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<u>Survey methodology:</u> The USC Schwarzenegger Institute California Issues Poll was conducted from October 27, 2020 to October 31, 2020. A representative polling sample of 1,155 registered voters was drawn using voter data from Political Data, Inc. The survey questionnaire was designed by USC faculty and was fielded by the USC Schwarzenegger Institute-USC Price California Issues Poll survey team via Qualtrics. For final results, we used post-stratification weighting for age, education, gender, income, ethnicity/race, and party registration. Respondent survey weights were done using the 'anesrake' package in the statistical program R. This statistical raking package uses the weighting algorithm developed by Josh Pasek and that is used in the American National Election Study. This algorithm uses an iterative and multiplicative raking model to generate individual weights for each respondent. The baseline universe of interest is the population of California registered voters. Response options to all questions without ordered choices were randomized. The two questions regarding the issue focus of Trump and Biden were presented in random order; and the questions about potential Senate replacements for Sen. Kamala Harris were also presented in random order. Respondents were given the choice of 'don't know' unless not displayed in results below. In the topline results and cross-tabulations, totals may not sum to 100 due to rounding. The survey was written in both English and Spanish. The margin of error is +/-3%.

Key Summary of USC Schwarzenegger Institute California Issues Poll

The USC Schwarzenegger Institute completed its second USC Schwarzenegger Institute California Issues Poll of 2020 and interviewed a representative sample of 1,155 California registered voters.

• Several questions asked about the possibility of a U.S. Senate vacancy if Senator Kamala Harris is elected vice president. Other questions included voters' open-ended views on the issues the Trump administration will focus on in 2021 if he is reelected; and the issues the Biden administration will focus on in 2021 if he is elected. Other questions asked about voting rights and Governor Schwarzenegger's democracy grants administered through his USC Institute.

• **California voters are looking for a fresh face in their next U.S. Senator.** California voters want a senator with "a fresh and new voice in politics" (76%), a senator with legislative experience (75%), and a senator who will "chart their own course and distinguish themselves" from Senator Dianne Feinstein (77%). Voters prefer someone with experience in Washington (29%) over experience in Sacramento (23%), though a plurality of voters prefer someone who is not part of Washington or Sacramento (48%).

• **Appointing a historic first doesn't matter to most voters.** A majority of voters don't care if Governor Newsom makes a "historic first" choice. 52% say this doesn't matter. 14% of voters hope Newsom picks the state's first Latino U.S. senator, 7% hope he picks the state's first LGBT U.S. Senator, and 17% indicate a preference for the first Latino and the first LGBT U.S. Senator. Summing together, 31% want Newsom to pick the state's first Latino U.S. Senator and 24% want Newsom to pick the state's first LGBT U.S. Senator.

• **Representative Barbara Lee leads the head-to-head for U.S. Senate. Voters don't know the leading candidates to replace Senator Kamala Harris.** In a head-to-head question, voters were asked "Which of the following people would you most prefer to be appointed U.S. Senator from California?" This question pitted seven individuals that Newsom could choose for U.S. Senator, and a majority of voters (52%) selected 'don't know.' Of those receiving support, Representative Barbara Lee leads (11%). All others are in single digits (8% Ro Khanna; 8% Alex Padilla; 7% Karen Bass; 6% Robert Garcia; 3% Toni Atkins; 2% Libby Schaaf).

• **Mayor Robert Garcia leads when voters are asked about each U.S. Senate candidate individually.** Voters were asked about supporting each possible candidate without the head-to-head matchup following short biographical descriptions: "Would you support or oppose [name] as the next U.S. Senator from California?" Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia received a majority of support (57%). Following Garcia were Representative Karen Bass (53%), Secretary of State Alex Padilla (53%), and Representative Barbara Lee (51%). Three others were supported by a plurality of the state's voters, but were below 50% support (Schaaf 47%, Khanna 46%, Atkins 40%).

• **California voters rate wildfires and climate change as the most important issue** facing California right now (24%), even above COVID, the second most important issue (15%). Californians also support Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's initiative through the USC Schwarzenegger Institute to award nonpartisan democracy grants to open more polling places across the U.S. South (76% strongly support and 14% somewhat support).

Q. In one or two words, what is the most important issue facing California right now? [open ended]

Wildfires/climate change/environment 24%
COVID 15%
Homelessness/housing 10%
Economy/jobs 8%
Taxes 7%
Corruption/democracy/disunity 6%
Cost of living 4%
Democrats/liberals 3%
Health care 2%
Lockdown/businesses shut down 2%
Race/inequality 2%
Trump 2%
All other issues were mentioned by < 1% respondents.

Q. Thinking ahead to the next presidential administration, if Donald Trump is reelected president, what will be the one issue he focuses on most in 2021? Please answer in just one or two words. [open ended]

Economy/jobs 33%
Himself 16%
COVID 8%
Harming democracy/authoritarian governance/power 5%
Immigration/building wall 5%
Negative comments (uncategorizable/profane) 4%
Repealing the ACA 3%
Division/disunity/chaos 2%
His corruption/lying 2%
Law and order/civil unrest 2%
Nothing 2%
Reducing regulation/shrinking government 2%
Tax cuts 2%
Unity/renewal/working together 2%
All other issues were mentioned by < 1% respondents.

Q. Thinking ahead to the next presidential administration, if Joe Biden is elected president, what will be the one issue he focuses on most in 2021? Please answer in just one or two words. [open ended]

COVID 38%
Health care 9%
Unity/renewal/working together 9%

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Raising taxes/taxes 7%
Climate change/environment 5%
Nothing 3%
His corruption/corporate interests 2%
Negative comments (uncategorizable/profane) 2%
Race/inequality 2%
Socialism 2%
All other issues were mentioned by < 1% respondents.

Q. In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a key part of the Voting Rights Act. Before it was struck down, some counties with a history of racial discrimination were required to get approval from the federal government before closing polling sites and changing voting practices. Some have called for Congress to pass a new Voting Rights Act restoring this federal approval process. Do you support or oppose this new Voting Rights Act?

Strongly support 50%
Somewhat support 16%
Somewhat oppose 5%
Strongly oppose 10%
Don't know 19%

Q. How would you rate economic conditions in California today – as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Excellent 1%
Good 23%
Fair 39%
Poor 36%

Q. Who did you vote for? / Who do you intend to vote for? [Respondents were first asked if they have voted or not]

Joe Biden 65%
Donald Trump 28%
Someone else 4%
Don't know / No answer 2%

California Senator Kamala Harris is the Democratic vice presidential nominee. If she is elected vice president, she will no longer be U.S. senator from California and the California governor is required by law to choose her replacement. We want to ask you several questions about who the governor should pick for the U.S. Senate vacancy were Kamala Harris to be elected vice president and resign her U.S. Senate seat.

Q. If there is a U.S. Senate vacancy, which of the following is more important for the governor to consider in choosing the new Senator?

A Senator with a fresh and new voice in politics 76%
A Senator with decades of experience in politics 23%

Q. If there is a U.S. Senate vacancy, which of the following is more important in choosing the new Senator?

A Senator with legislative experience 75%
A Senator with executive experience 24%

Q. California's senior U.S. Senator is Dianne Feinstein, who has been in office since 1992. If there is a vacancy, which of the following is more important in choosing the
new Senator?

A Senator who will chart their own course and distinguish themselves from Feinstein 77%
A Senator who is going to be an ally and complement of Feinstein 22%

Q. If there is a Senate vacancy, the governor is considering making a historic "first" for U.S. Senator. Were the governor to make history with his choice, which of the following options should he consider? You may choose more than one option below.

The first Latino Senator in California history 14%
The first gay or lesbian Senator in California history 7%
Both the first Latino Senator and the first gay or lesbian Senator 17%
Something else 11%
Making a historic first doesn't matter to me / don't know 52%

Q. If there is a Senate vacancy, which one of the following is most important in the next U.S. senator?

Someone with experience in Washington 29%
Someone with experience in Sacramento 23%
Someone who is not part of Washington or Sacramento 48%

Now we'd like to ask you questions about people who may be under consideration to be selected by the governor as next U.S. senator if Senator Kamala Harris is elected vice president. Do your best to answer these questions even if you are only somewhat familiar with the people we talk about.

Q. Which of the following people would you most prefer to be appointed U.S. Senator from California?

11% Barbara Lee
8% Ro Khanna
8% Alex Padilla
7% Karen Bass
6% Robert Garcia

3% Toni Atkins
2% Libby Schaaf
53% Don't know

Q. As you may not be familiar with all of these people, we would now like to provide a brief biography and ask about your support or opposition to each person.

Would you support or oppose [name] as the next U.S. Senator from California?

Robert Garcia 57% support. 23% oppose. 20% don't know.
Karen Bass. 53% support. 30% oppose. 18% don't know.
Alex Padilla. 53% support. 24% oppose. 23% don't know.
Barbara Lee. 51% support. 31% oppose. 18% don't know.
Libby Schaaf. 47% support. 31% oppose. 22% don't know.
Ro Khanna. 46% support. 28% oppose. 27% don't know.
Toni Atkins. 40% support. 28% oppose. 27% don't know.
[Full questions with results shown below.]

Q. Mayor Robert Garcia has 10 years of experience in elected office. He is currently a mayor and has been since 2015. Before that, he served as vice mayor and was city councilor from 2010 to 2014. Before that, he was a teacher. He lost his mother, who was an essential medical worker, and his father to COVID, and has made fighting COVID a priority. He is 42 years old. He immigrated to the United States at age 5 and was raised in California.

Would you support or oppose Mayor Robert Garcia as the next U.S. Senator from California?
Support 57%
Oppose 23%
Don't know 20%

Q. Representative Karen Bass has 16 years of experience in elected office. She is currently a member of the U.S. Congress, and has been since 2011. Before that, she also served in the California State Assembly from 2004 to 2010, and was Speaker of the Assembly from 2008 to 2010. She was briefly floated as a vice presidential pick for Joe Biden. Before that, she worked as a Physician Assistant, and has made fighting for health care a priority. She is 67 years old. She was born in Los Angeles, California.

Would you support or oppose Representative Karen Bass as the next U.S. Senator from California?

Support 53%
Oppose 30%.
Don't know 18%

Q. Secretary Alex Padilla has 21 years of experience in elected office. He is currently California Secretary of State, and has been since 2015. Before that, he also served in the California State Senate from 2006 to 2014. Before that, from 1999-2006, he was a city councilor. He also was

chosen by his council colleagues to be president of his city council from 2001 to 2006. He is 47 years old. He was born in Pacoima, California.

Would you support or oppose Secretary Alex Padilla as the next U.S. Senator from California?

Support 53%.
Oppose 24%
Don't know 23%

Q. Representative Barbara Lee has 26 years of experience in elected office. She is currently a member of the U.S. Congress, and has been since 1998. Before that, she served in the California State Senate from 1996 to 1998, and served in the California State Assembly from 1990 to 1992. Before that, she was a social worker. She has a history of fighting against poverty and for civil rights. She is 74 years old. She was born in El Paso, Texas.

Would you support or oppose Representative Barbara Lee as the next U.S. Senator from California?

Support 51%
Oppose 31%
Don't know 18%

Q. Mayor Libby Schaaf has 9 years of experience in elected office. She is currently a mayor, and has been since 2015. Before that, she served as city councilor from 2011 to 2015. Before that, she was an attorney and Director of Public Affairs for the Port of Oakland. She cofounded a nonprofit to create improvement projects for her city. She is 54 years old. She was born in Oakland, California.

Would you support or oppose Mayor Libby Schaaf as the next U.S. Senator from California?

Support 47%
Oppose 31%
Don't know 22%

Q. Representative Ro Khanna has 4 years of experience in elected office. He is currently a member of the U.S. Congress, where he has served since 2017. Before that, from 2012 to 2016, he served on the California State Workforce Investment Board. Before that, he was Deputy Secretary of Commerce and a teacher. He is 44 years old. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Would you support or oppose Congressman Ro Khanna as the next U.S. Senator from California?

Support 46%.
Oppose 28%.
Don't know 27%

Q. Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins has 20 years of experience in elected office. She has served in the California State Senate since 2017 and as Senate Pro Tem since 2018. Before that, from 2010 to 2016, she was in the California State Assembly and was Speaker of the Assembly. Before that, she was an interim mayor and city councilor. She is 58 years old. She was born in Virginia.

Would you support or oppose Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins as the next U.S. Senator from California?

Support 40%
Oppose 28%
Don't know 27%

Q. The Newsom administration recently asked the Trump administration for federal disaster relief to help clean up after recent wildfires in the state. The Trump administration rejected this relief request and will not provide federal assistance to California. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's decision on federal disaster relief?

Strongly approve 15%
Somewhat approve 10%
Somewhat disapprove 8%
Strongly disapprove 64%
Don't know/No answer 3%

Q. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently launched a nonpartisan grants program through the USC Schwarzenegger Institute donating millions of dollars to open more polling places, mostly in southern states that have a history of racial discrimination. This effort has increased the number of polling places, making it easier for 3 million voters to participate in the election.

Do you approve or disapprove of this nonpartisan effort to open more polling places?

Strongly approve 76%
Somewhat approve 14%
Somewhat disapprove 4%
Strongly disapprove 2%
Don't know/no answer 5%

Q. When and if a COVID vaccine is developed, do you support a state law that all California residents are required to be given the COVID vaccine?

Strongly support 24.0%
Somewhat support 26.1%
Somewhat oppose 12.1%
Strongly oppose 28.8%
Don't know 6.9%

Q. How concerned are you about being exposed to COVID due to voting in the November election?

Very concerned 13%
Somewhat concerned 16%
Somewhat unconcerned 20%
Very unconcerned 51%
Don't know/no answer 1%

Q. Do you know anyone personally who has died of COVID?

Yes 19%
No 78%
Prefer not to answer 3%

Q. Do you know anyone personally who has contracted COVID and recovered?

Yes 72%
No 26%
Prefer not to answer 2%

Q. Do you have any concerns when it comes to casting your ballot in the November 2020 presidential election?

Yes 31.2%
No 64.1%
Don't know / no answer 4.7%

Q. Thinking ahead to the November 2020 presidential election, what would be your most preferred way to cast a ballot?

Dropping off my vote-by-mail ballot at an in-person voting location, after having that ballot automatically mailed to my home a month before Election Day 12%
Dropping off my vote-by-mail ballot in a ballot drop-off box, after having that ballot automatically mailed to my home a month before Election Day 32%
Mailing in a ballot that was automatically sent to my home a month before Election Day 30%
Using different voting methods in different elections 2%
Voting at an in-person voting location on Election Day 14%
Voting early at an in-person voting location some time in the three days before Election Day 7%
None 1%
Don't know / no answer 3%

Q. If you vote in-person in the November 2020 presidential election, when are you most likely to vote?
The first weekend before Election Day 9%
The day before Election Day 4%
Election Day 14%

The first week before Election Day, if this option was made available 15%
Don't know / no answer 5%
Other 2%
I'm not voting in person 51%

Q. If you vote with a mail ballot in the November 2020 presidential election, when are you most likely to mail your ballot or drop it off at a drop box?
The first weekend before Election Day 14%
The day before Election Day 3%
Election Day 4%
The first week before Election Day 14%
The two weeks before Election Day 5%
Don't know / no answer 4%
Other 5%
I'm not voting by mail 8%

Cross-tabulations measure opinions by age, party, race/ethnicity, gender, and region. Statistical imprecision of these cross-tabulations is larger than the topline results presented above due to smaller subgroup sample sizes.

Q. In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a key part of the Voting Rights Act. Before it was struck down, some counties with a history of racial discrimination were required to get approval from the federal government before closing polling sites and changing voting practices. Some have called for Congress to pass a new Voting Rights Act restoring this federal approval process. Do you support or oppose this new Voting Rights Act?

All Respondents	
Strongly Support	49.9%
Somewhat Support	15.5%
Somewhat Oppose	5.4%
Strongly Oppose	9.5%
Don't Know	18.9%

By Age Group					
Age Group	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
18-39	52.9%	16.9%	5%	5.8%	18.4%
40-64	43.1%	13.2%	7.5%	14%	22.1%
65+	57.8%	16.7%	3.1%	11.2%	11.2%

By Political Party Registration					
Party Registration	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Democrats	69.4%	13.7%	1.3%	4.7%	11%
Republicans	15.3%	20%	12.9%	18.2%	32%
Independents/Other	42.2%	15.2%	7%	11.1%	22.9%

By Race/Ethnicity					
Race/Ethnicity	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Black	78.6%	0%	0.6%	18.5%	2.3%
White	55%	12.4%	7%	5%	20.6%
Latino/a	40.7%	19.4%	5.8%	11.9%	19%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	43.3%	22%	1.5%	13%	20.3%
Other/Multiracial	58.2%	7.7%	3.6%	11.9%	18.6%

By Gender					
Gender	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Male	52.9%	11.1%	7.8%	11.2%	16.6%
Female	48.1%	20.2%	2.9%	6.9%	20.8%

By Region of California					
Region	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Northern	56.8%	16.5%	4.3%	6.3%	14.6%
Central	35.4%	13%	10.5%	11.7%	29.5%
Southern	47%	15.1%	5.5%	11.5%	20.5%

Q. How would you rate economic conditions in California today – as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

All Respondents	
Excellent	1.3%
Good	22.7%
Fair	39.2%
Poor	36.1%

By Age Group				
Age Group	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
18-39	1.9%	27.1%	3.8%	31.2%
40-64	0%	14.6%	39.6%	45.6%
65+	2.6%	28.1%	41.5%	27.8%

By Political Party Registration				
Party Registration	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Democrats	1.1%	30.4%	46%	22.4%
Republicans	3.3%	7.9%	32.1%	55.2%
Independents/Other	0%	20.5%	32.1%	45.9%

By Race/Ethnicity				
Race/Ethnicity	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Black	0%	1.3%	48.8%	49.9%
White	0.1%	23.1%	38.8%	37.9%
Latino/a	0.1%	22.7%	37.9%	36%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	6%	21.7%	39.3%	31.1%
Other/Multiracial	0%	29.4%	41.8%	28.9%

By Gender				
Gender	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Male	2.6%	24.6%	31.6%	40.9%
Female	0.2%	21.8%	44.6%	32.3%

By Region of California				
Region	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Northern CA	2%	25.3%	37.4%	34%
Central CA	0%	14%	38.3%	47.8%
Southern CA	1.1%	22%	40.5%	36%

Q. If there is a U.S. Senate vacancy, which of the following is more important for the governor to consider in choosing the new Senator?

All Respondents	
A Senator with a fresh and new voice in politics	76.1%
A Senator with decades of experience in politics	23.1%

By Age Group		
Age Group	**Fresh New Voice**	**Decades of Experience**
18-39	75.3%	23.2%
40-64	78.3%	21.7%
65+	73.1%	26.7%

By Political Party Registration		
Party Registration	**Fresh New Voice**	**Decades of Experience**
Democrats	74.4%	25.6%
Republicans	83.6%	14.8%
Independents/Other	73.1%	25.4%

By Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	**Fresh New Voice**	**Decades of Experience**
Black	95.5%	4.5%
White	78.8%	21.2%
Latino/a	70.8%	26.0%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	78.9%	21.1%
Other/Multiracial	51.4%	48.6%

By Gender		
Gender	**Fresh New Voice**	**Decades of Experience**
Male	73.5%	26.1%
Female	79%	19.8%

By Region of California		
Region	**Fresh New Voice**	**Decades of Experience**
Northern CA	75.8%	22.8%
Central CA	68.9%	31.1%
Southern CA	77.4%	22.2%

Q. If there is a vacancy, which of the following is more important in choosing the new Senator?

All Respondents	
A Senator with executive experience	24.0%
A Senator with legislative experience	75.3%

By Age Group		
Age Group	**Executive Experience**	**Legislative Experience**
18-39	20.7%	77.8%
40-64	24.1%	75.9%
65+	37%	63%

By Political Party Registration		
Party Registration	**Executive Experience**	**Legislative Experience**
Democrats	9.8%	90.2%
Republicans	48.4%	50%
Independents/Other	30.2%	68.3%

By Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	**Executive Experience**	**Legislative Experience**
Black	22.2%	77.8%
White	27.8%	72.2%
Latino/a	31.1%	65.7%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	17%	83%
Other/Multiracial	13.5%	86.6%

By Gender		
Gender	**Executive Experience**	**Legislative Experience**
Male	26.1%	73.5%
Female	21.9%	77%

By Region of California		
Region	**Executive Experience**	**Legislative Experience**
Northern CA	18.2%	80.4%
Central CA	24.3%	75.7%
Southern CA	28.1%	71.5%

Q. California's senior U.S. Senator is Dianne Feinstein, who has been in office since 1992. If there is a vacancy, which of the following is more important in choosing the new Senator?

All Respondents	
A Senator who is going to be an ally and complement of Feinstein.	21.8%
A Senator who will chart their own course and distinguish themselves from Feinstein.	77.4%

By Age Group		
Age Group	Ally and Complement	Chart Own Course
18-39	22.9%	75.6%
40-64	20.4%	79.6%
65+	21.5%	78.5%

By Political Party Registration		
Party Registration	Ally and Complement	Chart Own Course
Democrats	27.9%	72.1%
Republicans	8.8%	89.6%
Independents/Other	21.2%	77.3%

By Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Ally and Complement	Chart Own Course
Black	15.4%	84.6%
White	10.2%	89.8%
Latino/a	28.7%	68%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	25.2%	74.8%
Other/Multiracial	32.2%	67.8%

By Gender		
Gender	Ally and Complement	Chart Own Course
Male	20.2%	79.4%
Female	23.6%	75.3%

By Region of California		
Region	Ally and Complement	Chart Own Course
Northern CA	19%	79.7%
Central CA	30.9%	69.1%
Southern CA	22.6%	77%

Q: If there is a Senate vacancy, the governor is considering making a historic "first" for U.S. Senator. Were the governor to make history with his choice, which of the following options should he consider? You may choose more than one option below.

All Respondents	
Doesn't matter to me / don't know	52%
1st Latino Senator in CA history	14%
1st gay or lesbian Senator in CA history	7%
Both 1st Latino & gay or lesbian Senator in CA history	17%
Something else	11%

By Age Group					
Age Group	Doesn't matter to me	1st Latino Senator	1st Gay/Lesbian Senator	Both Latino + Gay/Lesbian	Something else
18-39	49%	15%	10%	20%	5%
40-64	51%	14%	4%	15%	16%
65+	61%	11%	1%	10%	18%

By Political Party Registration					
Party Registration	Doesn't matter to me	1st Latino Senator	1st Gay/Lesbian Senator	Both Latino + Gay/Lesbian	Something else
Democrats	43%	19%	8%	21%	10%
Republicans	72%	10%	1%	2%	15%
Independents/Other	51%	8%	9%	22%	9%

By Race/Ethnicity					
Race/Ethnicity	Doesn't matter to me	1st Latino Senator	1st Gay/ Lesbian Sen.	Both Latino + Gay/Lesbian	Something else
Black	23%	29%	18%	28%	2%
White	57%	8%	6%	13%	16%
Latino/a	38%	33%	5%	18%	5%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	58%	5%	8%	20%	10%
Other/Multiracial	68%	2%	3%	12%	15%

By Gender					
Gender	Doesn't matter to me	1st Latino Senator	1st Gay/ Lesbian Sen.	Both Latino + Gay/Lesbian	Something else
Male	60%	10%	4%	13%	12%
Female	44%	18%	9%	20%	9%

By Region of California					
Region	Doesn't matter to me	1st Latino Senator	1st Gay/ Lesbian Sen.	Both Latino + Gay/Lesbian	Something else
Northern	54%	10%	5%	23%	8%
Central	48%	25%	6%	4%	17%
Southern	50%	16%	8%	14%	12%

Q. If there is a Senate vacancy, which one of the following is most important in the next U.S. senator?

All Respondents	
Someone who is not part of Washington or Sacramento	48%
Someone with experience in Sacramento	23%
Someone with experience in Washington	29%

By Age Group			
Age Group	Not DC/Sac.	Sacramento Experience	Washington Experience
18-39	47.1%	28.3%	23.1%
40-64	48.8%	18.3%	32.9%
65+	47.6%	13.5%	38.8%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	Not DC/Sac.	Sacramento Exp.	Washington Exp.
Democrats	32.2%	31.5%	36.3%
Republicans	77.8%	10.6%	10%
Independents/Other	52%	16.5%	30%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	Not DC/Sac.	Sacramento Exp.	Washington Exp.
Black	40.7%	33.9%	25.3%
White	43.8%	22.3%	33.9%
Latino/a	54.3%	31.6%	10.9%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	47%	11.7%	41.3%
Other/Multiracial	19.7%	18%	62.3%

By Gender			
Gender	Not DC/Sac.	Sacramento Exp.	Washington Exp.
Male	50.7%	16.4%	32.5%
Female	45.5%	28.6%	24.7%

By Region of California			
Region	Not DC/Sac.	Sacramento Exp.	Washington Exp.
Northern CA	48.9%	19.3%	30.4%
Central CA	49.7%	29.5%	20.8%
Southern CA	46.7%	24.4%	28.5%

Q: Now we'd like to ask you questions about people who may be under consideration to be selected by the governor as the next U.S. senator if Senator Kamala Harris is elected vice president. Do your best to answer these questions even if you are only somewhat familiar with the people we ask about.

Which of the following people would you most prefer to be appointed U.S. Senator from California?

All Respondents	
Toni Atkins	3%
Karen Bass	7%
Robert Garcia	6%
Barbara Lee	11%
Ro Khanna	8%
Alex Padilla	8%
Libby Schaaf	2%
Don't know	53%

By Age Group			
	18-39	40-64	65+
Toni Atkins	1%	5%	7%
Karen Bass	4%	10%	9%
Robert Garcia	6%	7%	6%
Barbara Lee	14%	6%	16%
Ro Khanna	10%	7%	3%
Alex Padilla	10%	8%	2%
Libby Schaaf	3%	2%	2%
Don't know	51%	55%	53%

By Political Party Registration			
	Democrats	Republicans	Independents/Other
Toni Atkins	4%	1%	5%
Karen Bass	11%	2%	5%
Robert Garcia	6%	5%	9%
Barbara Lee	16%	6%	7%
Ro Khanna	11%	2%	5%
Alex Padilla	11%	2%	8%
Libby Schaaf	3%	3%	0%
Don't know	39%	78%	61%

By Race/Ethnicity		
	Black	White
Toni Atkins	0%	3%
Karen Bass	5%	8%
Robert Garcia	1%	4%
Barbara Lee	65%	12%
Ro Khanna	19%	9%
Alex Padilla	6%	7%
Libby Schaaf	0%	2%
Don't know	4%	54%

By Race/Ethnicity			
	Latino/a	Asian American & Pacific Islander	Other/Multiracial
Toni Atkins	0%	4%	6%
Karen Bass	4%	10%	6%
Robert Garcia	13%	8%	3%
Barbara Lee	5%	7%	13%
Ro Khanna	7%	6%	7%
Alex Padilla	14%	2%	8%
Libby Schaaf	2%	0%	4%
Don't know	54%	62%	54%

By Gender		
	Male	Female
Toni Atkins	2%	5%
Karen Bass	8%	5%
Robert Garcia	5%	8%
Barbara Lee	11%	12%
Ro Khanna	10%	6%
Alex Padilla	8%	8%
Libby Schaaf	3%	2%
Don't know	54%	54%

By Region			
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA
Toni Atkins	2%	0%	5%
Karen Bass	6%	4%	8%
Robert Garcia	5%	6%	7%
Barbara Lee	20%	14%	5%
Ro Khanna	13%	7%	4%
Alex Padilla	9%	5%	8%
Libby Schaaf	4%	0%	1%
Don't know	41%	65%	61%

Q. Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins has 20 years of experience in elected office. She has served in the California State Senate since 2017 and as Senate Pro Tem since 2018. Before that, from 2010 to 2016, she was in the California State Assembly and was Speaker of the Assembly. Before that, she was an interim mayor and city councilor. She is 58 years old. She was born in Virginia.

Would you support or oppose Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins as the next U.S. Senator from California?

All Respondents	
Support	40%
Oppose	28%
Don't know	27%

By Age Group			
Age Group	Support	Oppose	Don't know
18-39	38%	31%	29%
40-64	38%	34%	27%
65+	45%	26%	29%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrats	50%	20%	30%
Republicans	21%	54%	25%
Independents/Other	31%	31%	37%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Black	77%	22%	1%
White	46%	32%	22%
Latino/a	39%	38%	21%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	29%	21%	49%
Other/Multiracial	25%	20%	55%

By Gender			
Gender	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Male	27%	35%	31%
Female	46%	27%	26%

By Region of California			
Region	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Northern CA	42%	28%	29%
Central CA	31%	49%	20%
Southern CA	38%	31%	30%

Q. Representative Karen Bass has 16 years of experience in elected office. She is currently a member of the U.S. Congress, and has been since 2011. Before that, she also served in the California State Assembly from 2004 to 2010, and was Speaker of the Assembly from 2008 to 2010. She was briefly floated as a vice presidential pick for Joe Biden. Before that, she worked as a Physician Assistant, and has made fighting for health care a priority. She is 67 years old. She was born in Los Angeles, California.

Would you support or oppose Representative Karen Bass as the next U.S. Senator from California?

All Respondents	
Support	53%
Oppose	30%
Don't know	18%

By Age Group			
Age Group	Support	Oppose	Don't know
18-39	60%	23%	17%
40-64	44%	38%	18%
65+	48%	33%	20%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrats	71%	11%	18%
Republicans	15%	68%	17%
Independents/Other	49%	32%	18%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Black	63%	37%	1%
White	55%	34%	11%
Latino/a	56%	30%	14%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	45%	26%	29%
Other/Multiracial	57%	12%	30%

By Gender			
Gender	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Male	47%	34%	19%
Female	58%	26%	16%

By Region of California			
Region	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Northern CA	55%	28%	17%
Central CA	46%	48%	5%
Southern CA	52%	28%	20%

Q. Mayor Robert Garcia has 10 years of experience in elected office. He is currently a mayor and has been since 2015. Before that, he served as vice mayor and was city councilor from 2010 to 2014. Before that, he was a teacher. He lost his mother, who was an essential medical worker, and his father to COVID, and has made fighting COVID a priority. He is 42 years old. He immigrated to the United States at age 5 and was raised in California.

All Respondents	
Support	57%
Oppose	23%
Don't know	20%

By Age Group			
Age Group	Support	Oppose	Don't know
18-39	65%	19%	15%
40-64	48%	28%	23%
65+	45%	26%	27%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrats	72%	11%	17%
Republicans	26%	54%	20%
Independents/Other	54%	21%	24%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Black	74%	21%	5%
White	55%	29%	16%
Latino/a	62%	20%	17%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	56%	19%	24%
Other/Multiracial	41%	19%	40%

By Gender			
Gender	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Male	46%	31%	23%
Female	67%	15%	16%

By Region of California			
Region	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Northern CA	58%	22%	21%
Central CA	56%	33%	11%
Southern CA	57%	23%	20%

Q. Representative Ro Khanna has 4 years of experience in elected office. He is currently a member of the U.S. Congress, where he has served since 2017. Before that, from 2012 to 2016, he served on the California State Workforce Investment Board. Before that, he was Deputy Secretary of Commerce and a teacher. He is 44 years old. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Would you support or oppose Congressman Ro Khanna as the next U.S. Senator from California?

All Respondents	
Support	46%
Oppose	28%
Don't know	27%

By Age Group			
Age Group	**Support**	**Oppose**	**Don't know**
18-39	48%	23%	28%
40-64	43%	32%	24%
65+	43%	31%	27%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	**Support**	**Oppose**	**Don't know**
Democrats	60%	14%	26%
Republicans	22%	58%	20%
Independents/Other	39%	27%	34%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	**Support**	**Oppose**	**Don't know**
Black	92%	3%	4%
White	46%	31%	23%
Latino/a	45%	32%	23%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	38%	23%	38%
Other/Multiracial	43%	18%	40%

By Gender			
Gender	**Support**	**Oppose**	**Don't know**
Male	45%	30%	25%
Female	47%	25%	28%

By Region of California			
Region	**Support**	**Oppose**	**Don't know**
Northern CA	55%	23%	22%
Central CA	29%	38%	33%
Southern CA	41%	29%	29%

Q. Representative Barbara Lee has 26 years of experience in elected office. She is currently a member of the U.S. Congress, and has been since 1998. Before that, she served in the California State Senate from 1996 to 1998, and served in the California State Assembly from 1990 to 1992. Before that, she was a social worker. She has a history of fighting against poverty and for civil rights. She is 74 years old. She was born in El Paso, Texas.

Would you support or oppose Representative Barbara Lee as the next U.S. Senator from California?

All Respondents	
Support	51%
Oppose	31%
Don't know	18%

By Age Group			
Age Group	Support	Oppose	Don't know
18-39	61%	23%	16%
40-64	38%	43%	18%
65+	45%	27%	25%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrats	72%	14%	14%
Republicans	13%	69%	18%
Independents/Other	42%	32%	26%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Black	80%	19%	1%
White	47%	42%	10%
Latino/a	50%	32%	18%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	55%	15%	30%
Other/Multiracial	50%	21%	28%

By Gender			
Gender	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Male	46%	24%	20%
Female	54%	29%	17%

By Region of California			
Region	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Northern CA	60%	26%	14%
Central CA	46%	40%	14%
Southern CA	45%	34%	22%

Q. Secretary Alex Padilla has 21 years of experience in elected office. He is currently California Secretary of State, and has been since 2015. Before that, he also served in the California State Senate from 2006 to 2014. Before that, from 1999-2006, he was a city councilor. He also was chosen by his council colleagues to be president of his city council from 2001 to 2006. He is 47 years old. He was born in Pacoima, California.

Would you support or oppose Secretary Alex Padilla as the next U.S. Senator from California?

All Respondents	
Support	53%
Oppose	24%
Don't know	23%

By Age Group			
Age Group	Support	Oppose	Don't know
18-39	60%	16%	23%
40-64	47%	33%	20%
65+	46%	26%	27%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrats	72%	8%	19%
Republicans	19%	54%	27%
Independents/Other	47%	26%	27%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Black	75%	22%	4%
White	56%	24%	20%
Latino/a	57%	26%	17%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	43%	19%	37%
Other/Multiracial	46%	15%	38%

By Gender			
Gender	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Male	49%	28%	22%
Female	58%	18%	23%

By Region of California			
Region	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Northern CA	64%	18%	16%
Central CA	47%	36%	18%
Southern CA	47%	26%	26%

Q. Mayor Libby Schaaf has 9 years of experience in elected office. She is currently a mayor, and has been since 2015. Before that, she served as city councilor from 2011 to 2015. Before that, she was an attorney and Director of Public Affairs for the Port of Oakland. She cofounded a nonprofit to create improvement projects for her city. She is 54 years old. She was born in Oakland, California.

Would you support or oppose Mayor Libby Schaaf as the next U.S. Senator from California?

All Respondents	
Support	47%
Oppose	31%
Don't know	22%

By Age Group			
Age Group	Support	Oppose	Don't know
18-39	52%	24%	24%
40-64	40%	41%	19%
65+	47%	28%	24%

By Political Party Registration			
Party Registration	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrats	64%	17%	19%
Republicans	16%	63%	21%
Independents/Other	41%	29%	30%

By Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Black	51%	49%	1%
White	48%	36%	16%
Latino/a	46%	31%	24%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	39%	31%	29%
Other/Multiracial	49%	17%	34%

By Gender			
Gender	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Male	42%	38%	19%
Female	51%	23%	25%

By Region of California			
Region	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Northern CA	54%	33%	13%
Central CA	45%	36%	19%
Southern CA	43%	28%	29%

Q. When and if a COVID vaccine is developed, do you support a state law that all California residents are required to be given the COVID vaccine?

All Respondents	
Strongly Support	24%
Somewhat Support	26.1%
Somewhat Oppose	12.1%
Strongly Oppose	28.8%
Don't Know	6.9%

By Age Group					
Age Group	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
18-39	28.6%	25.6%	14.5%	22.5%	6.4%
40-64	20%	24.8%	6.9%	39.5%	6.7%
65+	16.6%	31.8%	17.4%	23.1%	9.2%

By Political Party Registration					
Party Registration	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Democrats	31.3%	32.1%	15.4%	11.1%	7.9%
Republicans	6.2%	20.2%	6.3%	60.8%	4.6%
Independents/Other	25.2%	19.7%	10.7%	35.2%	6.8%

By Race/Ethnicity					
Race/Ethnicity	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Black	16.2%	0.4%	18.6%	46.3%	18.5%
White	22.3%	26.8%	11%	33.1%	5.2%
Latino/a	20%	21.7%	13.5%	32.2%	6.4%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	23.1%	40.8%	8.4%	20.2%	7.5%
Other/Multiracial	35.1%	27.4%	16.6%	10.8%	10.2%

By Gender					
Gender	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Male	24.4%	25.2%	11.9%	31.5%	5%
Female	21.9%	27.9%	12.7%	26.8%	8.6%

By Region of California					
Region	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Northern	28%	28.5%	12.8%	19.9%	6.4%
Central	16.7%	24%	6%	41.3%	12%
Southern	22.1%	24.7%	12.4%	33.4%	6.5%

Q. The Newsom administration recently asked the Trump administration for federal disaster relief to help clean up after recent wildfires in the state. The Trump administration rejected this relief request and will not provide federal assistance to California. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's decision on federal disaster relief?

All Respondents	
Strongly Approve	15%
Somewhat Approve	10%
Somewhat Disapprove	8%
Strongly Disapprove	64%
Don't Know	3%

By Age Group					
Age Group	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
18-39	70.2%	8.7%	10.8%	7.2%	3.1%
40-64	56.2%	8.9%	10.1%	23.5%	1.3%
65+	64.1%	2.3%	7.8%	20.8%	4.6%

By Political Party Registration					
Party Registration	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Democrats	0.4%	4.3%	3.9%	90.6%	1%
Republicans	44.2%	25.3%	12.8%	11.9%	6%
Independents/Other	17.9%	9.3%	6.9%	62.4%	4%

By Race/Ethnicity					
Race/Ethnicity	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Black	1.0%	19.4%	0%	80.6%	0%
White	16.3%	7.8%	9.4%	63.8%	2.7%
Latino/a	19.2%	12.2%	7.3%	57.3%	4%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	9.9%	9.2%	3.0%	73.2%	4.7%
Other/Multiracial	8.8%	8.7%	7.9%	73.8%	0.8%

By Gender					
Gender	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Male	19.1%	12.8%	5.4%	61.1%	1.5%
Female	11.1%	7.3%	10.3%	67.4%	3.7%

By Region of California					
Region	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Northern	8.6%	8.9%	8.1%	71.6%	2.7%
Central	23.6%	18.4%	1.9%	55.9%	0.2%
Southern	18.1%	9.9%	8.8%	60.3%	2.8%

Q. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently launched a nonpartisan grants program through the USC Schwarzenegger Institute donating millions of dollars to open more polling places, mostly in southern states that have a history of racial discrimination. This effort has increased the number of polling places, making it easier for 3 million voters to participate in the election. Do you approve or disapprove of this nonpartisan effort to open more polling places?

All Respondents	
Strongly Approve	76%
Somewhat Approve	14%
Somewhat Disapprove	4%
Strongly Disapprove	2%
Don't Know	5%

By Age Group					
Age Group	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
18-39	76.5%	15.2%	1.6%	0.9%	5.8%
40-64	71.8%	13.7%	6.1%	5.0%	3.4%
65+	83.3%	8.6%	4.1%	1.4%	2.6%

By Political Party Registration					
Party Registration	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Democrats	88.7%	5.9%	2.7%	0.9%	1.9%
Republicans	50.1%	31.6%	5.1%	7.9%	5.1%
Independents/Other	72.4%	13.9%	4.0%	0.5%	9.2%

By Race/Ethnicity					
Race/Ethnicity	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Black	78.9%	21.1%	0%	0%	0%
White	75.7%	12.9%	4.2%	3.6%	3.6%
Latino/a	74.6%	13.5%	2.0%	0.2%	9.6%
Asian American & Pacific Islander	79.1%	13.7%	3.7%	0.8%	2.8%
Other/Multiracial	82.5%	4.2%	7.2%	2.9%	3.2%

By Gender					
Gender	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Male	70.9%	15.8%	5.6%	2.9%	4.9%
Female	79.8%	12.0%	1.8%	1.9%	4.4%

By Region of California					
Region	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know
Northern	76.4%	14.6%	2.4%	1.5%	5.1%
Central	72.0%	11.3%	1.3%	9.3%	6.0%
Southern	75.6%	13.6%	4.7%	2.2%	3.9%