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Over one million votes and counting



As you know, we've been waiting and watching as California counties count millions of votes that will decide the result of our primary election. Many of these are vote-by-mail ballots that were postmarked by Election Day.

As anticipated, we've been gaining ground as the votes are counted. At this moment, we are in the top two! There are a few more days of counting left, and the results could still fluctuate. But if the numbers hold, we will make it to the November general election, emerging from a crowded and challenging field. I'm excited by what we've accomplished so far.

Here are a few quick takeaways from the primary:

- Taking on an incumbent in a statewide race is a tall order. Many political observers assumed we'd go quietly into the night on June 7, leaving the incumbent with a non-competitive runoff. That happened in other statewide races. But so far we are beating the odds and setting up a very competitive race in November.
- The incumbent received only 36.2 percent of the vote. Meaning that more than 60 percent of voters have cast ballots AGAINST the incumbent. For reference, other statewide Democratic incumbents averaged 20 points higher, and the lone Republican in the State Controller's race received 37 percent of the vote.

- If we meet our goal of securing a top two position on the ballot, we'll benefit from a one-on-one contest in November with a clear contrast.
- Our message is getting through. We received every major newspaper endorsement, and that media coverage reflects the major issues and differences in this race.
- Our ideas are gaining traction. While insurance issues aren't always top of mind, the crisis gripping California is getting more attention every day. I heard about it on every campaign stop: people losing coverage or being squeezed to the limit by rising costs. Our ideas to stabilize the crisis and provide affordable coverage can make a real difference in the lives of Californians.

I'm grateful for your support. We'll share more soon on final results and our plans for November.

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With gratitude,



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