

# Yee edges out Pérez for No. 2 finish in state controller's race

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By Christopher Cadelago

A month after the primary election, Democrat Betty Yee finished 484 votes ahead of John A. Pérez for second-place in the state controller's race, officials announced Monday.

Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin, a Republican, secured a first-place finish to advance to the general election in November. Yee, a member of the state Board of Equalization, had dropped from second to third to fourth place and then back into second in the see-saw battle with Pérez, the former Assembly speaker.

Lake County Registrar Diane Fridley used nearly all of her allotted 28 days to certify the results in the down-ballot contest that sparked a daily ritual of political junkies refreshing their web browsers.

Many are predicting the exceedingly close margin would spur one or both of the candidates to request a costly and time-consuming statewide recount. There were just 23 recounts out of 4,100 statewide elections nationwide from 2000 to 2013.