

\$135.1 Million Spent in ‘Same-Party’ Races Following Passage of Prop. 14 in California

In 2010 California voters approved Proposition 14, a constitutional amendment changing all non-Presidential elections to a nonpartisan “top two” 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 Proposition 14 was passed, there have been a total of 52 “same-party” races in California for the California State Senate, Assembly, and U.S. House of Representatives. In 36 races, a Democrat faced a Democrat in the November election; in 16 races, a Republican faced a Republican.

According to data obtained from the Federal Election Commission, the California Secretary of State, and the California Fair Political Practices Commissioner, Democrats raised or spent a total of \$49.1 million in 2012 races and \$54.3 million in 2014 races, for a total of \$103.4 million. In comparison, Republicans raised or spent \$14.5 million in 2012 races and \$17.3 in 2014 races, for a total of \$31.7 million.

These totals include contributions reported by campaign committees and by Independent Expenditure (IE) committees from both the primary and general elections for the 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 cycles.

For every dollar spent or raised by Republicans in these intra-party contests, \$3.26 was raised or spent by Democrats.

Of these expenditures, IEs raised or spent \$30.9 million in Democrat-vs-Democrat campaigns and \$10.1 million in Republican-vs-Republican campaigns. The balance was raised or spent by campaign committees: \$72.4 million in Democrat-vs-Democrat campaigns and \$21.6 million in Republican-vs-Republican campaigns. This was true across both election cycles and across all three chambers – the California Assembly, Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

This is an update of an earlier study and includes reports not available at the time.

Total Spending in Same-Party Races, 2012

Election	Democrats		Republicans	
	Campaign Com.	I.E.	Campaign Com.	I.E.
CA Assembly	\$13,541,520	\$5,270,629	\$6,210,119	\$1,988,012
CA Senate	2,577,769	978,471	n/a	n/a
U.S. House	15,706,963	11,006,063	2,388,186	3,867,777
<i>Sub-totals</i>	<i>\$31,826,252</i>	<i>\$17,255,163</i>	<i>\$8,598,305</i>	<i>\$5,855,789</i>
Total	\$49,081,415		\$14,454,094	

Total Spending in Same-Party Races, 2014

Election	Democrats		Republicans	
	Campaign Com.	I.E.	Campaign Com.	I.E.
CA Assembly	\$17,322,048	\$6,561,800	\$3,070,040	\$108,637
CA Senate	\$12,636,613	\$6,280,415	\$2,467,627	\$3,755,943
U.S. House	\$10,652,764	\$847,899	\$7,471,734	\$381,432
<i>Sub-totals</i>	\$40,611,425	\$13,690,114	\$13,009,401	\$4,246,012
Total	\$54,301,539		\$17,255,413	

Appendix 1: 2012 Election

California Assembly

In 2012 there were 10 same-party Assembly races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$18.75 million including independent expenditures.

Table 1. Assembly 2012 (Democrats)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
2	Wesly Chesbro*	\$427,372	\$0	\$0	\$427,372
	Tom Lynch	0	0	0	0
10	Michael Allen	2,071,909	298,143	275,138	2,645,190
	Marc Levine*	365,925	0	299,391	665,316
18	Rob Bonta*	719,042	295,734	0	1,014,776
	Abel Guillen	474,584	0	0	474,584
20	Jennifer Ong	521,174	479,076	0	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	0	963,927
	Luis Lopez	407,468	0	0	407,468
59	R. Jones-Sawyer*	513,637	0	0	513,637
	Rodney Robinson	0	0	0	0
62	Steve Bradford*	741,946	0	0	741,946
	Mervin Evans	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	\$13,483,581	\$3,022,265	\$2,248,364	\$18,754,210

Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>) and the California FPPC 2012 Verification of Independent Expenditures (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=100>).

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

Table 2. Assembly 2012 (Republicans)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
1	Brian Dahle*	\$576,043	\$173,216	\$0	\$749,259
	Rick Bosetti	319,217	0	155,697	474,914
5	Frank Bigelow*	835,875	351,706	399,287	1,586,868
	Thomas Oller	626,647	0	22,528	649,175
6	Beth Gaines*	556,680	217,073	0	773,753
	Andy Pugno	426,273	0	0	426,273
23	Jim Patterson*	212,605	0	0	212,605
	Bob Whalen	404,872	15,000	0	419,872
67	Melissa Melendez*	366,515	0	0	366,515
	Phil Paule	287,409	0	17,452	304,861
72	Travis Allen*	435,802	0	0	435,801
	Troy Edgar	584,756	0	0	584,756
76	Rocky Chavez*	319,456	573,418	49,244	942,118
	Sherry Hodges	438,884	0	13,391	452,275
	TOTAL:	\$6,391,034	\$1,330,413	\$657,599	\$8,379,046

Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>) and the California FPPC 2012 Verification of Independent Expenditures (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=100>).

California 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. Senate 2012 (Democrats)

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	0	0	259,584
15	Jim Beall*	927,157	363,356	187,298	1,477,811
	Joe Coto	330,492	11,500	0	341,992
	TOTAL:	\$2,808,126	\$778,574	\$199,897	\$3,786,597

Note: Data for each candidate collected from California Secretary of State website (<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>) and the California FPPC 2012 Verification of Independent Expenditures (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=100>).

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

U.S. House of Representatives

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

Table 4. House of Representatives 2012 (Democrats)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
15	E. Swalwell*	\$826,186	\$32,828	0	\$859,014
	P. Stark	939,654	101,413	12,790	1,053,857
30	B. Sherman*	3,401,860	2,359,492	313,807	6,075,159
	H. Berman	4,686,484	2,017,653	0	6,704,137
35	G. McLeod*	352,550	5,460,685**	426,440	6,239,675
	J. Baca	1,046,528	175,000	0	1,221,528
40	L. Allard*	581,440	0	0	581,440
	D. Sanchez	0	0	0	0
43	M. Waters*	729,888	0	0	729,888
	B. Flores	4,204	1	0	4,205
44	J. Hahn*	2,521,899	103,454	0	2,625,353
	L. Richardson	616,270	0	2,500	618,770
	TOTAL:	\$15,706,963	\$10,250,526	\$755,537	\$26,713,026

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

**Three of McLeod's Independent Expenditures note that the purpose of the expenditure "also opposes Joe Baca"

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

Table 5. House of Representatives 2012 (Republicans)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
8	Gregg Imus	\$118,844	\$0	\$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	0	3,772,112
	TOTAL:	\$2,388,186	\$3,763,808	\$103,969	\$6,255,963

Note: Data for each candidate collected from the Federal Election Commission

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
	TOTAL:	\$17,322,048	\$4,994,950	\$1,566,850	\$23,883,848

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
	TOTAL:	\$3,070,040	\$70,922	\$37,715	\$3,178,677

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
	TOTAL:	\$12,636,613	\$4,044,916	\$2,235,499	\$18,917,029

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
	TOTAL:	\$2,467,627	\$1,435,249	\$2,320,694	\$6,223,569

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
	TOTAL:	\$10,652,764	\$392,513	\$455,386	\$11,505,270

Note: Data for each candidate collected from the Federal Election Commission (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
	TOTAL:	\$8,278,924	\$192,370	\$189,062	\$4,448,901

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