

# Many close races remain one week after primary

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The race for state controller, in which two [Democrats](#) are vying for second place, is one of several contests that remain in the air a week after California's statewide primary.

Fresno Mayor [Ashley Swearingin](#), a Republican, sealed the top spot in the controller's contest but does not yet know which candidate she will face in November. Board of Equalization member [Betty Yee](#) had a lead of more than 1,000 votes over former Assembly Speaker [John Perez](#) on Tuesday, but there are about 148,000 uncounted ballots in Los Angeles County, where Perez is from and is likely to pick up votes.

Under California's new primary system, the top two vote-getters advance to the general election regardless of party affiliation.

County clerks estimate that as many as 792,000 ballots remain uncounted statewide.

The challengers for up to four U.S. House races and up to five state legislative races also are not yet known, according to reports filed with the secretary of state's office.

They include who will challenge Democratic Rep. [Eric Swalwell](#) in the 15th Congressional District, where only a few hundred votes separate state Sen. [Ellen Corbett](#), a Democrat from Hayward, and [Hugh Bussell](#), a Republican from Dublin, for second place.

In the San Bernardino-area's 31st Congressional District, Democrats were hoping to take control of the seat after the retirement of Republican Rep. [Gary Miller](#). But Iraq War veteran and security consultant [Paul Chabot](#), a Republican, advanced to the runoff, with Democrat Pete Aguilar only a few hundred votes ahead of Republican Lesli Gooch for the second spot on the November ballot.

In the Legislature, the margin in five contests was within 2 percentage points.

The open Southern California seat of Democratic Sen. [Ted Lieu](#), who is running for Congress, will feature two Republicans in November: [Jeff Stone](#), who finished as the top vote-getter, and either former state lawmaker [Bonnie Garcia](#) or [Glenn A. Miller](#). Garcia declared victory on Friday but is up by only a few hundred votes.

In the attorney general's race, incumbent [Democrat Kamala Harris](#) easily advanced and is likely to face [Republican Ronald Gold](#), who currently has a 32,000-vote lead over fellow Republican Phil Wyman.