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Tony Rivero Arizona House

Peoria Councilmember Tony Rivero is a Republican candidate for one of the two seats in the Arizona House of Representatives representing District 21. After winning in a landslide

in 2010 in the race to represent Peoria's Acacia District on the City Council, Rivero quickly earned a reputation as an advocate for fiscal responsibility and open government. Fiscal responsibility will continue to be his top priority as he seeks a seat in the Arizona Legislature. Rivero grew up in the same parts of the West Valley that are now part of District 21, attending

Peoria Elementary School, Peoria High School and Arizona State University. He earned a bachelor's degree in Education and a master's degree in Public Administration.

Rivero is positioned to win an open Republican-held seat. Republicans must defend their 36-24 majority in the Arizona House, a chamber targeted by Democrats.



Young Kim California Assembly

Young Kim is a long time community leader in North Orange County with unique private and public sector experience that makes her an ideal candidate.

As Director of Community Relations and Asian Affairs for Rep. Ed Royce in CA, Young Kim served as a

key liaison to the local communities within his district. Since July 2007, Young provided weekly commentaries on political and public affairs through the 24-hour Radio Seoul, AM 1650.

Young Kim's private sector experience includes serving as a Financial Analyst at a southern California Bank and Controller for a southern California manufacturing company. In 2013, Young Kim reformed a business

she had owned and operated nearly 20 years earlier, YK Connections, which assists new business owners and entrepreneurs looking to build or expand their business.

Having won 54.7% in a preview of November's general election with California's unique primary system, Kim represents one of Republicans' best opportunities to end the Democrats' supermajority in the California Assembly.

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Janet Nguyen California Senate

Janet Nguyen is a small businesswoman and County Supervisor elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in February 2007 and overwhelmingly re-elected in 2008 and 2012. She is former Vice-President of Government and Public

Affairs for the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Supervisor Nguyen is the highest ranking Vietnamese-American elected official in California and the highest ranking Vietnamese-American woman elected official in the United States. Born in Saigon, Vietnam, Janet Nguyen and her family escaped their homeland on a small wooden 10-meter boat sailing across the South China Sea in search

of freedom. After passing through numerous refugee camps, Janet and her family arrived in California in 1981. She is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine.

Ending the Democrat supermajority in the California Senate is likely to come down to victory for Janet Nguyen. Republican candidates captured 66.7% of the vote in the June primary in this open seat race.



Beth Martinez Humenik Colorado Senate

Beth Martinez Humenik is a 4th-generation Coloradan. Her great grandparents made the decision to save

their family by giving up their ranch and leaving everything they owned to come to America during the Mexican Revolution.

Beth comes from a family of educators. Beth has served as a city representative on the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee, as the city representative on the District 27J Capital

Fee Finance Foundation Board and as President, vice president on two homeowner boards, and vice president on the Colorado Women in Government Board.

This District 24 seat is expected to be one of Republicans' best opportunities to flip control of the 18-17 Democrat majority.



JulieMarie Shepherd Colorado House

JulieMarie Shepherd earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado. She later earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the same school with an emphasis in K-12 school governance. Shepherd currently works as a researcher with the Colorado Department of Education. She has also

taught public policy at the University of Colorado since 2006. Shepherd has been a volunteer of Guide Dogs for the Blind and a founding member of the City of Aurora Youth Commission. Julie Marie Shepherd has been proud to call Aurora home for over 25 years. In 2000, Shepherd was one of the founding members of the City of Aurora Youth Commission. Thirteen years later, she is still actively working for Aurora's youth; this time through advancing quality education. Shepherd has

always been active in her community. She has been involved in the 4-H youth development program for over 15 years; first as a member and now as an adult volunteer and fair judge. For over ten years, Shepherd has volunteered with Guide Dogs for the Blind, raising puppies and serving as an ambassador for the program.

Shepherd is aiming to recapture the District 40 seat Colorado House Republicans held when they controlled the majority in 2011-2012.

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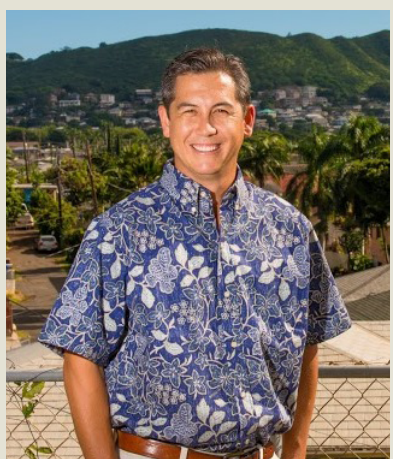


Daniel Diaz Leyva Florida House

The proud son of Cuban exiles, Daniel Diaz Leyva was born and raised in Miami. He attended both public and private schools in Miami prior to earning a Bachelor's degree in Finance from the University

of Miami and a law degree from St. Thomas University School of Law. Currently an attorney with the law firm of Foley & Lardner, one of the oldest and most prestigious AmLaw 50 law firms, Daniel has a broad range of experience in law and business. He is actively engaged in the South Florida community and has received multiple honors and awards in recent years for his service, including the 2012 Ruth Shack

Leadership Award by The Miami Foundation. He was recently appointed by Will Weatherford, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, to the Board of Directors of Florida Health Choices, a corporation established with the goal of increasing access to affordable, quality healthcare by creating a competitive market for purchasing health insurance for individuals and small businesses.

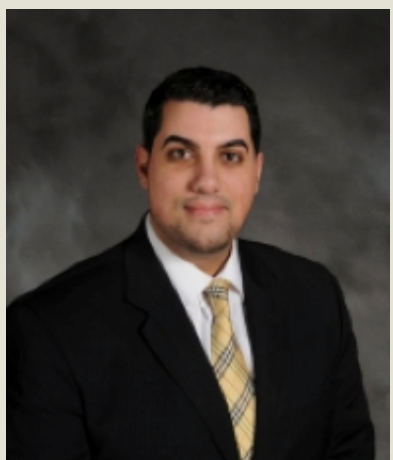


Max Fowler Hawaii House

Max Fowler, candidate for Hawaii's 27th district, was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. Max is a fourth generation Hawaii resident of Korean ancestry. He graduated from the University of Hawaii, with a B.A. in Political Science and received his M.A. in Religion from Hawaii Theological Seminary. In

addition, Max pursued Theological and Pastoral Studies at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, UK. Max and his wife Vanessa have been married for eleven years and have three children, Maile, Skye and Cruz. Their family resides in Honolulu, Hawaii. Currently, Max serves as Associate Pastor at Kaka'ako Christian Fellowship. Since 2005, Max has served as a pastor and worked for the betterment of his community. He has served on the local neighborhood

board; led a neighborhood watch patrol; taught character education as a part-time teacher; served on the School Community Council; organized community clean-ups; advocated for playground equipment; created free youth camps for community children; mentored at-risk youth; partnered with government officials for community revitalization; and worked with local small business owners to improve the business climate of the community.



Nick Hawatmeh Michigan House

Nick Hawatmeh is a lifelong resident of Macomb County. Nick earned his Bachelor's Degree in political science from Wayne State University. He went on to pursue his Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy School Of

Law. Nick has brought his legal expertise to numerous organizations by providing professional help and representation to seniors, the poor, veterans and many other citizens in need of a helping hand. Active and engaged in his community since his youth, Nick serves in several leadership capacities, including the Warren Zoning Board of Appeals, the North Rockwell Homeowners Association, and he has

volunteered with Macomb County Meals on Wheels. Nick is a local small business owner in the district. He received a gubernatorial appointment to serve as a member of the Michigan Speech-Language Pathology Board where his peers elected him Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.

Hawatmeh faces a first-term Democrat who captured the seat by less than three percent in 2012.

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Liane Johnson Montana Senate

Liane was born in Browning, MT to Theo Bird Sherman and George W Sherman III. Liane's Blackfeet ancestors can be traced back 7 generations. Her mother had gone back to Browning from her home in Lame Deer, MT to make

sure that her daughter was born on the Blackfeet Reservation. Liane graduated from Cut Bank High School and went on to college at Northern Montana College (now Montana State-Northern) in Havre. She later attended Blackfeet Community College. In Havre she met Jerry Johnson. They later married and they have three children, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Liane

owned her first cow at the age of 10. She and her husband Jerry started ranching in 1961. They started with 10 cows, 30 tons of hay and an old truck that kept losing its wheel. Now 53 years after that small start, they still farm on the reservation.

Johnson is running for an open Democrat-held seat in a chamber targeted by Democrats. Republicans hold a 29-21 majority.



Sarah Maestas Barnes New Mexico House

Sarah is a twelfth generation New Mexican. She earned a law degree at the University of New Mexico School of Law where she sat on the boards for Mexican American Law Student Association, whose core mission is to recruit,

support, and graduate Hispanic law students. She served on the Women's Law Caucus and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and also participated in the District Attorney clinic where she prosecuted DWI and domestic violence cases. Sarah was a recipient of the Dean's Award for her significant contributions to the law school community and was selected to receive the MALSA Law School Graduate of the Year award. Sarah and her family also own a small

business located in the district. They employ close to 50 New Mexicans because of their hard work and determination.

With popular Republican Governor, Susana Martinez, at the top of the ticket, Republicans need to gain just three seats to win the majority. This year is Republicans' best opportunity to capture control of the House for the first time since 1953. The freshmen Democrat in this district won by 314 votes in 2012.



Conrad James New Mexico House

Conrad was born and raised in a family that stressed education and hard work. Conrad completed his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, summa cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame. He then received his master's

and doctorate degrees from Cornell University in applied and engineering physics. Since 2002, he has worked as a research engineer developing biosensors.

From 2011 to 2012, Conrad represented House District 24 in the 50th New Mexico Legislature, serving on the House Appropriations & Finance and the Voters & Elections Committees. In 2013, Conrad was appointed

to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents where he currently serves on the Finance & Facilities Committee and the Health Sciences Center Board. Conrad and his wife Natasha are raising three children in the Northeast Heights and attend City Church of Albuquerque.

James is seeking a rematch with Elizabeth Thompson who captured the seat by 270 votes in 2012.

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Harry Lewis, Jr. Pennsylvania House

Harry Lewis, Jr. is a distinguished educator, school administrator, track coach and community leader for over 40 years. His experience includes serving as the Principal

of Coatesville Area Senior High School, Assistant Principal, Special Education Teacher and Physical Education Teacher.

A national champion in his own right, he benefited and recognized early on that sports offered much more than a recreational outlet. He skillfully used that platform to build

character and confidence while opening doors that allowed so many to reach their full academic as well as athletic potential.

Harry is a graduate of Winston-Salem University and earned his Masters of Wellness & Fitness at West Chester University, as well as a Masters in Education Administration at Cheyney University.



Monique Trudnowski Washington House

Monique Trudnowski is a candidate for State Representative in the 28th district. She is a mother of 6, self-made businesswoman, political outsider & co-owner of The Adriatic Grill with her husband Bill. Together they have grown the restaurant

from 30 employees to 62 since opening in February, 2008. Trudnowski has been honored by the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation with the Faces of Diversity: The American Dream Award which recognizes exceptional restaurant owners who have overcome past obstacles to achieve the American dream.

Trudnowski grew up on Fort Lewis as a military

dependent. She is currently the Honorary Vice Commander for the Western Air Defense Sector at JBLM, and has a son that is a wounded warrior. Trudnowski and her husband reside in Tacoma.

Trudnowski is aiming to capture a Democrat-held open seat in a district where Republicans hold the Senate seat and opposite House district.



Jill Upson West Virginia House

Jill Upson stands for individual liberty, limited government, low taxes, adherence to the Constitution, fiscal responsibility and love of family, community and country. She is focused

on lowering taxes and reducing spending to better serve West Virginia's taxpayers.

She is a mom of one son and a military wife, dedicated to researching local, state, and national issues, to remain informed of the problems and focused on their solution. She will strive to improve the business climate to ignite job growth. She

received an A+ rating from West Virginia Citizen's Defense League, West Virginia's largest state-level gun-rights organization.

Upson is seeking a rematch with Rep. Tiffany Lawrence who won by less than 300 votes in 2012. A victory for Upson would help Republicans win control of the West Virginia House for the first time since 1928.