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Republican Harmer Poised to Emerge From CA-10 Special Open Primary, Democrat Garamendi Has Two on His Rear Bumper: In a special primary election in California's 10th congressional district today, 08/28/2009, three Democrats remain bunched, 96 hours till voters are counted, with Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi the most likely 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 is also running. Assuming no candidate takes a majority of votes in the open primary, the top finishing candidate from each party will appear on the November general election ballot. Among the Republicans, David Harmer, a businessman and son of a former lieutenant governor, leads his nearest Republican opponent 4:1. Three bunched Democrats are flat since SurveyUSA's last poll: Garamendi 25%, State Senator Mark DeSaulnier 16%, State Assembly Member Joan Buchanan 12%. DeSaulnier and Buchanan have failed to make inroads since SurveyUSA's last poll 16 days ago. Alone, Iraq war veteran Anthony Woods has momentum, at 9% today, up 4 points from SurveyUSA's last poll. Because turnout in a stand-alone special primary election is difficult to predict, and because voters may vote for any candidate, regardless of their own party affiliation, it is possible that candidates will not finish in the order shown here. Third-party candidates combined get 3% of the vote; no meaningful distinction can be made among them.

Methodology: Candidate preference was determined in two successive questions. SurveyUSA first asked who voters would vote for among 4 named Democrats, 4 named Republicans and "some other candidate." Those choosing "some other candidate" were then read by name the remaining six candidates and given a seventh choice for a write-in. 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 08/26/09 and 08/27/09, using Registration Based Sample (RBS) from Aristotle in Washington DC. Of the registered voters, 555 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 09/01/09 primary or to have already cast a ballot.

1 If the primary for U.S. House of Representatives, were today, would you vote for ... (names rotated) Democrat Joan Buchanan? Democrat Mark Desaulnier? Democrat John Garamendi? Democrat Anthony Woods? Republican Chris Bunch? Republican David Harmer? Republican Mark Loos? Republican David Peterson? Or another candidate?

555 Likely And Actual Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Already Voted?		Party Affiliation		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.2%		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Yes	No	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Joan Buchanan (D)	12%	8%	16%	10%	11%	13%	12%	10%	13%	13%	8%	7%	**	13%	11%	2%	18%	12%
Mark Desaulnier (D)	16%	13%	18%	10%	16%	19%	13%	14%	16%	16%	12%	12%	**	18%	14%	6%	23%	10%
John Garamendi (D)	25%	26%	25%	18%	17%	25%	35%	18%	29%	25%	27%	26%	**	27%	24%	10%	37%	16%
Anthony Woods (D)	9%	12%	7%	12%	9%	12%	4%	10%	9%	9%	17%	7%	**	10%	9%	3%	13%	9%
Chris Bunch (R)	5%	5%	5%	11%	4%	3%	5%	6%	4%	4%	2%	17%	**	4%	5%	8%	2%	6%
David Harmer (R)	20%	26%	16%	20%	20%	19%	23%	20%	21%	21%	20%	20%	**	21%	20%	47%	1%	32%
Mark Loos (R)	2%	2%	2%	0%	5%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	8%	2%	**	2%	3%	5%	1%	1%
David Peterson (R)	3%	4%	3%	6%	6%	3%	2%	6%	2%	4%	4%	3%	**	2%	5%	7%	1%	5%
Other	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	0%	2%	**	2%	3%	4%	1%	5%
Undecided	5%	4%	5%	10%	8%	3%	3%	9%	3%	5%	1%	5%	**	2%	7%	8%	2%	4%
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%	46%	54%	9%	25%	37%	28%	34%	66%	83%	6%	7%	4%	47%	53%	32%	52%	15%

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555 Likely And Actual Voters	All	Ideology			College Grad		Attend Religious Services			Abortion		Own a Gun?		Income		2008 Vote	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.2%		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Regular	Occasio	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No	< $50K	> $50K	Obama	McCain
Joan Buchanan (D)	12%	2%	13%	17%	12%	11%	11%	13%	12%	4%	14%	8%	13%	12%	11%	17%	2%
Mark Desaulnier (D)	16%	4%	17%	25%	16%	15%	9%	15%	23%	6%	20%	13%	17%	13%	17%	24%	4%
John Garamendi (D)	25%	9%	28%	37%	24%	27%	25%	29%	24%	13%	32%	24%	27%	27%	25%	35%	8%
Anthony Woods (D)	9%	1%	11%	13%	9%	10%	7%	7%	12%	3%	12%	5%	11%	11%	9%	13%	3%
Chris Bunch (R)	5%	10%	4%	1%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%	10%	3%	8%	3%	4%	5%	2%	8%
David Harmer (R)	20%	49%	17%	1%	21%	19%	28%	21%	12%	44%	9%	29%	17%	22%	20%	3%	52%
Mark Loos (R)	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	6%
David Peterson (R)	3%	9%	3%	0%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	3%	1%	8%
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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%	26%	45%	27%	67%	33%	37%	23%	40%	28%	67%	28%	67%	19%	81%	62%	32%

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

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.