

\$89.2 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 \$69 million in these 36 races, compared to \$20.2 million for the 16 races among Republicans.

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, \$3.42 was raised or spent by Democrats.

Of these expenditures, IEs raised or spent \$19.6 million in Democrat-vs-Democrat campaigns and \$7.1 million in Republican-vs-Republican campaigns. The balance was raised or spent by campaign committees: \$49.4 million in Democrat-vs-Democrat campaigns and \$13 million in Republican-vs-Republican campaigns.

This was true across both election cycles (including 2014 to date) and across all three chambers – the California Assembly, Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Election	Democrats		Republicans	
	Campaign Com.	I.E.	Campaign Com.	I.E.
Assembly 2012	\$13,541,520	\$5,270,629	\$6,210,119	\$1,988,012
CA Senate 2012	2,577,769	978,471	-	-
U.S. House 2012	15,706,963	11,006,063	2,388,186	3,867,777
Assembly 2014	5,278,137	1,682,669	1,110,932	45,066
CA Senate 2014	4,330,737	601,032	759,857	1,121,448
U.S. House 2014	7,990,949	85,233	2,561,614	122,300
Totals	\$49,426,075.00	\$19,624,097.00	\$13,030,708.00	\$7,144,603.00

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 Contributions	PAC/Other Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
15	E. Swalwell*	\$700,345	\$125,841	\$32,828	0	\$859,014
	P. Stark	198,772	740,882	101,413	12,790	1,053,857
30	B. Sherman*	1,273,778	2,128,082	2,359,492	313,807	6,075,159
	H. Berman	3,871,063	815,421	2,017,653	0	6,704,137
35	G. McLeod*	228,994	123,556	5,460,685**	426,440	6,239,675
	J. Baca	404,566	641,962	175,000	0	1,221,528
40	L. Allard*	252,180	329,260	0	0	581,440
	D. Sanchez	0	0	0	0	0
43	M. Waters*	363,851	366,037	0	0	729,888
	B. Flores	4,204	0	1	0	4,205
44	J. Hahn*	1,620,472	901,427	103,454	0	2,625,353
	L. Richardson	217,236	399,034	0	2,500	618,770
	TOTAL:	\$9,135,461	\$6,571,502	\$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 Contributions	PAC/Other Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
8	Gregg Imus	\$96,541	\$22,303	\$0	\$12,971	\$131,815
	Paul Cook*	335,916	274,098	1,170,699	89,598	1,870,311
31	Bob Dutton	207,472	180,052	92,801	1,400	481,725
	Gary Miller*	563,107	708,697	2,500,308	0	3,772,112
	TOTAL:	\$1,203,036	\$1,185,150	\$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 are eight same-party Assembly races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$8.4 million including independent expenditures as of September 15, 2014.

Table 6. Assembly 2014 (Democrats)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
7	Steve Cohn	\$256,356	\$142,298	\$29,934	\$428,588
	Kevin McCarty	451,928	0	0	451,928
9	Jim Cooper	358,448	306,525	0	664,973
	Darrell R. Fong	331,755	0	0	331,755
15	Elizabeth Echols	405,176	0	0	405,176
	Tony Thurmond	332,586	30,804	0	363,390
17	David Campos	502,494	43,000	140,056	685,550
	David Chiu	1,024,237	25,559	213,753	1,263,549
39	Raul Bocanegra	706,241	0	0	706,241
	Patty Lopez	0	0	0	0
47	Cheryl R. Brown	801,233	0	0	801,233
	Gil Navarro	0	0	0	0
53	Sandra Mendoza	39,911	5,799	0	45,710
	Miguel Santiago	745,756	0	0	745,756
64	Mike Gipson	378,848	309,322	93,997	782,167
	Prophet Walker	434,001	341,622	0	775,623
	TOTAL:	\$6,768,970	\$1,204,929	\$477,740	\$8,451,639

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 are four same-party Assembly races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$1.2 million including independent expenditures as of September 15, 2014, for an average of \$289,000 per race.

Table 7. Assembly 2014 (Republicans)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
26	Devon Mathis	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Rudy Mendoza	268,772	30,076	0	298,848
71	Brian W. Jones	342,767	0	0	342,767
	Tony Teor	0	0	0	0
74	Keith D. Curry	350,764	0	0	350,764
	Matthew Harper	80,261	0	14,990	95,251
76	Rocky Chavez	288,744	0	0	288,744
	Thomas Krouse	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	\$1,331,308	\$30,076	\$14,990	\$1,376,374

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 are five same-party Senate races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised \$5.5 million including independent expenditures as of September 15, 2014.

Table 8. Senate 2014 (Democrats)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
6	Roger Dickenson	\$535,745	\$75,000	\$0	\$610,745
	Richard Pan	896,328	377,216	140,616	1,414,160
24	Peter Choi	20,892	0	0	20,892
	Kevin De Leon	1,036,890	0	0	1,036,890
26	Ben Allen	653,669	8,200	0	661,869
	Sandra Fluke	590,938	0	0	590,938
30	Isidro Armenta	0	0	0	0
	Holly J. Mitchell	332,025	0	0	332,025
40	Rafael Estrada	60	0	0	60
	Ben Hueso	342,541	0	0	342,541
	TOTAL:	\$4,409,088	\$460,416	\$140,616	\$5,510,120

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 is one same-party Senate races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised \$1.97 million including independent expenditures as of September 15, 2014.

Table 9. Senate 2014 (Republicans)

District	Candidates	Individual/PAC Contributions	I.E. Support	I.E. Oppose	Candidate Total
28	Bonnie Garcia	\$417,157	\$931,283	\$150,239	\$1,498,679
	Jeff Stone	436,701	0	39,926	476,627
	TOTAL:	\$853,858	\$931,283	\$190,165	\$1,975,306

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 are five same-party Congressional races between Democrats. In total, these candidates raised approximately \$8 million including independent expenditures as of September 15, 2014.

Table 10. House of Representatives 2014 (Democrats)

District	Candidates	Individual Contributions	PAC/Other Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
17	Mike Honda	\$1,837,624	\$590,809	\$1,454	83,779	\$2,513,666
	Ro Khanna	2,803,618	4,607	0	0	2,808,225
19	Zoe Lofgren	477,013	313,653	0	0	790,666
	Robert Murray	0	0	0	0	0
34	Xavier Becerra	539,493	817,938	0	0	1,357,431
	Adrienne Edwards	0	0	0	0	0
35	Norma Torres	65,800	161,250	0	0	227,050
	Christina Gagnier	31,477	5,682	0	0	37,159
40	Lucille Allard	98,169	243,816	0	0	341,985
	David Sanchez	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	\$5,853,194	\$2,137,755	\$1,454	\$83,779	\$8,076,182

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

In 2014 there are two same-party Congressional races between Republicans. In total, these candidates raised approximately \$2.7 million including independent expenditures as of September 15, 2014.

Table 11. House of Representatives 2014 (Republicans)

District	Candidates	Individual Contributions	PAC/Other Contributions	IE (Support)	IE (Oppose)	Candidate Total
4	Tom McClintock	\$947,700	\$84,868	\$13,498	\$0	\$1,046,066
	Art Moore	78,314	0	0	0	78,314
25	Tony Strickland	917,921	345,533	41,797	67,005	1,372,256
	Stephen Knight	178,478	8,800	0	0	187,278
	TOTAL:	\$2,122,413	\$439,201	\$55,295	\$67,005	\$2,683,914

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