

## Democrats Spent Over \$90 Million on Same-Party Races in 2016

In 2010 California voters approved Proposition 14, a constitutional amendment requiring candidates in all non-presidential elections to run in a nonpartisan blanket primary. Under this system, the single primary is open to all registered voters with the top two winners facing each other in a run-off in the general election.

Since the 2012 election cycle, there have been a total of 79 same-party races in California for State Senate, State Assembly, and U.S. House of Representatives – 59 races between two Democrats and 20 between two Republicans.

In the 2016 election cycle, Democrats raised or spent a total of \$90.8 million on same-party races – a 67 percent increase from 2014 when Democrats spent \$54.3 million. The average budget for a same-party race between Democrats was \$3.95 million in the 2016 cycle, up 30.7 percent since 2014.<sup>1</sup>

Republicans raised or spent \$2.76 million on same party races in 2016. This is a sharp decline (approximately 84 percent) in spending on same-party races since 2014, when Republicans spent \$17.2 million. Notably, there were no same-party races between two Republicans in either the State Senate or the U.S. House of Representatives.

In total, Democrats have spent a total of \$194.2 million on same-party races since Prop. 14 first went into effect in 2012. Republicans have spent \$34.5 million over the same period. Thus, for every dollar spent or raised by Republicans, \$5.64 was raised or spent by Democrats.

**Table 1. Per-Party Spending on 2016 Elections in California**

Election		Democrats			Republicans		
Year	Legislative Body	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race
2016	CA Assembly	\$49,595,414	11	\$4,508,674	\$2,760,996	4	\$690,249
	CA Senate	23,940,596	5	4,780,424	n/a	0	n/a
	U.S. House	17,328,274	7	2,475,468	n/a	0	n/a
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,864,284</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$3,950,621</b>	<b>\$2,760,996</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$690,249</b>

<sup>1</sup> Totals here and in the table include contributions reported by campaign committees and by Independent Expenditure committees from both the primary and general elections.



## Methodology

All data are subject to change as the California Secretary of State, California Fair Political Practices Commission, and Federal Election Commission updates their information. An updated version of this report will be released in February 2017 in order to include final reports filed by candidates and committees.

### *State Elections:*

Data on contributions and independent expenditures for State Assembly and State Senate candidates were obtained from the California Secretary of State "[Campaign Finance](#)" website, including "Contributions Received" and "Late Independent Expenditures Affecting this Candidate."

In this report, *contributions* to candidates include all contributions over \$5,000, and contributions under \$5,000 reported by October 22, the most recent filing deadline. The next reporting deadline will cover contributions from October 23 through December 31 and will be included in the next version of this report.

*Independent expenditures* for state candidates in 2012 and 2014 were cross-checked with data from the California Fair Political Practices Commission. This database has not yet been updated for 2016 candidates, thus totals for independent expenditures may change in the next version of this report.

### *Federal Elections:*

Data on contributions for U.S. House of Representatives were obtained from the Federal Election Commission "[House and Senate Campaign Finance](#)" website. Data on independent expenditures were obtained from the Federal Election Commission "[House Independent Expenditures](#)" website.

Contributions and spending for the U.S. Senate race between Democrats Kamala Harris and Loretta Sanchez were not included in this analysis.

## Appendix 1: 2016 Election

### California Assembly

In 2016 there were 11 same-party state Assembly races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$49.6 million including independent expenditures, or about \$4.5 million per candidate.

**Table 2. State Assembly 2016 (Democrats)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
10	Marc Levine	\$890,034	-	-	<b>\$890,034</b>
	Veronica Jacobi	19,090	-	-	<b>19,090</b>
14	Tim Grayson	747,679	\$5,042,818	\$1,450,777	<b>7,241,275</b>
	Mae Torlakson	893,779	1,261,342	1,511,145	<b>3,666,266</b>
24	Marc Berman	906,434	2,917,566	124,060	<b>3,948,060</b>
	Vicki Veenker	733,036	343,226	-	<b>1,076,263</b>
27	Ash Kalra	1,068,793	1,173,135	1,350,654	<b>3,592,582</b>
	Madison Nguyen	1,156,509	4,188,649	1,111,059	<b>6,456,217</b>
30	Anna Caballero	621,429	1,685,625	38,287	<b>2,345,341</b>
	Karina Alejo	456,446	69,339	77,992	<b>603,777</b>
39	Raul Bocanegra	1,106,249	1,635,500	401,636	<b>3,143,385</b>
	Patty Lopez	137,846	18,098	-	<b>155,944</b>
43	Laura Friedman	1,186,229	2,318,206	355,264	<b>3,859,699</b>
	Ardy Kassakhian	1,072,271	566,896	35,792	<b>1,674,958</b>
46	Adrin Nazarian	763,150	2,131	-	<b>765,281</b>
	Angela Rupert	56,527	-	-	<b>56,527</b>
47	Cheryl Brown	1,405,799	3,122,034	759,476	<b>5,287,310</b>
	Eloise Reyes	675,561	1,404,667	726,383	<b>2,806,611</b>
52	Freddie Rodriguez	700,582	12,511	-	<b>713,093</b>
	Paul Avila	-	-	-	<b>-</b>
53	Sandra Mendoza	22,641	-	-	<b>22,641</b>
	Miguel Santiago	1,271,060	-	-	<b>1,271,060</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,891,144</b>	<b>\$25,761,745</b>	<b>\$7,942,525</b>	<b>\$49,595,414</b>

*Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>).*

In 2016 there were four same-party state Assembly races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$2.76 million for an average of \$690,249 per candidate.

**Table 3. State Assembly 2016 (Republicans)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
12	Heath Flora	\$308,777	\$431,506	\$334,430	<b>\$1,074,713</b>
	Ken Vogel	445,747	-		<b>445,747</b>
23	Gwen Morris	\$61,348	-	-	<b>61,348</b>
	Jim Patterson	692,881	-	-	<b>692,881</b>
71	Leo Hamel	4,750	-	-	<b>4,750</b>
	Randy Voepel	282,795	-	-	<b>282,795</b>
76	Rocky Chavez	198,012	-	-	<b>198,012</b>
	Thomas Krouse	750	-	-	<b>750</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,995,061</b>	<b>\$431,506</b>	<b>\$334,430</b>	<b>\$2,760,996</b>

*Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>).*

California Senate

In 2016 there were five same-party state Senate races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$23.9 million including independent expenditures, for an average of approximately \$4.8 million per candidate.

**Table 4. State Senate 2016 (Democrats)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
3	Bill Dodd	\$2,052,851	\$4,210,691	\$107,168	<b>\$6,370,710</b>
	Mariko Yamada	507,783	149,730	15,000	<b>672,513</b>
9	Nancy Skinner	1,726,155	125,062	-	<b>1,851,217</b>
	Sandr� Swanson	654,956	153,691	-	<b>808,647</b>
11	Jane Kim	1,487,800	564,426	146,627	<b>2,198,854</b>
	Scott Wiener	2,692,007	1,252,278	1,913,405	<b>5,857,690</b>
15	James Beall Jr.	1,846,884	989,064	620,768	<b>3,456,717</b>
	Nora Campos	349,189	365,847	-	<b>715,036</b>
35	Steven Bradford	945,640	289,692	-	<b>1,235,332</b>
	Warren Furutani	629,719	144,161	-	<b>773,880</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,892,984</b>	<b>\$8,244,644</b>	<b>\$2,802,969</b>	<b>\$23,940,596</b>

*Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>).*

There were no same-party state Senate races between Republicans in 2016.

House of Representatives

In 2016 there were seven same-party Congressional races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$17.3 million including independent expenditures, for an average of \$2.5 million per candidate.

**Table 5. U.S. House of Representatives 2016 (Democrats)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
17	Mike Honda	\$2,776,557	\$80,267	-	\$2,856,824
	Ro Khanna	3,500,234	177,090	\$165,952	3,843,276
29	Tony Cardenas	1,572,139	-	-	1,572,139
	Richard Alarcon	69,834	-	-	69,834
32	Grace Napolitano	716,355	-	-	716,355
	Roger Hernandez	107,564	-	-	107,564
34	Xavier Bercerra	1,668,196	-	-	1,668,196
	Adrienne Nicole Edwards	20	-	-	20
37	Karen Bass	582,067	-	-	582,067
	Chris Blake Wiggins	Not reported	-	-	n/a
44	Isadore Hall	1,728,599	228,750	27,411	1,984,760
	Nanette Barragan	1,467,446	351,560	319,233	2,138,240
46	Lou Correa	841,830	663,550		1,505,380
	Bao Nguyen	270,569		13,050	283,619
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,301,410</b>	<b>\$1,501,217</b>	<b>\$525,647</b>	<b>\$17,328,274</b>

Note: Data for each candidate collected from the Federal Election Commission ([http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte\\_info.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte_info.shtml))

There were no same-party Congressional races between Republicans in 2016.

**Appendix 2: 2014 Election**

California Assembly

In 2014 there were eight same-party Assembly races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$23.9 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 6. Assembly 2014 (Democrats)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
7	Steve Cohn	\$755,456	\$142,298	\$29,934	\$927,688
	Kevin McCarty	1,264,839	339,449	0	1,604,288
9	Jim Cooper	1,085,810	1,348,665	0	2,434,475
	Darrell R. Fong	981,127	313,568	116,787	1,411,482
15	Elizabeth Echols	1,238,953	228,835	12,073	1,479,862
	Tony Thurmond	1,076,392	623,823	0	1,700,216
17	David Campos	1,479,728	93,601	417,771	1,991,099
	David Chiu	2,250,188	552,829	634,210	3,437,226
39	Raul Bocanegra	1,941,061	0	0	1,941,061
	Patty Lopez	0	0	0	0
47	Cheryl R. Brown	837,373	99,484	0	936,857
	Gil Navarro	0	0	0	0
53	Sandra Mendoza	87,820	0	0	87,820
	Miguel Santiago	1,649,698	19,099	0	1,668,797
64	Mike Gipson	1,443,484	115,666	356,075	1,915,226
	Prophet Walker	1,230,120	1,117,632	0	2,347,752
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$17,322,048</b>	<b>\$4,994,950</b>	<b>\$1,566,850</b>	<b>\$23,883,848</b>

*Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>) and the California FPPC 2014 Verification of Independent Expenditures (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=271>).*

In 2014 there were four same-party Assembly races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$3.2 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 7. Assembly 2014 (Republicans)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
26	Devon Mathis	\$18,900	\$0	\$0	\$18,900
	Rudy Mendoza	620,538	50,219	0	670,757
71	Brian W. Jones	744,333	0	0	744,333
	Tony Teor	0	0	0	0
74	Keith D. Curry	894,508	0		894,508
	Matthew Harper	170,845	20,703	37,715	229,263
76	Rocky Chavez	610,366	0	0	610,366
	Thomas Krouse	10,550	0	0	10,550
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,070,040</b>	<b>\$70,922</b>	<b>\$37,715</b>	<b>\$3,178,677</b>

*Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>) and the California FPPC 2014 Verification of Independent Expenditures (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=271>).*



California Senate

In 2014 there were five same-party Senate races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$18.9 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 8. Senate 2014 (Democrats)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
6	Roger Dickenson	\$1,460,696	\$147,370	\$352,402	\$1,960,468
	Richard Pan	2,007,184	2,317,182	1,663,956	5,988,321
24	Peter Choi	29,162	0	0	29,162
	Kevin De Leon	3,256,481	0	0	3,256,481
26	Ben Allen	2,176,565	1,483,006	219,141	3,878,713
	Sandra Fluke	2,015,522	36,644	0	2,052,166
30	Isidro Armenta	0	0	0	0
	Holly J. Mitchell	783,252	0	0	783,252
40	Rafael Estrada	60	0	0	60
	Ben Hueso	907,692	60,714	0	968,406
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,636,613</b>	<b>\$4,044,916</b>	<b>\$2,235,499</b>	<b>\$18,917,029</b>

*Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>) and the California FPPC 2014 Verification of Independent Expenditures (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=271>).*

In 2014 there was one same-party Senate race between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$6.2 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 9. Senate 2014 (Republicans)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
28	Bonnie Garcia	\$1,124,943	\$1,433,731	\$2,257,639	\$4,816,313
	Jeff Stone	1,342,684	1,518	63,055	1,407,256
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,467,627</b>	<b>\$1,435,249</b>	<b>\$2,320,694</b>	<b>\$6,223,569</b>

*Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>) and the California FPPC 2014 Verification of Independent Expenditures (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=271>).*

House of Representatives

In 2014 there were five same-party Congressional races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$11.5 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 10. House of Representatives 2014 (Democrats)**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
17	Mike Honda	\$3,264,175	\$1,225	\$83,778	\$3,349,178
	Ro Khanna	3,405,325	391,288	371,608	\$4,168,221
19	Zoe Lofgren	1,137,623	0	0	1,137,623
	Robert Murray	6,200	0	0	6,200
34	Xavier Becerra	1,811,343	0	0	1,811,343
	Adrienne Edwards	0	0	0	0
35	Norma Torres	470,873	0	0	470,873
	Christina Gagnier	68,679	0	0	68,679
40	Lucille Allard	488,546	0	0	488,546
	David Sanchez	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,652,764</b>	<b>\$392,513</b>	<b>\$455,386</b>	<b>\$11,505,270</b>

Note: Data for each candidate collected from the Federal Election Commission ([http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte\\_info.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte_info.shtml))

In 2014 there were two same-party Congressional races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$4.5 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 11. House of Representatives 2014 (Republicans)**

District	Candidates	Individual Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
4	Tom McClintock	\$1,587,685	\$13,498	\$0	\$1,601,183
	Art Moore	\$188,339	0	0	188,339
25	Tony Strickland	\$1,878,385	178,872	122,057	\$2,179,314
	Stephen Knight	\$413,060	0	67,005	\$480,065
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,278,924</b>	<b>\$192,370</b>	<b>\$189,062</b>	<b>\$4,448,901</b>

Note: Data for each candidate collected from the Federal Election Commission ([http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte\\_info.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte_info.shtml))