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TO: Board Members, Madera County Transportation Commission
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RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – ELECTION SUMMARY**

GENERAL UPDATE

Election Day was held on November 8. While many races have yet to be called due to the volume of outstanding ballots to count in California, Democrats will continue to keep supermajorities in both houses of the State Legislature (at least 75%). Still, millions of outstanding ballots may determine the balance of power in the US House of Representatives and Senate. Democrats won all statewide offices, including Governor Newsom (57.6%), Attorney General Rob Bonta (57.3%), Treasurer Fiona Ma (57.2%), and US Senator, with Alex Padilla becoming the first Latino elected to the US Senate from California (59.1%). The following is a summary of additional results of interest to MCTC, including the impact on congressional races and each house of the legislature. The commencement of the 2023-24 Regular Session and swearing-in ceremony for members is scheduled for December 5.

Congress

Nationally, Republicans have a 211-204 lead as they vie to reach the magic number of 218 to control the House. The outcome of 20 races is yet to be determined. In the Senate, Democrats have a 50-49 edge as votes are still being tabulated in Georgia. Incumbent Raphael Warnock (D-Georgia) is headed to a run-off on December 6 after failing to garner 50%. Democrats will retain control of a dead-locked Senate through Vice President Kamala Harris serving as a tiebreaker. Incumbent Congressman Tom McClintock won his re-election bid for the newly drawn District 5, which serves the whole Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne, and portions of El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, and Stanislaus. Congressional District 13, which includes all of Merced, and parts of Fresno, Madera, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus, is a hotly contested race between former Assemblymember Adam Gray and farmer John Duarte. Only 84 votes separate the candidates. It may take a week to determine a winner.

US House of Representatives

District 5

Tom McClintock (R)	133,326	61.0%
Michael J. "Mike" Barkley (D)	43,981	39.0%

District 13

John Duarte (R)	39,697.	50.1%
Adam Gray (D)	39,613	49.9%

State Assembly

Democrats could lose one seat from their current 60-member majority or could grow their caucus to as many as 64, as there are five races to be determined, including incumbents Ken Cooley (D-Sacramento), Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Orange County) and Brian Maienshein (D- San Diego). Republican Suzette Valladares is also in a tight race for re-election with Democratic candidate Pilar Schiavo for a district representing Santa Clarita in Los Angeles County. There are still millions of ballots to count, so results may be delayed by a few weeks. On November 10, the Assembly Democratic Caucus designated Assemblymember Robert Rivas to become the next Speaker, succeeding current Speaker Anthony Rendon on June 30, 2023. Madera will have new representation in the Assembly with the departure of former Assemblymembers Frank Bigelow and Adam Gray (running for Congressional District 13). Current Fresno Assemblymember won his re-election bid to represent District 8, which includes portions of Madera and the whole Counties of Inyo, Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Mono, and parts of Fresno and Calaveras Counties. Assembly District 27 is too close to call between Fresno Councilmember Esmeralda Soria and retired law enforcement officer Mark Nicholas Pazin.

District 8

Jim Patterson (R)	98,876	74.2%
Thomas Edward Nichols (L)	34,416	25.8%

District 27

Esmeralda Soria (D)	27,793	50.6%
Mark Nicholas Pazin	27,168	49.4%

State Senate

Senate Democrats could lose one seat from their current 31-member majority or grow the caucus to 32 members in the 40-member chamber, as two races are yet to be determined. Incumbent Democrat Melissa Hurtado (D-Tulare) is in a very tight race for re-election, and Senate District 38 (Orange and San Diego Counties) has yet to be determined.

Madera was drawn into two Senate districts. Senate District 4 serves a portion of Madera, the whole Counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and parts of Merced, Nevada, and Placer Counties. Public School Administrator Marie Alvarado-Gil appears to have prevailed against Labor Federation Executive Tim Robertson. Senate District 14, which consists of portions of Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Tulare Counties, will be represented by current Senator Anna Caballero.

Senate District 4

Marie Alvarado-Gil (D)	99,610	52.1%
Tim Robertson (D)	91,597	47.9%

Senate District 14

Anna Caballero (D)	58,429	56.0%
Amnon Shor (R)	45,855	44.0%