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2024 House Overview: Waiting to Engage

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What is everyone waiting for? Republicans are clinging to a narrow House majority and a quarter of the 2024 election cycle has already passed, and yet potential candidates in districts around the country are waiting on the sidelines.

“There’s total instability at the top,” according to one party strategist, referring to the presidential race. Even though there are clear frontrunners in both the Democratic and Republican races, a rematch between President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump offers some unappealing uncertainty to potential candidates.

From Biden’s age and mediocre job rating to Trump’s mounting legal problems and general ability to turn off independent voters, it’s not an appealing political environment for candidates who are weighing if or when to put their lives and jobs on hold for a congressional run. And smart, aspiring politicians know the presidential race will significantly affect how voters will cast their ballot for the House.

In 2020, only 16 districts voted for a president from one party and a House member from another. And just 23 of 435 seats voted for one party’s presidential nominee in 2020 and then the other party’s House nominee in 2022. So it’s possible for House candidates to do everything in their power correctly and still lose because of a drag from the top of the ticket.

Democrats need a net gain of five seats for a majority. But that number understates the added disadvantage Democrats will face if Republicans are able to draw new, friendlier congressional maps in Ohio and North Carolina.

There’s risk for both parties next November. The Republican majority would be at greater risk with Trump at the top of the ticket than it would be with another Republican carrying the GOP mantle in the presidential race. Democrats proved in the midterms that they could win in spite of Biden’s poor standing, but it’s still risky to rely on voters who don’t trust your party’s leadership.

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2024 House Ratings

Toss-Up (4D, 8R)

CA 13 (Duarte, R)	NY 3 (Santos, R)
CA 27 (Garcia, R)	NY 4 (D’Esposito, R)
CO 8 (Caraveo, D)	NY 17 (Lawler, R)
MI 7 (Open; Slotkin, D)	NY 22 (Williams, R)
NJ 7 (Kean Jr., R)	OR 5 (DeRemer, R)
NM 2 (Vasquez, D)	WA 3 (Perez, D)

Tilt Democratic (3D)

CA 47 (Open; Porter, D)
PA 7 (Wild, D)
PA 8 (Cartwright, D)

Tilt Republican (7R)

AZ 1 (Schweikert, R)
AZ 6 (Ciscomani, R)
CA 22 (Valadao, R)
IA 3 (Nunn, R)
MI 10 (James, R)
NY 19 (Molinaro, R)
VA 2 (Kiggans, R)

Lean Democratic (14D)

AK AL (Peltola, D)
CT 5 (Hayes, D)
IL 17 (Sorensen, D)
ME 2 (Golden, D)
MI 3 (Scholten, D)
MN 2 (Craig, DFL)
NV 1 (Titus, D)
NV 3 (Lee, D)
NH 1 (Pappas, D)
NY 18 (Ryan, D)
OR 6 (Salinas, D)
PA 17 (Deluzio, D)
VA 7 (Spanberger, D)
WA 8 (Schrier, D)

Lean Republican (6R)

CA 41 (Calvert, R)
CA 45 (Steel, R)
CO 3 (Boebert, R)
NE 2 (Bacon, R)
NY 1 (LaLota, R)
TX 15 (De La Cruz, R)

	GOP	DEM
Solid	172	168
Likely/Lean/Tilt	25	29
Total	197	197
Toss-up		12
Ohio/North Carolina		29
Needed for majority		218

Likely Democratic (12D)

CA 49 (Levin, D)
FL 9 (Soto, D)
FL 23 (Moskowitz, D)
IN 1 (Mrvan, D)
KS 3 (Davids, D)
MD 6 (Open; Trone, D)
MI 8 (Kildee, D)
NV 4 (Horsford, D)
NH 2 (Kuster, D)
TX 28 (Cuellar, D)
TX 34 (Gonzalez, D)
VA 10 (Wexton, D)

Likely Republican (12R)

CA 3 (Kiley, R)
CA 40 (Kim, R)
FL 13 (Luna, R)
FL 27 (Salazar, R)
IA 1 (Miller-Meeks, R)
IA 2 (Hinson, R)
MT 1 (Zinke, R)
PA 1 (Fitzpatrick, R)
PA 10 (Perry, R)
SC 1 (Mace, R)
WI 1 (Steil, R)
WI 3 (Van Orden, R)

Ohio and North Carolina ratings are being withheld pending new maps.

Report Shorts

Arizona Senate. 2022 gubernatorial nominee Kari Lake lost another legal challenge, questioning the validity of ballot signatures, in her loss to Democrat Katie Hobbs. Lake is making another appeal and is non-committal on running for future office. According to Time, Lake has delayed a potential Senate run until this fall, after her national book tour this summer. Meanwhile, independent Sen. Kyrsten Sinema has not announced whether she'll seek re-election and Democratic Rep. Ruben Gallego is running, although national Democrats haven't decided yet whether to support their nominee or Sinema. This is likely to be a competitive and complicated race. Battleground.

Delaware Senate. Democratic Sen. Tom Carper announced he will not seek re-election. At-Large Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester is likely to run to replace him, although she hasn't formally announced her plans. There have been just two Black women previously elected to the Senate. Solid Democratic.

Maryland Senate. Former House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer endorsed Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks in the race to replace Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin, who is not seeking re-election. Alsobrooks is locked in an important, competitive Democratic primary against wealthy Rep. David Trone that will likely determine the state's next senator. Republicans are not expected to make a general election push. Solid Democratic.

Michigan Senate. State board of education president Pamela Pugh has announced she's running in the Democratic primary for Michigan's open Senate seat. Pugh, who was the chief public health adviser to Flint during the city's water crisis, will face Rep. Elissa Slotkin, who remains the favorite to win the Democratic nomination. Meanwhile, the GOP primary field is still in flux. Battleground.

Pennsylvania Senate. Polarizing Republican Doug Mastriano, who lost the 2022 gubernatorial election in a landslide, announced he will not run for U.S. Senate in 2024. That makes the path to the GOP nomination easier for 2022 candidate/ wealthy hedge fund owner Dave McCormick. Democratic Sen. Bob Casey Jr. has maintained a fairly low, inoffensive profile in the Senate, but Joe Biden won Pennsylvania

narrowly in 2020 and it could be close again next year, which should make the Senate race competitive. A few other Pennsylvania Republicans haven't ruled out bids, including state Treasurer Stacy Garrity, former Ambassador to Denmark Carla Sands, and former Rep. Keith Rothfus. Battleground. **IE**

2024 Senate Ratings

BATTLEGROUNDS

Democratic-Held (8)

MI Open (Stabenow, D)
Baldwin (D-Wis.)
Brown (D-Ohio)
Casey (D-Penn.)
Kaine (D-Va.)
Manchin (D-W.V.)
Rosen (D-Nev.)
Tester (D-Mont.)

Republican-Held (1)

Cruz (R-Texas)

Independent-Held (1)

Sinema (I-Ariz.)

Solid Democratic (14)

CA Open (Feinstein, D)
DE Open (Carper, D)
MD Open (Cardin, D)
Cantwell (D-Wa.)
Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)
Heinrich (D-N.M.)
Hirono (D-Hawaii)
King (I-Maine)
Klobuchar (DFL-Minn.)
Menendez (D-N.J.)
Murphy (D-Ct.)
Sanders (I-Vt.)
Warren (D-Mass.)
Whitehouse (D-R.I.)

Solid Republican (10)

IN Open (Braun, R)
Barrasso (R-Wy.)
Blackburn (R-Tenn.)
Cramer (R-N.D.)
Fischer (R-Neb.)
Hawley (R-Mo.)
Ricketts (R-Neb.)
Romney (R-Utah)
Scott (R-Fla.)
Wicker (R-Miss.)

*Takeovers in Italics, # moved benefiting Democrats, * moved benefiting Republicans*

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Alaska. Filing deadline June 1.

At-Large, Mary Peltola, D, re-elected 55%. Trump 53%. Republicans believe that Peltola is highly vulnerable if the GOP can coalesce behind one candidate before the all-party primary. But who that candidate is, nobody is quite sure. GOP strategists in D.C. point to Kara Moriarty, the president of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, as a potential candidate. But Alaska Republicans say there's not much chatter about her; one local source pointed to Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom, state House Speaker Cathy Tilton, state Rep. Stanley Wright, and former state Rep. Lance Pruitt as potential options. Nick Begich, who finished third in 2022, could also run again, but 2022 GOP Senate candidate Kelly Tshibaka seems unlikely to run. If multiple credible Republicans enter the race, that makes Peltola's path easier. Lean Democratic.

Arizona. Filing deadline April 8.

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) David Schweikert, R, re-elected 50%. Biden 50%. Schweikert's ethics issues and lackluster fundraising abilities make him an attractive target for Democrats. But the eventual Democratic nominee will first have to get through what is shaping up to be a competitive primary. Five candidates have announced campaigns, including state Rep. Amish Shah, former Arizona Democratic Party Chairman Andrei Cherny, and former news anchor Marlene Galán-Woods, the widow of the late Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods. Tilt Republican.

3rd District (Downtown and western Phoenix) Open; Ruben Gallego, D, running for Senate. Biden 75%. The crowded race to succeed Gallego includes state Sen. Raquel Terán, Phoenix City Councilmember Yassamin Ansari, Glendale school board member Hector Jaramillo, and Osborn school board member Ylenia Aguilar. Phoenix City Councilmember Laura Pastor — former Rep. Ed Pastor's daughter — just announced her campaign as well. Arizona's primary isn't until next August, so there's still plenty of time for the field to evolve. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, elected 51%. Biden 49.3%. Former state Sen. Kirsten Engel, who lost to Ciscomani by just 1 point last November, has announced she's

running again for this purple district. She's the favorite to win the Democratic primary, though she won't have the field to herself. Jack O'Donnell, a former CEO of the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino who wrote a book lambasting Trump in 1991, announced he's also vying for the Democratic nomination, and some Democrats are looking for other options. Though he narrowly won in 2022, Ciscomani will be a formidable opponent — he raised more than \$1 million in the first quarter of this year. Tilt Republican.



Kirsten Engel

Courtesy Kirsten Engel

California. Filing deadline Dec. 8.

3rd District (Northeastern Sacramento suburbs and Lake Tahoe to Death Valley) Kevin Kiley, R, elected 54%. Trump 49.7%. Democrats

like the trend of this district but it's toward the bottom of their target list. Jessica Morse, who ran for a previous version of this seat in 2018, losing 54-46 percent, could run again. She's currently the state's Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildland Resilience. Likely Republican.

12th District (Oakland and Berkeley) Open; Barbara Lee, D, running for Senate. Biden 89%. Lateefah Simon, a member of the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors and a longtime nonprofit leader, has locked up lots of local support to succeed Lee, and also has the backing of national group EMILY's List. But she has credible opponents in Navy veteran Tim Sanchez, who recently secured an endorsement from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus's BOLD PAC, and Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Tran. Solid Democratic.

13th District (Mid-Central Valley) John Duarte, R, elected 50%. Biden 54%. Democratic strategists expect that 2022 nominee Adam Gray will ultimately be the party's standard-bearer again, though Gray — who has filed to run here but has not yet officially announced a campaign — will have to get past wealthy businessman Phil Arballo (who ran for Congress in 2020 and 2022) in the primary. Duarte is one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country and Biden should win this district handily. Toss-up.

22nd District (Southern Central Valley and eastern Bakersfield area) David Valadao, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 55%. Party operatives anticipate that former state Assemblyman Rudy Salas will run against Valadao again after falling short last cycle. Some strategists would prefer a different candidate but acknowledge that Salas — who was heavily recruited to run last cycle — will probably be the nominee. "There is no one else," said one Salas skeptic. 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 raised \$500,000 in the first three months of the year and chipped in another \$500,000 himself, reporting more cash on March 31 than Garcia, rare for a challenger this early in the cycle. Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commissioner Franky Carrillo is also running. Carrillo has a compelling story — he spent decades in prison on a wrongful murder conviction — and it doesn't hurt to be a Hispanic candidate in this plurality Hispanic district. But Carrillo's campaign has gotten off to a slow start, and some California Democrats are pushing for him to run instead for an open state Assembly seat that he briefly sought in 2017. No matter who the Democratic nominee is, Garcia is a top target. Toss-up.

30th District (Los Angeles, Burbank, and Glendale) Open; Adam Schiff, D, running for Senate. Biden 72%. Former Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer established himself as the fundraising leader in this crowded primary, but state Rep. Laura Friedman and school board member Nick Melvoin are hot on his heels, with state Sen. Anthony Portantino not far behind. Actor Ben Savage got a lot of media attention but doesn't look like a factor; neither do West Hollywood Mayor Sepi Shyne or Silverlake Neighborhood Councilmember Maebe A. Girl. Former State Department Senior Advisor for Health Equity Policy Jirair Ratevosian is a recent entrant and will look to leverage his status as the only Armenian American in the race (the district has a substantial Armenian population). Wealthy entrepreneur and tourism board president Jon Vein might self-fund a bid here. Solid Democratic.

40th District (Eastern Orange County) Young Kim R, re-elected 57%. Biden 49.9%. Democrats have a credible candidate in Tustin Unified

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School Board Member Allyson Muñiz Damikolas, an engineer with a compelling story, but national strategists acknowledge that Kim is a lower priority after her dominant performance last year. Given how expensive the Los Angeles media market is, Damikolas will have to show she can raise significant money if she wants to entice outside groups into the race. Former Orange County fire captain Joe Kerr is also running. Likely Republican.

41st District (Southern Riverside suburbs to Palm Springs) Ken Calvert, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 50%. Democrats are quickly lining up behind Will Rollins, the former federal prosecutor who held Calvert to a 5-point win in 2022. Rollins raised \$350,000 in his first day in the race and has endorsements from most of the state's Democratic members of Congress. The district is trending in Democrats' direction. Lean Republican.

45th District (Western Orange County) Michelle Steel, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Garden Grove City Councilwoman Kim Bernice Nguyen is the highest-profile Democrat in the race but her modest fundraising — just \$49,000 in the first two months of her campaign — has some Democrats concerned about her ability to compete in one of the most expensive and crowded media markets in the country. TikTok creator and attorney Cheyenne Hunt is running a Gen Z-focused campaign. Attorney Aditya Pai is running as well. Still undecided is 2022 nominee Jay Chen, the Navy reserve officer who lost to Steele last year. Lean Republican.

47th District (Coastal Orange County and Irvine) Open; Katie Porter, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 54%. State Sen. Dave Min had the inside track to the general election versus likely GOP standard-bearer/2022 nominee Scott Baugh, until he was pulled over for a misdemeanor DUI in Sacramento. Now attorney Joanna Weiss, another Democrat, is looking to take advantage. Weiss has picked up support from former Rep. Harley Rouda, who withdrew from this race several months ago for health reasons, and his backers. She also raised a respectable \$420,000 in the first quarter of 2023, which is earning her a second look from players such as EMILY's List, but it's an open question if she can keep up that pace in the second quarter. While Weiss has never run for office before, Min starts with a base of support in Irvine and relationships within the Asian American community in the district, and his allies are confident he can rebound. House Democratic Caucus Chairman Rep. Pete Aguilar raised eyebrows when he pointed out at the state Democratic convention that the filing deadline for California was still months away. Tilt Democratic.

49th District (Coastal southern Orange and northern San Diego counties) Mike Levin, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. Auto dealer Matt Gunderson, who narrowly lost a 2022 state Senate race, is running here, as is automotive marketer Sheryl Adams. But Levin is at the bottom of the GOP target list in California. Likely Democratic.

Colorado. Filing deadline March 19.

3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Lauren Boebert, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 53%. Boebert's razor-thin victory this cycle means that both parties will be paying close attention to this election, but it doesn't guarantee another photo finish. Democrat Adam Frisch, Boebert's 2022 opponent, is running again, and raised a significant \$1.75 million in the first three months of the year — \$1 million more than Boebert. Republicans will work hard to define Frisch early; last time, the self-described "conservative Democrat" was able to make the race a

referendum on Boebert rather than a choice election by keeping himself low-key. Lean Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Yadira Caraveo, D, elected 48%. Biden 51%. Republicans are still searching for a candidate in this new swing district. State Sen. Barb Kirkmeyer is considering another run, and other potential candidates may be waiting on her decision to make their own plans. Joe O'Dea, the GOP nominee for Senate last year, is another potential candidate, but he isn't from the district and underperformed Kirkmeyer. He also might have trouble in a GOP primary given his poor relationship with Trump. Weld County Commissioner Scott James, who hosts a drive time radio show, is "seriously considering" a bid, according to a campaign adviser. Thornton Mayor Jan Kulmann, who placed second in the GOP primary last year, could run again, but right now she's focused on winning a second term as mayor this November. Toss-up.

Connecticut. Filing deadline June 11, 2024.

5th District (Northern Fairfield County and northwestern Connecticut) Jahana Hayes, D, re-elected 50%. Biden 55%. Republicans felt they had Hayes beat in 2022 and were let down by GOP gubernatorial nominee Bob Stefanowski's poor performance at the top of the ticket. If George Logan, the former state senator who narrowly lost to Hayes last year, runs again, this could be competitive — but it's not obvious he will. Plus, the presidential race in this district won't be close if Trump is the GOP nominee; that's helpful to Hayes. Lean Democratic.

Delaware. Filing deadline July 9, 2024.

At-Large, Lisa Blunt Rochester, D, re-elected 56%. Biden 59%. Blunt Rochester is widely expected to run for Delaware's open Senate seat now that Sen. Tom Carper is retiring. That means this will likely be an open seat. State Sen. Sarah McBride has made her interest clear; she would be the first openly transgender member of Congress. State Sen. Bryan Townsend could also run; the state Senate majority leader placed second to Blunt Rochester in the 2016 primary for this seat. Delaware State Housing Authority Director Eugene Young, Jr. is taking a look at it, as is state Treasurer Colleen Davis. The primary is the latest in the nation so there's lots of time for this race to develop. Solid Democratic.

Florida. Filing deadline July 22, 2024.

9th District (Orlando and southern suburbs) Darren Soto, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 58%. The Sunshine State has few competitive congressional districts after the latest round of redistricting. But Republicans believe Soto could be vulnerable in 2024. The congressman was the only Florida Democrat on the NRCC's initial target list, and his Orlando district has trended in Republicans' favor over the past few election cycles. Republicans would need to find a strong candidate to make this race competitive. Likely Democratic.

11th District (Western Orlando suburbs and The Villages) Daniel Webster, R, re-elected 63%. Trump 55%. Laura Loomer, a right-wing activist and self-described "Islamophobe," is challenging Webster again; she came 7 points away from defeating him in last cycle's GOP primary. But she's not the only candidate running to Webster's right — former state Rep. Anthony Sabatini, who came in second place in the GOP primary for Florida's 7th District last year, is also running. Sabatini could draw support away from Loomer, benefitting Webster. But the congressman is still vulnerable and is attempting to burnish his MAGA

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bonafides — he recently endorsed Trump for president after Trump said he would back Webster’s re-election campaign. Solid Republican.

13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, elected 53%. Trump 53%. This district is a reach for Democrats, but it’s still on their radar. The 2022 nominee, Eric Lynn, isn’t likely to run again, and neither is state Rep. Ben Diamond, who briefly ran last cycle before the district lines changed. Democrats would love it if former Gov. Charlie Crist waged a comeback bid for his old seat, but he could end up in the Biden administration. John Kirby, a retired Navy admiral in the Biden administration, and state Rep. Michele Rayner have also been floated as potential candidates. Likely Republican.

23rd District (Coastal Fort Lauderdale area) Jared Moskowitz, D, elected 52%. Biden 56%. Even though Moskowitz only won by 5 points last November, this district will probably be more difficult for Republicans to win in a presidential year — and unlike Soto, Moskowitz isn’t on the NRCC’s target list right now. But if Democrats continue to lose ground in Florida, and a strong Republican candidate runs, this race could become competitive. Likely Democratic.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) Maria Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 49.9%. Democrats aren’t optimistic about their chances in this South Florida district. But they see a silver lining in Biden’s decision to campaign in Florida. They’re still looking for a serious candidate (preferably of Cuban descent) to take on Salazar. Likely Republican.

Illinois. Filing deadline December 2023.

7th District (West Side and downtown Chicago) Danny Davis, D, uncontested. Biden 86%. The 81-year-old congressman is reportedly planning to run

for his 15th term in Congress. But that hasn’t stopped other Democrats from eyeing the dark blue seat. Chicago City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin announced in April that she was launching a federal



Danny Davis

Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call

committee to explore a run for Congress and hoped to succeed Davis “[w]henver he should choose to retire.” Though Davis’ spokesperson says he plans to run for re-election, Conyears-Ervin is “continuing her exploratory process,” according to a spokesperson. Meanwhile, at least one other Democrat, middle school principal Nikhil Bhatia, is challenging Davis. Kina Collins, who came 6 points away from defeating the congressman last cycle, hasn’t commented publicly on whether she’d run again but has remained active in Chicago politics. Solid Democratic.

12th District (Southern Illinois and southeastern St. Louis exurbs) Mike Bost, R, re-elected 75%. Trump 71%. Former state Sen. Darren Bailey, the MAGA acolyte who lost to Gov. J.B. Pritzker by double digits last November, might challenge Bost. Bailey won a contentious GOP gubernatorial primary last cycle, easily defeating a well-funded, more moderate Republican, and he’d be a formidable challenger to Bost. The congressman is gearing up for a primary fight — he raised more than \$400,000 in the first quarter of the year. Solid Republican.

17th District (North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington) Eric Sorensen, D, elected 52%. Biden 53%. Republicans feel bullish on their chances in this blue-collar district. Ray Estrada, a philanthropist from Galesburg, is the only Republican in the race so far. Esther Joy King, the GOP nominee for the past two cycles, isn’t planning to run again. Lean Democratic.

Indiana. Filing deadline Feb. 9.

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 53%. This region of Indiana is trending in Republicans’ favor, and if Trump is at the top of the ticket, he could turn out more GOP voters in the blue-collar district. But Republicans don’t have a candidate here yet. This is an expensive district for the party to invest in, since it’s in the Chicago media market, and the GOP bench is fairly thin. Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Northeastern Indiana) Open; Jim Banks, R, running for Senate. Trump 64%. Several Republicans are running to succeed Banks in this bright red seat, but right now, it looks like a three-way race. Wendy Davis, a circuit court judge, has garnered a lot of early buzz. She’s well-connected among Fort Wayne’s donor community and won an early endorsement from Winning for Women PAC, a group that supports Republican women running for office. Former Rep. Marlin Stutzman, Banks’ predecessor, is also waging a comeback bid, and could have support from his former colleagues in the House Freedom Caucus. State Sen. Andy Zay, who’s also in the Freedom Caucus-lane of the GOP, is running too. Solid Republican.

5th District (Northern Indianapolis suburbs and part of central Indiana) Open; Victoria Spartz, R, not running for re-election. Trump 57%. Indiana Republicans expected this open seat would draw interest from a long list of Republicans. But right now, state Rep. Chuck Goodrich and Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings are the only two serious candidates. Goodrich, the president of an electrical construction company, is quite wealthy and has already loaned his campaign \$1 million. His base of support is in Hamilton County, which dominates the district. Solid Republican.

Iowa. Filing deadline March 15.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianne Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 53%. Trump 50%. Democrats have a thin bench in Iowa, so party leaders are relieved that former state Rep. Christina Bohannon seems open to running again after falling 7 points short last year. State Senate Minority Leader Zach Wahls is another potential candidate. Likely Republican.

2nd District (Northeastern Iowa) Ashley Hinson, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. The evenly divided partisanship of this district could make it competitive later in the cycle, but for the moment, it’s not on Democrats’ radar. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, elected 50%. Trump 49%. Of the three competitive seats in Iowa, this is the one Democrats are most bullish on, given the leftward trend in Polk County (Des Moines) over the past decade. But first they need a candidate. Former Rep. Cindy Axne seems unlikely to run, and 2020 Senate nominee Theresa Greenfield doesn’t appear destined for a bid either. Some Democrats are trying to recruit former WHO 13 political director Dave Price to run — he just left the TV station after 22 years. The trend in this district is decent for Democrats, but they still have work to do. Tilt Republican.

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Kansas. Filing deadline June 3, 2024.

3rd District (Kansas City suburbs) Sharice Davids, D, re-elected 55%. Biden 51%. Some Republican strategists believe that Davids will be vulnerable this year if the GOP nominates a candidate without ties to unpopular former Gov. Sam Brownback. Other national operatives place this seat toward the bottom of the priority list, given Democrats' success at leveraging abortion access as a political cudgel in Kansas. Jonathon Westbrook, a sergeant in the Kansas City Police, has filed to run, and he has a compelling profile as a Black police officer and former White House fellow. But he hasn't actually launched a campaign — and he served as a Brownback appointee on a state board in the mid-2010s. Likely Democratic.

Maine. Filing deadline March 15.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 52%. This rural district should be a top pickup opportunity for Republicans, but the GOP has not figured out how to beat Golden, the fresh-faced Marine veteran who won here in 2018. Caratunk Selectperson Liz Caruso, who won 40 percent in the GOP primary last year on a shoestring campaign, has said she may run again. State Rep. Laurel Libby is also considering a run, and state Senate Minority Leader Trey Stewart could be a candidate. Mortgage broker Robert Cross is the only announced GOP contender. Lean Democratic.

Maryland. Filing deadline Jan. 19.

6th District (Western Maryland and northwestern D.C. exurbs) Open; David Trone, D, running for Senate. Biden 54%. With Trone seeking to succeed retiring Sen. Ben Cardin, the Democratic field is wide open. Former Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner would start the primary with geographic and ideological advantages but still has to be coaxed into the race. State Dels. Joe Vogel and Lesley Lopez are already running. And U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce April McClain-Delaney, whose husband once held this seat, is putting together a bid as well. Republicans' strongest potential nominees have ruled themselves out. Likely Democratic.

Michigan. Filing deadline April 23.

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, elected 55%. Biden 53%. This district has conservative DNA, but if Trump is the Republican presidential nominee Republicans are in a tougher position. Michael Markey Jr., a financial adviser who ran for governor last cycle but failed to collect enough signatures to make the GOP primary ballot, is the only Republican in the race at this point. Republicans are trying to recruit Paul Hudson, an attorney who ran for the Michigan Supreme Court last cycle. Lean Democratic.

7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Open; Elissa Slotkin, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 50%. It's been more than three months since Slotkin announced she was running for the Senate — and yet no one has launched a campaign to succeed her in the House. Former state Sen. Curtis Hertel is seriously considering running for the Democratic nomination and is closest to announcing a campaign, according to Democratic sources. Other potential candidates, including state Sen. Sarah Anthony and state Reps. Angela Witwer and Julie Brixie, are less likely to run but haven't ruled out campaigns, and Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum announced this week that she

wouldn't run. Democrats are anxious to avoid a contentious primary here, and the congresswoman herself could put her thumb on the scale. On the GOP side, state Sen. Tom Barrett is still the likely frontrunner in the primary, though he hasn't announced a campaign yet. Former state House Speaker Tom Leonard is another potential Republican candidate. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Dan Kildee, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 50%. If Trump is on the ballot in 2024, that could help Republicans' chances in the working-class district. But the GOP doesn't have a candidate yet. Paul Junge, a former news anchor who lost to Kildee by 10 points last cycle, is weighing a comeback. Likely Democratic.

10th District (Macomb County) John James, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.8%. Democrats see this district as a prime pick-up opportunity. Several candidates are lining up to take on the Republican congressman, who only won by 1,600 votes last November. Diane Young, a financial planner, and Emily Busch, a gun violence prevention activist, have announced campaigns, and 2022 nominee Carl Marlinga is preparing to run again. Marlinga, a former Macomb County judge with deep roots in the district, would be the frontrunner in the primary if he runs again. But baggage surrounding a past federal indictment and his record as an attorney will dog his campaign. Meanwhile, former Rep. Andy Levin, who used to represent part of this district, has yet to rule out a campaign, and Anil Kumar, a urologist who ran for Michigan's 11th in 2014 and 2016, is considering running here. Tilt Republican.

Minnesota. Filing deadline June 4, 2024.

2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Angie Craig, DFL, re-elected 51%. Biden 52%. The only Republican who's announced a challenge to Craig is former Lexington Mayor Mike Murphy, who ran for governor last cycle but didn't make the primary ballot. GOP operatives don't see Murphy as a serious candidate and are looking for other options. State Sen. Zach Duckworth and state Sen. Eric Pratt are two other potential candidates — they represent neighboring districts in the Twin Cities suburbs. Tayler Rahm, a trial lawyer, has filed to run for the GOP nomination as well. Lean Democratic.

Montana. Filing deadline March 11.

1st District (Western Montana) Ryan Zinke, R, elected 49.6%. Trump 52%. Zinke looks unlikely to run for Senate, which actually makes Democrats more excited about this seat, given his underwhelming performance last year. Monica Tranel, the 2022 Democratic nominee and a former Olympian, is likely to run again and is looking at an entrance in July. Unlike last year, this race is a target for national Democratic groups. And Democratic strategists hope that the concurrent Senate race will boost Tranel because Sen. Jon Tester and his allies will be spending millions of dollars on turnout operations and tribal outreach, two places Tranel fell short in last year. But it's still a heavy lift in this seat that Trump would have won by 7 points in 2020. Likely Republican.

Nebraska. Filing deadline Feb. 15.

2nd District (Greater Omaha area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Democratic state Sen. Tony Vargas hasn't announced a campaign yet but is expected to run against Bacon again. Democratic strategists believe that they need to be more aggressive in attacking the GOP congressman, particularly on his staunch pro-life position. Lean Republican.

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Nevada. Filing deadline March 15.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Titus hasn't announced her 2024 plans yet, and she only raised \$98,000 in the first quarter of the year. But if the longtime congresswoman decides to retire, Democrats have a deep bench in the Las Vegas area. Titus just has one serious challenger at this point — Fleming Larsen, a wealthy restaurateur who injected \$500,000 into his campaign. Lean Democratic.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Lee remains the most vulnerable member of Nevada's congressional delegation. Drew Johnson, a policy analyst and Clark County Commission candidate last cycle, announced a campaign, as did former state Sen. Elizabeth Helgelien. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Northern Las Vegas area and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Horsford's district could be a potential pick-up opportunity for Republicans — last cycle Joe Lombardo performed better here than in the 1st or 3rd. But it isn't likely to be a priority. David Flippo, an Air Force veteran and a financial adviser, is the only GOP candidate who's announced a campaign. Likely Democratic.

New Hampshire. Filing deadline June 14, 2024.

1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Chris Pappas, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 52%. The contours of this race could depend on if Gov. Chris Sununu does not seek another term and Pappas runs to succeed him. Republicans are still looking for a candidate, and party strategists don't expect any of the handful of 2022 hopefuls to run again. One potential candidate is former Harvard lecturer and business consultant Vikram Mansharamani, who placed fourth in the GOP primary for Senate in 2022 with 7.5 percent. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Western and northern New Hampshire) Annie Kuster, D, re-elected 56%. Biden 54%. Republicans tried to put this seat on the map in 2022 but ultimately did not give Kuster much of a scare. Party strategists in D.C. are not focused on this seat, with the 1st District seen as the much more appealing target. Likely Democratic.

New Jersey. Filing deadline March 25.

7th District (Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs) Tom Kean Jr., R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. The Democratic field was reset when former Rep. Tom Malinowski said he wouldn't run against Kean after losing last year. Working Families Party Executive Director Sue Altman, who is an ally of Gov. Phil Murphy, was the first to announce her bid. But she won't have the field to herself, especially given her fractious relationship with party leaders in the legislature. Former state Sen. Ray Lesniak is also exploring a bid. Toss-up.

New Mexico. Filing deadline Feb. 6.

2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, elected 50%. Biden 52%. Former Rep. Yvette Herrell is running for her old seat, setting up what should be one of the most competitive races of this cycle. Read a deep dive on this race in the May 5th issue of *Inside Elections*. Toss-up.

New York. Filing deadline April 2024.

1st District (Eastern Long Island and north shore of Suffolk County) Nick LaLota, R, elected 54%. Biden 49.5%. Biden would have carried

this district narrowly, but so far no Democrats are champing at the bit to run here. That's in part due to the party's disastrous performance on Long Island last year, but also because potential candidates are waiting to see how a pending redistricting lawsuit plays out now that the state's highest court has a new liberal majority. There is a possibility that a new map could make this district significantly more favorable to Democrats. Outgoing Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman is looking at running, and some Democrats hope that wealthy chemistry professor Nancy Goroff runs again — she lost to then-Rep. Lee Zeldin in 2020. Lean Republican.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) George Santos, R, elected 54%. Biden 54%. Santos' indictment on federal charges makes clear that he will not be on the ballot again in this district. The big question now is whether he leaves Congress, or is expelled, before July of next



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year. If he does, there will be a special election to replace him. Democratic strategists anticipate that local party leaders would select former Rep. Tom Suozzi as their standard-bearer for a special (there would not be a traditional primary election), while Republicans have a wide range of potential selections such as Navy veteran and former JP Morgan analyst Kellen Curry, who is already an announced candidate, or Nassau County Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip. If Santos holds out until after July 1, 2024, then the seat would remain vacant until the regularly scheduled November election. In that case, Suozzi doesn't look like he would run in a Democratic primary. Former state Sen. Anna Kaplan, Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan, law professor Will Murphy, and Democratic activist Zack Malamed are all running, and 2022 nominee Robert Zimmerman could run as well. Democrats would begin a special election with an edge. Toss-up.

4th District (Southern Nassau County) Anthony D'Esposito, R, elected 52%. Biden 57%. Former Olympian Sarah Hughes, who won a gold medal in figure skating in 2002, is running for the Democratic nomination against D'Esposito. But she faces an uphill climb in the Democratic primary against former Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen, who was the 2022 nominee against D'Esposito but lost narrowly. Gillen has her skeptics in party after losing a district Biden would have carried by 14 points, but she has deep relationships within the local party and a fundraising network that she can tap back into, while Hughes is a political neophyte. The 4th is a top target for national Democrats, who see the 2022 results as a product of a perfect storm for Republicans. Toss-up.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, elected 50%. Biden 55%. The first major Democrat to announce against Lawler was Lewisboro-Katonah School Board member Liz Gereghy, who is also the younger sister of Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Former Rep. Mondaire Jones, who represented three-quarters of this seat for one term, is likely to run as well. Jones was pushed out of the redrawn district by then-Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney in 2022, and unsuccessfully

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sought election to a seat in a different part of the state. But Maloney lost and Jones is back in the Hudson Valley, where he still has support from Democratic leaders in the district's two largest counties. Zach Iscol, a Marine veteran and former New York City official, may run here as well. Lawler received a gift when Biden praised him as a Republican he could work with, rather than a "MAGA Republican," undercutting Democratic message of the freshman as "MAGA Mike." But the partisanship of the district makes Lawler highly vulnerable, especially now that he won't get the same national attention he did last cycle when running against the chairman of the DCCC. This is another district that could be substantially altered by a new map. Toss-up.

18th District (Upper Hudson Valley) Pat Ryan, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 53%. Republicans are focused on recruiting Alison Esposito, the 2022 GOP nominee for lieutenant governor, to run against Ryan. Esposito, a two-decade veteran of the NYPD, lives in New York City but grew up in the district and has a home there. She would also be the first gay Republican woman elected to Congress, but says she is considering running for a number of offices. Ryan is one of his party's best fundraisers and has the partisan lean of the district in his favor. He also won't have to fight against the top of the ticket, as he did in 2022 when Gov. Kathy Hochul lost this district. Lean Democratic.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Marc Molinaro, R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. Josh Riley, the Democratic nominee in 2022, is running again, and looks likely to avoid a serious Democratic primary this time. He has backing from most of the local party chairs in the district, and his top potential competitor, state Sen. Michelle Hinchey, looks less likely to run. Tilt Republican.

22nd District (Syracuse and Utica areas) Brandon Williams, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. In 2022, underfunded Dewitt Town Councilor Sarah Klee Hood nearly won the Democratic primary against Francis Conole, an establishment-backed candidate who went on to lose the general election. Conole is not running again, but Hood is, and while Democratic strategists say she has professionalized her campaign, party leaders are still looking for additional options. There's a lot of chatter around state Sen. John Mannion, who represents the Syracuse suburbs and has been assembling a campaign team. But he probably won't make a decision until the state's redistricting case is settled. Toss-up.

North Carolina

Republicans are poised to redraw the state's congressional map, leaving up to four Democrats in serious danger of losing their seats in 2024. Last year, the North Carolina Supreme Court threw out the GOP-controlled state Legislature's gerrymandered map, putting in place a temporary map that resulted in an even 7-7 split after the midterm elections. But the high court, now controlled by Republicans, reversed that ruling in April, paving the way for the state legislature to draw a map much more favorable to Republicans.

Inside Elections is holding off from rating the individual districts until the new lines are in place (the state legislature is expected to draw the new map this summer). But redistricting experts expect that Democratic Reps. Wiley Nickel, Jeff Jackson, Kathy Manning, and Don Davis, could find themselves in precarious positions. Some Republican nominees from last cycle, including Bo Hines, are looking at running again. And state House Speaker Tim Moore is hoping to draw Jackson's Charlotte-based seat into one that he could run in next year. Depending

on how much his seat changes, Jackson might run for the open attorney general seat instead.

Ohio

Ohio's congressional map is also expected to be redrawn this cycle. The Ohio Supreme Court previously ruled the 2022 map was unconstitutional, but Ohio Republicans have appealed that ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. Until the U.S. Supreme Court decides whether or not to take up the case, the redistricting process is on hold.

The Buckeye State's three most competitive districts are held by Democratic Reps. Marcy Kaptur, Emilia Sykes, and Greg Landsman. Their districts could become more favorable for Republicans, but three members are expected to have competitive races regardless. J.R. Majewski, who lied about his military record and was at the Capitol on Jan. 6., was planning to run against Kaptur again, but decided to forgo a campaign. In the meantime, several other Republicans have lined up to challenge Kaptur, who currently represents a district Trump won in 2020.

Oklahoma. Filing deadline April 12.

3rd District (Northwestern Oklahoma) Frank Lucas, R, re-elected 75%. Trump 71%. Lucas, the dean of Oklahoma's congressional delegation, faced a serious primary challenge last cycle from pastor Wade Burleson. The congressman doesn't have any primary opponents yet, but some Republicans are worried about his prospects this cycle. Solid Republican.

Oregon. Filing deadline March 12.

5th District (Southern Portland suburbs and central Oregon) Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. Jamie McCleod-Skinner, the 2022 nominee who unseated moderate Rep. Kurt Schrader in the primary, is likely to run again. Former Clackamas County commissioner/Metro Council President Lynn Petersen is also likely to run, and state Rep. Janelle Bynum is seriously considering running as well. McCleod-Skinner would be the initial frontrunner in a primary, though some Democrats worry she's too progressive for the district. Toss-up.

6th District (Salem area and southwestern Portland suburbs) Andrea Salinas, D, elected 50%. Biden 55%. This district isn't a priority for the GOP at the moment, but the freshman congresswoman could be vulnerable if the presidential race starts to look more competitive in the Beaver State. Mike Erickson, who lost to Salinas by 2.5 points last November, is likely to run again. Clackamas County Commissioner Ben West is another potential candidate to watch. Lean Democratic.

Pennsylvania. Filing deadline February 2024.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 55%. Biden 52%. Despite the Democratic lean of this district in presidential contests, suburban voters have remained loyal to Fitzpatrick. Democrats need a strong candidate to make this race competitive. So far, the only candidate in the race is Ashley Ehasz, an Army veteran who lost to Fitzpatrick by 10 points in 2022. Ehasz struggled to gain traction last cycle, but she may be in a better position this time if she can improve her fundraising. Likely Republican.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Susan Wild, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 49.7%. For the past two cycles, Wild has faced serious challenges from Lisa Scheller, the CEO of Silberline Manufacturing. But after pouring

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millions of her own dollars into unsuccessful campaigns, Scheller isn't likely to run for a third time. At least two other Republicans are seriously considering running — state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie and Air Force veteran Kevin Dellicker, who ran in the 2022 GOP primary. María Montero, the public affairs director for Pennsylvania Convention Center, is also a potential Republican candidate. Tilt Democratic.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 51%. Cartwright seems to have cracked the code for holding onto a district that favors Republicans at the presidential level. While he should be a top target, Republicans have yet to find a candidate to take on the congressman. Jim Bognet hasn't ruled out a third campaign, but after he lost to Cartwright in 2020 and 2022 Republicans are looking for a fresher face. The party doesn't have a deep bench in this region of the state, but state Sen. Rosemary Brown and Kuharchik Construction CEO Robert Bresnahan have been floated as potential candidates. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. As this district becomes more suburban, Democrats have an opportunity to seriously compete against Perry, the chairman of the House Freedom Caucus. Harrisburg City Councilwoman Shamaine Daniels, who ran against Perry last cycle, is running again, but Democrats are looking for other options. Likely Republican.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, elected 53%. Biden 52%. Whoever Republicans nominate will almost certainly have to run ahead of the top of the ticket in this suburban district — Biden won it by 6 points in 2020 and Gov. Josh Shapiro won it by a whopping 25 points in 2022. Jim Nelson, a pastor and Air Force veteran from Pittsburgh, announced a campaign in April, and is liked by Republicans in D.C. (he was featured in an anti-Deluzio ad from the Congressional Leadership Fund last cycle). State Rep. Rob Mercuri, an Army veteran and West Point graduate, is also weighing a campaign. And Jeremy Shaffer, the tech entrepreneur who ran against Deluzio last cycle, hasn't ruled out a bid yet. Lean Democratic.

Rhode Island. Filing deadline June 26, 2024.

1st District (Eastern and southern Providence and eastern Rhode Island) Vacant; David Cicilline, D, resigned to lead the Rhode Island Foundation. Biden 64%. The Democratic primary for the special election to replace Cicilline — the real contest in this deep-blue seat — will take place on Sept. 5. There are seventeen declared candidates, and another dozen potential contenders who have expressed interest or haven't ruled themselves out. The field already includes Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos, one former and five current state legislators, two municipal leaders, and former advisers to Biden and former Gov. Gina Raimondo. Matos has support from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and a bevy of endorsements. Former state Rep. Aaron Regunberg is working to consolidate progressive support. The LGBTQ Victory Fund, which had a close relationship with Cicilline, has co-endorsed former Raimondo aide Nick Autiello and former Rep. Joe Kennedy II staffer Donald Carlson. And former Biden aide Gabe Amo is staking a claim as the race's fundraising leader. The eventual winner of the primary could scrape out a victory with under 20 percent of the vote. Solid Democratic.

South Carolina. Filing deadline March 30.

1st District (Coastal South Carolina and Charleston suburbs) Nancy Mace, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 54%. Whether or not this district is

competitive is dependent on the outcome of a legal battle over South Carolina's new congressional map. At the beginning of the year, a panel of federal judges ruled that the 1st had been racially gerrymandered and ordered the GOP-controlled state legislature to draw a new map. But Republicans appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court, which has agreed to take up the case this fall. If the Supreme Court overrules the decision, Mace should be in a strong position to win re-election. Two Democrats, businessman Michael B. Moore and attorney Mac Deford, have announced campaigns. Likely Republican.

Texas. Filing deadline Dec. 11.

15th District (Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, elected 53%. Trump 51%. Michelle Vallejo,



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Michelle Vallejo

who ran against De La Cruz last cycle, has announced a rematch against the freshman congresswoman. It remains to be seen whether the 2024 Democratic primary will be as competitive as it was in 2022, when Vallejo eked out a win in the primary

runoff against Ruben Ramirez. Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez is weighing a campaign, but some strategists are skeptical that the 79-year-old Democrat will run. Ramirez isn't expected to run again, though another 2022 candidate, John Rigney, is considering running. Other potential candidates include Pharr Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez and former McAllen Mayor Jim Darling. Lean Republican.

23rd District (San Antonio suburbs to El Paso suburbs) Tony Gonzales, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 53%. Gonzales' moderate positions on immigration and support for gay marriage have drawn the ire of Republican activists. Two candidates are challenging him in the primary, and he was censured by the Texas GOP in March. But the congressman is in a fairly strong position — he raised \$1.3 million in the first quarter of the year and rolled out endorsements from close to 80 local Republicans. If Gonzales does lose the primary, Democrats believe this district could be competitive in the general election. One potential candidate could be state Sen. Roland Guterrez, who plans to run for Senate but could drop down to this House race (conveniently giving Rep. Colin Allred a smoother path to the Democratic nomination against Sen. Ted Cruz). Solid Republican.

28th District (Laredo and eastern San Antonio suburbs) Henry Cuellar, D, re-elected 57%. Biden 53%. After Republicans spent nearly \$11 million to try to unseat Cuellar last cycle, the congressman defeated his Republican opponent by double digits. He isn't likely to face that level of opposition next year and isn't on the NRCC's initial target list. And while some progressive organizations still hope to challenge him in the primary, they don't have a candidate yet. Likely Democratic.

32nd District (Northern Dallas) Open; Colin Allred, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 66%. Allred's Senate bid leaves this comfortably Democratic seat open, providing a rare opportunity for Dallas Democrats interested in running for Congress. Brian Williams, a trauma surgeon and a retired Air Force veteran, became the first

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Democrat to launch a serious campaign. State Reps. Julie Johnson and Rhetta Andrews Bowers are also actively weighing bids, but wouldn't be able to start fundraising for a federal campaign until June 19. Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson has also been floated as a potential candidate but hasn't publicly expressed interest in running. And Justin Moore, a civil rights attorney and former assistant DA, has thrown his hat in the ring. Solid Democratic.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, elected 53%. Biden 57%. Gonzalez isn't particularly vulnerable this cycle. Mayra Flores, who briefly represented the old, more competitive version of this district, lost to Gonzalez by 8 points last November, and higher turnout during a presidential cycle should help Democrats in this part of Texas. Republicans don't have a strong candidate here, though Flores hasn't ruled out a rematch. Likely Democratic.

Utah. Filing deadline March 21.

2nd District (Central and western Salt Lake City and southwestern Utah) Open; Chris Stewart, R, resigning. Trump 57%. Stewart unexpectedly announced his exit from Congress to care for his ailing wife. Under current Utah law, the earliest a special election primary — the real contest that matters in this deeply Republican seat — can take place is in November, concurrent with the state's municipal elections. That would be followed by a general election in March 2024, concurrent with the state's presidential primary. Stewart told *Roll Call* he was eyeing a September exit. Solid Republican.

Virginia. Filing deadline April 11.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, elected 52%. Biden 50%. With former Rep. Elaine Luria unlikely to run, Democrats are on the prowl for another veteran to run in this military-heavy district. Right now the party is focusing on Missy Cotter Smasal, a retired Navy officer and the executive director of Valor Run, a nonprofit that supports veterans. Cotter Smasal narrowly lost a state Senate race in 2019. Former Air Force fighter pilot Sean Monteiro could look at it as well — provided he wins his state House bid this year. Tilt Republican.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Abigail Spanberger, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Republicans are still looking for a top-tier candidate to take on Spanberger, one of Democrats' strongest fundraisers and national stars. Army veteran Shaliek Tarpley and marketing officer Bill Moher are in the race but aren't expected to seriously compete. Retired Army Green Beret Derrick Anderson could run again — he placed second in the GOP primary in 2022. But Republicans will need a lot to go their way to get past Spanberger in this expensive market. Lean Democratic.

10th District (Southwestern D.C. suburbs and exurbs) Jennifer Wexton, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 58%. Wexton got a scare last year when she beat Republican Hung Cao by just a few points. But Democrats aren't concerned about this district in a presidential year, especially with Trump looking likely to be the GOP nominee at the top of the ticket. Likely Democratic.

Washington. Filing deadline May 17.

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, elected 50.4%. Trump 51%. Perez's upset win last cycle was propelled by moderate voters who rejected Joe Kent, an Army veteran and

conservative activist who had unseated then-Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler in the primary. Kent is running again, so Republicans are actively looking for a less polarizing candidate to take on the freshman congresswoman. At this point, other potential GOP candidates include state Senate Minority Leader John Braun and Camas City Council Member Leslie Lewallen. But Kent has a strong hold on the GOP base in the district — he was just endorsed by the Clark County GOP (the largest county in the district) — and will be difficult to beat. Republicans still believe they can win if Kent becomes the nominee, but Perez would be in a stronger position. Toss-up.

8th District (Eastern Seattle suburbs and part of Central Washington) Kim Schrier, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 52%. Republicans aren't that optimistic about defeating Schrier this cycle, though her purple district makes her a perennial target. Carmen Goers, a commercial banker and former state House candidate, is the only Republican challenging Schrier at this point. Lean Democratic.

West Virginia. Filing deadline Jan. 26.

2nd District (Eastern and northern West Virginia) Open; Alex Mooney, R, is running for Senate. Trump 68%. Four candidates have filed here but the clear favorite is state Treasurer Riley Moore, the nephew of Sen. Shelley Moore Capito and grandson of former Gov. Arch Moore. State Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is running for governor instead. Solid Republican.

Wisconsin. Filing deadline June 1.

1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 50%. Since liberal judge Janet Protasiewicz won a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and shifted the balance of power away from the conservatives, Democrats are increasingly hopeful that the court will order Wisconsin's congressional map to be redrawn — ideally to create at least one more seat Democrats could pick up in the evenly divided state. Ongoing litigation over the map has slowed down the start of campaign season in the Badger State, even in districts such as the 1st, which on paper should be competitive. Credible candidates such as Racine Mayor Cory Mason will want to see how the map shakes out before making a decision about a congressional bid. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, elected 52%. Trump 51%. State Sen. Brad Pfaff is considering another run after losing narrowly to Van Orden last year in a race that both parties thought would be a blowout. If he runs, Pfaff will probably have the primary to himself. If he doesn't throw his hat into the ring, Eau Claire boutique owner Rebecca Cooke and retired CIA officer Deb McGrath could both take a look at the race. Redistricting could scramble the picture, if this district becomes more Democratic. Likely Republican.

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July 20	FIFA Women's World Cup starts
Aug. 8	Mississippi Governor Primary
Aug. 10	Louisiana Governor Filing Deadline
Aug. 29	Mississippi Governor Primary Runoff (if necessary)
Oct. 14	Louisiana Governor Primary
Nov. 7	Kentucky and Mississippi General Election
Nov. 18	Louisiana Governor Runoff (if necessary)