

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #15643

Geography: CA 10th CD RBS

Data Collected: 08/10/2009 - 08/11/2009

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Percentages

In CA-10 Special Open Primary, GOP Harmer Advances, But Democrat Opponent is Unclear: In a special primary election in California's 10th congressional district today, 08/12/2009, three Democratic candidates are bunched and have a chance to advance to the general election, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for KPIX-TV San Francisco. Fourteen candidates seek to replace US Representative Ellen Tauscher, who has resigned her seat to join the executive branch. 5 Democrats, 6 Republicans, and 3 candidates from other parties are on the ballot; a write-in candidate is also running. The top finishing Democrat, the top finishing Republican, and one third-party candidate will appear on the November general election ballot. Among the Democratic candidates, Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi today is at 26%, followed by State Senator Mark DeSaulnier at 15% and State Assembly Member Joan Buchanan at 12%. Because turnout in a stand-alone special primary election is difficult to predict, each of these three Democrats has a chance to advance. Among the Republican candidates, David Harmer, a businessman and son of a former lieutenant governor, is at 18%, materially ahead of other Republicans, and the clear favorite. The third-party candidates combined get 4% of the vote; no meaningful distinction can yet be made among them.

Methodology: Candidate preference was determined in two successive questions. SurveyUSA first asked voters who they would vote for, including by name four Democrats and four Republicans SurveyUSA arbitrated to have the best chance of advancing, and a ninth choice for "some other candidate." Those choosing to vote for "some other candidate" were then read by name the remaining six candidates and given a seventh choice for selecting a write-in candidate. This report shows Democratic candidates alphabetized first, Republican candidates alphabetized second. Respondents, however, did not hear names read in this order. Respondents heard a randomized list of candidates, that was not clustered by party nor alphabetized.

Filtering: 800 registered voters were interviewed by SurveyUSA 08/10/09 and 08/11/09, using Registration Based Sample (RBS) from Aristotle in Washington DC. Of the registered voters, 552 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 09/01/09 primary or to have already cast a ballot. Voting has begun and ends in 20 days.

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552 Likely And Actual Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Already Voted?		Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Yes	No	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																		
Joan Buchanan (D)	12%	7%	17%	19%	16%	11%	8%	16%	10%	12%	14%	14%	11%	9%	12%	3%	17%	12%
Mark DeSaulnier (D)	15%	17%	14%	11%	14%	17%	16%	14%	16%	15%	11%	22%	14%	21%	14%	3%	25%	11%
John Garamendi (D)	26%	23%	29%	9%	22%	28%	30%	20%	29%	26%	39%	26%	22%	27%	26%	14%	35%	21%
Anthony Woods (D)	5%	6%	4%	10%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	4%	11%	2%	8%	6%	5%	1%	8%	2%
Chris Bunch (R)	4%	5%	3%	7%	2%	4%	6%	3%	4%	4%	0%	5%	5%	7%	3%	7%	0%	9%
David Harmer (R)	18%	21%	15%	12%	10%	19%	23%	11%	21%	18%	14%	8%	20%	21%	17%	38%	5%	19%
Mark Loos (R)	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	4%	1%	4%	1%	1%
David Peterson (R)	4%	3%	5%	8%	5%	4%	1%	6%	3%	4%	0%	8%	2%	0%	5%	9%	1%	4%
Other	4%	5%	3%	9%	6%	2%	2%	7%	2%	4%	4%	7%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	11%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%	14%	16%	10%	7%	15%	9%	11%	6%	7%	14%	1%	13%	19%	6%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely And Actual Vot	100%	48%	52%	6%	26%	40%	27%	33%	67%	79%	5%	6%	9%	17%	83%	33%	51%	16%

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552 Likely And Actual Voters	All	Ideology			College Grad		Attend Religious Services			Abortion		Own a Gun?		Income		2008 Vote	
		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Regular	Occasio	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No	< \$50K	> \$50K	Obama	McCain
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Mark DeSaulnier (D)	15%	3%	16%	27%	17%	13%	10%	9%	25%	5%	21%	12%	17%	15%	16%	24%	1%
John Garamendi (D)	26%	9%	31%	36%	25%	28%	23%	30%	27%	12%	34%	18%	30%	31%	25%	37%	10%
Anthony Woods (D)	5%	0%	5%	10%	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%	1%	6%	3%	6%	2%	5%	8%	0%
Chris Bunch (R)	4%	8%	4%	1%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	9%	1%	5%	3%	1%	5%	1%	8%
David Harmer (R)	18%	47%	10%	1%	21%	12%	25%	22%	8%	37%	9%	27%	13%	17%	17%	2%	43%
Mark Loos (R)	2%	4%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	0%	5%
David Peterson (R)	4%	8%	2%	1%	3%	6%	5%	4%	2%	7%	3%	7%	3%	3%	4%	1%	9%
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Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely And Actual Vot	100%	27%	45%	25%	64%	36%	38%	25%	37%	33%	65%	32%	64%	19%	81%	61%	34%

Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.