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3 Weeks Till the Filing Deadline, With Others Still Able to Jump on the Train, Democrat Applegate and GOP Chavez Are Out Front in in Fight To Fill Republican Darrell Issa's Open House Seat in California's 49th Congressional District:

Democrat Doug Applegate stands toe-to-toe with Republican Rocky Chavez, in the Top 2 California primary to replace GOP Congressman Darrell Issa in CA-49.

According to polling conducted by SurveyUSA exclusively for KGTV-TV and the Union-Tribune in San Diego, it's Applegate 18%, Chavez 17%, Republican Diane Harkey at 10%, Democrat Mike Levin at 8%, Republican Kristin Gaspar at 7% and Democrat Sara Jacobs at 5%, with others further back. 27% of likely voters today are undecided, understandable given that additional candidates have until 03/09/18 to jump into the race. If the total number of Republican votes today are added up and the total number of Democratic votes today are added up, Republicans lead Democrats 38% to 35%. The top two finishers in the primary advance to the 11/06/18 general election, even if the top two finishers are both from the same political party. Issa, one of a number of high-profile Republican members of Congress to voluntarily leave office during Mr. Trump's first term, won reelection in 2016 by defeating Applegate by a handful of votes.

- * Applegate's voters are focused on President Trump.
- * Chavez' voters are focused on the economy.
- * Harkey's supporters are focused on building a wall between the United States and Mexico.
- * Levin's supporters are focused on healthcare.
- * Mr. Trump's Net Job Approval in CA-49 is Minus 5: 46% of voters approve of the job he is doing as President, 51% disapprove.
- * Issa's Net Job Approval in CA-49 is also Minus 5: 44% of voters approve of the job Issa is doing in the U.S. House of Representatives; 49% disapprove.

Filtering and context: Using voter-list sample from Aristotle, SurveyUSA interviewed 775 registered voters from CA-49 Saturday 02/10/18 through Tuesday 02/13/18. In the middle of the field period for this survey, Issa was directed to testify in a lawsuit involving another member of the US Congress, though it is unclear if or to what extent this unexpected development may have influenced respondents to this survey. Of the 775 registered voters, SurveyUSA identified 510 who are likely to vote in the 06/05/18 Top-2 primary. This research was conducted 100% by telephone. Respondents reachable on a landline telephone (68% of likely voters) were interviewed on their landline phone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents not reachable on a landline phone (32% of likely voters) were interviewed by live operators, who hand-dialed cell-phone numbers, secured the respondent's cooperation, qualified the respondent, interviewed the respondent and remained on the phone until the conclusion of the interview.

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510 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				Race		Party Affiliation			Ideology			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	White	Hispani	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal	
Credibility Interval: +/-5.4 pct points																
Rocky Chavez (R)	17%	17%	16%	5%	29%	11%	21%	15%	26%	31%	6%	11%	25%	17%	4%	
Kristin Gaspar (R)	7%	10%	5%	10%	3%	8%	8%	7%	8%	13%	1%	8%	11%	8%	0%	
Diane Harkey (R)	10%	10%	10%	20%	2%	10%	11%	11%	9%	20%	2%	7%	18%	9%	0%	
Brian Maryott (R)	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	3%	0%	5%	0%	1%	4%	2%	0%	
Joshua Schoonover (R)	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%	
Doug Applegate (D)	18%	18%	19%	12%	12%	19%	23%	17%	24%	5%	33%	19%	4%	25%	27%	
Sara Jacobs (D)	5%	3%	6%	4%	2%	5%	5%	5%	1%	1%	10%	3%	1%	4%	11%	
Paul Kerr (D)	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	
Mike Levin (D)	8%	8%	8%	10%	9%	7%	8%	9%	5%	1%	19%	6%	0%	11%	15%	
Christina Prejean (D)	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	
Joshua Hancock (L)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	
Jordan Mills (PFP)	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	
Other	1%	1%	1%	0%	4%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	
Undecided	27%	26%	28%	39%	33%	33%	14%	28%	22%	19%	25%	38%	29%	20%	37%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	50%	50%	12%	17%	37%	33%	79%	16%	37%	32%	30%	35%	40%	23%	

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		Wall	DREAM	Tax La	Healthc	Econo	Preside	Approv	Disappr	Approv	Disappr	Trump	Clinton	Issa	Appleg	High Sc	Some C	4-year
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