



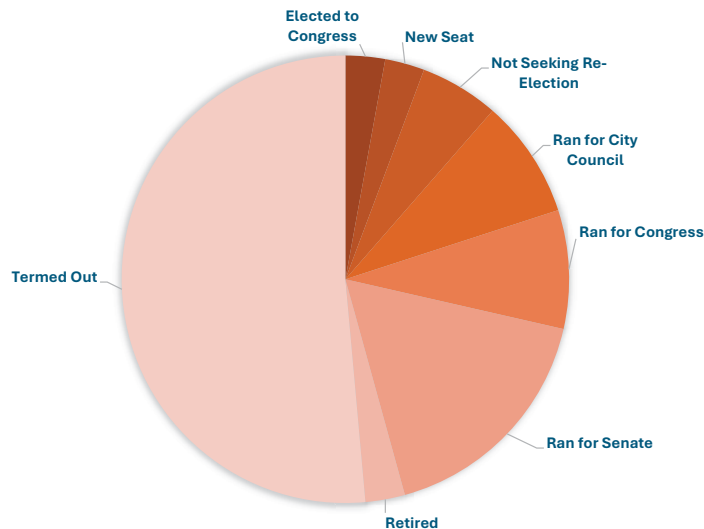
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State Advocacy Fall/Election Update

**Southern California Association of Governments
Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee**

November 19, 2024

Significant Legislative Turnover



- 35 Open Seats
- 30 New Members

SCAG Delegation Turnover

Assembly

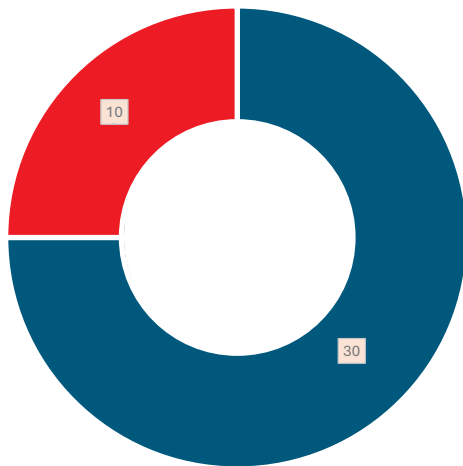
- Wendy Carrillo (D)
- Laura Friedman (D)
- Eduardo Garcia (D)
- Chris Holden (D)
- Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D)
- Anthony Rendon (D)
- Luz Rivas (D)
- Freddie Rodriguez (D)
- Miguel Santiago (D)

Senate

- Steve Bradford (D)
- Dave Min (D)
- Janet Nguyen (R)*
- Anthony Portantino (D)
- Richard Roth (D)
- Scott Wilk (R)



Senate Makeup



• Democrats • Republicans

- Likely R +1 Gain
- Significant experience termed out (ex. Fmr Pro Tem, Budget, Approps. Chairs)
- Majority women (21 or 22 members) and more diverse caucuses



Key Races

- SD 37 – Newman v. **Choi***
- SD 35 – Chambers v. **Richardson***
- SD 07 – Beckles v. **Arreguín**
- SD 23 – Mueller v. **Valladares**
- SD 19 – Middleton v. **Ochoa-Bogh**

*Close Call



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New SCAG Senate Delegation Members

- Richardson, Laura or Chambers, Michelle* (SD 35)
- Choi, Steve or Newman, Josh* (SD 37)
- Valladares, Suzette (SD 23)
- Perez, Sasha Renee (SD 25)
- Reyes, Eloise Gomez (SD 29)**
- Cervantes, Sabrina (SD 31)**

*Close Call

**Jump from Assembly



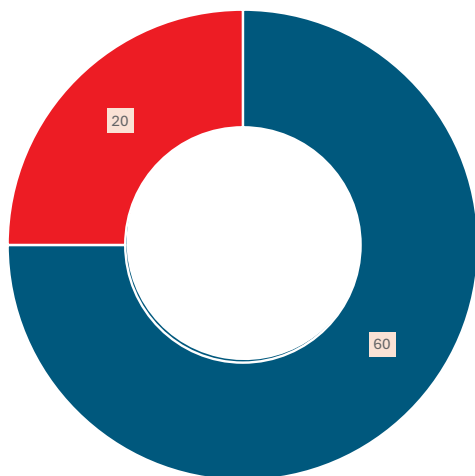
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Key Insights

- ‘Pragmatic’/Moderate Shifts
- Senate Leadership – Pro Tem McGuire’s final session
- Open Committee Chairs
 - Housing
 - Energy
 - Health
 - Education
 - Taxation
 - Governmental Org



Assembly Makeup



- Potential R +2 Gain*
- Significant experience termed out (ex. Fmr Speaker, Budget, Chair)
- Closer to gender parity (38 Asm women)

Key Races

- AD 36 – Acuña v. **Gonzalez***
- AD 58 – Cervantes v. **Castillo***
- AD 47 – Holstege v. **Wallis***
- AD 57 – **Elhawary** v. Martinez
- AD 62 – **Solache** v. Jones
- AD 43 – **Rodriguez** v. Garcia



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New SCAG Assembly Delegation Members

- Gonzalez, Jeff (AD 36)
 - Harabedian, John (AD 41)
 - Rodriguez, Celeste (AD 43)
 - Schultz, Nick (AD 44)
 - Caloza, Jessica (AD 52)
 - Rodriguez, Michelle (AD 53)
 - Gonzalez, Mark (AD 54)
 - Elhawary, Sade (AD 57)
 - Solache, José Luis (AD 62)
 - Wallis, Greg or Holstege, Christy (AD 47)*
 - Cervantes, Clarissa or Castillo, Leticia (AD 58)*
 - Davies, Laurie or Duncan, Chris (AD 74)*
- *Close Call



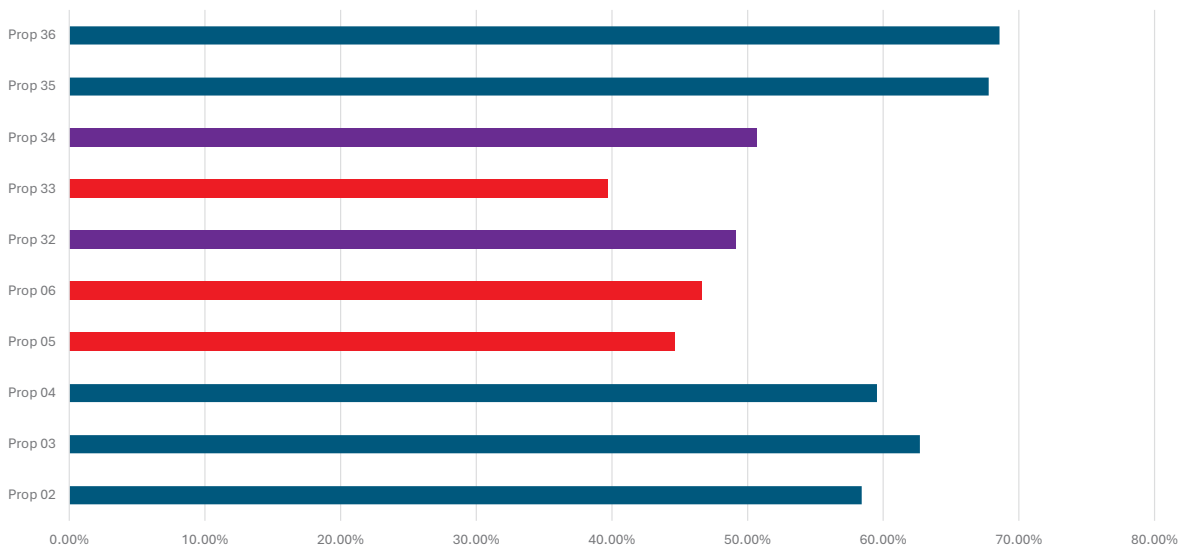
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Key Insights

- Moderate Shifts
- Speaker Rivas' 2nd Session
- Open Committee Chairs
 - Public Safety
 - Environmental Safety



Ballot Measures – Insight to Nuanced CA Vote



Election Impacts

- New Members, New Dynamics (~30)
- Moderate Shift and CA Progressive Policies
 - “It’s the Economy, Stupid”- Carville
- Reality Check on the ‘Latino Vote’
- CA vs. Trump 2.0 (*but first see shifts in Fresno, Riverside, San Bernardino Counties*)
 - Special Session called to run concurrent with Regular Session (Dec 2)
 - Focus on funding ‘affirmative litigation’ and legal defense.



Topline CA-Federal Policy Issues

- Federal Policy
 - Immigration
 - Reproductive Rights
 - Transportation Funding
 - Healthcare (ACA)/Medicaid Subsidies
 - Farm Bill and Food Assistance (SNAP)
 - Title 1 Education Funds
 - Climate Policy (EPA Waivers for clean vehicle mandates)



Topline CA Policy Issues

- Budget (~\$150 billion federal funds pass through to state/local)
 - High Speed Rail
 - Wildfire/Disaster Response
- Cost of Living
 - Housing/Homelessness
 - Gas Prices and EV mandates
 - Utilities
 - Property Insurance Access/Affordability
 - Higher Education
 - Childcare
- Public Safety
 - Prop 36 Implementation
 - Homelessness
- Workforce/Economic Development
 - Job training/CTE
 - AI