



UC Davis State Government Relations Update November 5, 2014

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Election Recap

Statewide Contests

- **Governor** – Governor Jerry Brown defeated Republican challenger Neel Kashkari to earn a historic fourth term. Brown is now the state’s longest serving governor. Brown’s agenda for his final term will include focusing heavily on policies dealing with climate change, high-speed rail and water issues.
- **Lieutenant Governor** – The incumbent also won the Lieutenant Governor race, and thus Gavin Newsom will be back for another term. Student athlete academic success, will likely continue to be an issue that the Lieutenant Governor is interested in.
- **Other Statewide Offices** – Former State Senator Alex Padilla won the race for Secretary of State, Betty Yee will be the next Controller and John Chiang will be Treasurer. Incumbents Kamala Harris, Dave Jones and Tom Torlakson will all return to their posts as Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner and Superintendent of Instruction respectively.

State Ballot Measures

- **Voters Pass Propositions 1, 2 and 47** – The passage of Prop 1 will authorize \$7.45 billion in general obligation bonds for water quality, supply, treatment and storage infrastructure project. The passage of Prop 2 will create a state rainy day fund and with the approval of Prop 47, non-serious and nonviolent drug and property crimes will now have reduced jail terms.

State Assembly Races

- **District 1 (Brian Dahle (R) 71.3% vs. Brigham Sawyer Smith (D) 28.7%)** – Assembly Member Brian Dahle won his reelection bid and will continue to represent Redding and the surrounding areas. Mr. Dahle is a seed farmer, has visited our campus and has a strong interest in workforce development and agriculture.

- **District 2 (Jim Wood (D) 63.8% vs. Matt Heath (R) 36.2%)** – Dr. Jim Wood is the new Assemblyman for District 2, which includes Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, Mendocino and northern/coastal Sonoma County. He beat Republican Matt Heath and takes over for Assembly Member Chesbro, who terms out this year. Dr. Wood is a dentist and is the current Mayor of Healdsburg.
- **District 3 (Jim Reed (D) 36.9% vs. James Gallagher (R) 63.1%)** – James Gallagher was elected to the 3rd Assembly District seat with 63% of the vote. James Gallagher is a Sutter County Supervisor, was an Assembly Fellow in Assemblyman LaMalfa’s Office and is a King Hall graduate. He will represent the Yuba-Sutter area and succeeds Assemblyman Logue. He is a practicing attorney.
- **District 4 (Bill Dodd (D) 60.9% vs. Charlie Schaupp (R) 39.1%)** – Bill Dodd won his election for the 4th Assembly District Seat. He replaces Assemblywoman Yamada who is termed out. Assemblyman Dodd is a former Napa County Supervisor and recently visited the campus. While he was here he participated in a tour and was briefed on budget and financial aid issues. His Chief of Staff is a King Hall grad. Assembly District 4 includes the UC Davis campus along with parts of Colusa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake and Napa counties.
- **District 6 (Brian Caples (D) 34.3% vs. Beth B. Gaines (R) 65.7%)** – Assembly Member Gaines also won her reelection bid and will continue to represent the people of the 6th Assembly District, which includes parts of El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento counties.
- **District 7 (Steve Cohn (D) 41.7% vs. Kevin McCarty (D) 58.3%)** – Kevin McCarty is the new Assembly Member for Assembly District 7, which serves Sacramento and a small part of Yolo County. The UC Davis Health System is located in this member’s district. Kevin McCarty comes the State Legislature as a former Sacramento City Councilmember. He will succeed Assemblyman Roger Dickinson.
- **District 8 (Ken Cooley (D) 54.7% vs. Douglas Haaland (R) 45.3%)** – Assembly Member Cooley won reelection to the 8th Assembly District which represents Rancho Cordova, Carmichael and Citrus Heights. He’s a UC Berkeley and McGeorge School of Law graduate. His education staffer is a former ASUCD Senator.
- **District 9 (Jim Cooper (D) 56.1% vs. Darrell R. Fong (D) 43.9%)**– Jim Cooper is the new representative for Assembly District 9, which covers two counties stretching from South Sacramento to Lodi. Cooper is a Captain with the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department. He succeeds Assembly Member Pan who ran for Senate District 6.
- **District 11 (Jim Frazier (D) 58.6% vs. Alex Henthorn (R) 41.4%)** – Assembly Member Frazier was also reelected on November 4th to continue to represent Assembly District 11, which covers parts of Contra Costa, Solano and Sacramento counties. Assemblyman Frazier and his staff have regularly met with our administration, staff and students. He has also been on campus multiple times and is familiar with UC Davis as his daughter is an alum.
- **District 30 (Luis Alejo (D) 58.3% vs. Mark Starritt (R) 41.7%)** – Assembly Member Alejo, from Watsonville, was also successful in his reelection bid. He is a King Hall alum and has also met with us regularly on a multitude of issues.

State Senate Races

- **District 2 (Mike McGuire (D) 68.7% vs. Lawrence R. Wiesner (R) 31.3%)** – Mike McGuire won the election for the Senate Seat in District 2, which used to belong to Senator Noreen Evans who decided to retire this year. Mike is a Sonoma County Supervisor and a former school board member. Senate District 2 spans over one-third of California’s North Coast, from Santa Rosa to Eureka.
- **District 4 (CJ Jawahar (D) 35.5% vs. Jim Nielsen (R) 64.5%)** – Senator Nielsen won reelection to the 4th Senate District Seat, which covers the north central valley of California, from Yuba City to Yreka.
- **District 6 (Roger Dickinson (D) 46.9% vs. Richard Pan (D) 53.1%)** – Assembly Member Dr. Richard Pan won the election for Senate District 6 over his counterpart in the State Assembly, Assemblyman Roger Dickinson. Senate District 6 became available because former Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg was termed out. Senator Pan is a pediatrician and former UC Davis educator at the health system. Senate District 6 covers Sacramento County, including the UC Davis Health System.
- **District 12 (Shawn K. Bagley (D) 38% vs. Anthony Cannella (R) 62%)** – Senator Cannella is a UC Davis alumni who won his reelection bid for Senate District 12. This district covers the counties of Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, San Benito and Monterey.

Other Election Notes

- **Assemblyman Gorell** – Vacated his Assembly post early to run for the 26th Congressional Seat held by Representative Julia Brownley. As of this writing, that race is too close to call.
- **Supermajority Lost By Senate Democrats** – Two years after California Democrats got commanding two-thirds majorities in both houses of the state Legislature, they were unable to again claim the same margin in the Senate and the Assembly remains in doubt with some key races too close to call.

For more information on yesterday’s election results, please visit the Secretary of State’s website at;

<http://vote.sos.ca.gov/>

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **November 30** – The Legislature adjourns sine die at midnight.
- **December 1** – The Legislature reconvenes from Final Recess for the 2015-2016 Organizational Session.
- **January 1** – Statutes (bills signed into law in 2014) take effect.

Questions or Need Assistance?

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned items or would like assistance in connecting with state legislators and/or their staff, please do not hesitate to contact Adrian Lopez, Director, State Government Relations. He can be reached at adnlopez@ucdavis.edu or by phone at (530) 752-9795.