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NEW POLL: Democrat Sunday Gover Tied With GOP Incumbent Maienschein In San Diego's 77th Assembly District

Heading into general election, polling shows Assembly race tied at 38%

SAN DIEGO—A recent poll conducted by Lake Research Partners shows Sunday Gover in a dead heat against Republican incumbent Brian Maienschein, with both candidates currently capturing 38% of the vote, and 24% undecided.

Lake Research Partners said: "Our polling shows the race in San Diego 77th Assembly District is a dead heat, but after voters hear about both candidates, Sunday moves into a healthy lead earning 50% of the vote to Maienschein's 36%. Sunday's experience as a successful local businesswoman, cancer survivor and public-school mom resonate strongly with San Diego voters and, with enough resources to communicate her message, she is in a strong position to compete and win in this competitive district."

After voters hear positive, even-handed profiles on both candidates, Gover takes a 14-point lead over Maienschein and consolidates a majority of the vote, ultimately leading Maienschein 50% to 36%. Nationally recognized polling firm Lake Research Partners conducted the poll from August 2 – August 6 by live telephone survey of 500 likely voters in Assembly District 77. The full polling memo is available here.

Sunday Gover said: "These poll results confirm what I've been hearing from voters out on the campaign trail for months. San Diegans want an Assemblymember who shares their values and will focus on the priorities that aren't getting fixed by the career politicians, including expanding healthcare coverage, lowering prescription drug prices, strengthening our public schools and standing up to the extreme and divisive Trump Agenda."

The poll results come as the Gover campaign continues to build momentum. Over the last few weeks, Gover has built up significant momentum with endorsements from Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Labor Federation and Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Dan Rottenstreich, Gover's campaign consultant, said: "These poll results spell serious trouble for Republican Brian Maienschein, who has mixed job approval ratings, is a complete unknown to more than half of his constituents despite nearly two decades in political office and whose support for Donald Trump, endorsement from the NRA and votes to deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions make him profoundly out of step with San Diego's mainstream. With an aggressive campaign, grassroots organizing on the ground and the resources to compete, we can expose Brian Maienschein's backwards politics and flip this seat for the Democrats in 2018."

Sunday Gover is the Democratic nominee for Assembly District 77 which encompasses the northern portion of the City of San Diego and Poway. Gover is endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund CA, the California Teachers and the California Labor Federation.

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San Diego's 77^a Assembly District covers the Northern San Diego communities of Scripps Ranch, Mira Mesa, Clairemont, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo and the city of Poway. Hillary Clinton won the district by 16 points in the November 2016 election.

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