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RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – 2022 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 (59.1%), with Alex Padilla becoming the first Latino elected to the US Senate from California. The following is a summary of additional results of interest to the San Joaquin Valley, 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 (CD – Congressional District)

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 hold 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%. At a minimum, Democrats will retain control of a dead-locked Senate through Vice President Kamala Harris serving as a tiebreaker. The San Joaquin Valley has seven congressional districts. Below is a summary of each race.

CD 5 includes the whole Counties of Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Calaveras, portions of **Fresno, Stanislaus, Madera**, and El Dorado Counties; Amador City, Angels, Hughson, Lone, Jackson, Oakdale, Placerville, Plymouth, Riverbank, Sonora, Sutter Creek, and Waterford, and portions of the Cities of Fresno, Turlock, and Modesto to balance population. In large part, these communities have tourism- and agriculture-based economies are nestled in large swaths of federal public lands. Shared interests include recreation, natural resource management, broadband access, healthcare, wildfires, and forest conservation. **Tom McClintock (R) is re-elected with 61% of the vote.**

CD 9 includes portions of Contra Costa, **San Joaquin**, and **Stanislaus** Counties, including the whole Cities of Escalon, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, Stockton, and Tracy, and portions of Brentwood. This district connects the Valley communities of southern San Joaquin County with the northeastern part of Stanislaus County. This district features an economy that is, in part, based on agriculture and food processing. Major transportation and commuting routes connect the district's larger cities like Tracy, Manteca, and Modesto with Bay Area communities. **Congressman Josh Harder was re-elected with 56.3% of the vote.**

CD 13 includes all of Merced County, portions of Fresno, Madera, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties, the whole Cities of San Joaquin, Patterson, Livingston, Dos Palos, Los Banos, Kerman, Madera, Atwater, Huron, Ceres, Mendota, Merced, Firebaugh, Lathrop, Coalinga, Newman, Gustine, and Chowchilla, and portions of the Cities of Modesto and Turlock. This district includes cities along Interstate 5 from Fresno County to San Joaquin County and communities along Highway 99. The district connects rural Valley communities with larger cities. These communities share interests in transportation and issues related to an agriculture- and food-processing-based economy. Former **Assemblymember Adam Gray is in a tight race against farmer John Duarte**, with Duarte leading by 84 votes on November 13. The remaining ballots in Merced and Stanislaus could put Gray over the top by Tuesday, November 15.

CD 20 includes portions of **Fresno, Kern, Kings**, and **Tulare** County, including the whole Cities of Clovis, Lemoore, Maricopa, Ridgecrest, Taft, and Tehachapi, and portions of the Cities of Bakersfield, Fresno, Hanford, Tulare, and Visalia. Communities within this district share common socio-economic characteristics and are primarily rural and suburban. Communities here share environmental concerns about water, air quality, and public lands. **Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy was re-elected with 66.8% of the vote.**

CD 21 includes portions of Fresno and Tulare Counties, including the whole Cities of Sanger, Farmersville, Fowler, Exeter, Parlier, Selma, Dinuba, Woodlake, Kingsburg, Reedley, and Orange Cove, and portions of the Cities of Fresno and Visalia. This district shares the Valley's major transportation corridors of Highway 99, Highway 41, Highway 168, Highway 180, and Highway 198. Communities in this district share interests in agriculture, water, and air quality. **Congressman Jim Costa was re-elected with 54.6% of the vote.**

CD 22 includes portions of Kern, Kings, and Tulare Counties, including Arvin, Avenal, Corcoran, Delano, Lindsay, McFarland, Porterville, Shafter, and Wasco, and portions of the Cities of Bakersfield, Hanford, and Tulare. Cities along Interstate 5 in Kings and Kern Counties are kept together along with many communities connected by Highway 99. Communities in this district share common interests in water, broadband accessibility, agriculture, and economic development. **Congressman David Valadao has garnered 52.5% of the votes and appears that he will hold off former Assemblymember Rudy Salas Jr.**

CD 23 includes a portion of Kern, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties, including the whole Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, California City, Hesperia, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, and Yucaipa, the towns of Apple Valley and Yucca Valley, and portions of the Cities of Colton, Highland, Loma Linda, Redlands, and San Bernardino. **Congressman Jay Obernolte was re-elected with 59.4% of the vote.**

State Assembly (AD- Assembly District)

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. The San Joaquin Valley will have ten representatives in the State Assembly under the new lines drawn under redistricting. Assemblymembers Adam Gray and Rudy Salas Jr. are running for congressional seats. Assemblymember Bigelow did not run for his final term. Jim Cooper successfully ran for Sacramento County Sheriff rather than his last Assembly term. Below is a summary of each San Joaquin Valley district and the results for the prospective Assemblymember.

AD 8 consists of All Inyo, Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Mono and portions of **Fresno, Madera,** and Calaveras Counties. This district includes the entire Cities of Sonora, Angels, Bishop, the town of Mammoth Lakes, and portions of Clovis and Fresno. Pieces of Madera and Fresno foothill communities are added to respect mountainous communities and to balance the population. This district keeps Sierra communities together, reflecting shared interests such as watersheds, fire protection, emergency response, and recreation. **Current Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R) won his re-election bid with 74.2% to represent this district.**

AD 9 consists of portions of **San Joaquin,** Calaveras, Amador, Sacramento, and **Stanislaus** Counties. This district consists of the whole Cities of Lone, Ripon, Riverbank, Manteca, Galt, Waterford, **Oakdale,** Lodi, Escalon, **Hughson,** Isleton, and Lathrop. This district splits San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Sacramento Counties to balance population while considering communities of interest to put smaller agricultural communities together with foothills communities from Amador and Calaveras. **Current Assemblymember Heath Flora (R) won his re-election campaign by a vote of 68.8% to represent this district.**

AD 13 consists of **portions of San Joaquin County** and the whole Cities of Stockton and Tracy. Splits in San Joaquin County are made to balance population while considering communities of interest. This district links the Central Valley with communities that border the Delta to the west. Shared waterways and similar commuting patterns bind these communities together. **Current Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua (D) won his re-election by securing 61.8% of the vote to represent this district.**

AD 22 consists of **portions of Merced and Stanislaus Counties,** including the whole Cities of Newman, Turlock, Ceres, Modesto, Patterson, and Gustine. While this district includes the entire City of Modesto, it splits off north-eastern Stanislaus County to keep the City of Oakdale whole in neighboring AD 9. Modesto and Turlock are heavily commuter communities that share transportation corridors (Interstate 5 and Highway 99), water systems for agriculture, and challenges relating to access to healthcare and higher education. This district places rural communities together. **Stanislaus Sheriff Sergeant Juan Alanis (R) secured 57% of the vote to represent this district.**

AD 27 consists of **portions of Merced, Fresno, and Madera Counties,** including the whole Cities of Coalinga, Kerman, San Joaquin, Merced, Mendota, Dos Palos, Madera, Los Banos, Firebaugh, Huron, Atwater, Chowchilla, and Livingston, and portions of the City of Fresno. Major commuting and transportation corridors are Interstate 5 and Highway 99. **This race between Fresno Councilmember Esmeralda Soria (D) and retired law enforcement officer Mark Nicholas Pazin (R) is too close to call. As of November 13, Soria leads by 625 votes (50.6% to 49.4%).**

AD 31 consists of **portions of Fresno County**, including the whole Cities of Parlier, Selma, Orange Cove, Fowler, and Sanger, as well as parts of Fresno and Clovis. This district consists mainly of the City of Fresno and communities along Highway 99. Eastern communities are connected to metropolitan Fresno via Highway 180. Another major commuter and transportation corridor is Highway 41, which connects southwestern communities to the City of Fresno. This is a culturally diverse district with significant Latino, Hmong, Sikh, Black, and Middle Eastern populations. **Current Assemblymember Juan Arambula won his re-election campaign with 60% of the vote.**

AD 32 consists of portions of **Kern and Tulare Counties**, including the whole Cities of Exeter, Ridgecrest, Tehachapi, Maricopa, and Taft, and parts of the Cities of Bakersfield and Visalia. The Cities of Bakersfield and Visalia were split to balance population while considering communities of interest. The district maintains local communities of interest along the Valley floor. Areas within the district share common social and economic characteristics and shared environmental concerns. **Current Assemblymember Vince Fong (R) ran unopposed, securing re-election to represent this district.**

AD 33 consists of **Kings County** and **portions of Tulare and Fresno Counties**, including the whole Cities of Farmersville, Kingsburg, Lemoore, Tulare, Woodlake, Avenal, Porterville, Corcoran, Lindsay, Dinuba, and Hanford, and portions of the Cities of Visalia and Reedley. Communities along Interstate 5 in Kings and Kern Counties are maintained together along with many communities connected by Highway 99. Communities in this district share common barriers to employment, affordable housing, and access to higher education. **Current Assemblymember Devon Mathis (R) won his re-election bid by securing 63.2% of the vote.**

AD 34 consists of portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and **Kern Counties**. This district includes the whole Cities of California City, Barstow, Twentynine Palms, Big Bear Lake, and the town of Apple Valley, as well as portions of the Cities of Palmdale, Highland, Hesperia, Victorville, Lancaster, and a zero-population split of Adelanto. This district includes the High Desert communities in San Bernardino County, Apple Valley in Los Angeles County, and the area around California City in Kern County. The communities in these areas share interests and concerns related to the desert and mountainous terrain, oil production, the aerospace industry, Edwards Air Force Base, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, and the Mojave National Preserve. **Current Assemblymember Tom Lackey won his re-election campaign by securing 57.9% of the vote.**

AD 35 consists of portions of **Kern County**, including the whole Cities of McFarland, Shafter, Arvin, Delano, and Wasco, and pieces of the City of Bakersfield. The City of Bakersfield was split to keep communities of interest whole. Communities in the county's western part along the Interstate 5 corridor are kept together. Shared social and economic characteristics include an agriculture-based economy and common land use and water accessibility concerns. The district also features large farmworker communities that commute throughout the district for work. **Family doctor Jasmeet Bains (D) secured 59% of the vote to represent this district.** This district is like the one formerly represented by former Assemblymember and current Congressional candidate Rudy Salas.

State Senate (SD- Senate District)

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. Only even-numbered seats were up for election this cycle,

meaning that Senator Susan Eggman will continue serving in her existing capacity for the district she was elected to serve through 2024.

SD 4 is based on nesting AD 8 and AD 22 and includes the whole Counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, **Stanislaus**, Tuolumne, and portions of **Madera, Merced**, Nevada, and Placer Counties. This district includes the whole Cities of Amador City, Angels, Bishop, Ceres, Hughson, Lone, Jackson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Placerville, Plymouth, Riverbank, Sonora, South Lake Tahoe, Sutter Creek, Turlock, Waterford, and the towns of Truckee and Mammoth Lakes. This district follows communities-of-interest requests from Sierra counties to be placed with neighboring counties to the north. Valley rural communities and some urban cities help populate this Sierra district. The district brings together communities with common interests in issues related to open space, water, broadband access, medical access, federal land management, national parks, tourism, emergency services, and transportation infrastructure challenges. **Public School Administrator Marie Alvarado-Gil (D) appears to have prevailed by securing 52.1% of the vote.**

SD 5 is based on nesting AD 9 and AD 13 and includes **San Joaquin County** and portions of Alameda County, including the whole Cities of Dublin, Escalon, Lathrop, Livermore, Lodi, Manteca, Pleasanton, Ripon, Stockton, and Tracy. Suburban communities define this district with job centers and main transportation and commuting routes. Communities in this district are concerned with affordable housing and the cost of living. The area also includes agricultural communities and shared interests in water resources. **This district resembles Senator Eggman's current district but goes further east. New lines are not applicable until 2024, which is also when Senator Eggman will be termed out.**

SD 12 is based on nesting AD 8 and AD 32 and includes portions of **Fresno, Kern, and Tulare Counties**, including the whole Cities of California City, Clovis, Exeter, Maricopa, Ridgecrest, Taft, and Tehachapi, and portions of the Cities of Bakersfield, Fresno, Shafter, Tulare, and Visalia. Splits in the Cities of Fresno, Tulare, Visalia, and Bakersfield were to populate foothill communities and honor communities-of-interest input. The district links Central Valley communities to foothill communities. Shared interests in these communities include natural resources, transportation infrastructure, aging populations, tourism, agriculture, ranching, and being a gateway to recreational activities. **Current Senator Shannon Grove (R) won re-election by securing 68% of the vote.**

SD 14 is based on nesting AD 27 and AD 31 and includes **portions of Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Tulare Counties**, including the whole Cities of Atwater, Chowchilla, Coalinga, Dos Palos, Firebaugh, Fowler, Gustine, Huron, Kerman, Los Banos, Madera, Mendota, Merced, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, and Selma, and portions of the Cities of Fresno and Livingston. Splits of counties and cities are made to meet those obligations and to balance the population in neighboring districts while considering communities of interest. Many of the cities in this district run along the main transportation routes of Interstate 5 and Highway 99 and share interests in the food processing economy, water, and agriculture. These are primarily Latino and immigrant communities that confront infrastructure challenges and concerns related to healthcare. **Current Senator Anna Caballero won re-election to this district by securing 56% of the vote.**

SD 16 is based on an almost complete nesting of AD 33 and AD 35 and includes **Kings County and portions of Fresno, Kern, and Tulare Counties**. This district consists of the cities of Arvin, Avenal, Corcoran, Delano, Dinuba, Farmersville, Hanford, Kingsburg, Lemoore, Lindsay, McFarland, Porterville, Wasco, and Woodlake, and portions of the Cities of Bakersfield, Shafter, Tulare, and Visalia. Splits in the Counties of Fresno, Kern, and Tulare are to balance the population in neighboring districts, and splits in

the Cities of Bakersfield, Shafter, Tulare, and Visalia are made to meet Voting Rights Act obligations. This district is an immigrant Latino working-class region with shared interests in water and an agriculture-based economy. **As of November 13, Current Senator Melissa Hurtado (D) is down 2,853 votes (51.7 to 48.3%) to farmer David Shepard (R).**

Previous and Prospective San Joaquin Valley Representation

Even numbered seats were up in the Senate in 2022. Odd-numbered seats will be up in 2024.

Redistricting will not impact legislators in odd-numbered seats until 2024 because they must serve as elected within the previous district as approved by voters in 2020. As a result, counties may have status quo, multiple, or no representation in the Senate. Assembly seats are up every two years, so new lines apply for all 80 seats. Below is a chart comparing the shift in state legislative delegation members with gains and losses of representation denoted in parentheses.

County	21-22 Session Members 16 Members, 8 Democrats, 8 Republicans 11 Assemblymembers, 5 Senators	23-24 Session Members 15 Members, 6/7 Democrats, 8/9 Republicans* 10 Assemblymembers, 5 Senators
Fresno (+2)	Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula (D) Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R) Senator Andreas Borgeas (R) Senator Anna Caballero (D) Senator Melissa Hurtado (D)	Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula (D) Assemblymember Devon Mathis (R) Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R) Assemblymember Soria/Pazin Senator Anna Caballero (D) Senator Shannon Grove (R) Senator Hurtado/Shepard
Kern (-1)	Assemblymember Vince Fong (R) Assemblymember Tom Lackey (R) Assemblymember Devon Mathis (R) Assemblymember Rudy Salas Jr. (D) Senator Shannon Grove (R) Senator Melissa Hurtado (D)	Assemblymember Vince Fong (R) Assemblymember Tom Lackey (R) Assemblymember Jasmeet Baines (D) Senator Shannon Grove (R) Senator Hurtado/Shepard
Kings (even)	Assemblymember Rudy Salas jr.(D) Senator Melissa Hurtado (D)	Assemblymember Devon Mathis (R) Senator Hurtado/Shepard
Madera (+1)	Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (R) Senator Andreas Borgeas (R) Senator Anna Caballero (D)	Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R) Assemblymember Soria/Pazin Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil (D) Senator Anna Caballero (D)
Merced (+2)	Assemblymember Adam Gray (D) Senator Anna Caballero (D)	Assemblymember Juan Alanis (R) Assemblymember Soria/Pazin Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil Senator Anna Caballero (D)
San Joaquin (-1)	Assemblymember Jim Cooper (D) Assemblymember Heath Flora (R) Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua (D) Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman (D)	Assemblymember Heath Flora (R) Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua (D) Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman (D)

Stanislaus (-1)	Assemblymember Heath Flora (R) Assemblymember Adam Gray (D) Senator Andreas Borgeas (R) Senator Anna Caballero (D) Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman (D)	Assemblymember Juan Alanis (R) Assemblymember Heath Flora (R) Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil (D) Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman (D)
Tulare (-1)	Assemblymember Devon Mathis (R) Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R) Senator Andreas Borgeas (R) Senator Shannon Grove (R) Senator Melissa Hurtado (D)	Assemblymember Devon Mathis (R) Senator Anna Caballero (D) Senator Shannon Grove (R) Senator Hurtado/Shepard

*Data projects Soria may prevail in AD 27, and Shepard may win in SD 16.