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2024 House Overview: Out of the Shadows

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At risk of being overshadowed by the presidential race and a tight fight for the Senate majority, the House will not be denied a part of the 2024 spotlight.

Democrats need a net gain of just five seats out of 435 to retake the House, so the majority has been in play since the beginning of the cycle. But Republicans' impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden will put the House at center stage, at least for a few weeks.

The political fallout from the inquiry is hard to predict without knowing what — if anything — could be uncovered, and if Republicans can demonstrate simultaneous care for economic and security issues while exacting revenge against Biden.

But the fight for the House has many other factors colliding. Democrats believe Biden's mediocre job approval rating will improve after paid TV ads explain his economic accomplishments. And they believe presidential turnout will boost their candidates, particularly in New York and California, where the party felt a drag in the 2022 midterm elections.

Republicans are excited to be rid of their own political anchors from last cycle, including Doug Mastriano in Pennsylvania, and are confident in their incumbents who have prevailed previously in tough races.

There's some uncertainty with redistricting, but the net result of new maps alone could be minimal. And there's the obvious unknown of a presidential candidate potentially on trial during the heat of the race.

At this point, the fight for the House majority is close to a jump ball.

Yet even though the House has its own unique circumstances, the presidential race still casts a shadow. There's a strong correlation between the presidential race and House results. So it's important that the presidential contest stays competitive for each party to stay competitive in the fight for the House. Even strong candidates can only outperform by a handful of points.

If one presidential nominee's support collapses, he'll likely pull down his party's chances of winning the House majority as well.

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2024 House Ratings

Toss-Up (4D, 7R)

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

Tilt Democratic (5D)

CA 47 (Open; Porter, D)
OH 13 (Sykes, D)
PA 7 (Wild, D)
PA 8 (Cartwright, D)
VA 7 (Spanberger, D)*

Tilt Republican (9R)

AZ 1 (Schweikert, R)
AZ 6 (Ciscomani, R)
CA 22 (Valadao, R)
CO 3 (Boebert, R)#
IA 3 (Nunn, R)
MI 10 (James, R)
NJ 7 (Kean Jr., R)*
NY 19 (Molinaro, R)
VA 2 (Kiggans, R)

Lean Democratic (13D)

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 3 (Lee, D)
NH 1 (Pappas, D)
NY 18 (Ryan, D)
OH 1 (Landsman, D)
OH 9 (Kaptur, D)
OR 6 (Salinas, D)
PA 17 (Deluzio, D)

Lean Republican (7R)

CA 41 (Calvert, R)
CA 45 (Steel, R)
IA 1 (Miller-Meeks, R)#
MT 1 (Zinke, R)#
NE 2 (Bacon, R)
NY 1 (LaLota, R)
TX 15 (De La Cruz, R)

	GOP	DEM
Solid	182	171
Likely/Lean/Tilt	26	31
Total	208	202
Toss-up		11
North Carolina		14
Needed for majority		218

Likely Democratic (13D)

CA 49 (Levin, D)
FL 9 (Soto, D)
IN 1 (Mrvan, D)
KS 3 (Davids, D)
MD 6 (Open; Trone, D)
MI 8 (Kildee, D)
NV 1 (Titus, D)#
NV 4 (Horsford, D)
NH 2 (Kuster, D)
OR 4 (Hoyle, D)*
TX 34 (Gonzalez, D)
VA 10 (Wexton, D)
WA 8 (Schriner, D)#

Likely Republican (10R)

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

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

North Carolina ratings are being withheld
pending a new map.

Report Shorts

Montana Senate. A new group calling itself Last Best Place PAC has begun a six-figure ad campaign against GOP Senate candidate Tim Sheehy, the former Navy SEAL and aerial firefighting CEO who is currently the only Republican in the race. Politico points out that, while the PAC’s donors won’t be made public until early next year, there are indications the group is affiliated with Democrats. GOP Rep. Matt Rosendale still hasn’t jumped in despite teasing a run for much of this year. Sheehy is the choice of Republican leaders including National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Steve Daines and Gov. Greg Gianforte. Toss-up.

Montana Governor. Democrat Ryan Busse launched his campaign against Gov. Greg Gianforte with an introductory video that leaned heavily on his upbringing as a Montana “ranch kid” and his affinity for firearms. Busse was an executive at gun manufacturer Kimber for two decades before becoming disillusioned with the industry and leaving to be a gun safety advocate. He most recently served as a senior advisor to gun control group Giffords. Busse faces long odds against the billionaire Gianforte, now that Montana is firmly a red state. Solid Republican.

North Carolina Governor. Former state Supreme Court Justice Michael Morgan entered the Democratic primary. He’s the second major candidate to declare, after state Attorney General Josh Stein, who has been endorsed by outgoing Gov. Roy Cooper. Democratic strategists had been hoping Stein would have a clear path to the nomination; whoever wins the primary will face a tough fight in the general election against the eventual GOP nominee. Toss-up.

Utah Senate. Republican Mitt Romney announced he would not seek a second term in the Senate, capping a rollercoaster career for an elder statesman of the GOP that included two runs for Senate 24 years apart, one term as governor of Massachusetts, two presidential runs, and two votes to convict a president from his own party.

An open GOP Senate primary in Utah could attract a wide swath of contenders, ranging from some of the most Trump-skeptical members of the party to strident MAGA supporters. Riverton Mayor Trent Staggs was already running in the primary against Romney, who he saw as insufficiently conservative. And state House Speaker Brad Wilson set up an exploratory committee earlier this year that has amassed \$2 million

2024 Senate Ratings

Toss-Up	
Brown (D-Ohio)	Tester (D-Mont.)
Sinema (I-Ariz.)	
Tilt Democratic	Tilt Republican
Casey (D-Penn.)	Manchin (D-W.V.)
Rosen (D-Nev.)	
Lean Democratic	Lean Republican
MI Open (Stabenow, D)	
Baldwin (D-Wis.)	
Likely Democratic	Likely Republican
	Cruz (R-Texas)
Solid Democratic	Solid Republican
CA Open (Feinstein, D)	IN Open (Braun, R)
DE Open (Carper, D)	UT Open (Romney, R)
MD Open (Cardin, D)	Barrasso (R-Wyo.)
Cantwell (D-Wash.)	Blackburn (R-Tenn.)
Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)	Cramer (R-N.D.)
Heinrich (D-N.M.)	Fischer (R-Neb.)
Hirono (D-Hawaii)	Hawley (R-Mo.)
Kaine (D-Va.)	Ricketts (R-Neb.)
King (I-Maine)	Scott (R-Fla.)
Klobuchar (D-Minn.)	Wicker (R-Miss.)
Menendez (D-N.J.)	
Murphy (D-Conn.)	
Sander (I-Vt.)	
Warren (D-Mass.)	
Whitehouse (D-R.I.)	

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he can put toward an expected bid. Former Rep. Jason Chaffetz has indicated his interest in running, and Reps. John Curtis and Blake Moore could run as well. Former state Rep. Becky Edwards fell short in her quest for the 2nd District seat but could run in a more moderate lane — she previously ran for Senate in 2022. Former gubernatorial candidates Aimee Winder Newton and Thomas Wright, 2018 Senate candidate/state Sen. Mike Kennedy, and Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson all deserve spots on the list as well. State Attorney General Sean Reyes will not run. One thing is for sure: a Republican will win this seat next year. No Democrat has won a Utah Senate race since 1970. Solid Republican. **IE**

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Alabama.

Democrats are on track to gain a seat in the Yellowhammer State, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the state's congressional map likely violated the Voting Rights Act. The state was ordered by federal judges to enact a new map that included two majority Black (or close to majority Black) districts, but the Republican-controlled state Legislature failed to do so. The map drawing process is now in the hands of a court-appointed special master, who has until Sept. 25 to produce three map drafts.

Because voting in Alabama is so racially polarized, a second majority Black district should elect a new Democratic member (forcing out one Republican member of the current delegation). Ultimately, the Supreme Court's decision will have ramifications for redistricting cases in Louisiana, Georgia, and across the South, though it's less clear that those states will have new maps in time for the 2024 elections.

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

At-Large, Mary Peltola, D, re-elected 55%. Trump 53%. Peltola should be one of Democrats' most vulnerable members, since her district is more Republican than any other held by her party. But the lack of a clear GOP standard-bearer, plus Alaska's unique top-four ranked-choice electoral system, provides the Blue Dog some extra job security. The only announced Republican in the race is Nick Begich, the tech entrepreneur



Mary Peltola

Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call

and political dynast who came in third in the special election and regular election for this seat last year. But national Republicans strategists are wary of Begich and are still looking for other candidates, potentially Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development commissioner Julie Sande, deputy commissioner Cathy Munoz, or Revenue Commissioner Adam Crum. With multiple credible Republicans in the race, Peltola's path would be easier, since the Republicans will spend time and money beating each other up all the way to the general election, as they did in 2022. Lean Democratic.

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

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) David Schweikert, R, re-elected 50%. Biden 50%. Democrats are anxious to unseat Schweikert, whose district has become less hospitable for him as the Phoenix suburbs have trended away from Republicans. But the party first has to deal with a crowded primary of at least seven Democratic candidates. The frontrunners in the race are former news anchor Marlene Galán-Woods (the widow of the late Republican Attorney General Grant Woods), former Arizona Democratic Party Chairman Andrei Cherny, and state Rep. Amish Shah. Tilt Republican.

3rd District (Downtown and western Phoenix) Open; Ruben Gallego, D, running for Senate. Biden 75%. What started out as a crowded Democratic field has quickly winnowed over the past month. Phoenix City Councilmember Laura Pastor (former Rep. Ed Pastor's daughter) and school board member Ylenia Aguilar have dropped

out of the race, leaving state Sen. Raquel Terán and Phoenix City Councilmember Yassamin Ansari as the frontrunners for the Democratic nomination. Terán, the former state Senate minority leader, is backed by Sen. Mark Kelly and was a progressive activist for years before she was elected to the legislature in 2018. Ansari, the youngest woman ever elected to the Phoenix City Council, had an impressive second fundraising quarter and raised more than all of her opponents combined. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, elected 51%. Biden 49.3%. Unlike last cycle, former state Sen. Kirsten Engel has the Democratic primary to herself (Jack O'Donnell, the former CEO of the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino, has dropped out of the race). This will allow Engel to stockpile campaign funds and focus on the general election. But she faces a tough opponent in Ciscomani, who raised \$800,000 in the last fundraising quarter. Tilt Republican.

California. Filing deadline Dec. 8. Primary March 5.

3rd District (Northeastern Sacramento suburbs and Lake Tahoe Death Valley) Kevin Kiley, R, elected 54%. Trump 49.7%. Democrat Jessica Morse, who recently left her position as deputy secretary for forest and wildfire resilience at the California Natural Resources Agency, launched her campaign against Kiley. She sought a previous version of this seat in 2018, losing to GOP Rep. Tom McClintock by 8 points, 54-46 percent. While Democratic strategists believe this district is trending in their direction, they're not convinced it's ripe this cycle. Likely Republican.

12th District (Oakland and Berkeley) Open; Barbara Lee, D, running for Senate. Biden 89%. Bay Area Rapid Transit Board member Lateefah Simon is the fundraising leader in the race to succeed Lee in one of the most Democratic districts in the country. She had \$295,000 in the bank on June 30 and a bevy of local and state-level endorsements. Navy veteran Tim Sanchez has backing from several Hispanic members of Congress, as well as the Congressional Hispanic Caucus PAC and VoteVets, which supports Democratic veterans, but Sanchez had just \$31,000 in the bank on June 30. Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Tran has backing from the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus PAC. Two Democrats will make it to the general election, where the battle lines may be clearer. Solid Democratic.

13th District (Mid-Central Valley) John Duarte, R, elected 50%. Biden 54%. Former state Assemblyman Adam Gray is running again after losing to Duarte by just a few hundred votes. Businessman Phil Arballo, who placed third in the 2022 primary for this district, is also acting like he's running — raising a small amount of money and attending political events — but is not a real factor in the race. National Democratic strategists expect Gray to be the nominee. Duarte is a top target for Democrats. Toss-up.

22nd District (Southern Central Valley and eastern Bakersfield area) David Valadao, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 55%. Democratic strategists still believe that Rudy Salas, the former state assemblyman who fell short of Valadao last year, is well-positioned to win this cycle, especially after seeing how Valadao underperformed other Republicans in the district for the first time. And in a presidential year, Democrats are hopeful for higher turnout in Kern County, where most of the district's Democratic votes come from. But first Salas will have to get past state Sen. Melissa Hurtado, whose state legislative district includes almost all of the

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congressional district. Hurtado's first fundraising report (due Oct. 15) after jumping in the race will help clarify how serious a contender she is. On the GOP side, Valadao could face another challenge from rancher Chris Mathys, who nearly beat him out for the second general election spot in 2022. Tilt Republican.

27th District (Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale in northern Los Angeles County) Mike Garcia, R, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. Democratic strategists are excited about former Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides (and his hefty bank account). Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commissioner Franky Carrillo is still in the race but he hasn't made much noise since launching his campaign on *Morning Joe* in April. He raised just \$26,000 in the first eight weeks after that, and reported just \$13,000 in the bank on June 30 — Whitesides had \$1.2 million. Democratic strategists are just happy that their candidate isn't former state Assemblywoman Christy Smith, who lost to Garcia three straight times. Toss-up.

30th District (Los Angeles, Burbank, and Glendale) Open; Adam Schiff, D, running for Senate. Biden 72%. More than a dozen candidates are seeking Schiff's open seat, but the top tier of contenders is former Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, state Sen. Anthony Portantino, state Rep. Laura Friedman, LA school board member Nick Melvoin, and actor Ben Savage. Those five are raising (or in Savage's case, self-funding) the money necessary to compete in an expensive media market and have built-in networks of support within the district. West Hollywood Mayor Sepi Shyne, former State Department Senior Advisor for Health Equity Policy Jirair Ratevosian, and Silverlake Neighborhood Councilmember Maebe A. Girl are also running. Physician Alex Balekian is running as a Republican. Any number of outcomes are possible at this point, though the seat will stay in Democratic hands. Solid Democratic.

31st District (Eastern San Gabriel Valley) Open; Grace Napolitano, D, retiring. Biden 65%. Three Democrats are already running to succeed Napolitano: state Sens. Bob Archuleta and Susan Rubio, and former Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz; Napolitano endorsed Archuleta, who has been raising money for this race all year. Former Rep. Gil Cisneros is about to jump in, though his old district just barely overlaps with this seat. Cisneros, wealthy from a 2010 Mega Millions win, just left his job as Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness in Washington, D.C. Solid Democratic.

40th District (Eastern Orange County) Young Kim R, re-elected 57%. Biden 49.9%. Kim will be a tough out for Democrats, who did not seriously contest this seat in 2022. She performed better than all but one statewide candidate in the district. Democrats have a competitive primary brewing between Tustin Unified School District Board Member Allyson Muñoz Damikolas and former Orange County Fire Captain Joe Kerr. National Democratic strategists are warmer on Damikolas, an engineer with a compelling story, than Kerr, who is coming off of back-to-back losses for state Senate and county supervisor in 2022 and 2020. But Kerr has support from Reps. Katie Porter and Adam Schiff, and heavy hitting unions including the International Association of Fire Fighters. Likely Republican.

41st District (Southern Riverside suburbs to Palm Springs) Ken Calvert, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 50%. Democrats are very bullish on this seat now that it includes Palm Springs, which has a high concentration of LGBTQ residents. Likely Democratic nominee Will Rollins is openly gay, while Calvert only abandoned his opposition to gay marriage last year. Rollins, who lost to Calvert in 2022 by 5 points,

is one of the top fundraising challengers in the country and, unlike last year, won't have to spend money to get past another Democrat in the primary. The district is headed in Democrats' direction, but Calvert has stepped up his fundraising game and will have plenty of money to defend himself. Lean Republican.

45th District (Western Orange County) Michelle Steel, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Democrats wish Garden Grove City Councilwoman



Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call

Michelle Steel

Kim Bernice Nguyen were raising more money — she raised just \$150,000 in the first six months of the year and had \$55,000 in the bank on June 30 — and expect her to step up her game as the primary progresses. But national strategists

still believe that the millennial daughter of a Vietnamese refugee and Mexican immigrant has a profile that fits the district well. There aren't many other options for Democrats in what should be a top pickup opportunity; the other candidates are attorney and TikTokr Cheyenne Hunt, and attorney Aditya Pai, who recently made news by saying he was dropping out of the race, only to recant hours later. Consumer rights and personal injury attorney Derek Tran, who is an Army veteran, could join the race next month. Lean Republican.

47th District (Coastal Orange County and Irvine) Open; Katie Porter, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 54%. There's a real primary here for Democrats following frontrunner Dave Min's misdemeanor DUI charge. The state senator will have to fend off attorney Joanna Weiss, who is collecting endorsements from members of the state's congressional delegation and keeping pace with Min in fundraising. But Min has a base of support in Irvine, where much of the district's Democratic votes come from, and inroads with the district's substantial Asian American population. *Amazing Race* contestant and activist Dom Jones is also running as a Democrat. Min had hoped to enter the general election against likely GOP nominee Scott Baugh with a head of steam and full bank account, but now will have to spend to get through the primary, potentially with a boost from the SEIU, which has endorsed him. Baugh came just short of winning in 2022 but faces a tougher climb in a presidential year given the district's partisan lean. Tilt Democratic.

49th District (Coastal southern Orange and northern San Diego counties) Mike Levin, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. National Republicans are excited about Margarita Wilkinson, an executive at Spanish-language news company Entravision; GOP strategists like her immigrant story and capacity to self-fund. But the GOP field is crowded, with former state Senate nominee Matt Gunderson, automotive marketer Sheryl Adams, and Marine veteran Kate Monroe all in the race. Levin isn't top of mind for Republicans but this is one that could develop, especially if Biden's position slips from his 2020 performance. 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%. Other than introducing a bipartisan

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water bill earlier this term, Boebert has not tried to adjust her image as a congresswoman since barely hanging on to her seat last year. The two-term firebrand still doesn't shy away from controversy, and GOP strategists acknowledge that makes her vulnerable despite the district's favorable partisan lean. Adam Frisch, the former Aspen councilman who nearly ousted Boebert in 2022, is raising money hand over fist — he had \$2.5 million in the bank on June 30 (more than twice as much as any other House challenger in the country). Unlike in 2022, he will probably outspend Boebert, and had \$1 million more than her in the bank on June 30. Several other Democrats are running in the primary, most notably Grand Junction Mayor Anna Stout, but are serious underdogs against Frisch. Two recent Democratic polls showed this race tied, even as Trump would win it easily over Biden. Move from Lean Republican to Tilt Republican.

4th District (Eastern Colorado and Denver exurbs) Ken Buck, R, re-elected 61%. Trump 57%. Buck nearly missed the primary ballot last year after an upstart challenger won the district assembly; he ultimately won his primary, 74-26 percent. This year, Buck might attract a challenger due to his hesitancy to impeach Biden. But he won't be caught unawares like last time. CNN lists state Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg and state Rep. Richard Holtorf as potential contenders. Solid Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Yadira Caraveo, D, elected 48%. Biden 51%. Two Republicans are running

to take on Caraveo, who won in 2022 with a lower share of the vote than any other member of Congress. Weld County Commissioner Scott James, who hosts a drive time radio show, was the first to jump in, followed by state Rep. Gabe



Gabe Evans

Courtesy Evans Campaign

Evans. National GOP strategists like Evans' profile — he's a young Hispanic former police officer / Army Black Hawk pilot — but he'll have to prove himself in a primary against James, who has more political history in the district. Former state Rep. Dan Woog and Weld County Commissioner Steve Moreno are also considering bids, but 2022 nominee Barb Kirkmeyer is out. And Joe O'Dea, the party's 2022 Senate nominee, could run too, but if he does he probably won't get in until the filing deadline. Colorado is tough sledding for Republicans but the close partisan split of this district should keep things interesting. 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%. Republican strategists are confident that George Logan, the former state senator who nearly ousted Hayes last year, is running again. That will make this seat competitive, but in a presidential year Hayes has more advantages. In 2022, Republicans were counting on GOP gubernatorial nominee Bob Stefanowski to carry this district and boost Logan, but the Republican lost it by 4 points. In 2024, Biden will win the district, potentially by double digits. Lean Democratic.

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 in 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 reported \$400,000 in her campaign account on June 30, while the others entered the race in the third quarter. This race has barely begun. Solid Democratic.

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

9th District (Orlando and southern suburbs) Darren Soto, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 58%. Republicans have a strong candidate in John Quiñones, a former state legislator and Osceola County commissioner. Quiñones, the first Puerto Rican Republican elected to the Florida state legislature, ran for Congress over a decade ago and lost in the GOP primary. He doesn't have any serious primary opponents this time around, but he'd have an uphill climb in the general election. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis won this seat by 2 points, but Florida Democrats should have a better year in 2024 — and Biden won this seat by 17 points in 2020. Likely Democratic.

11th District (Western Orlando suburbs and The Villages) Daniel Webster, R, re-elected 63%. Trump 55%. Unlike last cycle, the National Republican Congressional Committee will be actively protecting incumbents who face serious primary challenges. So far, Republicans aren't too worried about Webster, though he only won his primary by 7 points in 2022. This time he's likely to have two challengers — right-wing activist Laura Loomer (his opponent last cycle) and former state Rep. Anthony Sabatini (who ran for another open congressional seat in 2022). Solid Republican.

13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, elected 53%. Trump 53%. This district is on the very edge of the battleground. The first-term congresswoman's fundraising isn't great (she raised \$350,000 in the second quarter), and she's a staunch Trump supporter. But so far, Democrats are striking out on recruitment. Likely Republican.

23rd District (Coastal Fort Lauderdale area) Jared Moskowitz, D, elected 52%. Biden 56%. Flipping this seat would be a reach for

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Republicans, and the NRCC doesn't even have the district on their target list. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) Maria Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 49.9%. Democrats should do better here during a presidential cycle — and having a South Floridian as their likely Senate nominee doesn't hurt. But so far, Salazar doesn't have any serious challengers, and she's bolstered her bipartisan credentials by working with House Democrats on an immigration bill. Likely Republican.

Illinois. Filing deadline Dec. 4. Primary March 19.

7th District (West Side and downtown Chicago) Danny Davis, D, uncontested. Biden 86%. Davis, 82, has officially announced his re-election campaign, but yet again, he's likely to face multiple primary challengers. Progressive activist Kina Collins is running against him for the third cycle in a row; she came 6 points away from defeating him in 2022. Chicago City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin, who launched an exploratory committee in April, is still eyeing a bid — but according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*, her campaign launch, originally scheduled for early September, was delayed by an ethics investigation. Solid Democratic.

12th District (Southern Illinois and southeastern St. Louis exurbs) Mike Bost, R, re-elected 75%. Trump 71%. Bost could be in serious

danger of losing the Republican primary to state Sen. Darren Bailey. Bailey, the Republican nominee for governor last cycle, has relatively high name ID across the state, and he represented this part of downstate Illinois in the state Legislature



Mike Bost

for four years. Anticipating a competitive race, the congressman has racked up a long list of local GOP endorsements and is touting his support for Trump; his campaign website also features an endorsement from Trump — but from the 2022 cycle. The former president hasn't taken sides, though his son Donald Trump Jr. is fundraising with Bailey. Solid Republican.

17th District (North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington) Eric Sorensen, D, elected 52%. Biden 53%. The GOP primary field is expected to grow — Republicans are trying to recruit a candidate with a background in criminal justice. Philanthropist Ray Estrada is the only Republican candidate in the race. Lean Democratic.

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

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 53%. After a few years of optimism about the district moving in their direction, Republicans are not focused on this seat this cycle. Trucking company CEO Randy Niemeyer is expected to announce his campaign in October, giving Republicans a credible candidate. Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Northeastern Indiana including Fort Wayne) Open; Jim Banks, R, running for Senate. Trump 64%. Tim Smith, a Fort

Wayne mayoral candidate in 2019, is the latest Republican to announce a campaign for this open seat. Among the now 10 Republicans in the primary field, circuit court judge Wendy Davis has the fundraising lead, but not by much. Former Rep. Marlin Stutzman, who represented this district from 2010 to 2017, has a name ID advantage and could get some support from his former colleagues in the House Freedom Caucus, but doesn't have much of a ground game. State Sen. Andy Zay has a slew of local endorsements. Construction project manager Grant Bucher and veterans Jon Kenworthy and Mike Felker are in a lower tier. Solid Republican.

5th District (Northern Indianapolis suburbs and part of central Indiana) Open; Victoria Spartz, R, not running for re-election. Trump 57%. State Rep. Chuck Goodrich, a wealthy construction company president, is still the frontrunner in this Republican primary. But the field is growing. Raju Chinthala, founder of the Indiana India Business Council and treasurer for the Hamilton County GOP, announced a campaign at the beginning of September. Max Engling, McCarthy's Member Services Director and a former Kohl's model who topped *The Hill's* 50 Most Beautiful list in 2012, is also considering running here. This district is moving in Democrats' direction but won't be competitive this cycle. Solid Republican.

Iowa. Filing deadline March 15. Primary June 4.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 53%. Trump 50%. Former state Rep. Christina Bohannon is running again after losing to Miller-Meeks last year. She had a strong launch but faces an uphill climb in a state slipping away from the Democratic Party (which in turn has slighted Iowa in its presidential nominating order). Democratic strategists believe that the state's passage of a six-week abortion ban will give Bohannon and other candidates an opening. Move from Likely Republican to Lean Republican.

2nd District (Northeastern Iowa) Ashley Hinson, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. If the 2024 presidential election resembles the 2020 race, then this district will be highly competitive at the top of the ticket. But thus far there's scant interest from either party here. Republicans aren't worried about Hinson, and Democrats — after top recruit Liz Mathis was turned away by 8 points last cycle — are focusing elsewhere. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, elected 50%. Trump 49%. Democrats believe this race will be highly competitive, given the Democratic trend of Polk County (Des Moines) and the continued salience of abortion access. But they're struggling to find a candidate. Neither former Rep. Cindy Axne nor 2020 Senate candidate Theresa Greenfield have signaled they want to run. There was also some buzz surrounding former WHO 13 political director Dave Price. Tilt Republican.

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

3rd District (Kansas City suburbs) Sharice Davids, D, re-elected 55%. Biden 51%. Prasanth Reddy, an oncologist and former LabCorp executive, has national GOP strategists optimistic about putting this race on the map. He's also a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve and doesn't have ties to former Gov. Sam Brownback, who has been out of office for more than five years but whom Republicans in Washington still blame for many of their struggles in Kansas. Kansas City Police sergeant Jonathon Westbrook is also running and has a compelling profile. Davids

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is a tough incumbent and this area is shifting away from Republicans at a rapid clip. Likely Democratic.

Maine. Filing deadline March 15. Primary June 11.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 52%. State Rep. Austin Theriault is running as a Republican, and the 29-year-old former NASCAR driver has national GOP strategists excited. Theriault, who lives along the Canadian border, cuts a different profile than Golden's previous two opponents, investment manager/Rep. Bruce Poliquin and state Rep. Dale Crafts, who both hailed from the southern part of the district. But Golden's brand is strong. As much as Republicans would like to blame his victory last year on Poliquin's weaknesses, the reality is that the GOP spent nearly \$20 million on negative ads against Golden and he still entered Election Day with a strong image in the district. And Maine's ranked choice system has boosted him in the past. Lean Democratic.

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

6th District (Western Maryland and northwestern D.C. exurbs) Open; David Trone, D, running for Senate. Biden 54%. Lots of Democrats are

running but none begin with an advantage. State Dels. Lesley Lopez and Joe Vogel, Montgomery County Councilwoman Laurie-Anne Sayles, Hagerstown Mayor Tekesha Martinez, former Chevy



Lesley Lopez

Courtesy Lopez Campaign

Chase vice mayor Joel Rubin, 2022 gubernatorial candidate Ashwani Jain, and former HUD official Destiny Drake West are all in the race. Democratic strategists believe former Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner would be the strongest contender, but she's still undecided. April McClain-Delaney, an official in the Commerce Department and the wife of former 6th District Rep. John Delaney, is laying the groundwork for a run and would be a formidable contender who could self-fund a candidacy. On the GOP side, the most buzz is about former Navy pilot Tom Royals; former state Rep. Brenda Thiam is also running. Likely Democratic.

Michigan. Filing deadline April 23. Primary Aug. 6

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, elected 55%. Biden 53%. East Grand Rapids attorney Paul Hudson, who ran for the Michigan Supreme Court last cycle, announced he's challenging Scholten. Republicans in D.C. have been attempting to recruit Hudson for the past several months, but he doesn't have the primary to himself. The field also includes Michael Markey Jr., a gubernatorial candidate in 2022 who failed to collect enough signatures to get on the primary ballot, and Jason Ickes, the lead plaintiff for a legal effort to reverse the 2020 election result in Michigan. Lean Democratic.

7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Open; Elissa Slotkin, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 50%. Both parties have avoided the headaches of a competitive primary as they gear up for what

is likely to be one of the most competitive House races in the country. Michigan Democrats have coalesced around Curtis Hertel, a former state senator and former legislative affairs director for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. And former state Sen. Tom Barrett, who lost to Slotkin by 7 points in 2022, is poised to win the Republican nomination. Expect both parties to spend heavily in this swing seat — especially since the Lansing media market is relatively cheap. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Dan Kildee, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 50%. Biden only won this seat by 2 points, and it could be quite competitive in a presidential cycle. But not a single Republican has filed to run yet, and Kildee's personal brand has proven to be durable. Likely Democratic.

10th District (Macomb County) John James, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.8%. This Democratic primary field is still in flux. Former Macomb County judge and 2022 nominee Carl Marlinga is back for a rematch with James, and State Board of Education Member Tiffany Tilley just announced a campaign. Urologist Anil Kumar is also seriously considering running. The two other Democrats already running, financial planner Diane Young and gun violence prevention activist Emily Busch, have struggled to raise money. Marlinga launches his campaign as the clear frontrunner, because of his previous campaign and his deep roots in the district. In the meantime, James is filling up his war chest; he ended the second quarter with \$1.7 million on hand. Marlinga has some baggage (he beat federal corruption charges nearly two decades ago) but still came close to winning last cycle. Tilt Republican.

13th District (Detroit and southwestern suburbs) Shri Thanedar, D, elected 71%. Biden 74%. Thanedar won a competitive Democratic primary for this open seat with 28 percent last year, and some of his same opponents are reportedly eyeing a comeback. *Politico* reported that both former state Sen. Adam Hollier and John Conyers III are preparing to run again; Hollier came in second place with 24 percent, and Conyers came in fourth place with 8 percent. Thanedar is personally wealthy and spent millions on his campaign last cycle. 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%. Craig doesn't have any particularly serious Republican challengers yet. But GOP strategists say recruitment is still ongoing. Lean Democratic.

5th District (Minneapolis area) Ilhan Omar, DFL, re-elected 75%. Biden 81%. The progressive congresswoman is likely to face another serious primary challenge in 2024, after she won her 2022 primary by just 2 points. The pro-Israel group AIPAC is actively recruiting challengers to Omar, who boycotted Israeli President Isaac Herzog's address to Congress this summer and voted against a resolution asserting Israel was not a "racist or apartheid state." One potential moderate challenger is Minneapolis City Councilmember LaTrisha Vetaw. Former Minnesota National Guard recruiter Tim Peterson is already in the race, along with attorney Sarah Gad. As she prepares for a competitive primary, Omar has picked up endorsements from Jeffries, Minority Whip Katherine Clark, and Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar. Solid Democratic.

Montana. Filing deadline March 11. Primary June 4.

1st District (Western Montana) Ryan Zinke, R, elected 49.6%. Trump 52%. Both parties are girding for a rematch between Zinke and

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environmental lawyer/Olympian Monica Tranel. Montana is tough terrain for Democrats, but Sen. Jon Tester should run strong here in his re-election race (he would have carried the 1st by 10 points in 2018, when he won statewide by 3 points). That could help boost Tranel even with Biden lagging at the top of the ticket; Tester's well-funded operation could help Democrats turn out hard-to-reach voters on Native reservations. Move from Likely Republican to Lean Republican.

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

2nd District (Greater Omaha area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. 2022 Democratic nominee Tony Vargas is back for a rematch, and this time he doesn't appear to have a competitive primary. Democratic strategists believe that Vargas should be in a better position to win in a presidential cycle, with the Biden campaign's operation also focused on winning the 2nd District's Electoral College vote. But Bacon has proven his ability to separate himself from the top of the ticket — in 2020, Biden won the seat by 7 points while Bacon won re-election by 5 points. Lean Republican.

Nevada. Filing deadline March 15. Primary June 11.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. If Titus retires, flipping this district will be more of a priority for Republicans. But for now, it's seen as a reach. Restaurateur Flemming Larsen and 2022 nominee Mark Robertson are both running for the Republican nomination, and neither are seen as particularly strong candidates. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. If Republicans seriously contest one of Nevada's Democratic-held districts, it's most likely to be the 3rd. This district is slightly more Republican leaning than the 1st and the 4th, and GOP state Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama is a serious candidate with the backing of Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo. Kasama has two primary opponents running to her right — policy analyst Drew Johnson (who called Kasama a "RINO" after she announced) and 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%. Democrats have an 8-point advantage in this district, according to *Inside Elections'* Baseline metric (Horsford won re-election in 2022 by a narrower margin of 5 points). But the right Republican could make his race more competitive. One Republican operative in Nevada said that former North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee is expected to announce a campaign soon. Lee, a former Democratic state assemblyman, served as mayor from 2013 to 2022. Two years ago, he switched parties (citing the "socialist takeover" of Nevada's Democratic Party), and ran in the Republican gubernatorial primary in 2022, coming in fourth place. Air Force veteran David Flippo is also running. Likely Democratic.

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

1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Chris Pappas, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 52%. Former Executive Councilor Russell Prescott, a Republican, is running against Pappas, but probably won't clear the field; he placed fourth in the GOP primary here last year. Hollie Noveletsky, who owns steel fabricator Novel Iron Works, is a potential candidate, as is 2022 candidate/former news anchor Gail Huff Brown, wife of former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Western and northern New Hampshire) Annie Kuster, D, re-elected 56%. Biden 54%. Republicans need a candidate if they want to think about targeting this seat. Likely Democratic.

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

7th District (Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs) Tom Kean Jr., R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. The Democratic field continues



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Sue Altman

to grow but lacks a clear frontrunner. NJ Working Families Alliance director Sue Altman is raising a decent sum with her populist appeal, but some Democrats fear she's too progressive. Roselle Park Mayor Joe Signorello dropped

down from the Senate race to run, and former State Department official Jason Blazakis is running as well — he just moved back to the district after teaching at Middlebury College in Vermont. Summit town council president Greg Vartan is musing about running as well. Kean will have lots of money to spend, and continues to benefit from sharing a name with his well-regarded father, a former governor. Move from Toss-up to Tilt Republican.

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%. Republicans are cautiously optimistic that a lawsuit seeking to overturn New Mexico's congressional map will be successful, after the state Supreme Court let it proceed this summer. A district court should deliver a decision by October 1, though the loser will likely appeal. A return to the district's previous form would be helpful to former Rep. Yvette Herrell, who is challenging Vasquez. Toss-up.

New York. Filing deadline April. Primary June 25.

1st District (Eastern Long Island and north shore of Suffolk County) Nick LaLota, R, elected 54%. Biden 49.5%. Nancy Goroff, the wealthy chemistry professor who lost to then-Rep. Lee Zeldin in 2020, is gearing up for another run and reassembling her old campaign team. Goroff won't have the primary to herself — former state Sen. Jim Gaughran is already running, and Suffolk County Sheriff Errol Toulon Jr. has been mentioned as a potential candidate as well — but her previous run, personal wealth, and potential support from outside groups such as 314 Action and EMILY's List will make her the favorite in the primary. While this seat is currently at the bottom of Democrats' New York priority list, the state's highest court could shake things up by ordering a redrawing of the congressional map. If that happens, New York Democrats could make this seat much more hostile to LaLota. Lean Republican.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) George Santos, R, elected 54%. Biden 54%. Only Santos and the U.S. attorneys prosecuting him know what course this race will take. If Santos pleads out the numerous federal charges he faces and resigns from Congress, there will be a special election to replace him. In that scenario, the chairmen of the Nassau and Queens county parties would select their respective nominees without

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primary elections. Democratic strategists say that Nassau county party chairman Jay Jacobs would probably select former Rep. Tom Suozzi as the special election standard-bearer, while GOP operatives say that retired NYPD detective Mike Sapraicone is impressing local party leadership. Democrats would be favored in a special election.

But if Santos does not resign, he will almost certainly lose his primary; Sapraicone, Navy veteran Kellen Curry, Air Force veteran/attorney Greg Hach, and financial executive Jim Toes are all running in that race. On the Democratic side, former state Sen. Anna Kaplan, Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan, Democratic fundraiser Zak Malamed, and law professor Will Murphy are all running. If there's a special election, some or all of the Democrats might drop out in deference to Suozzi, but that's not a given. If there's no special election, it's not obvious Suozzi will even run in the primary. Either way, Santos is not likely to be a member of Congress in 2025. Toss-up.

4th District (Southern Nassau County) Anthony D'Esposito, R, elected 52%. Biden 57%. After running a barely-there campaign for several months, former Olympian Sarah Hughes dropped out of the race before ever officially launching. But that doesn't mean 2022 nominee/former Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen has a clear path to the nomination. State Sen. Kevin Thomas is also running. Thomas lives in Levittown, which is part of the 3rd District, and will have to play catch-up in fundraising with Gillen, who had \$340,000 in the bank on June 30. And while Thomas's state Senate district overlaps with just a third of the House seat, Gillen has appeared on 4th District Democrats' ballots four times in six years. D'Esposito is a top target, as Biden won more of the vote here than in any other district represented by a Republican. Toss-up.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, elected 50%. Biden 55%. Former Rep. Mondaire Jones is the leader in the primary to take on Lawler, benefitting from his prodigious fundraising and leftover name recognition from his time representing most of this district for two years. But he faces a primary challenge against former Lewisboro-Katonah School Board member Liz Geregthy, a local businesswoman and the sister of Michigan Gov.



Mondaire Jones

Gretchen Whitmer. Geregthy has a lot of work to do to introduce herself to the district's Democratic voters, and while she is raising some money — she had \$335,000 in the bank on June 30 — she will be financially outgunned by Jones. But Jones has some vulnerabilities after he left the Hudson Valley to seek a House seat in Brooklyn last year and endorsed defunding the police (a position he has since walked back).

Republicans are delighting in the Jones-Geregthy squabbles and like that Lawler is sitting on \$1.4 million in the bank as of June 30. As drawn, the district will be highly competitive no matter the Democratic nominee. But if Democrats in the state legislature get the opportunity to redraw the state's congressional map then this district could become significantly more difficult for Lawler to hold onto. Toss-up.

18th District (Upper Hudson Valley) Pat Ryan, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 53%. Republicans are waiting for Alison Esposito, the party's

2022 nominee for lieutenant governor, to decide if she wants to run for Congress, or a state Senate seat. Esposito owns a home in the district but lives in Manhattan and her name was also floated as a potential contender for the 3rd District earlier this year. Esposito, an openly gay 22-year veteran of the NYPD, would be a very different opponent for Ryan than state Rep. Colin Schmitt, who he narrowly bested last fall. But Ryan gets to run in a presidential cycle this time and Biden should carry this district; last year, Gov. Kathy Hochul lost the seat by 2 points. Lean Democratic.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Marc Molinaro, R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. Attorney Josh Riley, the 2022 nominee for this seat, is the presumptive Democratic nominee — he outraised the incumbent from April through June, though he reported \$634,000 in the bank on June 30 compared to Molinaro's \$1.1 million. This district could get more favorable to Democrats if the state legislature gets another crack at redistricting. Tilt Republican.

22nd District (Syracuse and Utica areas) Brandon Williams, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. Democrats see Williams as out of step with this upstate district, but will have to navigate a potentially messy primary before they can take him on. DeWitt Town Councilor Sarah Klee Hood is running again after nearly winning the 2022 primary on a shoestring budget, and her campaign is impressing strategists in D.C. with how much it has improved since 2022. Her main opponent is state Sen. John Mannion, who jumped in over the summer and has significant support from labor unions. Law professor Clem Harris is also running. Last cycle, New York's redistricting chaos left this district in limbo for many months, and if the maps are redrawn again it could become more favorable to Democrats. Toss-up.

North Carolina.

North Carolina's House races remain in limbo as candidates wait for the GOP-controlled state Legislature to finalize a new congressional map this fall. Democratic Reps. Jeff Jackson, Wiley Nickel, and Kathy Manning are all at risk of losing their seats since Republicans are expected to draw a map that will help them flip those three districts.

In the meantime, multiple Republicans have announced congressional campaigns. State Del. Erin Paré is running for the 13th District (held by Nickel). Pat Harrigan, who ran against Jackson in the 14th last cycle, also announced a campaign but did not specify which district he was running in. State House Speaker Tim Moore has congressional ambitions as well and would probably run in the successor to the current 14th. Jackson, meanwhile, might run statewide for attorney general instead of running for re-election.

GOP Rep. Dan Bishop, who represents the current 8th, announced he was running for attorney general last month. Baptist pastor and 2018 8th District nominee Mark Harris — whose congressional win was thrown out after his campaign operative tampered with ballots — is running for this safe Republican seat. Other potential candidates include state Rep. Dean Arp, Republican activist Dan Barry, and 2022 congressional candidate Bo Hines.

Ohio. Filing deadline December 20. Primary March 19.

1st District (Cincinnati area) Greg Landsman, D, elected 53%. Biden 54%. This district won't be any easier for Republicans to win in 2024 — Biden won it by 9 points in 2020, and the Republican nominee will likely have to overperform the top of the ticket by several points. Orlando

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Sonza, a Filipino-American Army veteran, announced a campaign in July. Republican strategists see the first-time candidate as a strong recruit, but he'll have an uphill climb against Landsman. Lean Democratic.

9th District (Toledo area and northwestern Ohio) Marcy Kaptur, D, re-elected 57%. Trump 51%. Kaptur is almost certain to have a more competitive race in 2024 than she did in 2022, when she defeated embattled Republican nominee J.R. Majewski by 13 points. Former state Rep. Craig Reidel, who finished second in the 2022 GOP primary, is the frontrunner for the nomination this cycle. But Majewski is publicly mulling a comeback bid, threatening to disrupt the GOP's plans. Lean Democratic.

13th District (Akron and Canton areas) Emilia Sykes, D, elected 53%. Biden 51%. Sykes represents Ohio's most competitive district — Democrats have just a 0.5-point advantage here according to *Inside Elections'* Baseline metric. But the freshman congresswoman doesn't have a serious challenger yet. Republicans were attempting to recruit former state GOP chair Jane Timken and state Sen. Kristina Roegner, but both have now ruled out bids. Hudson City Councilman Chris Banweg filed to run a month ago but has yet to announce a campaign. Tilt Democratic.

Oregon. Filing deadline March 12. Primary May 21.

4th District (Southern Willamette Valley and south coast) Val Hoyle, D, elected 51%. Biden 55%. A recent spate of headlines have revealed Hoyle's ties to the corruption scandal that took down former Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan. During Hoyle's tenure as the commissioner of Oregon's Bureau of Labor & Industries, the bureau attempted to create an apprenticeship program that benefitted cannabis dispensary owners Rosa Cazares and Aaron Mitchell — both of whom had donated significantly to Hoyle's campaign. (Fagan resigned after her consulting gig for Cazares and Mitchell's dispensary was publicized). The bureau is also facing allegations of racial discrimination from one of Hoyle's employees. Hoyle is still in a decent position to win re-election since Republicans don't have a candidate, but these allegations make her more vulnerable. Move from Solid Democratic to Likely Democratic.

5th District (Southern Portland suburbs and central Oregon) Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. A competitive Democratic primary has developed in one of the party's best pick-up opportunities in the country. 2022 nominee Jamie McLeod-Skinner has an early advantage thanks to her run last cycle, but some Democrats are worried the progressive might jeopardize their ability to defeat Chavez-DeRemer. State Rep. Janelle Bynum is the preferred candidate of many Democrats in D.C., and has picked up endorsements from the PACs affiliated with the Congressional Black Caucus and the New Democrat Coalition. The third serious candidate, Metro President Lynn Peterson, is backed by former Rep. Peter DeFazio and former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts. Toss-up.

6th District (Salem area and southwestern Portland suburbs) Andrea Salinas, D, elected 50%. Biden 55%. Democrats aren't too worried about Salinas, who had a close race last cycle but will be in a stronger position in a presidential cycle (Biden would have won the 6th by 14 points in 2020). Her 2022 opponent, Mike Erickson, is still expected to run again. He'd face former state Sen. Denyc Boles in the GOP primary. Lean Democratic.

Pennsylvania. Filing deadline February. Primary April 23.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 55%. Biden 52%. Pro-life activist Mark Houck, whose

altercation with a Planned Parenthood volunteer vaulted him into the national spotlight, has launched a campaign against the moderate congressman. Fitzpatrick has experience fending off challengers on his right, but a competitive primary could weaken him ahead of the general election. 2022 Democratic nominee Ashley Ehasz is running again, and while she struggled with fundraising last cycle, Democratic strategists believe she's running a stronger campaign. This is still a difficult district for Democrats, unless Fitzpatrick loses his primary. Likely Republican.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Susan Wild, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 49.7%. Three Republicans have lined up to challenge Wild, who



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Susan Wild

represents one of the most evenly divided swing seats in the country. The field includes state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, who's served in the Legislature for over a decade; attorney María Montero, a former member of Gov. Tom Corbett's cabinet; and Air Force veteran Kevin Dellicker, who lost the 2022 GOP primary to Lisa Scheller. Republican strategists see all three candidates as credible challengers, but a competitive primary could force them to run to the right. Tilt Democratic.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 51%. Cartwright has a track record of running ahead of the top of the Democratic ticket, and his populist message clearly has cross-party appeal. But Republicans believe they have two potential strong recruits: Kuharchik Construction CEO Robert Bresnahan and Air Force veteran John "Slick" Baum. Republican strategists who spoke with *Inside Elections* said that either Baum or Bresnahan will likely announce a campaign in October. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. Democrats believe that Perry's role in helping Trump attempt to overturn the 2020 election results makes him uniquely vulnerable, despite the Republican lean of this district. Josh Shapiro won this seat by 12 points in 2022, so there's evidence that the district could elect a Democrat under the right circumstances. Marine veteran and former TOPGUN pilot Mike O'Brien launched his campaign in September, and longtime Harrisburg news anchor Janelle Stelson, a rumored candidate, retired from her job at WGAL this week. Both O'Brien and Stelson are seen as serious challengers to Perry. Likely Republican.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, elected 53%. Biden 52%. After months of being courted, Republican state Rep. Rob Mercuri announced a campaign. Mercuri is a West Point grad and Iraq War veteran, and used to represent a competitive seat in the state Legislature. He joins pastor Jim Nelson in the GOP primary, though Nelson doesn't appear to be much of a threat — he raised just \$28,000 in the second fundraising quarter. Compared to the 7th and 8th Districts, this suburban district will be more of a challenge for Republicans. Democrats are already going after Mercuri for deleting a section of his campaign website that discusses his pro-life position. Lean Democratic.

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Rhode Island. Filing deadline June 26. Primary Sept. 10.

1st District (Eastern and southern Providence and eastern Rhode Island) Vacant; David Cicilline, D, resigned to lead the Rhode Island Foundation. Biden 64%. Gabe Amo, the former deputy director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in the Biden White House, won a crowded Democratic primary for the special election to replace Cicilline. Amo peaked at just the right time, taking advantage of scandals that sank two other opponents to consolidate the establishment lane and edge past progressive Aaron Regunberg — he won 33 percent to Regunberg’s 25 percent. Onetime frontrunner Sabina Matos, the state’s lieutenant governor, placed fourth. Amo will be heavily favored against Republican Gerry Leonard, a Marine veteran, on Nov. 7 of this year. Solid 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%. The legal battle over South Carolina’s congressional map is still ongoing. The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments over the constitutionality of the 1st this fall, after federal judges ruled that the district was racially gerrymandered. The high court’s ruling on Alabama’s congressional map doesn’t affect the South Carolina case, which is based on the 14th Amendment rather than the Voting Rights Act. If South Carolina is ordered to redraw this district, Mace could be vulnerable; if not, she should have a fairly smooth path to re-election in 2024. Likely Republican.

Texas. Filing deadline Dec. 11. Primary March 5. Runoff May 28.

15th District (Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, elected 53%. Trump 51%. Democrat Michelle Vallejo is back for a rematch, and should be in a stronger position than she was in 2022. She’s cleared the primary field and secured endorsements from several House Democrats. But this district isn’t a top priority for national Democratic groups since Trump won it by a few points in 2020. Lean Republican.

18th District (Parts of central and northern Houston) Sheila Jackson Lee, D, elected 71%. Biden 74%. Jackson Lee is a frontrunner in the Houston mayoral race this November, so there’s a strong possibility that this seat will be open. Former Houston City Council Member Amanda Edwards dropped down from the mayoral race to run for this seat, assuming Jackson Lee would win the race and retire from Congress. Edwards has consolidated Democratic support behind the scenes and is the presumed frontrunner for the Democratic primary, which will decide this race. Twenty-five-year-old Isaiah Martin is also running, but Democratic strategists don’t see him as a serious candidate. Solid Democratic.

23rd District (San Antonio suburbs to El Paso suburbs) Tony Gonzales, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 53%. Three Republicans — Medina County GOP Chairwoman Julie Clark, retired ICE agent Victor Avila, and firearm manufacturer Brandon Herrera — are challenging Gonzales in the primary. Herrera is backed by GOP Rep. Matt Gaetz, and Clark and Avila have met with other Freedom Caucus Republicans. Gonzales is at risk of being forced into a runoff with one of his primary challengers, but with \$1.6 million in his campaign account, he remains the heavy favorite. Solid Republican.

28th District (Laredo and eastern San Antonio suburbs) Henry Cuellar, D, re-elected 57%. Biden 53%. Cuellar doesn’t have any serious

opponents on his right or his left. If he draws a progressive opponent, he could be more vulnerable in the general election, but right now the NRCC doesn’t even have him on their target list. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

32nd District (Northern Dallas) Open; Colin Allred, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 66%. State Rep. Julie Johnson and trauma surgeon Brian Williams are the only two serious candidates in the race. Johnson appears to have the inside track to the nomination — she has a bevy of local endorsements, along with support from several sitting members of Congress and national organizations including the Human Rights Campaign and Equality PAC. But Williams, who’s also an Air Force veteran, is backed by VoteVets and 314 Action, and could make this a competitive primary. Solid Democratic.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, elected 53%. Biden 57%. Mayra Flores is back for a rematch with Gonzalez. Flores, who briefly served in Congress after winning the special election for the old version of this seat in 2022, is backed by House Republican leadership. But it’s not clear how competitive the new version of this district will be — she lost to Gonzalez by 8 points in a cycle that favored Republicans in Texas. Likely Democratic.

Utah. Filing deadline March 21. Primary June 25.

2nd District (Central and western Salt Lake City and southwestern Utah) Vacant; Chris Stewart, R, resigned. Trump 57%. Former Stewart



Celeste Maloy Campaign

Celeste Maloy

staffer Celeste Maloy won a hard-fought GOP primary in the special election to replace her former boss, defeating more moderate former state Rep. Becky Edwards, 39-33 percent. Maloy is the heavy favorite against state Sen. Kathleen Riebe, the

Democratic nominee, in the Nov. 21 special general election. But the margin could tell us something about the larger political environment; Democrats have overperformed across several special elections this year. Solid Republican.

Virginia. Filing deadline April 11. Primary June 18.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, elected 52%. Biden 50%. Navy veteran Missy Cotter Smasal is the only announced Democratic candidate, beginning the race with endorsements from several party leaders. This military-heavy district will be highly competitive at the presidential level — Biden carried it by 2 points in 2020, but GOP Gov. Glenn Youngkin carried it by 11 points the following year. Tilt Republican.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Abigail Spanberger, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. There’s a bit of uncertainty in this district at the moment, with reports flying that Spanberger will forgo re-election to prepare for a 2025 gubernatorial bid. GOP strategists are lasered in on attorney/retired Army Green Beret Derrick Anderson as their preferred candidate, though he hasn’t launched a bid yet. Anderson came in second in the GOP primary in 2022, and would be the favorite against

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former Navy SEAL Cameron Hamilton, Army veteran Shaliek Tarpley and marketing officer Bill Moher, who are already in the race. Democrats are deferring publicly to Spanberger until she announces her plans, but there are a passel of potential candidates, including former state Dels. Jennifer Carroll Foy and Hala Ayala, who just faced off in a contentious state Senate primary earlier this year. If Spanberger doesn't run for re-election, this seat will become harder for Democrats to hold, as the former CIA officer had a strong brand and serious fundraising chops. The partisanship of the seat still favors Democrats, especially with Trump as the likely GOP presidential nominee, but an open seat will be costlier to defend. Move from Lean Democratic to Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Southwestern D.C. suburbs and exurbs) Jennifer Wexton, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 58%. Wexton won a closer-than-expected race last year, but her opponent, Navy veteran Hung Cao, is running for Senate instead of seeking a rematch. Depending on how state-level elections go this fall, Republicans might take another look at making a play here. For now there are no prospective challengers to Wexton, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease earlier this year. Northern Virginia is a hotbed of anti-Trump political activity, so his likely presence at the top of the GOP ticket won't be a help to the eventual Republican nominee. Likely Democratic.

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

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, elected 50.4%. Trump 51%. Perez might be the most vulnerable House Democrat in the country. But if she faces 2022 GOP nominee Joe Kent again, her odds of holding on to this seat are significantly better. Republicans in D.C. hoping to avoid a rematch have placed their hopes in Camas City Councilor Leslie Lewallen, a former King County prosecutor. But Kent, a staunch supporter of Trump popular with the GOP base, has a clear lead in the primary; the state GOP endorsed him in August, along with a majority of the county Republican parties. Lewallen has a difficult task — she'll need to draw enough conservative support away from Kent without alienating the moderate voters she needs to defeat Perez. Toss-up.

8th District (Eastern Seattle suburbs and part of Central Washington) Kim Schrier, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 52%. Schrier maintains a relatively low profile but has established herself as a formidable opponent; she won re-election in 2022 by 7 points, and is one of her party's top fundraisers. Meanwhile, Republicans don't have a serious candidate in the race (commercial banker Carmen Goers raised just \$28,000 in the second fundraising quarter), and national Republican strategists acknowledge that this race isn't a priority. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

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

2nd District (Eastern and northern West Virginia) Open; Alex Mooney, R, running for Senate. Trump 68%. Riley Moore, the state treasurer and member of the Moore political dynasty, is the clear frontrunner in the all-important GOP primary that features three other underfunded candidates. McCarthy endorsed him over the summer. Solid Republican.

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

1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 50%. This is the sixth-most evenly divided seat in the country, according to *Inside Elections'* Baseline metric, but Democratic strategists

are not enthusiastic about taking on Steil. Caledonia trustee Anthony Hammes and Navy Reserve officer Lorenzo Santos are both running



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Bryan Steil

as Democrats, but potentially stronger candidates such as Racine Mayor Cory Mason and former Racine police chief Art Howell are staying away for now. While some Democrats had hoped that a change in composition on the state Supreme

Court would ultimately result in new congressional maps, there's less excitement about that prospect than there was over the summer. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, elected 52%. Trump 51%. Democrats' top pick for this seat, state Sen. Brad Pfaff, isn't running again after coming up just a few points short of Van Orden last year. The primary field is still developing. 2022 candidate Rebecca Cooke jumped in first, followed by Harvard law student Aaron Nytes and former La Crosse County Board chairwoman Tara Johnson. State Rep. Katrina Shankland is also considering a bid. Van Orden earned some negative headlines when he cursed out a group of high school Senate pages in the Capitol building. Likely Republican. **IE**

CALENDAR

Sept. 22	Drake album release
Sept. 27	Second Republican Presidential Debate
Oct. 7	NHL season begins
Oct. 14	Louisiana Governor Primary
Oct. 24	NBA season begins
Oct. 27	World Series starts
Nov. 7	Kentucky and Mississippi General Election
Nov. 18	Louisiana Governor Runoff (if necessary)
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 8	College Football National Championship
Jan. 15	Iowa GOP Presidential Caucuses
Jan. 26	West Virginia filing deadline
Feb. 3	South Carolina Presidential Primaries
Feb. 6	Nevada Dem Presidential Primary
Feb. 8	Nevada GOP Presidential Caucus
Feb. 11	Super Bowl LVII
Feb. 22	MLB Spring Training begins
Feb. 24	South Carolina GOP Presidential Primary
Feb. 25	MLS season begins
Feb. 27	Michigan Presidential Primaries
March 4	Trump federal trial about Jan. 6 begins
March 5	Super Tuesday