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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Republicans have officially [ended](#) the Democrat supermajority in the California state Senate after they successfully recalled Democrat state Senator Josh Newman Tuesday. Ling Ling Chang, a former Republican Assemblywoman, was elected to replace Newman after voters overwhelmingly voted to remove Newman from office over his support of a \$52 billion gas tax. 60% of voters in the 29th Senate district chose to recall Newman making it the first successful recall of a California state legislator since 1995. Read about the RSLC's nearly \$400,000 investment in the race [here](#).

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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

RSLC President Matt Walter was [featured](#) in a *Fox News* article detailing Eric Holder's National Democratic Redistricting Committee efforts to flip Republican majorities ahead of the 2020 redistricting process. "Holder wants favorable Democratic districts while arguing a false holier-than-thou principle of do as I say, not as I do," Walter said. "It's shallow and crass and has nothing to do with good government at all."

In Tuesday's primary elections in New Mexico, Michelle Garcia Holmes officially [secured](#) the Republican Lt. Governor nomination. Holmes, a former law enforcement officer, would become the first female Republican Lt. Governor in the state if she is elected in November. She will run as a joint ticket alongside Congressman Steve Pearce who officially became the Republican gubernatorial nominee on Tuesday.

Former Republican California Assemblywoman

Young Kim came in first in the jungle primary to [replace](#) retiring Congressman Ed Royce on Tuesday. Kim, endorsed by Royce to succeed him, was featured by the RSLC's "14 in '14: Races to Watch" list when she first ran for the California legislature. She finished ahead of two other Republican candidates in this closely watched Congressional district. Democrats have made the 39th District a major target in their attempt to flip the House.

Alabama state representative Will Ainsworth and Twinkle Cavanaugh, head of the state Public Service Commission, [will face off](#) in a runoff election for the Republican nomination for Lt. Governor. The runoff is slated to be held on July 17th. The candidates will be vying to fill the vacant seat left behind by Kay Ivey after she became Governor in early 2017.

Lastly, our prayers go out to Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson who [announced](#) he was diagnosed with brain cancer this week. Secretary Richardson is a strong and courageous public servant and we will continue to keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this trying time. Richardson, the only statewide elected Republican in Oregon, said he intends to remain in office during his treatment and pledged his office will "provide the same outstanding service" to the people of Oregon. In his statement announcing his diagnosis, he also acknowledged it "is an opportunity to advocate for all who are living with and fighting cancer along with their loved ones."

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