

## \$231.9 Million Spent on ‘Same-Party’ Races Following Passage of Prop. 14 in California

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, all candidates run in a single primary open to all registered voters, with the top two winners facing each other in a run-off during the general election.

Since Prop 14 was passed, there have been a total of 80 “same-party” races in California for seats in the state Senate, Assembly, and U.S. House of Representatives – 60 races between Democrats and 20 between Republicans.

In total, Democrats have spent a total of \$197.4 million on same-party races since Prop. 14 first went into effect in 2012, compared to \$34.5 million spent by Republicans. Democrats have thus spent \$5.72 on same-party races for every dollar spent or raised by Republicans. Contribution and independent expenditure total for each race are shown in the appendices below.

Additionally, Appendix D provides details on the 21 Prop 14 “winners,” i.e. the primary candidates who came in second place behind a member of their own party (i.e. who would have not previously moved on) and who won in the general election.

### Summary of Contributions & Spending on Same-Party Races:

#### 2012

Chamber	Democrats			Republicans		
	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race
CA Assembly	\$21,277,671	11	\$1,934,334	\$8,198,131	7	\$1,171,162
CA Senate	3,556,240	2	1,778,120	-	-	-
U.S. House	26,713,026	6	4,452,171	6,255,963	2	3,127,982
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,546,937</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$2,712,997</b>	<b>\$14,454,094</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$1,606,010</b>

#### 2014

Chamber	Democrats			Republicans		
	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race
CA Assembly	\$23,883,848	8	\$2,985,481	\$3,178,677	4	\$794,669
CA Senate	18,917,028	5	3,783,406	6,223,570	1	\$6,223,570
U.S. House	11,500,663	5	2,300,133	7,853,166	2	\$3,926,583
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,301,539</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$3,016,752</b>	<b>\$17,255,413</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$2,465,059</b>

2016

Chamber	Democrats			Republicans		
	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race	Total Spending	# of Races	Average Per Race
CA Assembly	\$49,447,218	11	\$4,495,202	\$2,784,596	4	\$696,149
CA Senate	23,323,292	5	4,664,658	-	0	n/a
U.S. House	18,747,845	7	2,678,264	-	0	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,518,355</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$3,979,059</b>	<b>\$2,784,596</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$696,149</b>

**Methodology**

*State Elections:*

Data on contributions and independent expenditures for State Assembly and State Senate candidates were obtained from the California Secretary of State [Power Search](#) and cross-checked with campaign finance records on [Cal-Access](#).

*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.

**APPENDIX A: 2012 Election Cycle**

State Assembly

In 2012 there were 11 same-party Assembly races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$21.3 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 1. Same-Party Assembly Races Between Democrats, 2012**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
2	Wesly Chesbro	\$427,372	-	-	\$427,372
	Tom Lynch	-	-	-	-
10	Michael Allen	2,071,909	\$298,143	\$275,138	2,645,190
	Marc Levine	365,925	-	299,391	665,316
18	Rob Bonta	719,042	295,734	-	1,014,776
	Abel Guillen	474,584	-	-	474,584
19	Phil Ting	1,053,342	171,670	-	1,225,012
	Michael Breyer	1,298,449	-	-	1,298,449
20	Jennifer Ong	521,174	479,076	-	1,000,250
	Bill Quirk	782,759	109,839	97,196	989,794
39	Richard Alarcon	754,255	134,816	337,922	1,226,993
	Raul Bocanegra	1,061,694	409,117	196,084	1,666,895
47	Joe Baca, Jr.	476,098	344,024	329,033	1,149,155
	Cheryl Brown	344,259	390,075	59,732	794,066
50	Richard Bloom	863,479	159,737	349,867	1,373,083
	Betsy Butler	2,158,810	236,947	304,001	2,699,758
51	Jimmy Gomez	799,170	164,757	-	963,927
	Luis Lopez	407,468	-	-	407,468
59	R. Jones-Sawyer	513,637	-	-	513,637
	Rodney Robinson	-	-	-	-
62	Steve Bradford	741,946	-	-	741,946
	Mervin Evans	-	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,835,372</b>	<b>\$3,193,935</b>	<b>\$2,248,364</b>	<b>\$21,277,671</b>

In 2012 there were seven same-party Assembly races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$8.4 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 2. Same-Party Assembly Races Between Republicans, 2012**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
1	Brian Dahle	\$576,043	\$173,216	-	\$749,259
	Rick Bosetti	319,217	-	\$155,697	474,914
5	Frank Bigelow	835,875	351,706	399,287	1,586,868
	Thomas Oller	626,647	-	22,528	649,175
6	Beth Gaines	556,680	217,073	-	773,753
	Andy Pugno	426,273	-	-	426,273
23	Jim Patterson	212,605	-	-	212,605
	Bob Whalen	404,872	15,000	-	419,872
67	Melissa Melendez	366,515	-	-	366,515
	Phil Paule	287,409	-	17,452	304,861
72	Travis Allen	435,802	-	-	435,801
	Troy Edgar	584,756	-	-	584,756
76	Rocky Chavez	319,456	573,418	49,244	942,118
	Sherry Hodges	438,884	-	13,391	452,275
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6,391,034</b>	<b>\$1,330,413</b>	<b>\$657,599</b>	<b>\$8,379,046</b>

State Senate

In 2012 there were two same-party Senate races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$3.8 million including independent expenditures.

**Table 3. Same-Party Senate Races Between Democrats, 2012**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
13	Jerry Hill	\$1,290,893	\$403,718	\$12,599	\$1,707,210
	Sally Lieber	259,584	-	-	259,584
15	Jim Beall	927,157	363,356	187,298	1,477,811
	Joe Coto	330,492	11,500	-	341,992
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,808,126</b>	<b>\$778,574</b>	<b>\$199,897</b>	<b>\$3,786,597</b>

There were no same-party Senate races between Republicans in the 2012 election.

U.S. House

In 2012 there were six same-party Congressional races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised approximately \$26.7 million.

**Table 4. Same-Party House Races Between Democrats, 2012**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
15	Eric Swalwell	\$826,186	\$32,828	-	\$859,014
	Pete Stark	939,654	101,413	12,790	1,053,857
30	Brad Sherman	3,401,860	2,359,492	313,807	6,075,159
	Howard Berman	4,686,484	2,017,653	-	6,704,137
35	Gloria Negrete McLeod	352,550	5,460,685	426,440	6,239,675
	Joe Baca	1,046,528	175,000	-	1,221,528
40	Louis Roybal-Allard	581,440	-	-	581,440
	David Sanchez	-	-	-	-
43	Maxine Waters	729,888	-	-	729,888
	Ben Flores	4,204	-	-	4,204
44	Janice Hahn	2,521,899	103,454	-	2,625,353
	Laura Richardson	616,270	-	2,500	618,770
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,706,963</b>	<b>\$10,250,526</b>	<b>\$755,537</b>	<b>\$26,713,025</b>

In 2012 there were two same-party Congressional races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised approximately \$6.3 million.

**Table 5. Same-Party House Races Between Republicans, 2012**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
8	Gregg Imus	\$118,844	-	\$12,971	\$131,815
	Paul Cook	610,014	\$1,170,699	89,598	1,870,311
31	Bob Dutton	387,524	92,801	1,400	481,725
	Gary Miller	1,271,804	2,500,308	-	3,772,112
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,388,186</b>	<b>\$3,763,808</b>	<b>\$103,969</b>	<b>\$6,255,963</b>

**Appendix B: 2014 Election Cycle**

State 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. Same-Party Assembly Races Between Democrats, 2014**

<b>District</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Individual/PAC Contributions</b>	<b>I.E. Support</b>	<b>I.E. Oppose</b>	<b>Candidate Total</b>
7	Steve Cohn	\$755,456	\$142,298	\$29,934	\$927,688
	Kevin McCarty	1,264,839	339,449	-	1,604,288
9	Jim Cooper	1,085,810	1,348,665	-	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	-	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	-	-	1,941,061
	Patty Lopez	-	-	-	-
47	Cheryl R. Brown	837,373	99,484	-	936,857
	Gil Navarro	-	-	-	-
53	Sandra Mendoza	87,820	-	-	87,820
	Miguel Santiago	1,649,698	19,099	-	1,668,797
64	Mike Gipson	1,443,484	115,666	356,075	1,915,226
	Prophet Walker	1,230,120	1,117,632	-	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>

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

**Table 7. Same-Party Assembly Races Between Republicans, 2014**

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



State 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. Same-Party Senate Races Between Democrats, 2014**

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	-	-	29,162
	Kevin De Leon	3,256,481	-	-	3,256,481
26	Ben Allen	2,176,565	1,483,006	219,141	3,878,713
	Sandra Fluke	2,015,522	36,644	-	2,052,166
30	Isidro Armenta	-	-	-	-
	Holly J. Mitchell	783,252	-	-	783,252
40	Rafael Estrada	60	-	-	60
	Ben Hueso	907,692	60,714	-	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>

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

**Table 9. Same-Party Senate Races Between Republicans, 2014**

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>

U.S. House

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

**Table 10. Same-Party House Races Between Democrats, 2014**

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	-	-	1,137,623
	Robert Murray	6,200	-	-	6,200
34	Xavier Becerra	1,811,343	-	-	1,811,343
	Adrienne Edwards	-	-	-	-
35	Norma Torres	470,873	-	-	470,873
	Christina Gagnier	68,679	-	-	68,679
40	Lucille Allard	488,546	-	-	488,546
	David Sanchez	-	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,652,764</b>	<b>\$392,513</b>	<b>\$455,386</b>	<b>\$11,505,270</b>

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

**Table 11. Same-Party House Races Between Republicans, 2014**

District	Candidates	Individual Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
4	Tom McClintock	\$1,587,685	\$13,498	-	\$1,601,183
	Art Moore	\$188,339	-	-	188,339
25	Tony Strickland	\$1,878,385	178,872	\$122,057	\$2,179,314
	Stephen Knight	\$413,060	-	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>

**Appendix C: 2016 Election Cycle**

State Assembly

In 2016 there were 11 same-party state Assembly races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$49.4 million including independent expenditures, for an average of approximately \$4.5 million per race.

**Table 12. Same-Party Assembly Races Between Democrats, 2016**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
10	Marc Levine	\$891,989	-	-	\$891,989
	Veronica Jacobi	18,608	-	-	18,608
14	Tim Grayson	767,819	\$5,052,268	\$1,450,777	7,270,865
	Mae Torlakson	918,332	1,261,342	1,511,145	3,690,819
24	Marc Berman	925,110	2,917,566	124,060	3,966,736
	Vicki Veenker	743,463	343,226	-	1,086,689
27	Ash Kalra	1,115,235	1,193,155	1,368,154	3,676,545
	Madison Nguyen	1,159,519	3,921,821	1,097,640	6,178,980
30	Anna Caballero	652,941	1,685,625	38,287	2,376,853
	Karina Alejo	468,543	59,339	77,992	605,875
39	Raul Bocanegra	1,135,833	1,635,500	401,636	3,172,970
	Patty Lopez	143,244	18,098	-	161,342
43	Laura Friedman	898,698	2,318,206	355,264	3,572,168
	Ardy Kassakhian	1,109,159	564,658	35,792	1,709,608
46	Adrin Nazarian	785,785	2,131	-	787,916
	Angela Rupert	59,382	-	-	59,382
47	Cheryl Brown	1,410,656	3,122,034	759,476	5,292,167
	Eloise Reyes	768,032	1,419,035	726,383	2,913,450
52	Freddie Rodriguez	701,187	12,511	-	713,698
	Paul Avila	-	-	-	-
53	Sandra Mendoza	24,673	-	-	24,673
	Miguel Santiago	1,275,888	-	-	1,275,888
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,974,095</b>	<b>\$25,526,517</b>	<b>\$7,946,606</b>	<b>\$49,447,218</b>

In 2016 there were four same-party state Assembly races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$2.78 million, for an average of \$696,149 per race.

**Table 13. Same-Party Assembly Races Between Republicans, 2016**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
12	Heath Flora	\$312,464	\$431,506	\$334,430	\$1,078,401
	Ken Vogel	453,037	-	-	453,037
23	Gwen Morris	63,325	-	-	63,325
	Jim Patterson	695,465	-	-	695,465
71	Leo Hamel	4,750	-	-	4,750
	Randy Voepel	282,880	-	-	282,880
76	Rocky Chavez	205,688	-	-	205,688
	Thomas Krouse	1,050	-	-	1,050
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,018,659</b>	<b>\$431,506</b>	<b>\$334,430</b>	<b>\$2,784,596</b>

State Senate

In 2016 there were five same-party state Senate races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$23.3 million including independent expenditures, for an average of approximately \$4.6 million per race.

**Table 14. Same-Party Senate Races Between Democrats, 2016**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
3	Bill Dodd	\$1,371,318	\$4,210,691	\$107,168	\$5,689,177
	Mariko Yamada	558,870	149,730	15,000	723,601
9	Nancy Skinner	1,325,464	125,062	-	1,450,526
	Sandr� Swanson	673,582	153,691	-	827,273
11	Jane Kim	1,758,463	488,937	146,627	2,394,027
	Scott Wiener	2,753,782	1,171,909	1,913,405	5,839,096
15	James Beall Jr.	1,859,591	989,064	608,268	3,456,924
	Nora Campos	280,772	365,847	-	646,619
35	Steven Bradford	958,670	520,194	-	1,478,865
	Warren Furutani	672,023	145,161	-	817,184
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,212,536</b>	<b>\$8,320,287</b>	<b>\$2,790,469</b>	<b>\$23,323,292</b>

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

U.S. House

In 2016 there were seven same-party Congressional races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$33.9 million including independent expenditures, for an average of \$2.7 million per race.

**Table 15. Same-Party House Races Between Republicans, 2016**

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
17	Mike Honda	\$2,987,535	\$80,267	-	\$3,067,802
	Ro Khanna	3,723,321	204,810	\$321,065	4,249,196
29	Tony Cardenas	1,689,791	-	-	1,689,791
	Richard Alarcon	69,834	-	-	69,834
32	Grace Napolitano	733,695	-	-	733,695
	Roger Hernandez	107,564	-	-	107,564
34	Xavier Becerra	1,750,953	-	-	1,750,953
	Adrienne Nicole Edwards	20	-	-	20
37	Karen Bass	639,999	-	-	639,999
	Chris Blake Wiggins	-	-	-	-
44	Isadore Hall	1,879,741	237,743	27,411	2,144,895
	Nanette Barragan	1,904,759	432,277	405,583	2,337,036
46	Lou Correa	946,713	713,277	-	1,660,621
	Bao Nguyen	276,759	-	19,680	296,439
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$16,710,684</b>	<b>\$1,669,005</b>	<b>\$773,739</b>	<b>\$18,747,845</b>

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

### APPENDIX D: Prop 14 Winners

In nine of the 28 same-party races in 2012 election cycle, the second-place primary finisher won in the general election.

**Table 16. Prop 14 Winners, 2012**

Chamber	District	Candidate	Primary Vote %	Primary Votes	General Vote %	General Votes
Assembly	5	Frank Bigelow (R)	28.9	29,584	52.3	82,293
		Rico Oller (R)	33.9	34,673	47.7	75,071
Assembly	10	Marc Levine (D)	24.4	25,920	51.2	96,421
		Michael Allen (D)	31	32,922	48.8	91,973
Assembly	47	Cheryl Brown (D)	29	7,566	55.7	53,434
		Joe Baca, Jr. (D)	42.3	11,033	44.3	42,475
Assembly	50	Richard Bloom (D)	25.6	15,947	50.5	93,445
		Betsy Butler (D)	25.8	16,084	49.5	91,740
Assembly	67	Melissa Melendez (R)	23.3	10,084	52.3	67,232
		Phil Paule (R)	27.7	11,951	47.7	61,230
Assembly	72	Travis Allen (R)	19.9	12,851	55.7	79,110
		Troy Edgar (R)	28	18,060	44.3	62,983
House	8	Paul Cook (R)	15.3	12,517	57.4	103,093
		Greg Imus (R)	15.6	12,754	42.6	76,551
House	15	Eric Swalwell (D)	36.2	34,347	52.1	120,388
		Pete Stark (D)	42.1	39,943	47.9	110,646
House	35	Gloria Negrete McLeod (D)	36.3	12,425	55.9	79,698
		Joe Baca (D)	45	15,388	44.1	62,982

In six of the 25 races same-party races in the 2014 election cycle, the second primary finisher won in the general election.

**Table 17. Prop 14 Winners, 2014**

Chamber	District	Candidate	Primary Vote %	Primary Votes	General Vote %	General Votes
Assembly	15	Tony Thurmond (D)	24.4	16,963	54.3	66,661
		Elizabeth Echols (D)	31.1	21,664	45.7	56,071
Assembly	26	Devon Mathis (R)	20.5	9,497	53.6	34,683
		Rudy Mendoza (R)	40.3	18,648	46.4	29,991
Assembly	39	Patty Lopez (D)	23.6	4,940	50.5	22,750
		Raul Bocanegra (D)	62.5	13,069	49.5	22,284
Assembly	74	Matthew Harper (R)	24.9	15,309	59.5	60,070
		Keith Curry (R)	27.6	17,013	40.5	40,896

Senate	6	Richard Pan (D)	31.1	37,552	53.9	96,688
		Roger Dickinson (D)	40.3	48,668	46.2	82,938
House	25	Steve Knight (R)	28.4	18,327	53.3	60,847
		Tony Strickland (R)	29.6	19,090	46.7	53,225

In six of the 27 same-party races in the 2014 election cycle, the second primary finisher won in the general election.

**Table 18. Prop 14 Winners, 2016**

Chamber	District	Candidate	Primary Vote %	Primary Votes	General Vote %	General Votes
Assembly	12	Heath Flora (R)	38.7	21,484	52.3	81,680
		Ken Vogel (R)	42.6	23,678	47.7	74,433
Assembly	14	Tim Grayson (D)	31.6	33,712	61.5	107,653
		Mae Torlakson (D)	32.3	34,535	38.5	67,300
Assembly	27	Ash Kalra (D)	19.8	15,843	53.2	71,696
		Madison Nguyen (D)	34.3	27,453	46.8	63,048
Assembly	47	Eloise Reyes (D)	35.6	20,342	54.6	62,432
		Cheryl Brown (D)	44.1	25,165	45.4	51,994
Senate	11	Scott Wiener (D)	45.1	117,913	51	209,462
		Jane Kim (D)	45.3	118,582	49	201,316
House	44	Nanette Barragan (D)	22	22,031	52.2	93,124
		Isadore Hall (D)	40.1	40,200	47.8	85,289