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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

The *Washington Examiner's* Salena Zito [profiled](#) some of the special election state legislative victories by Republican candidates in 2018. The commentary featured Pennsylvania state Representative Tim O'Neal, California state Senator Ling Ling Chang, and Texas state Senator Pete Flores. All three of these candidates won special elections in previously Democrat-held districts but received little coverage from the national media. Zito, noting the increased effort by Democrats to win back state legislatures, concluded, "with all of the star power and money the Democrats have put into this effort, they find themselves wondering why they lost three seats that should have been theirs."

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

On Wednesday, the RSLC [released](#) a set of radio issue ads in the race for Wisconsin's 19th Senate District highlighting Republican Senate President Roger Roth's work to lower taxes, fund education, and reduce health care costs while hitting his Democrat opponent over her support of more government intervention. Republicans currently control the Senate with an 18-15 majority and the chamber has been a top target of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee. Subsequently this week, Forward Majority, another Democrat group focused on flipping Republican-held state legislative majorities, [announced](#) its intentions to spend over a \$1 million on six separate state Senate races in the state.

The RSLC began running [a television advertisement](#) against Nebraska Democrat Steve Lathrop over his support of liberal legislation during his previous

tenure in the state legislature. "Liberal trial attorney Steve Lathrop's attempts to make Nebraska a sanctuary state, while being soft on crime and raising property taxes represent the values of Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, not the mainstream working families of Nebraska," RSLC President Matt Walter said upon release of the ad. You can view the full ad [here](#).

Bloomberg [reported](#) the State Government Leadership Foundation (SGLF), the strategic policy partner of the RSLC, spent more money in Maine over the past two weeks than any other political organization on television ads regarding the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. SGLF [originally](#) aired an ad promoting Judge Kavanaugh and his support from a coalition of Maine Republican state legislators. The second ad [featured](#) Judge Kavanaugh's unequivocal denial of any of the uncorroborated allegations brought against him.

In a preview of the state legislative elections up for election this November, *The Economist* [predicted](#), "the shift in 2018 will probably be far smaller than the one in 2010." The article went on to describe the efforts by the RSLC to help flip over 20 state legislative chambers in the 2010 midterm elections and how Democrat groups have refocused on undoing these majorities ahead of the 2020 redistricting process. Speaking to Democrats' complaints about maps drawn by Republican majorities, RSLC President Matt Walter said, "The fairness of those lines is in the eyes of the beholders. If it works out that it favors your people, you love the process. And if you don't, you go the other way. It's a classic case of motivated reasoning."

A recent poll from the *Reno Gazette-Journal* [shows](#) Republican Senate Leader Michael Roberson in a competitive bid to become the state's next Lieutenant Governor. Roberson's campaign this week also [released](#) their first television ad highlighting his legislation on education and healthcare reforms and [announced](#) the endorsement of popular Republican Governor Brian Sandoval.

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