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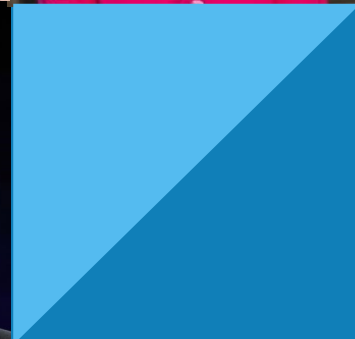
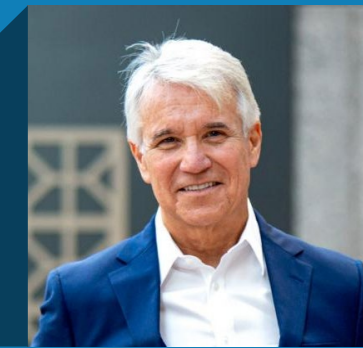
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# Election Forecast

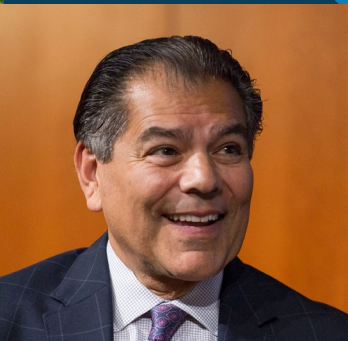
StudyLA's inaugural survey of political thought leaders on their election predictions

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# Methodology

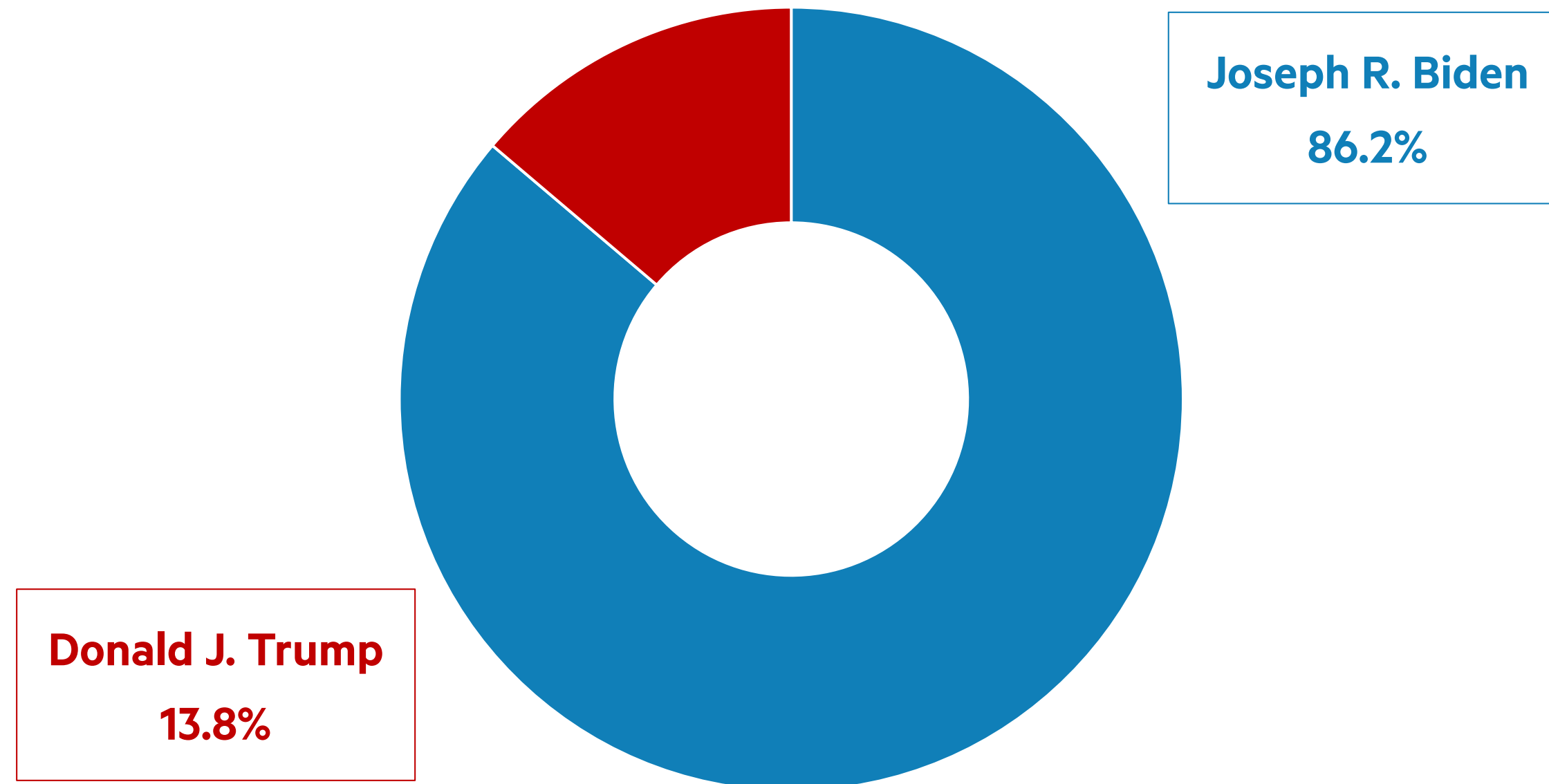
## **StudyLA conducted an inaugural survey of political thought leaders in Los Angeles asking their predictions for the 2020 general election**

- purposive sample of political thought leaders in or representing Los Angeles with additional snowball sampling
- 174 respondents
- self-administered online survey
- administered October 5-23, 2020

# Leaders predict a victory for Biden in a landslide

Among those who think Joe Biden is going to win, three in four are confident in their predictions. Meanwhile, among those who think Donald Trump is going to win, one in two are confident in their predictions.

## Who do you think is going to win the presidency?



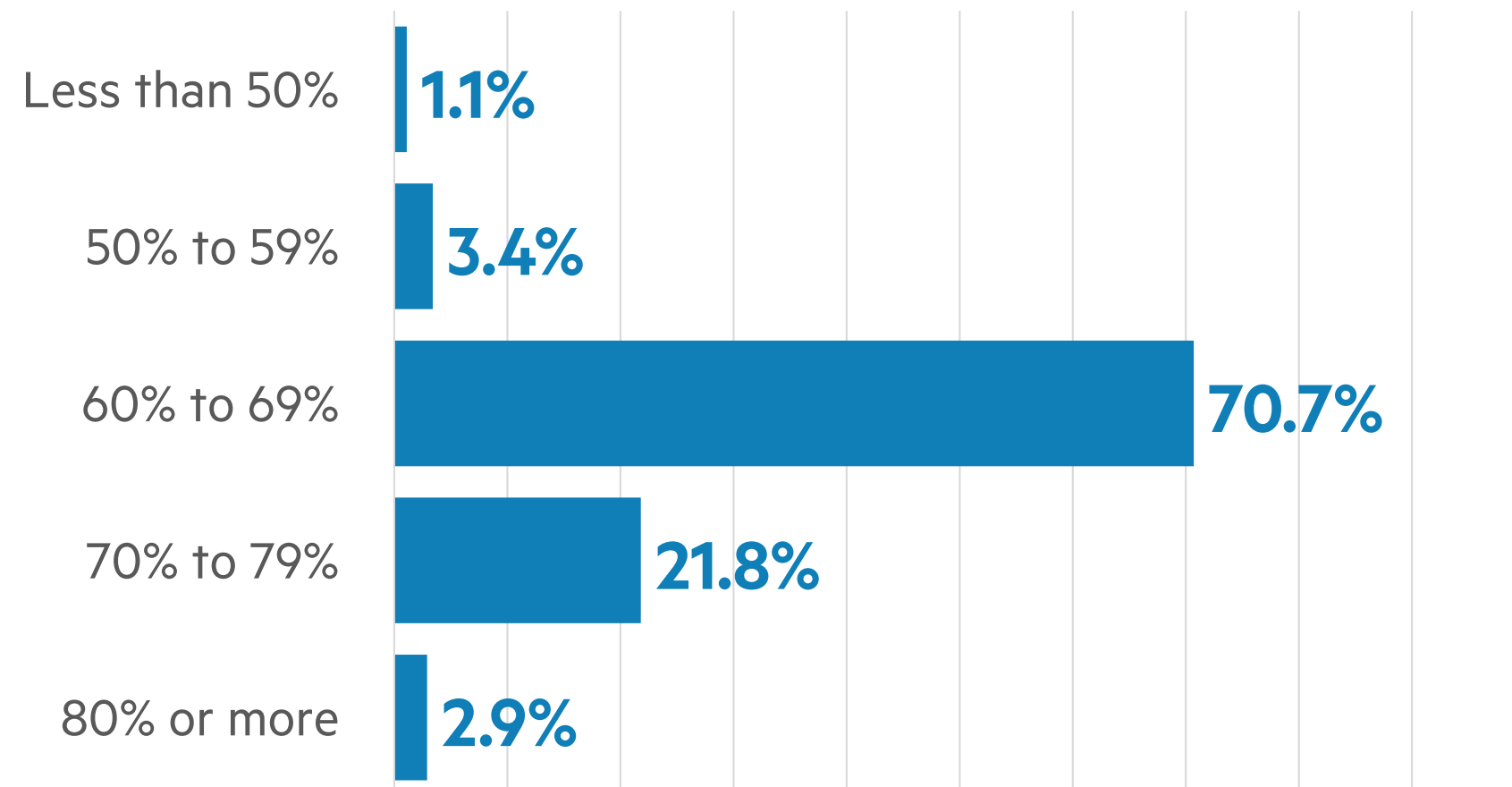
How confident are you in your prediction?	
Very confident	26.4%
Somewhat confident	48.3%
Not very confident	21.3%
Not at all confident	4.0%
<i>By those who chose Biden</i>	
Very confident	30.0%
Somewhat confident	47.7%
Not very confident	18.0%
Not at all confident	3.3%
<i>By those who chose Trump</i>	
Very confident	4.2%
Somewhat confident	45.8%
Not very confident	41.7%
Not at all confident	8.3%

# What percent of the vote do you think Democratic nominee Joe Biden will receive?

## In California

Hillary Clinton received 61.5% of the vote in 2016

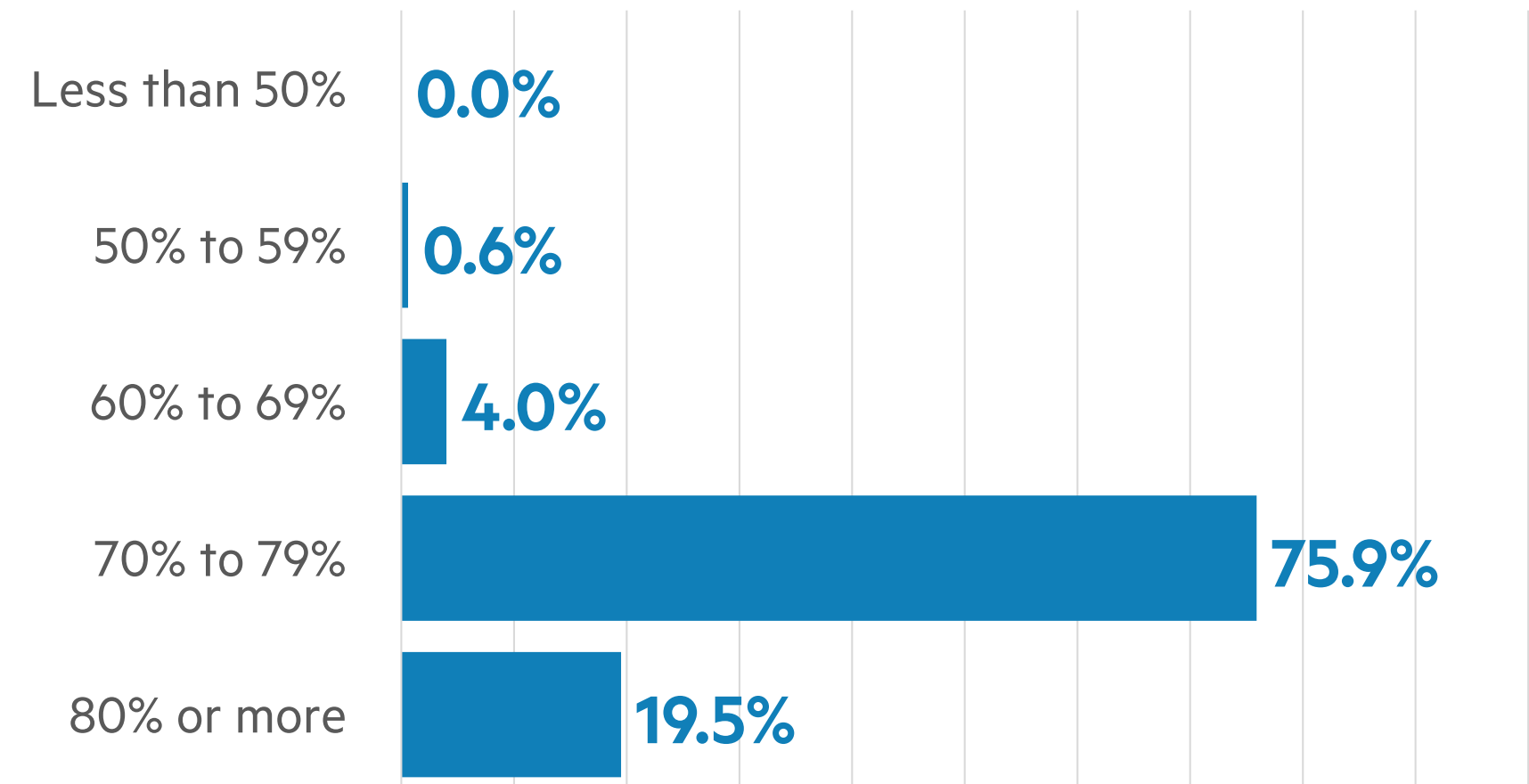
**Average prediction for Joe Biden is 66.1%**



## In Los Angeles County

Hillary Clinton received 71.8% of the vote in 2016

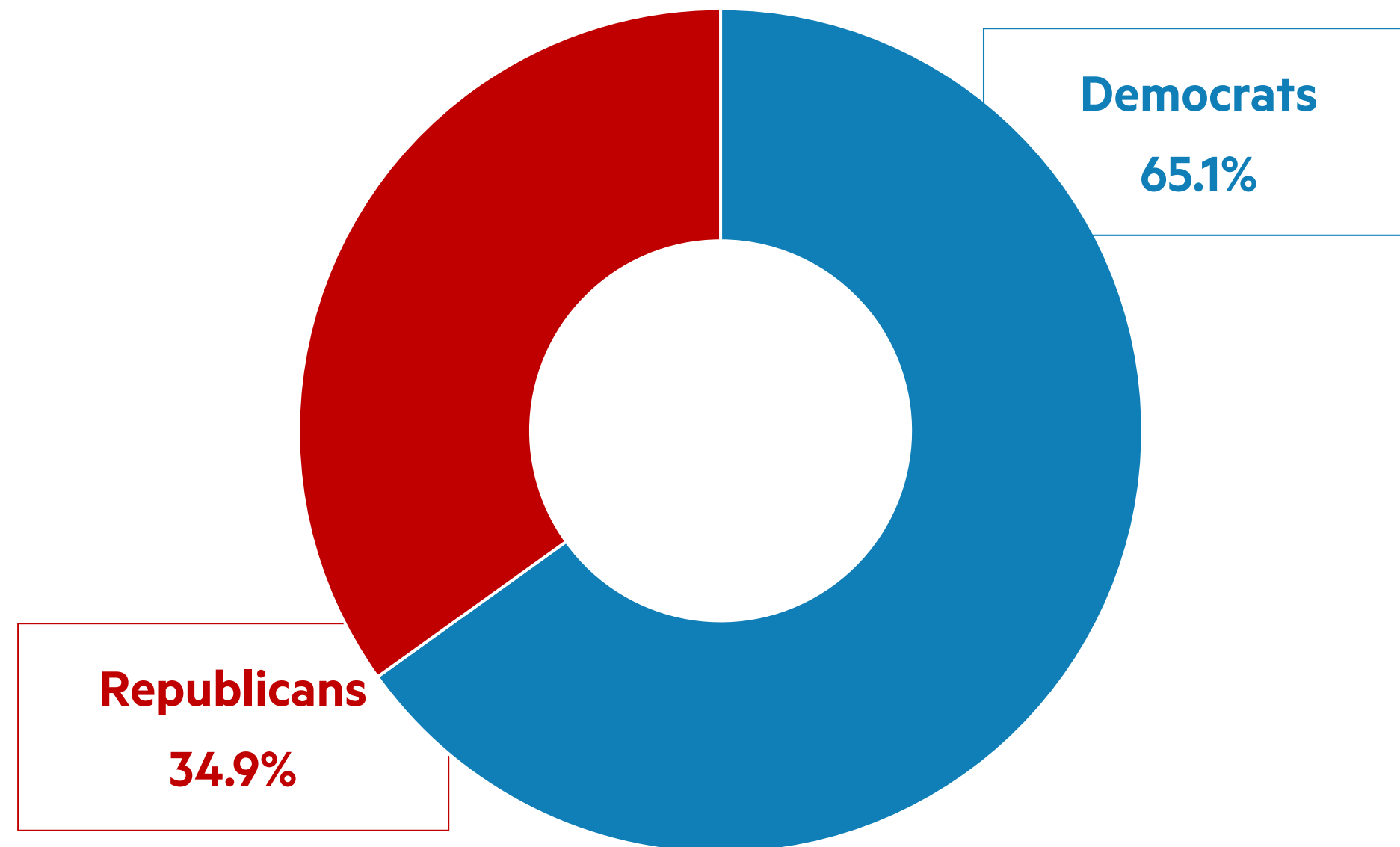
**Average prediction for Joe Biden is 75.3%**



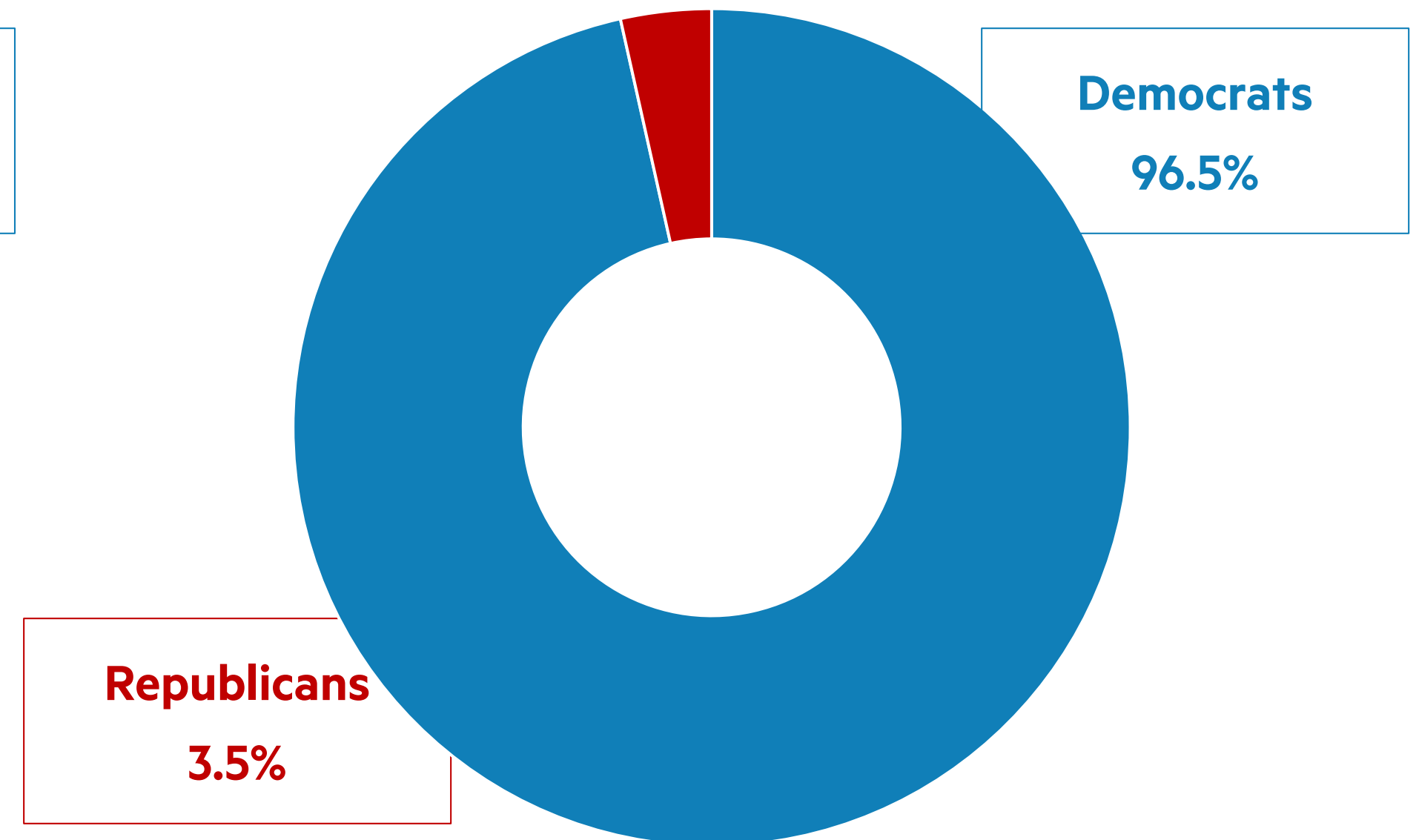
# Leaders predict Democrats will control Senate and House

Very few leaders agree with Donald Trump's assertion from the third presidential debate that Republicans will win back the House.

## Which party will control the Senate?



## Which party will control the House?



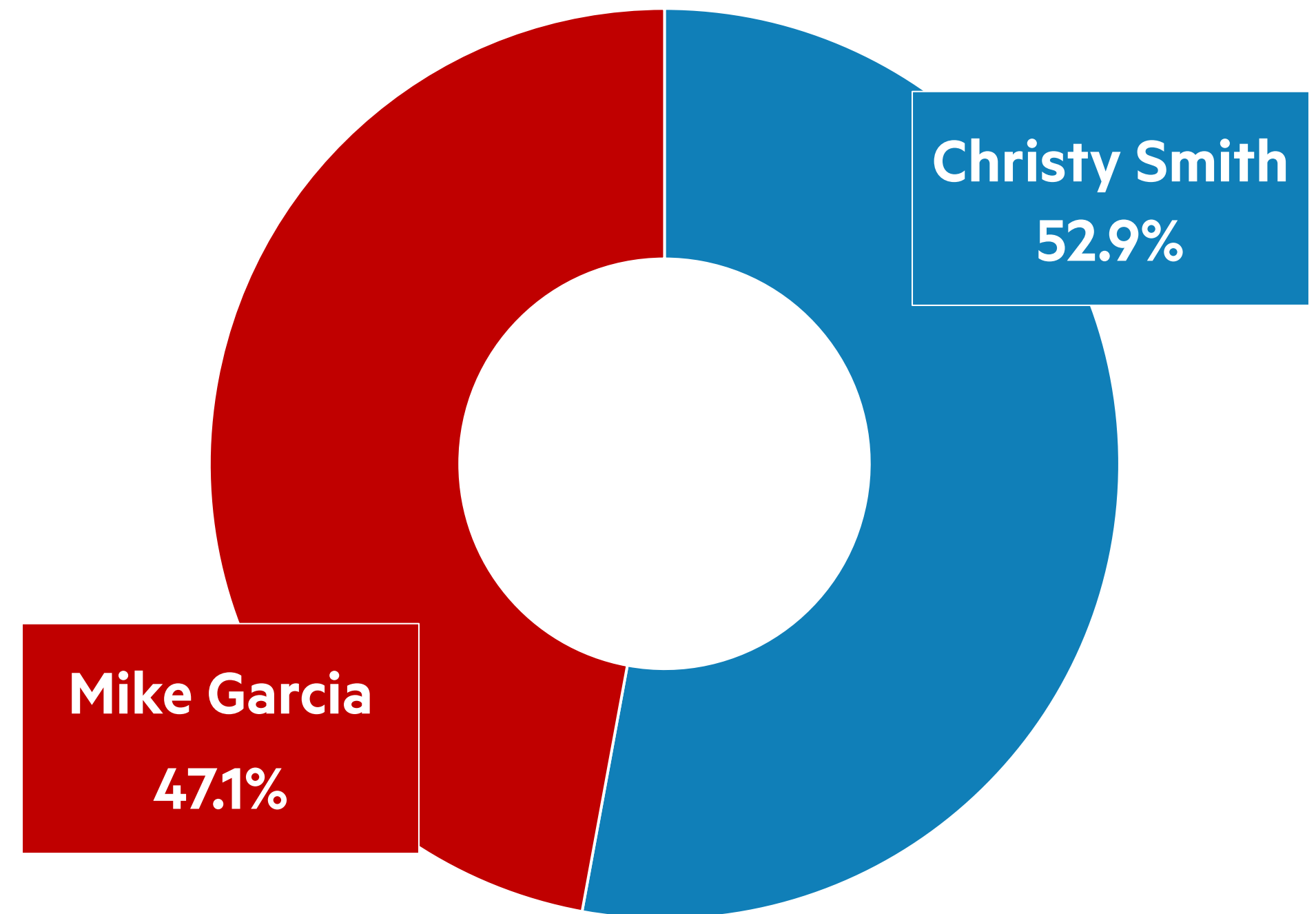
# Leaders predict Congressional District 25 to flip back to blue

In November 2018, Democrat Katie Hill won this race with 54.0% of the votes, flipping the district from red to blue.

Democrats flipped 41 congressional seats across the U.S., taking control of the House.

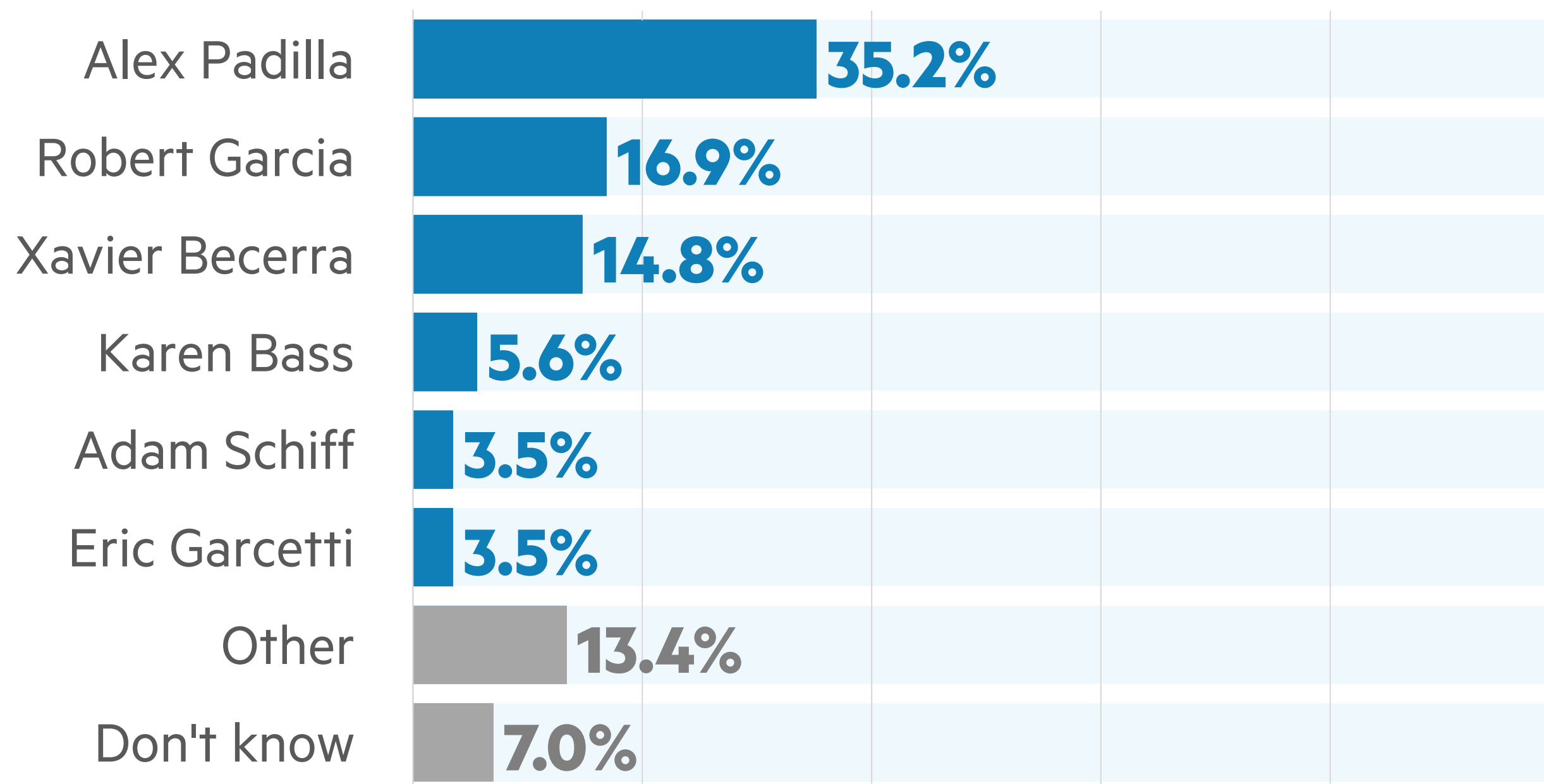
In May 2020, Republican Mike Garcia won a special election with 54.9% of the votes while Democrat Christy Smith received 45.1%. Now, leaders predict Smith will win, flipping this seat back to blue.

Who do you think will win the  
Congressional District 25 seat?





# If Kamala Harris resigned from the Senate to become Vice President, whom do you think Gavin Newsom would appoint to fill her seat?

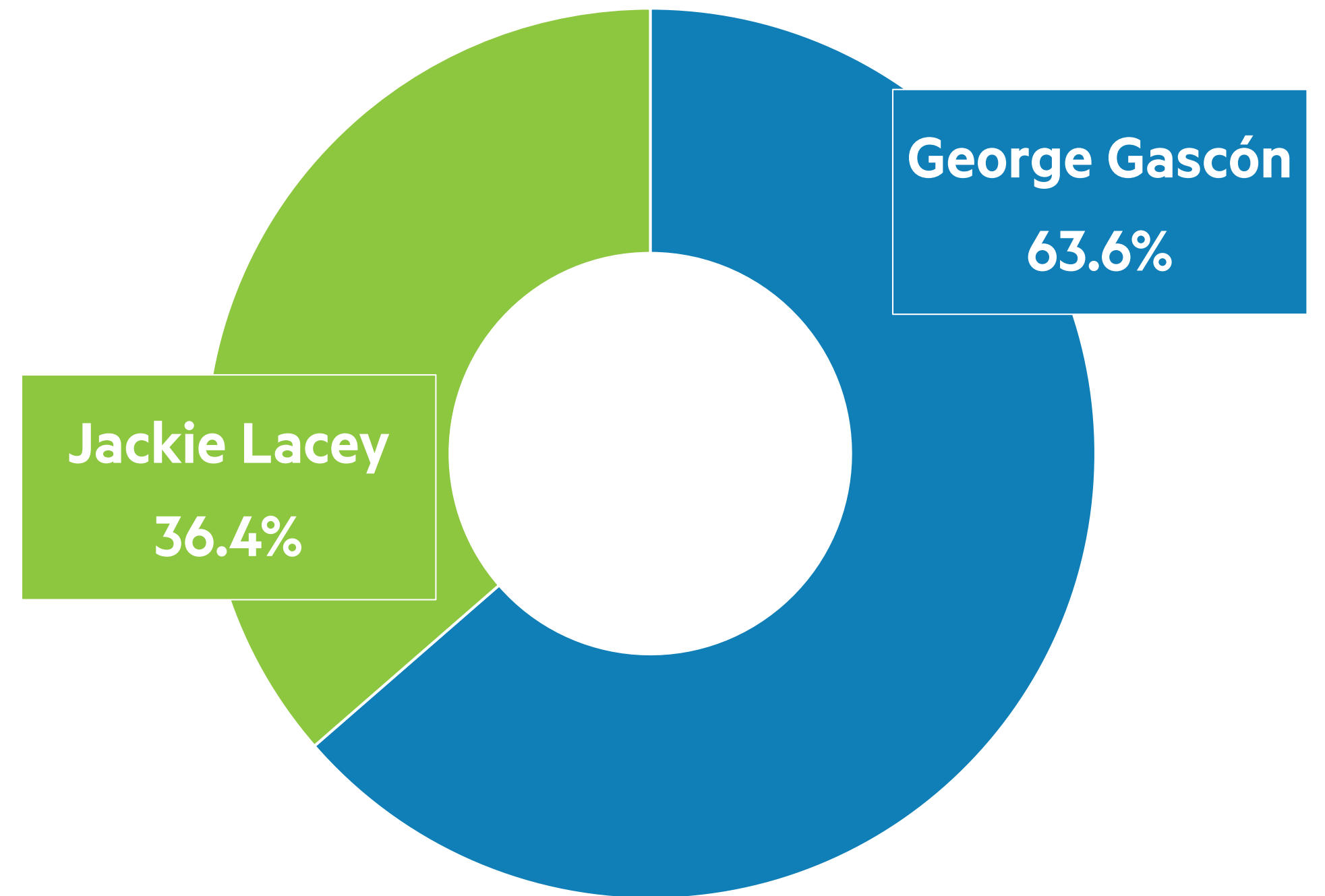


Leaders were asked to name whom they **think** Newsom would appoint, *not* whom they would want him to appoint.

# Leaders predict Gascón will win District Attorney race

In the March 2020 primary election, incumbent Jackie Lacey received 46.8% of the votes while former San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón received 29.9% and public defender Rachel Rossi received 23.3%.

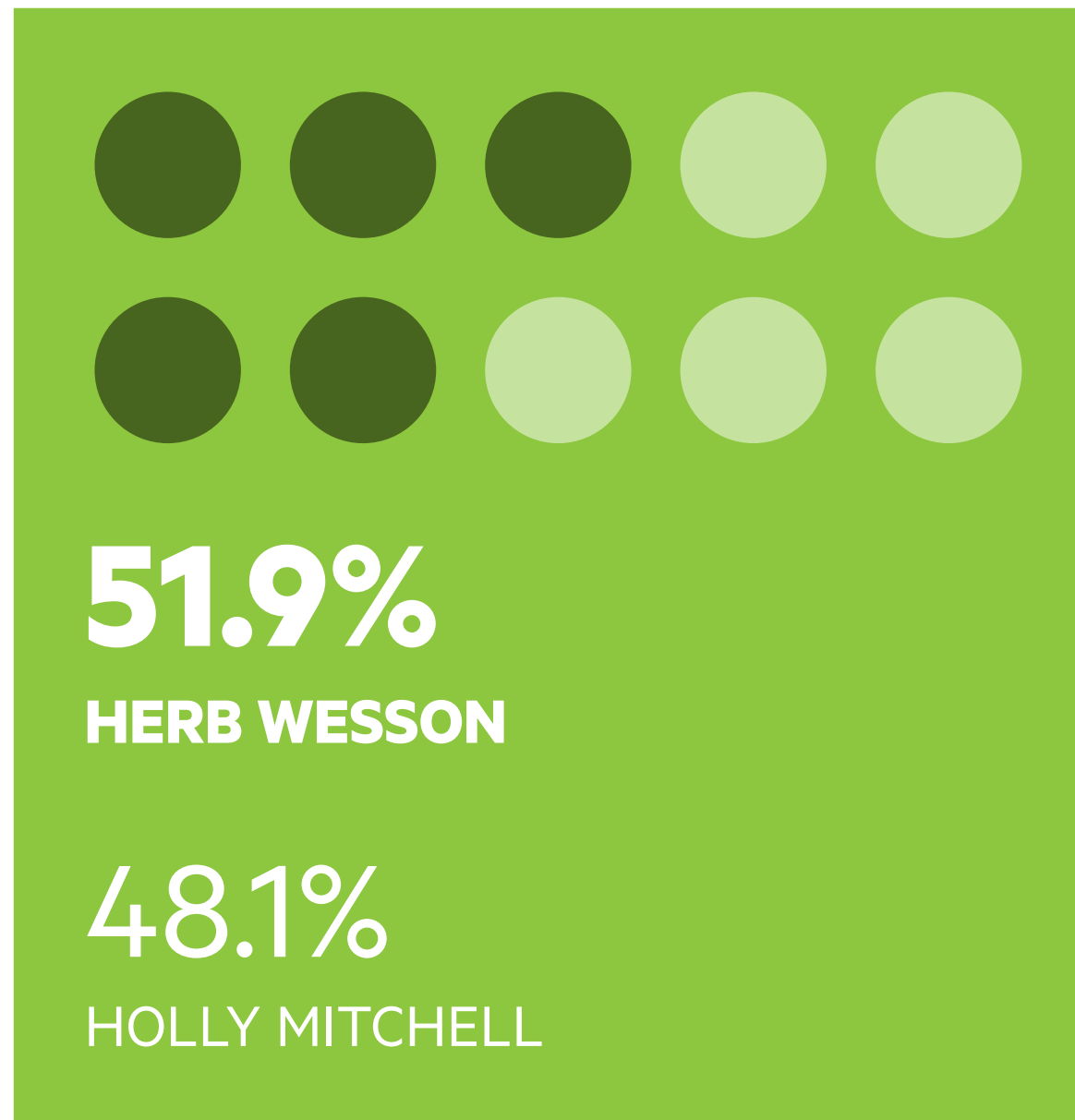
Who do you think will win the  
Los Angeles District Attorney race?



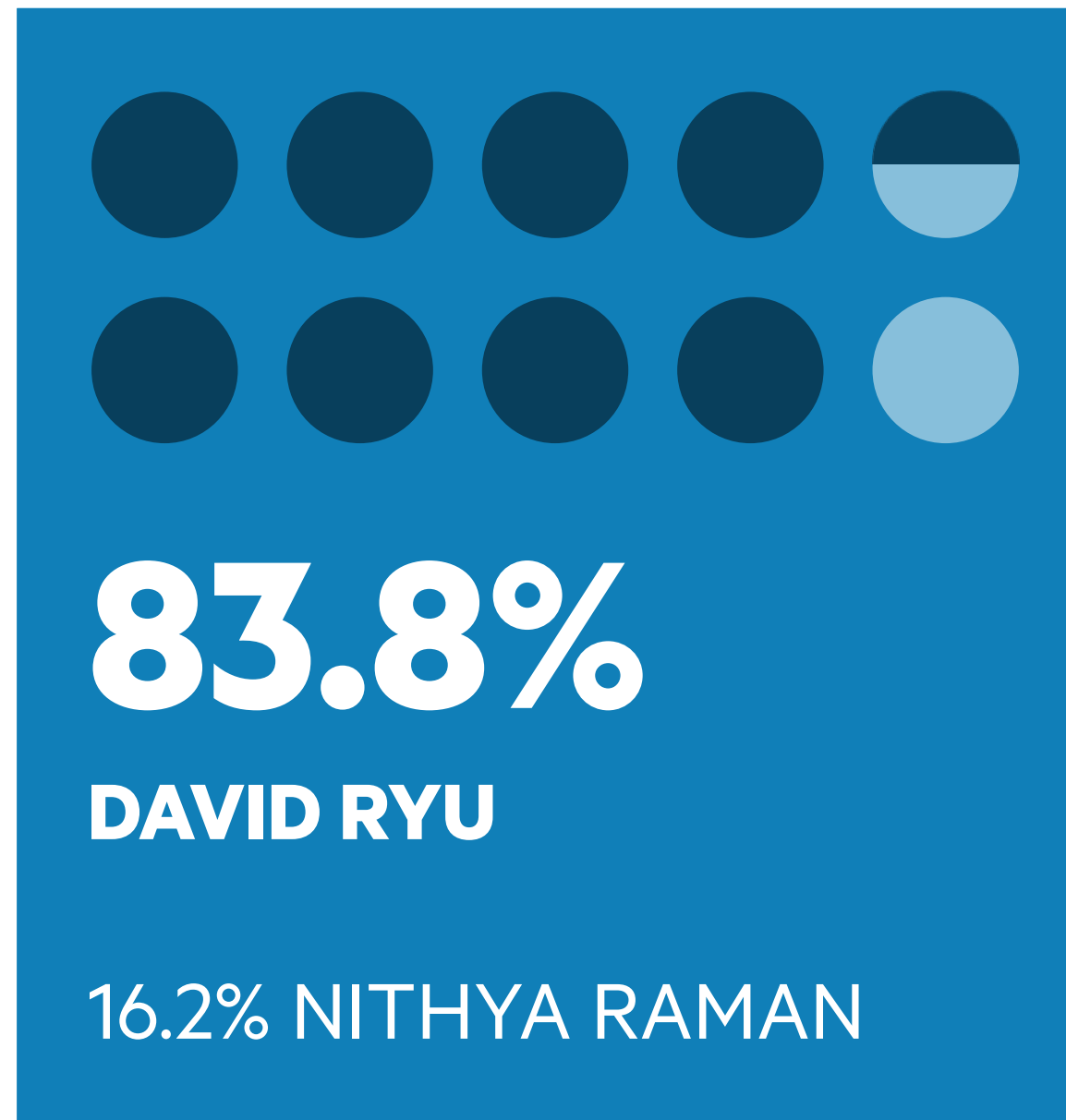
# Local Races

Leaders are split over who will win the race for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors District 2, but predict victories for David Ryu in Los Angeles City Council District 4 and Mark Ridley-Thomas in Los Angeles City Council District 10.

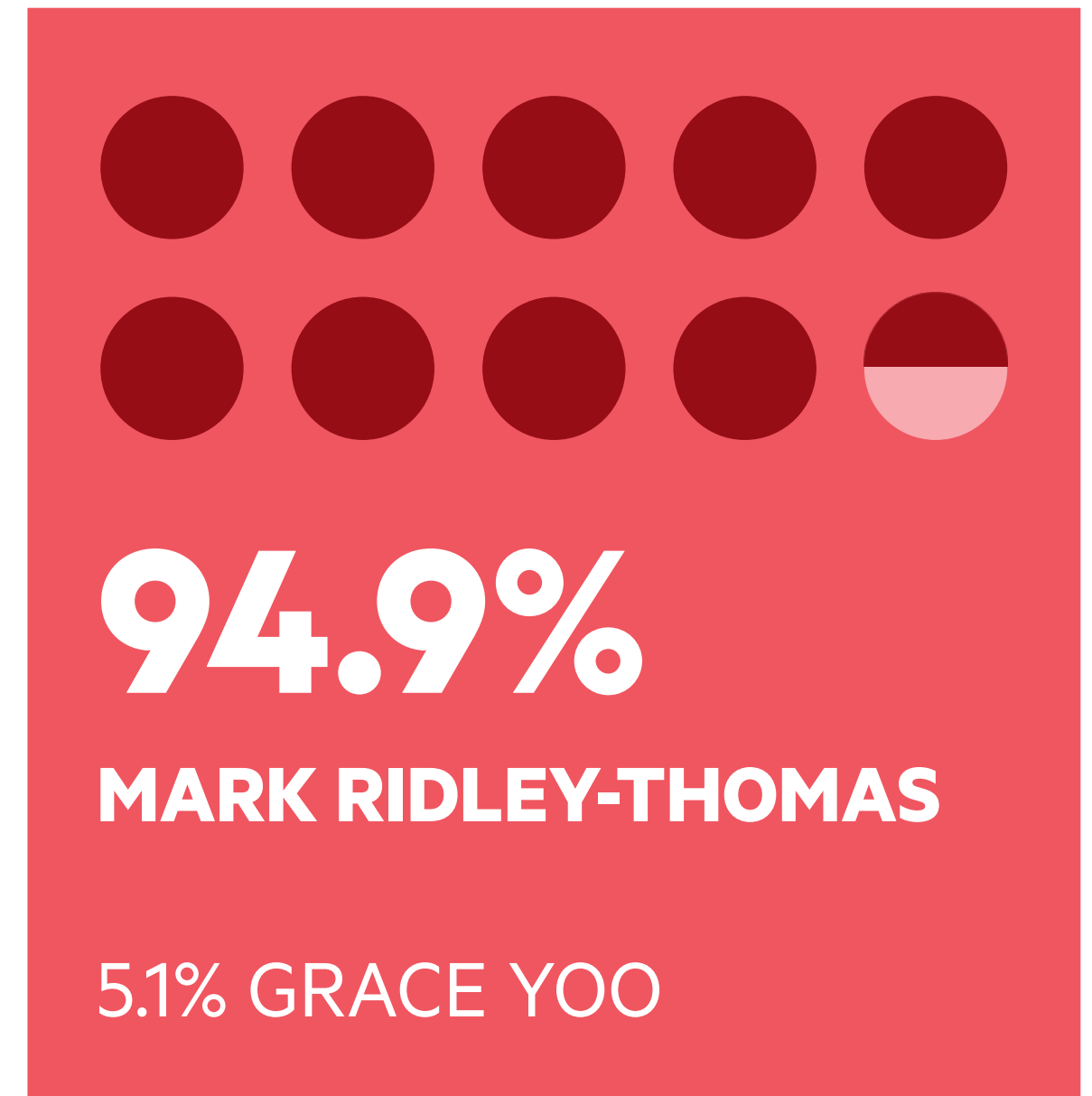
## Supervisorial District 2



## Council District 4



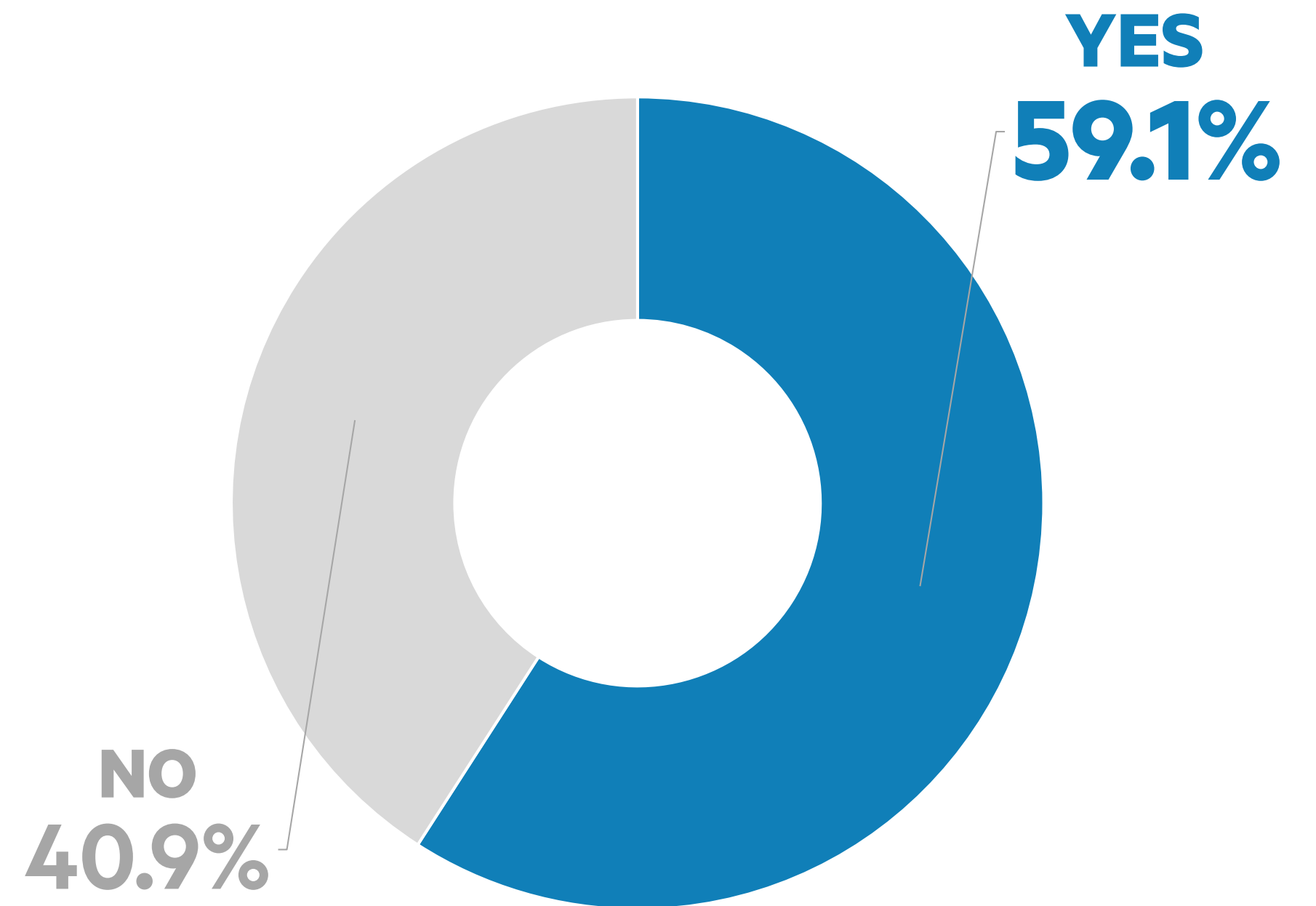
## Council District 10



# Leaders predict Measure J will pass

Measure J, Budget Allocation for Alternatives to Incarceration, also known as Reimagine L.A., would amend the Los Angeles County charter to require that no less than 10% of the county's general fund be appropriated to community programs and alternatives to incarceration

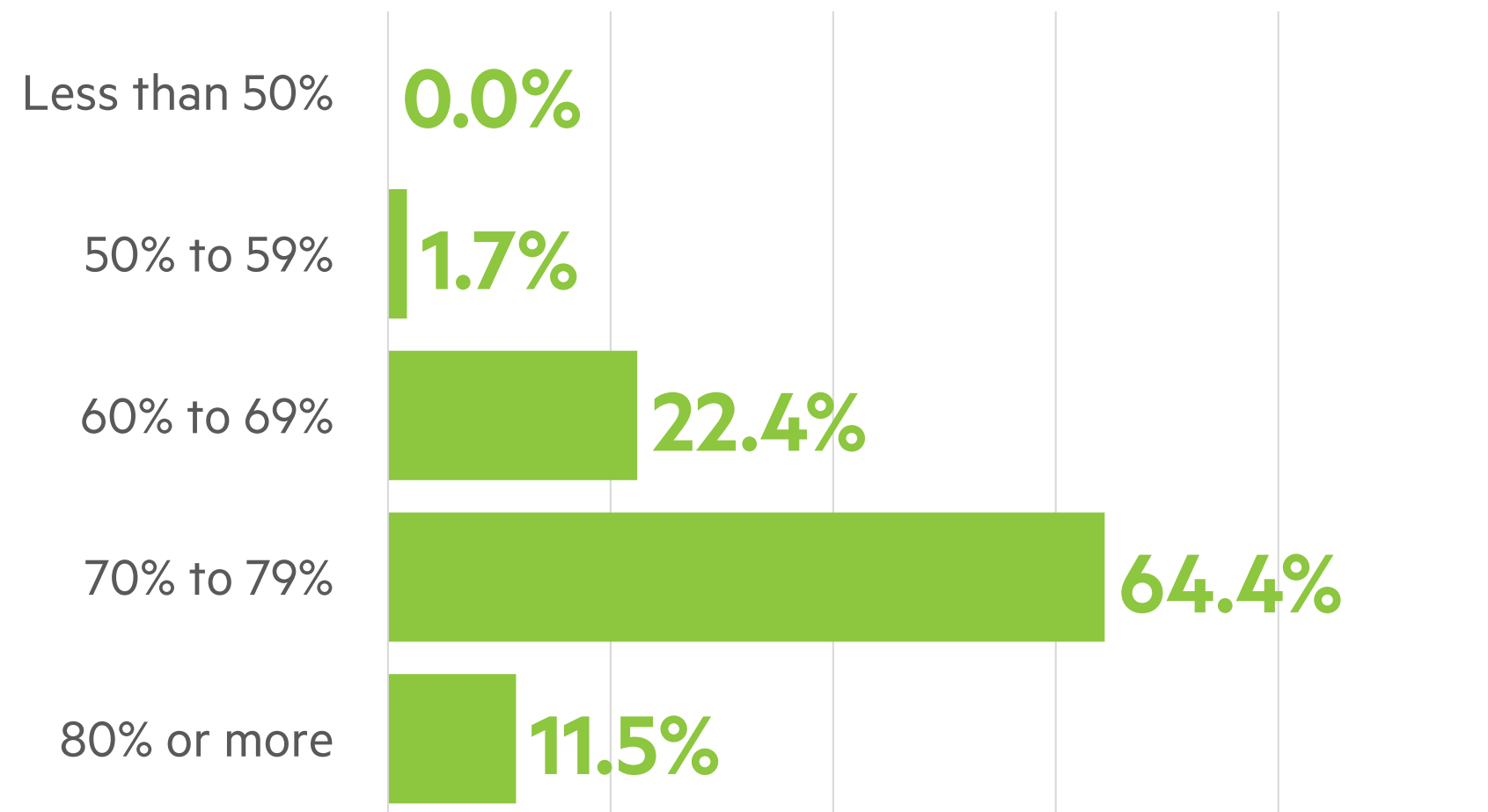
Do you believe Measure J will pass?



## What do you think **voter turnout** will be in Los Angeles County?

In November 2016, voter turnout was 67.5%

**Average prediction is 71.5%**

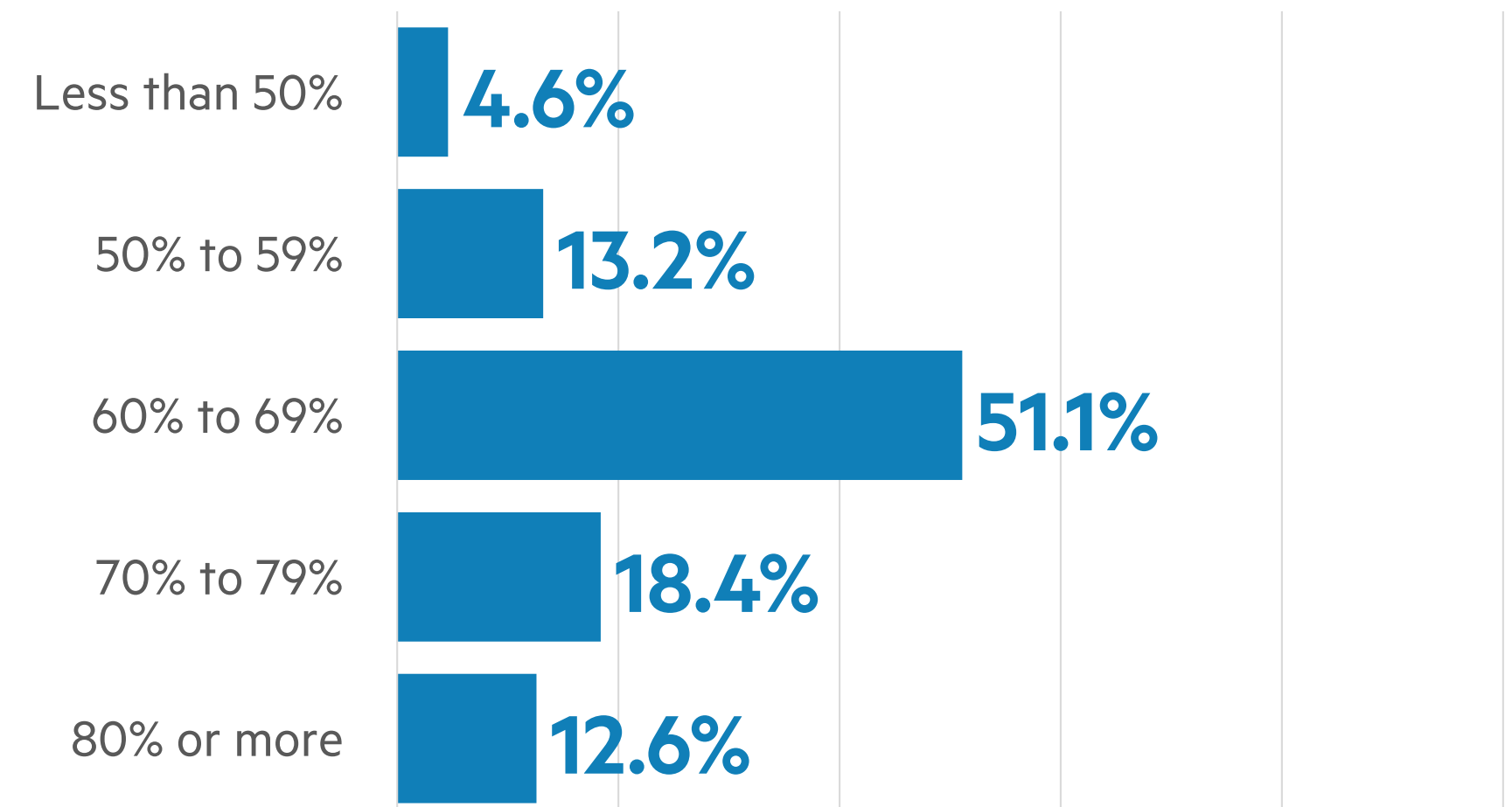


## What percent of Los Angeles County voters will **vote by mail**?

In November 2016, 36.2% voted by mail

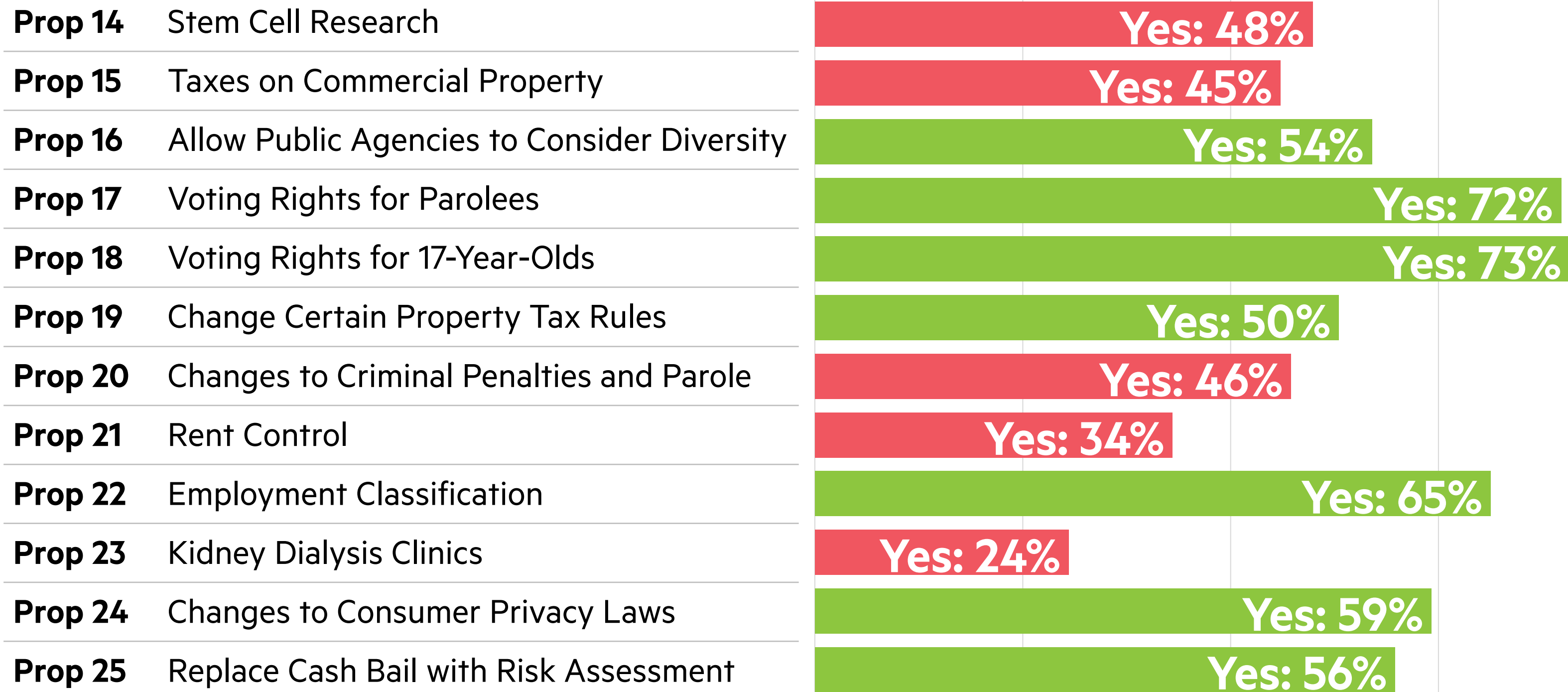
In March 2020, 53.8% voted by mail

**Average prediction is 64.5%**



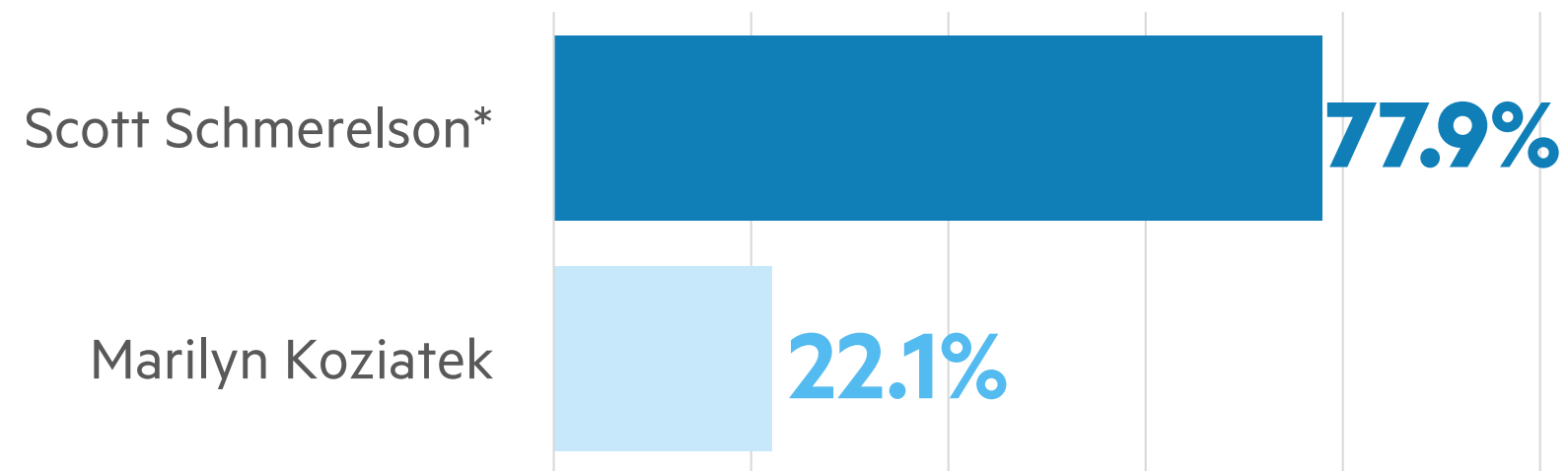


## Do you believe this state ballot measure will pass?

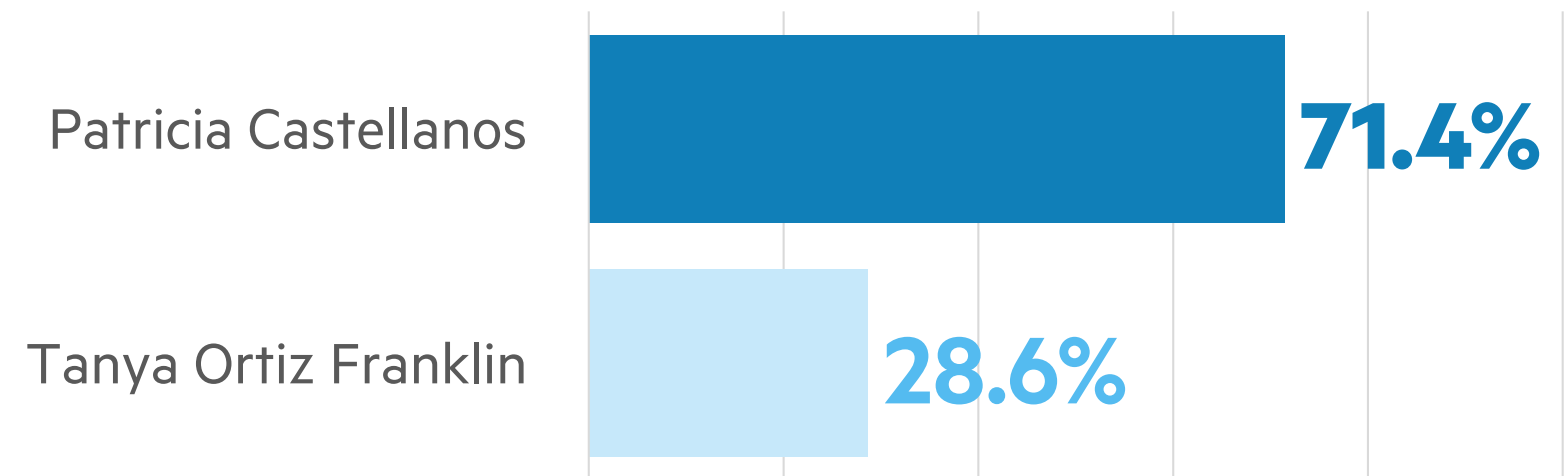


# LAUSD Races

## Who do you think will win LAUSD District 3?

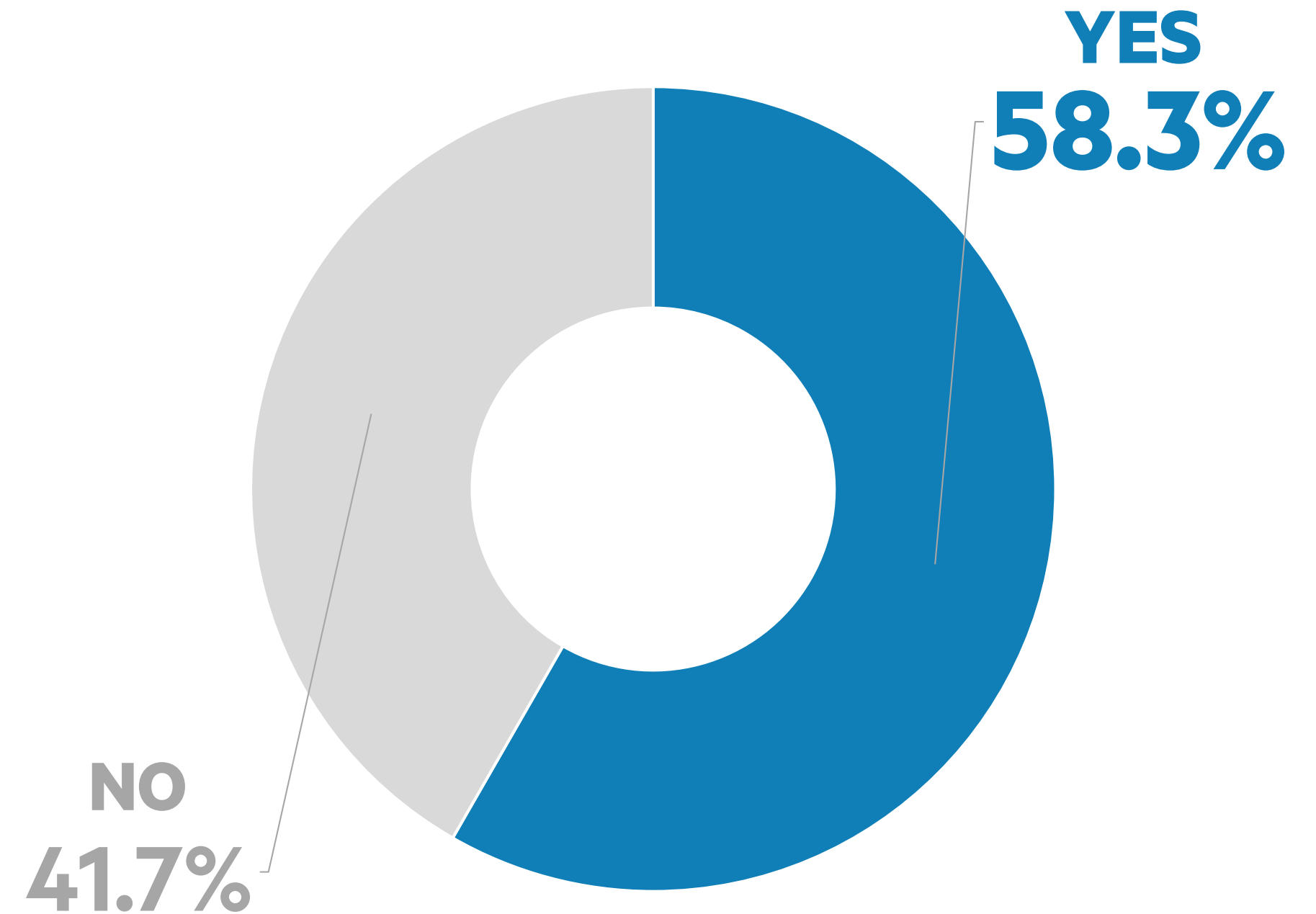


## Who do you think will win LAUSD District 7?



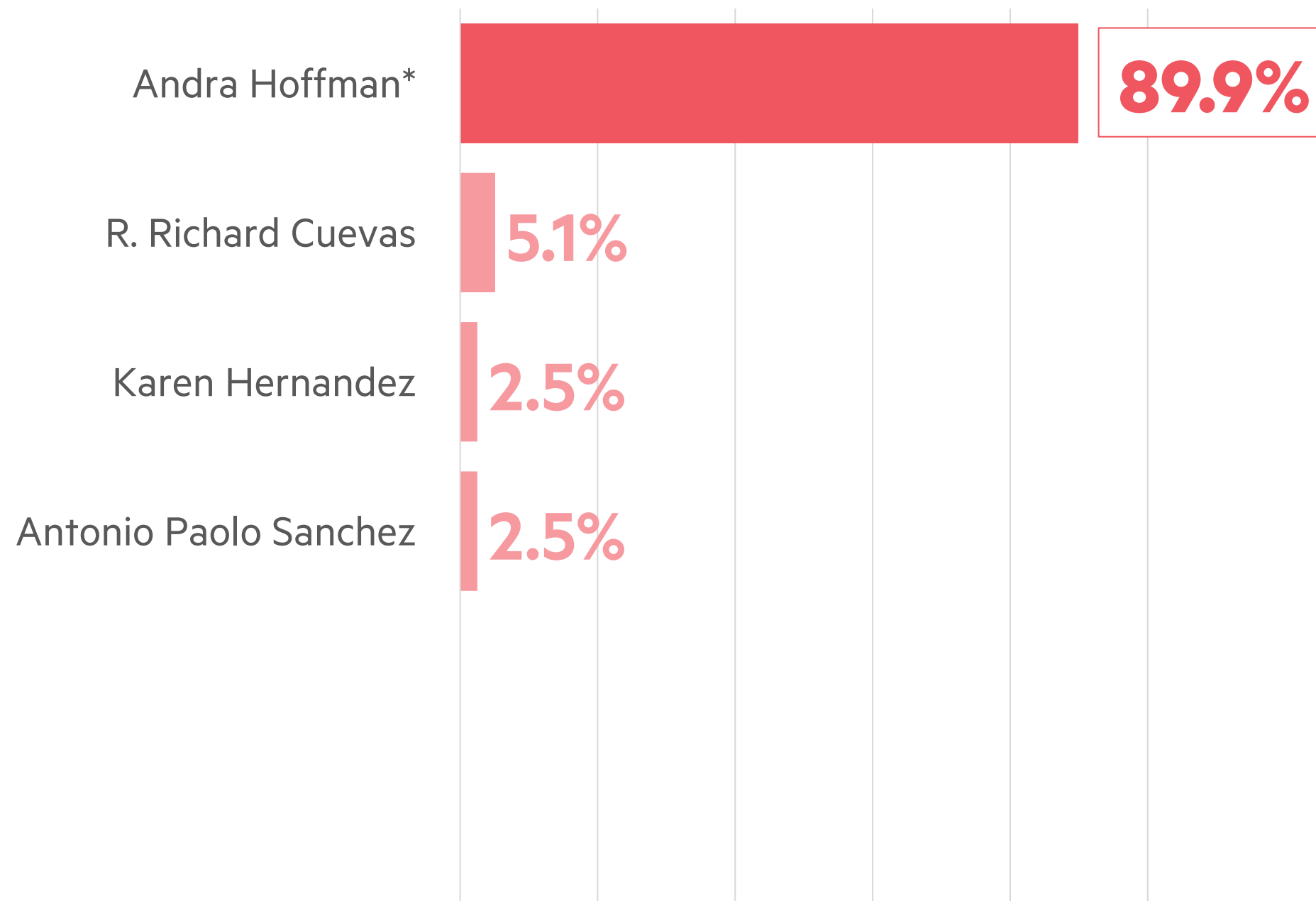
## Do you believe Measure RR will pass?

The measure requires 55% to pass

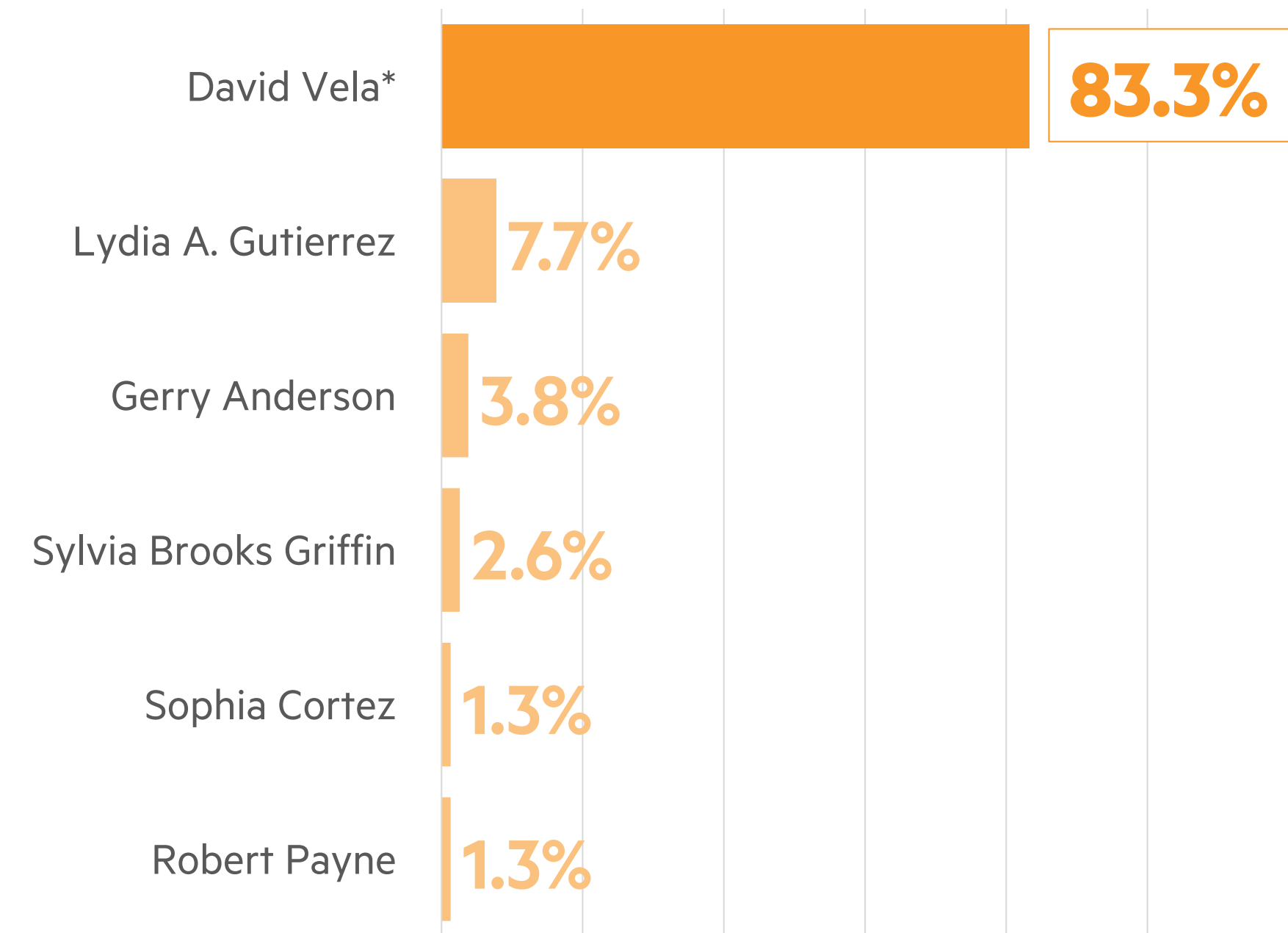


# LACCD Races

## Who do you think will win LACCD Seat 1?

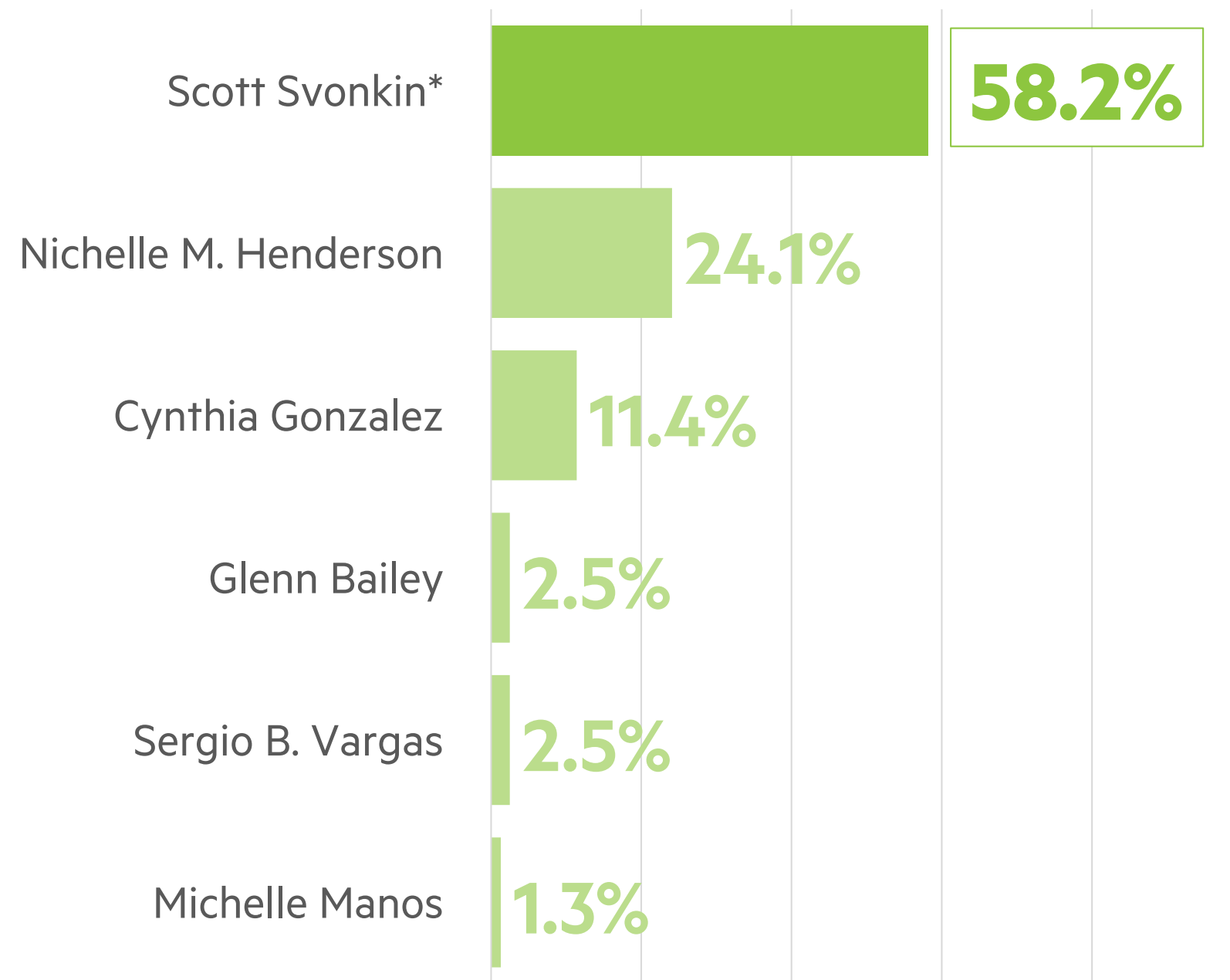


## Who do you think will win LACCD Seat 3?

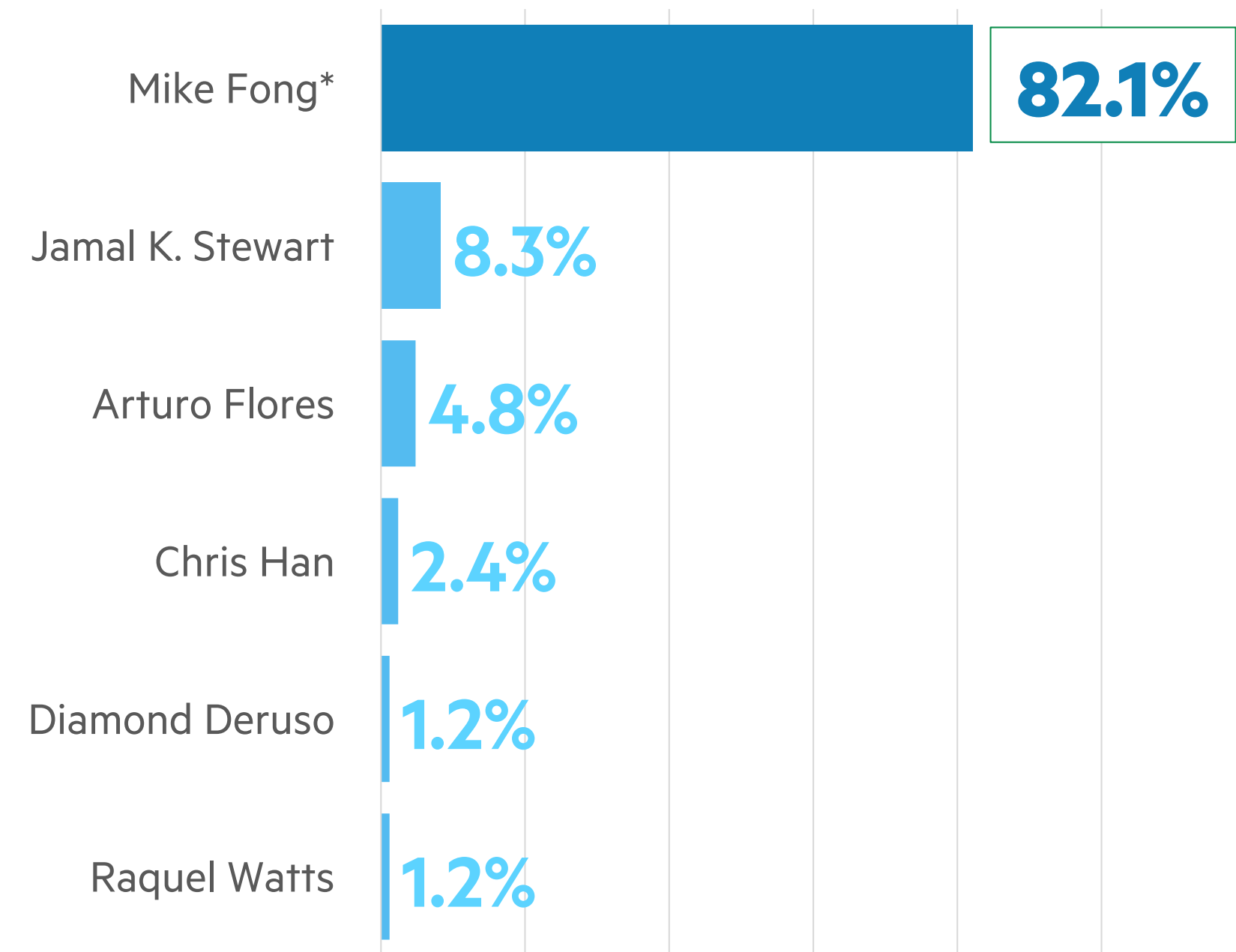


# LACCD Races

Who do you think will win LACCD Seat 5?



Who do you think will win LACCD Seat 7?



# Survey Respondents

Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles  
Robert Garcia, Mayor of Long Beach  
Tim Sandoval, Mayor of Pomona  
Alex Villanueva, LA County Sheriff  
Jeffrey Prang, LA County Assessor  
Lena Gonzalez, State Senator for District 33  
Miguel Santiago, Assembly District 53  
Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Assembly District 54  
Mike Bonin, Los Angeles City Council District 11  
Kevin De León, Los Angeles City Council District 14  
Joe Busciano, Los Angeles City Council District 15  
Monica Garcia, LAUSD Board District 2  
Nick Melvoin, LAUSD Board District 4  
Andra Hoffman, LACCD President  
Steven Veres, LACCD Vice President  
Gabriel Buelna, LACCD 2nd Vice President  
Ernest Moreno, LACCD Seat Number 4  
Scott Svonkin, LACCD Seat Number 5  
Mike Fong, LACCD Seat Number 7  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Former Mayor of Los Angeles

John Chiang, Former State Treasurer  
John Perez, Former Speaker of the Assembly  
Cindy Miscikowski, Former Los Angeles City Councilmember  
Mike Hernandez, Former Los Angeles City Councilmember  
Mark Slavkin, Former LAUSD Board Member  
Mario Guerra, Former Mayor of Downey  
Ana Guerrero, Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Los Angeles  
Francisco Rodriguez, Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District  
Justin Erbacci, CEO of Los Angeles World Airports  
Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning for the City of Los Angeles  
Kevin James, City of Los Angeles Chief of Legislative Affairs  
Mark Gonzalez, Chair of Los Angeles County Democratic Party  
Paul Viviano, President/CEO of Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Peter Taylor, President of the ECMC Foundation  
Tom Saenz, President of MALDEF  
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Sabrina Sanders, California State University Chancellor's Office  
Dan Schnur, University of Southern California  
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Raphe Sonenshein, California State University Los Angeles  
Marilyn Sutton, California State University Dominguez Hills  
Chris Zepeda, University of California, Los Angeles  
Raul Amezcua, Stifel Public Finance Team  
Vanessa Aramayo, Alliance for a Better Community  
Gilbert Arevalo, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council  
Brent Assink, Fuller Foundation  
Steve Bae, Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council  
Robert Baker, Baker, Keener & Nahra, LLP  
Bob Beitcher, Motion Picture and Television Fund



Arnie Berghoff, Arnie Berghoff & Associates  
Patricia Berman, Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council  
Gail Bernstein, PNC Bank and PNC Credit  
Clint Birdsong, Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council  
Katie Braude, Speak UP  
Dave Bryan, Former Reporter, Channel 9  
Elise Buik, United Way  
Raul Bustillos, Bank of America  
Stephanie Campbell, CANNDU Neighborhood Council  
Andy Carrasco, SoCalGas  
Jennie Carreon, Altamed Health  
Lisa Chapman, Westwood Neighborhood Council  
Alex Martin Chaves, Parking Company of America  
Herlinda Chico, LA County Janice Hahn Senior Field Deputy  
Andrew Colaiace, Access Services Inc.  
Gordon Crawford, Capital Research and Management Company  
Carol Crosby, Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tyler Curley, Long Beach Manager of Government Relations  
Jeff Daar, Daar & Newman  
Ana Dahan, Great Public Schools Now  
Trevor Daley, Cerrell & Associates  
Hal Dash, Cerrell & Associates  
Christina Davis, LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce  
Stephanie Davis, Westchester Hometown, Editor  
Dallas Dishman, David Geffen Foundation  
Raymond Duran, Arleta Neighborhood Council

John Echeveste, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes  
Lonella Enix, Empowerment Congress Southwest  
Douglas Epperhart, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
Efrain Escobedo, California Community Foundation  
Thomas Flintoft, Kindel Gagan  
Nadia Funn, Ballmer Group  
Michael Gagan, Kindel Gagan  
James Garrison, Pacific Federal Insurance Co.  
Paula Gerez, Westchester/Playa Neighborhood Council  
Dale Goldsmith, Armbruster Goldsmith & Devlac LLP  
Ruben Gonzalez, Gonzalez Strategic Affairs  
Stephanie Graves, Lee Andrews Group  
Lisa Gritzner, LG Strategies  
Noel Hacegaba, Deputy Director Port of Long Beach  
Eric Hacopian, EDH and Associates  
Darcy Harris, Echo Park Neighborhood Council  
Jheri Heetland, Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce  
Randal Hernandez, Southern California Verizon  
Nancy Hoffman Vanyek, Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Alan Hostrup, YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles  
Maria Hoye, Latham and Watkins  
Lorrie Jean, Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Oscar Jimenez, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council  
Matt Johnson, Ziffren Law  
Brian Kabateck, Kabateck, LLP

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Megan Kerr, Long Beach Unified School Board  
Andrew Kerr, Crew, Inc.  
Jihee Kim Huh, Pacific American Fish Co.  
Coby King, High Point Strategies  
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Eri Kroh, Sandstone Properties  
Josh Lafarga, Laborers Local 1309  
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Julianna Lassleben, Mid City Neighborhood Council  
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George Muhlsten, Latham and Watkins  
Tom Modica, Long Beach City Manager  
Lou Moret, Former Member of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Board  
Rick Nahmias, Food Forward  
Miles Nevin, Long Beach Airport Commissioner

Patrick Niemann, Ernst and Young  
Jake O'Donnell, Field Deputy to State Senator Lena Gonzalez  
Michael Olenick, Child Care Resource Center  
Drew Paonessa, Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council  
Jose Pelico, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council  
Timothy Psomas, PSOMAS  
Dante Puccinelli, Kabateck, LLP  
Wayne Quint, Jr., Los Angeles County Professional  
Peace Officers Association  
Justin Ramirez, Metro LA Board Deputy  
Rex Richardson, SCAG President; Long Beach City Councilman  
Virgil Roberts, Bobbitt & Roberts  
Elmer Roldan, Communities In Schools of Los Angeles  
Laurel Rosen, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce  
Brad Rosenheim, Rosenheim & Associates, Inc.  
Christian Rubalcava, Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
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Michelle Siqueros, The Campaign for College Opportunity  
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