. Primary April 23.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 55%. Biden 52%. Despite facing challenges on his right and left, Fitzpatrick remains in a strong position, with \$3.3 million in his campaign war chest on Sept. 30. Likely Republican.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Susan Wild, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 49.7%. None of the three Republican candidates have set themselves apart with fundraising so far, and Republican strategists see the race for the GOP nomination as a toss-up. Attorney Maria Montero, who launched her campaign at the beginning of August and is backed by Rep. Dan Meuser and 2022 nominee Lisa Scheller, raised just over \$100,000 in the third quarter. State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, who announced he was running at the end of July, raised \$135,000. And Air Force veteran Kevin Dellicker pulled in just \$67,000. Tilt Democratic.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 51%. Kuharchik Construction CEO Robert Bresnahan launched his campaign at the end of November, giving Republicans a strong candidate against one of Democrats' most resilient incumbents. Republicans like Bresnahan's deep roots in the district — and his ability to self-fund. A Congressional Leadership Fund-commissioned poll showed Cartwright tied with a generic Republican at 45 percent. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. Several Democrats have lined up to take on Perry, the former Freedom Caucus chairman and close ally of Trump. Janelle Stelson, a longtime WGAL news anchor and former Republican, appears to be the early frontrunner in the race — an October poll commissioned by her campaign showed her with a 13-point lead in the crowded primary, and she says she raised over \$100,000 in the first 48 hours of launching her campaign. But she'll face several serious primary opponents, including former TOPGUN pilot Mike O'Brien, 2022 nominee/Harrisburg City Councilor Shamaine Daniels, and former WITF executive Blake Lynch. Welcome PAC, an outside Democratic group that hasn't taken sides in the primary yet, commissioned a survey that showed Perry's job approval was at 34 percent in the district. Move from Likely Republican to Lean Republican.

12th District (Pittsburgh and eastern suburbs) Summer Lee, D, elected 56%. Biden 59%. Lee, like several members of the Squad, will face a serious primary challenge next year. Edgewood Councilwoman Bhavini Patel has criticized Lee for her response to the Israel-Hamas war, and if pro-Israel outside groups get involved in this primary, the freshman congresswoman could be vulnerable. Solid Democratic.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, elected 53%. Biden 52%. Local Allegheny County races last month bode well for Republicans in this district, though they acknowledge it still favors Democrats. State Rep. Rob Mercuri doesn't have any competition in the GOP primary, now that Jim Nelson has ended his campaign. Lean Democratic.

South Carolina. Filing deadline March 30. Primary June 11.
 1st District (Coastal South Carolina and Charleston suburbs) Nancy
 Mace, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 54%. After hearing oral arguments in
 October, the U.S. Supreme Court doesn't appear likely to uphold a lower
 court's ruling that the 1st District was racially gerrymandered. If the
 Supreme Court reverses the ruling, this district will be very difficult for

Democrats to flip. Both sides are hoping for a decision by the end of this year. Likely Republican.

4th District (Greenville area) William Timmons, R, unopposed. Trump 58%. State Rep. Adam Morgan, who co-founded the state's Freedom Caucus, is challenging Timmons in the GOP primary, and has picked up endorsements from Rep. Ralph Norman and Greenville County Sheriff Hobart Lewis. This is one primary fight to keep an eye on. Solid Republican.

Texas. Primary March 5. Runoff May 28.

12th District (Western Fort Worth and western suburbs) Open; Kay Granger, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. The dean of



Texas' congressional delegation is retiring after serving nearly three decades in Congress. Most local Republican leaders are backing state Rep. Craig Goldman, the chair of the Texas House Republican Caucus. John O'Shea, a construction

Craig Goldman

company owner who was primarying Granger earlier this year, is also running. Solid Republican.

15th District (Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, elected 53%. Trump 51%. According to the *Texas Tribune*, John Villarreal Rigney, who came in third place in the 2022 Democratic primary, is running for the Democratic nomination again. But 2022 nominee Michelle Vallejo has consolidated support from national and local Democrats and should be the heavy favorite to win the nomination. She'll be the underdog against De La Cruz, but there's a better chance outside Democratic groups might get involved in this race — last cycle, they were focused on defending Democratic Reps. Vicente Gonzalez and Henry Cuellar, who look less vulnerable in 2024. Lean Republican.

18th District (Parts of central and northern Houston) Sheila Jackson Lee, D, elected 71%. Biden 74%. After losing the runoff election for mayor of Houston, Lee filed to run for her 16th term in Congress. But she'll face a serious primary challenge from former Houston City Council Member Amanda Edwards, who's been running since June. Edwards had more than \$800,000 in her campaign account at the end of September, while Lee had less than \$300,000 — and reports of Lee's treatment of staffers that hurt her mayoral campaign will follow her into her congressional campaign. Solid Democratic.

23rd District (San Antonio suburbs to El Paso suburbs) Tony Gonzales, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 53%. Gonzales might get forced into a runoff, if his four Republican opponents keep him from winning a majority of the primary vote. But the congressman is an aggressive campaigner, and even got University of Texas Minister of Culture Matthew McConaughey to headline one of his fundraisers. Solid Republican.

26th District (Northern Fort Worth suburbs and exurbs) Open; Michael Burgess, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 59%. Several Republicans are running to succeed Burgess, including the son of Burgess' predecessor, former House Majority Leader Dick Armey. Former Denton County Judge Scott Armey isn't the only "nepo baby" in *Continued on page 12*



the race — Dinesh D'Souza's son-in-law, Brandon Gill, is also running and snagged Trump's endorsement. Political operative Luisa del Rosal and former Tarrant County Constable Clint Burgess (no relation to the current congressman) also launched campaigns. Solid Republican.

32nd District (Northern Dallas) Open; Colin Allred, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 66%. State Rep. Julie Johnson and trauma surgeon Brian Williams remain the frontrunners for the Democratic nomination (state Rep.



Julie Johnson

Rhetta Bowers ended her short-lived campaign at the end of October). In the past few weeks, Johnson has picked up endorsements from former Rep. Beto O'Rourke and EMILY's List; Williams is backed by national Democratic groups VoteVets and 314 Action Fund. Solid Democratic.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, elected 53%. Biden 57%. Former GOP Rep. Mayra Flores is forcing Democrats to take this race seriously. She raised nearly \$900,000 in the third quarter, while Gonzalez raised just \$300,000, and the DCCC added the congressman to its list of vulnerable incumbents in October. But Flores has an uphill battle against Gonzalez, particularly in a presidential cycle. Though this district has become significantly more Republican since 2016, when Hillary Clinton won it by 34 points, it seems likely that Biden will still win it by several points (he won it by 14 in 2020). Likely Democratic.

Virginia. Filing deadline April 11. Primary June 18.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, elected 52%. Biden 50%. The general election will likely be between Kiggans and Navy veteran Missy Cotter Smasal, who lost a close state Senate race in the area in 2019. The military-heavy district will be competitive at the presidential level, but Democrats need Cotter Smasal to pick up her fundraising now that the local election season in Virginia is over. Tilt Republican.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Open, Abigail Spanberger, D, running for governor. Biden 52%. National Republicans like attorney/ retired Green Beret Derrick Anderson, who placed second in the 2022 GOP primary for this district, but there's still a chance a serious primary race could develop between him and former Navy SEAL Cameron Hamilton. The Democratic side is less settled. Eugene Vindman, the Army colonel who rose to national prominence during the 2019 impeachment of Trump after his twin brother Alexander testified about Trump's call with the Ukrainian president, is a ferocious fundraiser, raising more than \$800,000 in his first day in the race. But he has minimal political connections to the district and faces three current or former officeholders: state Del. Brianna Sewell, state Del. Elizabeth Guzman, and Prince William's County Supervisor Margaret Franklin. Without Spanberger's national profile and appealing background to rely on, Democrats will have to pay more attention to this district. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Southwestern D.C. suburbs and exurbs) Open, Jennifer Wexton, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 58%. Seven Democrats are running credible campaigns for the nomination to succeed Wexton: state Sen. Jennifer Boysko, former state House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn, state Dels. Dan Helmer, Michelle Maldonado, and David Reid, state senator-elect Suhas Subramanyam, and former state Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. The candidates end-of-year filing reports will go a long way to indicating which have the resources to compete in this expensive district. On the GOP side, two 2022 candidates are running again, attorney Mike Clancy and former defense contractor Brooke Taylor, but much of the chatter is about 2020 nominee Aliscia Andrews, a homeland security adviser to Gov. Glenn Youngkin. Likely Democratic.

Washington. Filing deadline May 17. Primary Aug. 6.

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, elected 50.4%. Trump 51%. Joe Kent remains the frontrunner for the GOP nomination, despite efforts from Republicans in D.C. to find a less polarizing candidate. Camas City Councilor Leslie Lewallen has struggled with fundraising (she raised less than \$80,000 in the third quarter), and seems less likely to overtake Kent's lead, though there's still time for that to change. Though Kent's far-right ideology — particularly his comments about the 2020 election, Jan. 6, and the war in Ukraine — turned off moderate voters, he only narrowly lost to Perez, and Republicans believe he could win in 2024 since Trump is likely to carry this district by a few points. Toss-up.

6th District (Olympic Peninsula and Tacoma) Derek Kilmer, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 57%. Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz picked up Kilmer's endorsement to succeed her. But she'll face competition from state Sen. Emily Randall, who represents one of the few competitive legislative districts in the state and would be the first openly gay member of Congress from Washington. Jefferson County Commissioner Kate Dean has also filed to run. Solid Democratic.

8th District (Eastern Seattle suburbs and part of Central Washington) Kim Schrier, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 52%. Though the composition of the 8th keeps it on the list of battleground districts, the congresswoman still doesn't have a serious Republican opponent. Likely Democratic.

West Virginia. Filing deadline Jan. 26. Primary May 14.

2nd District (Eastern and northern West Virginia) Open; Alex Mooney, R, is running for Senate. Trump 68%. Riley Moore, the state treasurer and member of the Moore political dynasty, will win the open primary and general election. Solid Republican.

Wisconsin. Filing deadline June 1. Primary Aug. 13.

1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 50%. While promising on paper, this Racine-anchored district is drawing scant attention from Democrats, especially now that hopes of a pre-2024 redraw of the congressional lines have faded. Caledonia village trustee Anthony Hammes and Navy Reserve officer Lorenzo Santos are both running as Democrats. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, elected 52%. Trump 51%. Rebecca Cooke, the boutique owner who came in second in the 2022 Democratic primary, is running again, as are state Rep. Katrina Shankland and former La Crosse County Board chairwoman Tara Johnson. Cooke put out a poll in October showing her neck-and-neck with Shankland but half of voters undecided. This is a reach seat for Democrats, but a strong performance by Tammy Baldwin in the Senate race could boost the eventual nominee. Likely Republican.