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CAMPAIGN 2014: CALIF. MASSES ARE ASSES AS ONLY 18.3% TURNED OUT TO VOTE JUNE 3rd

Editor's note: That is the bad news if you are a political policy wonk who follows Calif. politics. The good news, according to our sources, is that there are more absentee and provisional ballots which still have not been counted. With that in mind, here's our analysis and commentary about the June 3 Calif. primary...

...Sources estimate that there are between 700,000 to 1 million more absentee and provisional ballots. As of about 6 a.m. June 4th, the voter turnout was **18.3%**. That's really piss poor. The masses are asses is one of my late father's favorite expressions. If our sources are correct, then the final turnout could hit 25%, which is what *Calpeek.com* predicted in our Primary Preview newsletter...

...There is only one statewide contest still up in the air: the controller's race. Very few insiders predicted Republican CPA David Evans was a key player, with CPA as a ballot title he pulled lots of Republican votes in northern Calif...

...Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin(R) received 24.4% vs. Evans at 21.6%. with Demos John Perez at 21.7% and Betty Yee at 21.5%. These figures could change dramatically. Swearingin did NOT do well with voters outside her hometown of Fresno. More in another part of this story...

...Most sources agree that the **largest bloc of voters** were *white seniors*...

...The **political party designation** of NPP (no political party) did not do well statewide or in local races. It was a bust. Secretary of State candidate Dan Schnur would have done better had he kept his Republican Party affiliation. And NPP probably hurt 33rd CD candidate Marianne Williamson who switched registration to take on U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman(D) before he announced his retirement. She'd have done better as a Democrat...

...The **Calif. Republican Party**(CRP) is in worse shape now than it was at the beginning of 2014. Gov. Jerry Brown(D) is going to win a 4th term without much trouble. Former Treasury Dept. official Neel Kashkari didn't break 20% against right wing Assemblyman Tim Donnelly. Kashkari should have destroyed the gun-loving lawmaker two months ago. It was the worst primary campaign *Calpeek.com* has seen in a long time...

STATEWIDE OFFICES

GOVERNOR – Gov. Jerry Brown is on his way to a fourth term as Calif.'s chief executive. Brown won with 54.5% vs. 19.0% for Kashkari and 14.8% for Donnelly. *Calpeek.com* wishes Gov. Brown would follow Kashkari's position and drop his desire to build the high speed rail system. Fixing Calif's water system should be Brown's only priority from now on...

LT. GOVERNOR- It will be incumbent Demo Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom against former CRP Chair Ron Nehring. Newsom got 49.9% vs. 23.3% for Nehring in the primary. Gavin is sitting on a big war chest and Nehring will have to really bust his rear end if he is to get close to Newsom...

ATTORNEY GENERAL – Incumbent Demo AG Kamala Harris didn't have a Demo rival in the primary. The GOP field was very weak and the GOP winner with 12.7% was attorney Ronald Gold. Harris won with 53.1% of the vote. This won't even be close in November...

SECRETARY OF STATE – Demo State Sen. Alex Padilla came in first with 30.1%. In second was unknown GOP candidate educator Pete Peterson with 29.6%. Dan Schnur received 8.9% and former Common Cause executive Derek Cressman got only 7.5%. This is going to be Padilla's race to win or lose. FYI: corruption charges took State Sen. Leland Yee(D) out of the race, but he could NOT get his name removed from the ballot. Yee got 9.8% of the vote with 287,590 votes. Just a guess, but those voters might have gone to Padilla...

TREASURER – Controller John Chiang(D) should be a slam dunk to win the Treasurer's job. He came in first with 58.1% vs. unknown GOPer Greg Conlon with 38.4%...

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – Incumbent Demo Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones received 53.8% vs. State Sen. Ted Gaines with 41.6%. Jones is the favorite to win in November...

SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION – *Calpeek.com* expected educator Marshall Tuck to make the race a little closer since he received the most newspaper endorsements. But incumbent Tom Torlakson came in first with 46.9% followed by Tuck with 28.6% and third place candidate LydiaGuiterez with 24.4%...

CONTROLLER – *Calpeek.com* gave the numbers in our introduction. The GOP wildcard was David Evans who received 21.6% of the vote. The counting in this race isn't over and won't be for some time. We'll update when new numbers are posted...

PROP. 41 the Veterans Housing bond won with 65.4%.
PROP. 42 the Public Records measure won with 61.5%.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: District 1 will be incumbent GOP BOE member George Runner vs. Demo Chris Parker. In District 2 it will be candidate Fiona Ma(D) vs. James E.Theis (R). In District 3, BOE incumbent Jerome Horton(D) won because he had no opponent. In 4 it will be GOP Assemblywoman Diane Harkey vs .Demo Nader Shahatit...

U.S. HOUSE RESULTS

CD 4 – GOP U.S. Rep. Tom McClintock will face another GOP candidate in November. Art Moore slipped by Jeffrey D. Gerlach to come in second. This contest will be one to watch...

CD 10 – GOP U.S. Rep. Jeff Denham will be targeted by the DCCC. The Demo candidate is Michael Eggman who got 26.7% of the vote over rival Demo Michael Barkley with 16%. Deham got 57.3%. This will be WWII...

CD 17 – The Survey USA poll had it right. Incumbent U.S. Rep. Mike Honda finished twenty points ahead of Democratic rival Ro Khanna. Honda 48.6% vs. Khanna 27.1%. The primary got a little nasty toward the end when an IE supporting Honda may have stepped over the line. But **one person's smear is another person's fact sheet**...

CD 25 – Republican Tony Strickland defeated rival GOP State Sen. Steve Knight by a margin of 29.4% for Strickland and 28.3% for Knight. These two will battle again in November. The Demo who was endorsed by the L.A. Times, Dr. Lee Rogers, came in third with 22.4%...

CD 26 – It will be incumbent Demo U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley vs. GOP Assemblyman Jeff Gorell in November....

CD 31 – This was one of those tight races on both side of aisle, with Goper Paul Chabot winning the Republican primary over Lesli Gooch by a margin of 26.8% to 16.5%. On the Demo side, Redlands Mayor Pete Aguilar won on his second attempt with 17.4% vs. 16% for Eloise Gomez Reyes and 11/3% for Joe Baca. Reyes has a bright future in politics. Joe Baca is political toast...

CD 33 – This was the hottest House seat battle in Calif. in this cycle for the CD of U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman(D). 18 rivals were in the contest.. Deputy DA Elan Carr(R) came in first with 21.5%. There were two other Republicans in the primary, but they were mostly way back in the pack...

...State Sen. Ted Lieu(D) led the Demo field with 19%, followed by former L.A. Controller Wendy Greuel with 16.8%. Independent NPP candidate Marianne Williamson got 12.9%. The two

Demos who tried to make a dent fell very flat: Matt Miller got 12% and David Kanuth got only 1.4%. Both of these candidates had lots of good tv spots, especially Miller...

CD 35 – In a big Demo field, Norma J. Torres finished in front with 67.1%...

CD 52 – Demo incumbent U.S. Rep. Scott Peters finished number one with 42.2% in front of Carl DeMaio(R) with 35.9%. This will be WWII in November...

...FYI: *Calpeek.com's* Dick Rosengarten lives next door to the 33rd CD. If I had been a voter in the 33rd I would have voted for Ted Lieu...

STATE SENATE RESULTS

SD 6 – This is the Sacramento area senate district of retiring State Sen. Darrell Steinberg(D). There is a big slugfest between Demo Assemblymen Roger Dickinson and Richard Pan. Dickinson finished with 40.2% vs. Pan with 31.2%. GOP candidate James Axelgard got 16.2% The Dickinson vs. Pan shootout in the fall will be one of the better matches especially if Dickinson sides with the consumer groups and trial lawyers in the MICRA fight...

SD 10 – This primary featured a comeback attempt by former Demo Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi. She left office after taking a plea on a 2011 shoplifting charge at Neiman Marcus. The incident was taped. Assemblyman Bob Wieckowski(D) used the video against Hayashi. Wieckowski finished first with 35%. In second was GOP candidate Peter Kuo with 26.2%. Sources tell *Calpeek.com* that Republicans might target this seat...

SD 20 – This was mostly a Demo primary shootout, with labor leader Connie M. Leyva coming in first with 21.1%. She will face Goper Matthew Munson who got 32.3%...

SD 24 – Is Senate President Kevin De Leon(D) on double secret probation? Demo sources in Sacramento warn that Demo rival Peter Choi may make a run at De Leon in November. The 20th SD has a large Asian voter base. It's a district to watch...

SD 26 – This is my home district and there were seven Demos and one NPP in this primary. It will be a Demo Party shootout in November between Ben Allen who got 21.8% and better known Sandra Fluke who finished with 19.7%. Her campaign finished strong with lots of good mail and *calpeek.com* predicted she'd end the race closing fast. Betsy Butler got 16.7% and one-time frontrunner Amy Howorth finished with 15.5%. Howorth faded very fast. Dr. Vito Imbasciani had lots of mail, but only got 4.4%. Allen vs. Fluke – toss up...

SD 28 -Goper Jeff Stone won the primary with 21.8%. In second was Goper Glenn Miller with 19.4%. Demo Phil Drucker came close but no cigar at 19.1%. Former GOP

Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia finished out of the money with 19.3%. So November will be a GOP runoff... Stone vs. Miller...

SD 32 – GOP candidate Mario Guerra finished first with 44.1%. The Demo who will face Guerra is Tony Mendoza who got 31.9% of the vote. This seat should go Demo, but **Calpeek.com** calls it a toss up for now....

SD 34 – This was Demo State Sen. Lou Correa's seat. He is termed out. This seat could go to GOP Orange Co. Sup. Janet Nguyen who finished with 51.5% vs. 34% for Demo Assemblyman Jose Solorio. Sources don't think Solorio can hold the seat for the Demos. We'll wait and see...

STATE ASSEMBLY RESULTS

Editor's note: With 80 Assembly seats up for grabs, **Calpeek.com** is only going to cover a few which caught our attention....

AD 7 – This is a Sacramento district which has a heavy Demo registration advantage. The two Demo candidates who will face each other in November are Kevin McCarty who received 34.6% of the vote. He'll face Steve Cohn who got 28.4%. There were two GOP candidates in the primary. McCarty may have problems with Sacto Mayor Kevin Johnson because McCarty opposes the proposed new stadium in downtown Sacramento...

AD 9 – Another Sacramento Assembly battle between Demo Jim Cooper and another Demo, Darrell Fong. In the primary Cooper was ahead by a margin of 31.4% to 28.6% for Fong...

AD 16 – This was WWII between Steve Glazer and Tim Sbranti. Sbranti finished first with 29.6% with Glazer at 22.5%. But Glazer isn't in the runoff because GOP candidate Catharine Baker got 36.5% to finish in front of both Demos. Glazer was backed by business vs. Sbranti was supported by labor....

AD 17 – This is a San Francisco fight between two members of the Board of Supervisors. Sup. David Chiu finished with 48.4% ahead of Sup. David Campos with 43.1%. A total shootout in November...

LOCAL CONTESTS

Editor's note: Three District Attorney races, one sheriff's race, two supervisorial contest...

San Diego District Attorney – Incumbent DA Bonnie Dumanis has won another term. Dumanis got 55% to defeat Bob Brewer at 35% and Terri Wyatt at 10%...

Sacramento Co. District Attorney- Anne Marie Schubert will be the new District Attorney in Sacramento County. She defeated Deputy AG Maggy Krell by a margin of 58% to 32%, with Todd Leras in third with 10%....

San Bernardino District Attorney – DA Mike Ramos won another term by defeating Grover Merritt by a margin of 61.47%

to 38.53%...

L.A. County Assessor – West Hollywood Councilman Jeff Prang finished first in a crowded field of candidates. Prang got 18.06%. In second was John Morris with 16.40%. One of the more well known Demos, Omar Haroon got only 8.84%. Prang will face off against Morris in November...

L.A. County Sheriff – In the battle to replace retired L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca, Long Beach PD Chief Jim McDonnell almost went over 50% with 49.15%. Facing McDonnell in November will be former Undersheriff Paul Tanaka who got 14.74%. Bob Olmsted, the guy who blew the whistle on the jail abuse, came in third with 9.8%. Tanaka has problems stemming from the FBI investigation into jail corruption. He is not a target, but a subject...

L.A. County Supervisor District #1 – Former Labor Secretary Hilda Solis won 70.32% of the vote. I think she's avoided a runoff for Gloria Molina's seat...

L.A. County Supervisor District #3 – There will be a runoff for Zev Yaroslavsky's seat between first place finisher Sheila Kuehl who got 36.18% and Bobby Shriver who received 28.8%. In third was West Hollywood Councilman John Duran who got 16.34%. Duran was never a serious candidate until he won the L.A. Times endorsement. And Duran didn't have the resources of Kuehl or Shriver...

Long Beach Mayor's Contest – The runoff was held June 3. The winner was Vice Mayor Robert Garcia who defeated former NFL player Damon Dunn by a margin of 52.1% to 47.9%. Lots of firsts for Garcia: the youngest mayor of Long Beach; the first Latino mayor; and the first openly gay mayor...

...A quick review of the judges races in L.A. County, only 4 or 12 judges endorsed by the L.A. Times won the most votes and those who came out on top face a general election runoff...

...FYI: the voter turnout in L.A. County was only 13.19%. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2014: LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO WON PRIMARIES FOR CALIF. STATEWIDE OFFICE

GOVERNOR – Jerry Brown(D); and Neel Kashkari(R).

LT. GOVERNOR – Gavin Newsom(D); and Ron Nehring (R)...

ATTORNEY GENERAL - Kamala Harris(D) and Ronald Gold(R)...

STATE CONTROLLER – Ashley Swarengin(R); John Perez(D); Betty Yee(D) and David Evans(R)...

TREASURER – John Chiang(D) and Greg Conlon(R)...

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – Dave Jones(D) and Ted Gaines(R)...

SECRETARY OF STATE – Alex Padilla(D) and Pete Peterson(R)...

BOARD OF EQUAL #1 – Chris Parker(D) and George Runner (R).

BOARD OF EQUAL #2 – Jack Theis(R) and Fiona Ma(D)...

BOARD OF EQUAL #3 - Jerome Horton(D).

BOARD OF EQUAL #4 – Diane Harkey(R) and Nader Shatit(D)...

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION – Tom Torlakson(Incum) and Marshall Tuck...

Times editorial board for selecting him over the others named above...

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NEXT WEEK ITS BACK TO BASICS, SUCH AS THE NATIONWIDE RESULTS FROM THE JUNE 3 PRIMARIES. THE BERGHAHL-TALIBAN SWAP. AND THE TEA PARTY'S TROUBLES.

WE'LL TRY TO REPORT ON MORE DA, SHERIFFS AND SUPERVISOR CONTESTS AND UPDATE STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY RACES.

FYI; In the Assembly there are lots of incumbents who geet a FREE ride.

Calendar of Political Events

June 6	70 th Anniversary of D-Day
June 16	Dedication of new Calif. Demo Parry building in Sacramento. 1830 9 th Street. Ceremony at 11 a.m...
June 21	First day of summer
July 2	50 th anniversary of signing of Civil Rights Law

CALPEEK.COM BLASTS L.A. TIMES EDITORIALS

Editor's Note: The best editorials in this primary cycle were written by the [San Francisco Chronicle](#). The most ill informed editorials were written by the L.A. Times. Here's our commentary...

...The absolute worst editorial of this cycle was the endorsement of [Pete Peterson](#)(R) running in the primary for Secretary of State...

...Peterson was and is almost totally unknown to Calif. voters. I'd like to see how this nobody shows up in a legit poll. Not only is he unknown, but so is that think tank at Pepperdine University. Never heard of The Davenport Inst...

...When there were some other excellent choices to pick, why did they select Peterson? I don't have an answer, but I do know that Dan Schnur, Derek Cressman and Alex Padilla would have been better choices. All the choices I named above have track records. Peterson is an unknown and I fault the L.A.