

# CA17: Honda outraises Khanna for the first time

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Rep. **Mike Honda** outraised Democratic challenger **Ro Khanna** in 2014's first three months – the first quarter in which he has done so since Khanna entered the race a year ago.

Honda, D-San Jose, raised more than \$650,000 from Jan. 1 through March 31, and had more than \$1,050,000 cash on hand at the end of that period, his campaign said Wednesday. Khanna's campaign said it raised more than \$460,000 in the same time, and has almost \$2 million cash on hand.

Republican candidate **Vanila Singh**'s campaign consultant, Travis Smith, said her numbers won't be available for a few days.

Republican Joel Vanlandingham has said he **doesn't plan to accept contributions**.

Honda's campaign noted the seven-term congressman received contributions from more than 1,750 individuals, with more than half of the contributions at \$100 or less. "I'm humbled by the incredible support from our grassroots supporters nation-wide, which makes this campaign possible, and I anticipate will continue to grow," Honda said in a news release.

Khanna's campaign also said a majority of his donors gave less than \$100 each, and noted Khanna has refused to take money from any political action committees and is relying on a 150-person volunteer fundraising committee instead of paid finance consultants.

"I knew that taking a bold pledge to refuse special interest donations and only receiving support from individuals wouldn't be the easiest road, but leading by example is what's expected of Silicon Valley's congressman," Khanna said in a news release. "I'm proud of the grassroots campaign that we're building and I'm humbled by the enthusiastic response to my positive message of changing business as usual in Washington."

Khanna outstripped Honda in fundraising in each of the previous quarters in this 2013-14 cycle; at 2013's end, Khanna had \$1.97 million cash on hand while Honda had \$622,000 in the bank. If they spend all they've raised, the **17th Congressional District** race could rank among the nation's most expensive House contests.

Honda campaign manager Doug Greven said in Wednesday's release that his team "always said that we would have the resources we need to win in November, and our strong numbers this quarter show that we are on track. We know that Mike will make it past the June 3 primary, and we will continue to marshal our resources for the November general election."

Khanna campaign manager Leah Cowan said her team is "especially proud to have increased our fundraising from last quarter and to tell the people of the 17th District we have done so without taking a single dollar from PACs or lobbyists." She challenged Honda to disclose how much money he has taken from such sources.

Neither campaign provided its detailed Federal Election Commission reports, which must be filed by April 15.