OVERVIEW

In November, 2016 Californians will not only be voting for the President of the United States, but also for their representatives in the House and the Senate. California has the largest population of Arab Americans in the country. The number of Californians who claim an Arab ancestry has more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980. Arab Americans in California reside in 56 of the 58 counties in the state, with the greatest number of Arab Americans living in Los Angeles County. The largest component of the Arab American community in the state has Lebanese or Egyptian roots and the largest number of new Arab immigrants to California came from Iraq, Egypt, and Syria.

Of California’s 53 congressional districts, Republicans currently hold 14 and Democrats hold 39. Several seats remain uncontested for the general election. On the Republican side, safe seats include that of Congressman Paul Cook in District 8 and Congressman David Valadao in District 21. For California’s Democrats, seats that will be uncontested in November include District 14 held by Congresswoman Jackie Speier, District 29 held by Congressman Tony Cardenas, District 32 represented by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, District 37 held by Congresswoman Karen Bass, District 41 represented by Congressman Mark Takano, and District 53 held by Susan Davis.

Senator Barbara Boxer, first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1993, is retiring in 2016. As a result, her seat is being contested by California Attorney General Kamala Harris and Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, the current Representative for California’s 46th District. Senator Diane Feinstein will be running for reelection in 2018. The next California gubernatorial race will also take place in 2018.

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ARAB AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS

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GENERAL ELECTION

General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Polls OPEN at 7:00AM and CLOSE at 8:00PM

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Elections Division
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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www.sos.ca.gov/elections

DEADLINES

Voter Registration: October 24, 2016
Vote by Mail Application: November 1, 2016
Vote by Mail ballot: 8:00 PM on November 8, 2016

WHO CAN VOTE

To register to vote in California, you must be:

• A United States citizen
• A resident of California
• 18 years of age on Election Day
• Not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony

REGISTER TO VOTE

Mail
Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered to your county’s elections office no later than October 24, 2016. Applications can be picked up at your county elections office.

Online
You can register to vote on the California Secretary of State’s Elections Division website. The deadline for registering is 11:59 PM on October 24, 2016.

In-Person
A voter registration application can be picked up at your county elections office, library, Department of Motor Vehicles office, or U.S. post office. The application can then be returned by mail or in-person no later than October 24, 2016.

When to Re-register to Vote
• Change of address
• Change of name
• Change of political party choice

VOTE BY MAIL

You must be registered to vote to obtain an absentee ballot. An excuse is not required in order to register to early vote. An application may be filled out online, printed, signed, and mailed to your local elections office. You may also pick up a sample ballot booklet from your local elections office and return it. Any time after 7 days, you will need to apply in person at your county elections office to get a “Vote by Mail” ballot for that election.

Vote by Mail applications must be received no later than November 1, 2016. Vote by Mail ballots must either be postmarked by November 8, 2016 and received by your county elections office by November 11, 2016, or turned in to any polling place in your county between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

NEW CITIZENS

If you will become a U.S. citizen less than 15 days before the next election, you may still be able to register and vote. To do this, you must visit your county elections office any time before the polls close on Election Day. You must bring proof that you are a U.S. citizen and sign a form saying you are eligible to vote in California. Contact your county elections office for more information.

EARLY VOTING

Only some California counties offer early voting in-person before election day. Early voting may even be available on Saturdays and Sundays. You can contact your local county elections office to find out if early voting is offered in your area.
**VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS**

If you are voting for the first time after registering by mail and did not provide your driver’s license number, California identification number, or the last four digits of your social security number on the registration card, you may be asked to show a form of identification when you go to the polls.

Here are some acceptable forms of ID:
- Driver’s license or state-issued ID card
- Passport
- Employee ID card
- Credit or debit card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Health club ID
- Insurance plan ID

**DISABLED VOTERS & NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS**

If a voter requires assistance to vote, by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to write or to read the ballot, assistance may be given by a person of the elector's choice, excluding the voter’s employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter’s union. The person assisting the voter may accompany him or her into the voting booth.

If the voter is unable to write, he or she may ask the person of his or her choice to fill the ballot out in the voter’s presence, as directed. The voter then signs his or her name on the application and ballot envelope followed by the word “by” and the assistant’s own signature.

Persons with physical disabilities may request the local Registrar of Voters assist at their residences.

**DISABLED VOTER BALLOT BY MAIL**

Any registered eligible voter, if unable to vote in person, may vote by absentee ballot for one of the following reasons:

- Illness
- Physical disability
- Active service in the US Armed Forces
- Religious tenets which forbid secular activity on day of election, primary, or referendum
- Service as an election official at a polling place of voting during all hours of voting

**CONVICTED FELONS**

A person who has been convicted of a felony prior to January 1, 2002, or convicted and confined to a correctional facility after January 1, 2002, cannot apply to become a voter until the Registrar of Voters of the town where they live have restored their voting rights. To restore their rights, convicted felons must apply in person at their local Registrar of Voters office and provide documentation of their release from confinement and/or parole, or provide documentation that they were never confined. The State Department will provide releases of confinement. If a person was convicted before 2002 and never confined, the State Judicial Department will provide the appropriate form, to be given to the Registrars of Voters, for restoration of their voting rights.

**HOMELESS VOTERS**

Homeless persons may register. They must identify the specific location considered to be home, the place where the individual returns regularly and has present intention to remain. They are requested to supply a separate mailing address to which Registrars can mail notices.

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**CAMPAIGNING & THE POLLS**

On the day of any primary or election, no person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the election or referendum within a radius 75 feet of any outside entrance. The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the 75-foot distance from any entrance.

Representatives of the news media shall be allowed to enter, remain within and leave any polling place or restricted area surrounding any polling place to observe the election, provided any such representative who in any way interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be evicted by the moderator.

Any person who violates any provision of this section or, while the polls are open for voting, removes or injures any such distance marker, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than three months or both.

**POLL WATCHERS**

Any citizen may go to a polling place and observe. The poll watcher watches to see if any violations of the election laws occur. If such a violation occurs, the poll watcher is to inform the election board of the violation; the election board consists of poll workers. Uniformed law enforcement officers are not allowed to be poll watchers.

Poll watchers cannot use the poll workers’ supplies. The poll watcher may not interfere with or impede the conduct of any election. He/she should come no closer to the official table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary. Unless there is an observation of questionable nature, the poll watcher is not permitted to speak to the election board or voter.

- The first poll watcher of the Election Day has the right to see that the ballot box is empty before the first ballot is cast.

- A poll watcher may observe the distribution of the ballot to the voter and after the voter has voted the depositing of the ballot into the ballot box.

- If the poll watcher observes what he thinks might be a violation, he/she may question a voter’s privilege by stating his/her case to the election board. Remember, the election board consists of the poll workers at that precinct.

- The poll watcher may observe the closing procedures when the polls close. A poll watcher is not allowed to talk to any person in the polling place except when questioning a procedure.

No poll watcher may wear anything advertising a candidacy or promoting for or against an issue. Poll watchers are official observers only. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the polls close. The election board is the sole authority in the polling place on Election Day. No person, except the board, may handle or touch election supplies and materials. If the poll watcher feels that a violation has taken place during an election, the poll watcher must notify the election board. Electioneering, campaigning or solicitation within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling room is prohibited.

**POLL WORKERS**

The law requires that everyone who works in a polling place of Election Day receive training, including instruction on the rights of voters with disabilities. Also, a poll worker shall be a voter of the state and the poll worker may serve only in the precinct for which his or her appointment is received. Furthermore, a student may be appointed as a poll worker. However, an elections official may appoint not more than five students per precinct to serve under the direct supervision of precinct board members designated by the elections official.

Poll workers also learn about issues confronting voters who have disabilities, including access barriers and the need to make reasonable modification of policies and procedures to allow equal access to vote.
Democratic Presidential Challenger

**Hillary Clinton**, a graduate of Yale Law School, began her career working for the Children's Defense Fund, and later acting as an advisor to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate scandal. She served as First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1992, during which she became a partner at Rose Law Firm and led several business ventures. In 1993, Hillary Clinton became First Lady of the United States when Bill Clinton was elected as President. As First Lady, she chaired the Task Force on National Healthcare Reform. In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, where she served two terms. During her time in the Senate, Clinton served on the Committee on Budget, Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Special Committee on Aging. Additionally, she was a member of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In the 2008 Presidential election she ran unsuccessfully against President Barack Obama. President Obama appointed Clinton U.S. Secretary of State, where she served from 2009 to 2013. She announced her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination on Twitter in April 2015.

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Democratic Vice Presidential Challenger

**Senator Tim Kaine** (D-VA) graduated from the University of Missouri, and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School during which he interrupted his studies to work for nine months at a Jesuit mission in Honduras. Upon completion of Harvard Law, Kaine entered private practice and became a lecturer at the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1994, when he won a seat on the Richmond, Virginia City Council. He was then elected Mayor of Richmond in 1998, serving in that position until 2001 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Kaine was elected Governor of Virginia in 2005, serving until 2010. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009 to 2011, and then decided to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat, an election he won. Senator Kaine is presently serving in the Senate and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Kaine was selected by Hillary Clinton as her Vice Presidential running mate on July 22nd. On July 27, 2016 Senator Kaine officially accepted the Democratic nomination.
Republican Presidential Challenger

Donald Trump is a real estate mogul and television personality best known for the eponymous Trump Organization and his reality TV program “The Apprentice.” Born and raised in New York City, Trump earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1968. In 1973, Trump inherited his father’s real estate and construction firm, and renamed it “The Trump Organization.”

Trump is a politically active member of the Tea Party movement and had discussed the idea of running for President of the United States in five previous election cycles. In June 2015, Trump announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination in front of Trump Tower in New York City. Trump officially accepted the Republican National Committee’s nomination for President at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

Republican Vice Presidential Challenger

Following graduation from law school, Governor Mike Pence unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990, losing both times to Democratic incumbent Phil Sharp. In 1991, Pence was named President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and served for six terms. In November 2008, his fellow GOP members elected him to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Conference. During his tenure in Congress, Pence served on multiple House committees including, Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs. In May 2011, Pence announced that he would not run for re-election in Congress, and instead successfully ran for Governor of Indiana in the 2012 election. As Governor, Pence made national headlines when he signed Indiana’s controversial “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” into law. This action brought about widespread criticism alleging that the bill would permit discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

On July 15, 2016, Donald Trump announced that he had selected Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate in the 2016 Presidential election.
This is a good faith compilation of recorded positions the major party candidates have taken on selected issues the Arab American Institute is monitoring. This is not a comprehensive summary of candidates’ policies, but rather a reflection of the most common and clear policies we have documented the candidates put forward during the 2016 campaign.

### U.S. ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

#### General

Hillary Clinton has expressed belief that America has a “unique and unparalleled ability to be a force for peace and progress, a champion for freedom and opportunity.”

Donald Trump has promised that if elected, “our new goal must be to defeat Islamic terrorism, not nation-building.”

Clinton stresses that “American leadership means leading with our values in pursuance of our interests, in protection of our security.”

Trump has said that the problem with U.S. foreign policy with traditional U.S. allies in the Arab world is that, “We make bad deals. As a country, we don’t have victories anymore.”

Clinton has said, “America’s network of allies is part of what makes us exceptional...our allies deliver for us every day.”

In his promise to correct American foreign policy, Trump said that the current chaos in the Middle East, “began with a dangerous idea that we could make western democracies out of countries that had no experience or interests in becoming a western democracy.”

#### Egypt

During a meeting with Egyptian President el-Sisi, “Secretary Clinton emphasized the importance of respect for rule of law and human rights to Egypt’s future progress and raised concerns about prosecution of Egyptian human rights organizations and activists.”

During a meeting, Trump “thanked President el-Sisi and the Egyptian people for what they have done in defense of their country and for the betterment of the world.”

Clinton has criticized the regime of Egyptian President el Sisi, saying “I cautioned about a quick overthrow of Mubarak, and we now are back with basically an army dictatorship.”

Trump said that he never supported the Iraq war, and that the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq was “a catastrophic mistake” that lead to the rise of ISIL.

#### Iraq

Clinton says that the U.S. will never put ground troops into Iraq again, and regrets voting for the war in Iraq while serving in the U.S. Senate.

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Clinton has blamed the former Prime Minister of Iraq, Nouri al-Malaki, for much of the region’s current turmoil, saying he “sectarianized his military, setting Shia against Sunni.”

“We need to put sustained pressure on the government in Baghdad to get its political house in order, move forward with national reconciliation, and finally, stand up a national guard. Baghdad needs to accept, even embrace, arming Sunni and Kurdish forces in the war against ISIS.”

#### U.S. CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISIL

**U.S. Command of the Anti-ISIL Coalition**

Clinton believes the U.S. must lead the anti-ISIL coalition by “intensifying” the American-led air campaign, but supporting Arab and Kurdish fighters on the ground.

Clinton has said, “I don’t think that the United States-- has the bulk of the responsibility [to deal with ISIL]. I really put that on Assad and on the Iraqis and on the region itself.”

Trump wants to establish a broad anti-ISIL coalition with “any nation in the region that is threatened by the rise of radical Islam. But this has to be a two-way street. They must also be good to us. Remember that.”

To fight ISIL, Trump said he will “will partner with King Abdullah of Jordan, and President Sisi of Egypt, and all others who recognize this ideology of death that must be extinguished.”

Trump has advocated for a change in U.S. policy regarding Russian involvement, saying “let Russia fight ISIS, if they want to fight them, in Syria. We can fight them in Iraq.”
## U.S. Campaign Against ISIL

### U.S. Boots on the Ground

**Clinton**

Clinton does not believe in putting American troops into Syria or Iraq.

Clinton believes the U.S. “can be strong and smart without advocating torture or bigotry.”

Clinton has proposed an “intelligence surge” against ISIL that includes more operations officers and linguists, more technical surveillance, intercepting terrorist communications, flying more reconnaissance missions, and working in close partnership with other intelligence services.

Hillary pledged that if she’s elected president, she will never condone or practice torture anywhere in the world.

**Trump**

Trump has kept his plan to defeat ISIL a secret in order to be “unpredictable,” but has said of his plan, “We’re going to have to do something extremely tough over there. Like knock the hell out of them.”

Trump believes the U.S. is currently fighting an ineffective, politically correct war against ISIL and said that “the other thing is with the terrorists, you have to take out their families.”

Trump seems to have supported the introduction of U.S. ground troops to fight ISIL, saying “I would listen to the generals, but I’m hearing numbers of 20,000 to 30,000.”

Trump has advocated for re-instituting the torture tactic of waterboarding, saying “we should go tougher than waterboarding.”

Trump has been unequivocal about the importance of rhetoric in the fight against ISIL, saying “we can’t defeat Radical Islamic Terrorism” unless we acknowledge it exists and is the problem.

### Rhetoric

**Clinton**

After sustained criticism about her reluctance to describe the terrorist threat as “radical Islamic extremism,” in June 2016 Clinton said, “To me, radical jihadism, radical Islamism, I think they mean the same thing. I’m happy to say either, but that’s not the point. All this talk and demagoguery and rhetoric is not going to solve the problem.”

**Trump**

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Trump has criticized the U.S. program to train and equip Syrian rebels, saying “We’re training people and we don’t know who they are” and notes that the rebels might be worse than Assad.

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### U.S. Military Role

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### Humanitarian Response

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### PALESTINE-ISRAEL

### Settlement Framework

**Clinton**

Clinton believes that “Only a two-state solution can provide Palestinians independence, sovereignty and dignity, and provide Israelis the secure and recognized borders of a democratic, Jewish state.”

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### PALESTINE-ISRAEL

#### Settlement Framework
- Clinton believes settling the future of Jerusalem is “is the hardest issue.”
- On Israeli settlement growth, Clinton says it is “clearly a terrible signal to send if at the same time you claim you’re looking for a two-state solution.”

#### U.S. Role in Diplomatic Efforts
- Clinton believes that direct negotiations should be preserved, and that there cannot be an externally-imposed settlement.
- Clinton has promised to veto U.N. Security Council resolutions critical of Israel.
- Clinton has opposed the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement and has said that it is a campaign to delegitimize Israel.

#### U.S. Aid to Israel
- Clinton has said that she will invite Prime Minister Netanyahu to the White House as one of her first acts as President.
- Clinton has advocated for increasing rocket and missile defense support of Israel and for ensuring that Israel “always has the qualitative military edge.”

#### Gaza
- On the 2014 Israeli incursion into Gaza Clinton said, “Hamas provokes Israel. They often pretend to have people in civilian garb acting as though they are civilians who are Hamas fighters. And I think Israel has a right to defend itself.”

### CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES

#### Surveillance
- Clinton has stressed the need to “keep the balance of civil liberties, privacy and security.”
- Hillary Clinton has called for the National Security Administration to be more transparent and for a more vigorous system of judicial review for domestic surveillance programs.
- Clinton supports a national commission on encryption, and believes that there can be common ground in the conflict between encryption and law enforcement demands.

#### views on American Diversity
- Trump believes that “a lot of people would be willing to give up some privacy in order to have more safety.”
- Trump has supported instituting the surveillance of mosques and a database tracking Muslims in the U.S., saying the U.S. has “got to use strong measures or you’re going to see buildings coming down.”
- Trump believes that our current surveillance programs “put political correctness above your safety” and promises that as President he will “give our intelligence community, law enforcement, and military the tools they need to prevent terrorist attacks.”
- Trump advocates for the National Security Administration to run domestic mass surveillance programs with a court that can “issue individual rulings on when this metadata can be accessed.”

Mr. Trump has no public statements or official positions regarding the Gaza Strip.
# Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

## Policing Practices

**Clinton**: Has called for reforming police practices by ending the use of profiling, “go right at implicit bias,” equipping officers with body cameras, and has laid out plans to form national guidelines on the use of force by police officers.

**Trump**: Has called for U.S. law enforcement agencies to use profiling in their work, and looks to Israel as a model for this where “they see somebody that is suspicious, they will take the person in.”

**Clinton**: Has advocated for banning citizens on the terrorist watch list from being allowed to purchase guns.

**Trump**: Has said that U.S. needs to bring back the stop-and-frisk policing tactic that was disbanded in New York.

**Trump**: Has said that one of his first acts as President would be to establish a Commission on Radical Islam to “identify and explain to the American public the core convictions and beliefs of Radical Islam, to identify warning signs of radicalization, and to expose the networks in our society that support radicalization. This commission will be used to develop new protocols for local police officers, federal investigators, and immigration screeners.”

## Bigotry

### Views on American Diversity

**Clinton**: Regularly speaks out against the use of bigoted speech including the propagation of racism, xenophobia, misogyny, and homophobia.

**Trump**: Believes that the American Muslim community is harboring terrorists, explaining, “It’s like they’re protecting each other, but they’re really doing very bad damage, and they have to open up to society. They have to report the bad ones.”

**Clinton**: Said “no matter who you are, what you look like, what faith you practice, or who you love, we have a place for you and your rights are just as sacred as anybody else’s.”

**Trump**: Has been criticized for his comments about Mexicans, women, the disabled, the Black Lives Matter Movement, and Muslims, when asked if he believes himself to be divisive, he said “I don’t think so.”

**Clinton**: Said “We need to acknowledge some hard truths about race and justice in this country, and one of those hard truths is that racial inequality is not merely a symptom of economic inequality. Black people across America still experience racism every day.”

**Trump**: Has pledged to be a champion for all Americans, saying “I will fight to ensure that every American is treated equally, protected equally, and honored equally.”

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**Clinton**: In making his pitch to African American voters, Trump said “You’re living in your poverty, your schools are no good, you have no jobs, 58 percent of your youth is unemployed — what the hell do you have to lose?”
Hillary Clinton

**Reform**

Clinton advocates for comprehensive immigration reform with a “pathway to full and equal” citizenship.

Clinton wants to end the current administration’s policy of immigration raids and roundups, saying “We’re going to keep families together.”

Hillary Clinton has condemned the so-called ‘Muslim ban.’

Clinton rejects religious tests for immigrants.

Clinton promised to establish an Office of Immigrant Affairs to address the language, education, and economic barriers that hinder the integration of immigrants into American society.

**Executive Action**

Clinton supports the policies in the major executive actions on immigration that President Obama started: DACA, DAPA, and the DREAM Act.

Clinton believes that the Supreme Court should uphold the ability of the President to issue such executive actions on immigration.

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Donald Trump

**Reform**

Trump has plans to build a wall along the southern border to “stop the illegal movement of people, drugs, and weapons.”

Trump has called for a temporary, “total and complete shutdown” of Muslims travelling to the United States because “there’s a serious, serious problem with the Muslims and it’s got to be addressed.”

Trump has said that he will quickly deport undocumented immigrants who are “criminals, gang members, security threats, visa overstays, those who are relying on public welfare” as well as recent arrivals under President Obama’s Executive Action programs and “anybody brought into this country from the [Syrian] migration.”

Trump has called for an ideological test for immigrants to only admit those who share “our values and respect our people” and has said a Trump Administration would temporarily ban immigration from “volatile regions of the world that have a history of exporting terrorism.”

Trump questions the ability and desire of immigrants to assimilate into American society.

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**Refugee Resettlement**

Trump has said he would end the Syrian refugee resettlement program because he alleges the vetting process is flawed and Syrian refugees might be a “Trojan horse” bringing “Radical Islamic Terrorism into the West.”

Trump has called for a database of immigrants.

*sources available upon request*
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2016 U.S. Senate Candidates

U.S. Senate, CA Statewide
*Incumbent Senator Barbara Boxer (D) is retiring; there is no Republican candidate because the top two candidates in California’s ‘jungle primary’ were both Democrats.

Challenger
Kamala Harris (D) is running for the U.S. Senate to represent the state of California. In 2010, Harris became California’s Attorney General and continues to hold that office having won reelection in 2014. She is the first woman, African American, and Asian American to hold that office. Harris began her career in public service as the Deputy District Attorney in Alameda County, California from 1990 to 1998. She was elected to serve as the District Attorney for the city of San Francisco in 2003, after having served in the San Francisco District Attorney’s office in various capacities since 1998, including as Chief of the Community and Neighborhood Division. Harris was the top vote receiver in the 2016 California jungle primary for U.S. Senate.

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Loretta Sanchez (D) is running to represent the state of California in the U.S. Senate. Sanchez has served as the U.S. Representative of California’s 46th District for 19 years. Sanchez holds senior positions in both the House Armed Services Committee and House Homeland Security Committee. She is the founder and co-chair of the Women in the Military Caucus, co-chair of the Congressional Immigration Task Force, a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and a member of the House Blue Dog Coalition.

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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, CA 31st District

**Incumbent**
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U.S. House, CA 32nd District

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U.S. House, CA 33rd District

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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, CA 35th District

**Incumbent**
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U.S. House, CA 42nd District

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U.S. House, CA 43rd District

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U.S. House, CA 44th District

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U.S. House, CA 45th District

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# U.S. House, CA 47th District

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# U.S. House, CA 48th District

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U.S. House, CA 53rd District

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