

Indivisible CA39 Poll Results 3/18

A huge *"thank you"* to each of you that voted! The ballots were sent out the morning of March 3 and voting closed early the morning of March 5.

In an effort to be as transparent as possible, there is quite a bit of information here. It is included, not to be confusing, but rather to explain as much as possible how this was conducted. Let's hope it makes sense to you!

BACKGROUND

Our Lists

1,715 Indivisible CA39 members on closed Facebook page

1,318 Indivisible CA39 members on our email list

600 (approximately) Indivisible CA39 "active" members, those for whom we have sign-in information from at least one event. Our sign in sheets are not 100% accurate. There are a few events where no sign ins were done, and many times the sign ins are illegible.

Ballots

600 (approximately) Number of ballots sent via email. The link was also posted on Facebook.

239 Number of ballots received

78 Number of senders who do not appear on our "active" lists = unconfirmed votes,

27 Number of the senders (in the 78 above) for whom we could find no match at all (Facebook, email, or sign in sheets). These ballots were not counted.

10 Number of ballots that were repeats (some people sent more than one ballot). These were not counted.

HOW THE VOTES WERE COUNTED

In announcing this process, we stated that only the votes of "active" members would be counted. Chris Hon ran the data through a program to figure out if first name, last name, or email matched our sign in records. If no match was found, those ballots went onto the "unconfirmed" list (the 78 ballots mentioned above).

A search was then done by Marian Bodnar to see if any of those names or emails matched our email list or our Facebook membership. There were 27 of these for whom no match could be made and therefore those ballots are not included in the results below.

You will see two sets of results. They appear in two lists:

(1) The results from our "active" members

(2) The results from all of the ballots for which we could find any match at all (including Facebook, email list, and sign in sheets).

You will see the number of votes each candidate received in each category. You will also see the number of points each candidate received. Points were tallied as follows: Each candidate received 3 points for every first place vote, 2 points for every 2nd place vote, and 1 point for every 3rd place vote.

THE RESULTS

List #1: "Active" Member Votes Only

	Sam Jammal	Gil Cisneros	Andy Thorburn	Phil Janowicz	Cybil Steed	Mai Khanh Tran	Ted Rusk	Suzi Park Leggett	Jay Chen
1st Choice Votes	44	2	22	23	0	2	0	0	50
2nd Choice Votes	41	5	23	21	3	1	0	3	37
3rd Choice Votes	24	15	27	20	7	5	1	5	24
Total Points (1st Choice Votes x 3 + 2nd Choice Votes x 2 + 3rd Choice Votes)	238	31	139	131	13	13	1	11	248

List #2: Includes all votes for which we could find any match

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1st Choice Votes	51	2	33	32	0	3	0	0	72
2nd Choice Votes	51	12	36	27	3	1	0	4	46
3rd Choice Votes	39	18	35	27	8	7	1	5	33
Total Points (1st Choice Votesx 3 + 2nd Choice Votesx 2 + 3rd Choice Votes	294	48	206	177	14	18	1	13	341

Thank you for your participation and for your patience in this process. Now we have to see what we do with the information!

Yours in solidarity,
Marian Bodnar
Administrator/Editor

Comments, or message to the candidates:

I hope those of you who are not chosen will help support our nominee. We need to win this. Thank you all for your bravery and patriotism in putting yourselves out there for our community and our country.

I know that many people are insistent that we have a candidate who lives in the district, but didn't we just have congressman who lived in the district for the past 20+ years? How did that work out for us? More important than whether someone has their house inside a particular line that can change in just a few years is the content of their platform, their understanding of the issues, and their actual plan. We can choose a candidate based on their abilities, or choose a used car salesman type just because they live on one side of a line.

Let's turn this blueeeee

To all candidates: Please consider dropping out to make sure the vote of Democrats is not split in the primary. Your selflessness WILL be remembered if you run for this or another office in the future. Thank you.

Carpetbaggers and millionaires trying to buy our seat need to get out of the race for the good of the country.

Was going to answer the survey but I vote for who I feel is the best candidate, not who I think can win. Sorry but I don't play team politics.

You're all great!

People polling low please drop out for the good of the district & the country. There are plenty of other opportunities for you to serve.

I would ask that candidates unlikely to win in November to gracefully bow out of the race in the interest of advancing our progressive cause, lest no democrats advance to the primary.

Candidates: for the greater good of the 39th District I implore those that don't have enough support to actually win the primary and general election to step aside so we can insure that at least one of the top Democratic candidates qualifies for the general election. We've worked to hard over the past year to turn the 39th District Blue to let personal ambitions and ego override reality. Please do the right thing for the greater good and help insure we can win in 2018.

Comment to Indivisible 39. I worked the booth at Faces of Fullerton last year but don't remember a sign in sheet. I have attended a couple of meetings and definitely signed in at the last one. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

We need 1 democrat/progressive to win. I'll back any of the above. Some Candidates should check egos and turn to local opportunities to serve.

Candidates: I'm very concerned about splitting the democratic vote in the primary and the possibility that we won't have a candidate that makes it to the general election. So for the greater good I implore those that don't have a realistic chance to win the primary to step aside and not jeopardize our first real opportunity in years to turn the 39th district Blue. Please do the right thing for the greater good of our district and the nation!

drop out if not top 3

To all congressional candidates, if you do not score within the top two of this poll, please drop out of the race prior to the primary ballots being printed for the sake of having a Democrat being able to run in November. Thank you!

Top three only ..the others should be encouraged to run another time

If the polls indicate that you are not in the top three please, PLEASE drop out so we don't lose the chance to get a democrat in this congressional seat. PLEASE!

If the name "Ed Royce" did not appear on YOUR ballot in 2016, you have absolutely no business running in this district. Frankly, doing so is an insult to the voters of CD39.

please put a Democratic victory over your need to be the candidate

To the candidates who don't make the top 3 in this poll, please do the right thing and take your name off the ballot for the primary election. We want a Democrat on the ballot in November. Also, don't diss each other - campaign on your strengths.

Wish Jay would consider running for the open Mendoza seat for CA State Senate since he entered this race so late, but I appreciate his multilingualism and feel that skill is desperately needed in more government leaders. I don't like the fact that Dr. Tran doesn't live or work in the 39th, but I admire the fact that she entered the race early and is a strong advocate for health care for all.

I have met and heard most of you. By and large you are all good candidates with similar values. My strategy? Simply to vote for the candidate most likely to win! But the truth is there are just too many of you! I fear the votes will be split and the primary is at serious risk of being lost to the Rs. PLEASE, for the sake of our district and our very democracy, take a long hard look in the mirror. You know we (Indivisible CA39) have had meetings over this. All of you candidates need to have a meeting together, and work out who will stay in the race and who will step down for the greater good. Remember, your public service doesn't have to begin/end with this election. There is so much more you can do, starting by doing all you can to help flip the 39th, even if that means endorsing someone else! It would truly be an honorable move on your part. Thank you.

Know the Top 5 issues constituents care about

Thank you to Marian and others who put in the time and energy to create and distribute this poll, and will invest even more to analyze and report the outcome. I hope candidates take it seriously and act for the good of the district, the state, and the nation. Your withdrawal if you poll poorly will be respected and rewarded with future support.

These are the only candidates that I have heard of! It's been hard getting an opinion from anyone.....

I hope they can come to a consensus that those who don't get majority in this poll will voluntarily drop out in the best interest of our district.

Keep up the good work!

Please keep in mind how important it is this seat is filled with a Democrat, even if it's not you.

I would personally love to support Dr. Tran, but I'm voting simply based on who is polling strongest with the best chance to win. We have to get on the ballot. Thank you so much for all you do!

If you are not in the top three, please drop out.

Please consider the stakes of the top-two primary and rally behind the most likely candidate to win.

I know a lot of money has been given and spent by people rooting for you. But a sacrifice would be wiser for the district at this point if you don't place in the top 2. Thank you all for being great choices.

Most important issue to me is strict gun reform. Take no money from NRA. DACA, civil rights, women's rights, keep affordable care act....

Please find other ways to get involved, running is but one. Not impressed with first timers running for CONGRESS.

I am proud to be a constituent of the 39th district. It is my belief this district will no longer represent the views of the NRA, but instead will represent the views of its majority.

Reside in the district you live in. It's an ethical and legal matter.

There's a lot of great candidates. I'd hate to see none of you on the ballot because we couldn't narrow down the choices.

I think Jay Chen is the most progressive candidate with the most elected experience. To me, he represents the future of our district the most.

Far too many candidates...some have some serious ethics issues which will no doubt come to light. If this happens to an "elected" they could be removed from office and a special election (extremely costly) would need to occur. This presents an additional opportunity for a Republican to be elected. If vote splitting occurs among the many candidates we have...we may risk having two Republican advance to the general election ticket. Both situations would be disastrous. Late entries need to ALL drop out..low pollers need to drop out.

If you are not in the top 3, please withdraw, so that we can have a good chance of electing a democrat. Do it for your party, and your country.

We need to elect a Democrat in the 39th. If you are not a leading candidate then drop out. Please consider the interests of the Democratic Party over your personal commitment to your campaign as polling results come in and remove your name from consideration if you do not have a strong possibility of winning a place on the ticket. Democrats MUST NOT HAVE 9 CANDIDATES on the primary ballot!

For the good of all, the number of Democratic candidates must be reduced to 2 or 3 based on accurate polling prior to the primary election. We must not end up with two Republicans on the November ballot.

Phil! Phil! Phil!

I'm with you - we must convince them to thin the ranks to a winning candidate!

Go Ted

These are my top three, but the ranking is still fluid!

Sorry Phil. I hope you'll run again in the future when you are a bit more mature and experienced. Stick with it. Your heart is in the right place. If you didn't come in in the top 3, we're sorry. Please reconsider your run for 39 currently. We need folks to rescind their candidacy for a better shot at electing a Democrat.

If you are low in polls(incl Dem del in jan.) and are a carpet bagger please contribute your money and drop out to tip the scales in our favor if you're truly dedicated to our compassionate causes.

Thank you for your passion, please listen to the polling results and do what's best for the party to ensure a Democratic no,knee is on the November ballot!

I think Jay has the best chance of winning in November as well as being able to bring about change and legislate in DC. Hopefully candidates will put country over self and those not in the top 3 will step down... look to other local races so that Dems can actually flip this seat.

Those with the lower number of votes please drop out of the race so we have a democrat
My message to everyone including the candidates is that we need to as a group, get behind someone. The one thing we should learn from republicans is to fall in line. Unless we want to lose we better fall in line. This voting is a great idea and after this the best thing everyone can do for this community is to support whoever the majority votes for. At some point before it's too late, put the nitpicking aside- unless you want another republican congressman.

I will support a candidate who will strongly fight against Trump's agenda. I will support a candidate who cares for the children in America, and he or she will show that they support the children by fighting for the banning of assault rifles, supporting a national database that connects the sheriff and police departments to the FBI's database, so the FBI can have access to citizens' felony convictions when doing background checks. That person also needs to support more thorough background checks. In addition, I will support a candidate who will fight for DACA recipients, who will fight against Trump's plan to allow for oil to be extracted on California's coast, and who will continue to support the Paris Climate agreement even if the president does not.

Wish we could have a party primary.

I would like to see candidates who rank very low in our polls pull out of the race and focus on another public service position.

After attending a candidate forum at CSUF, I connected most with Mr Chen, Mr Jammal & Dr. Tran in that order.

I attended the candidate forums on January 10 and March 3. Jammal and Chen presented as the strongest candidates. I'm frustrated and turned off by Cisneros and Tran being from outside the district. Same feelings but to a lesser degree with Thornburn. Would love to see Cisneros, Tran and Thornburn withdraw. Thank you for polling.

Gil Cisneros is least likely to remain viable against the other Dem and GOP candidates. It's going to come down to Andy and either Jay or Phil.

I've lived in the district since 1978 and I'm tired of hearing we need to have a candidate from this district. I've lived here long enough to know people that were raised in this district are likely centrists because I grew up with so many Republicans. I'm tired of that and seek progressive change, that's only going to come from someone from the outside. Thanks!

They all have done very well and I support them all

Great integrity with his Honesty and loyalty to everyone.

Sam appears to have the most experience in Government

We can't afford a split vote. I'd ask that you please put the betterment of our community first, and withdraw from the race if you are not one of the top contenders.

I attended the Cal State Fullerton forum last night. It was very hard to decide between the candidates as we have a talented and articulate group. I salute them all for their action and willingness to serve. However, it is imperative that we limit the field of candidates to those with

the best chance to win in November. We must turn this district Blue. I selected the candidates I felt had the best chance of winning in November. Although there were others who I believe could be outstanding representatives, they may be too young, less articulate or have platforms that are not fully formed and would have a difficult time against a Republican challenger in November. We cannot be fooled by our success in ousting Ed Royce. He withdrew because he knew he was weak and damaged. The Republican constituents will field a strong candidate and there will be a Republican option on the November ballot. This will be a tough race. To the candidates who are polling below third place, I urge them to consider their best act of service to require them to drop out so that we can concentrate our votes on a winning Democratic candidate. I encourage them to continue to seek office. Find opportunities to serve our community in an elected position. Don't lose your passion or your commitment. There is important work to be done here in California, in Orange County and in the cities within the 39th District. My hope would be that those candidates not making the cut would throw their support behind one of the selected candidates and channel their passion into assuring that we win in November.

I can't remember if I already voted. So resubmitting to make sure.

Carpetbaggers and millionaires have no place representing the 39th District.

Jay Chen and Sam Jammal were my picks for first choice. I like how accessible Sam is to the people. I'm not sure about Jay's accessibility but I felt his answers were spot on in the Jan 10 forum. My concern is also he had a chance to run last time and didn't win, so how does that bode for this time around. I feel a couple more forums to get an even better sense of the candidates would be helpful. Thanks!

Cybil Steed is running under a fake name. Her real name is Camille Hart. Disgusting.

I implore the candidates who do not have a clear path to the final ballot, to do what's best for the party and for the district, and consider stepping down from the race. Your selflessness in this would not be forgotten in the future.

Prioritize the issues that will serve the 39th district as well as our country!

70 percent of our electorate is over 60.

Andy Thorburn went to jail for workers like me.

We really need good people down ticket. I hope that some of you will consider other races where you can have our full support and really get things accomplished.

Please take these results to heart and do what's best for the party and the district.

To Indivisible, thank you for helping us win this race by your efforts!

Take an objective view of your chances and follow your conscience as to whether to stay in the race.

Time to all get behind one person

It would be very helpful if you as candidates got together and self reduced the large number of persons running for this position. Please consider doing this soonest for the good of the 39th!

Sorry that I can't support all of these candidates

Only wanted to vote top 2 - don't see others as viable. My wife will vote using the same email address.
different voter w/same email address.

Your Republican opposition will spend everything they have promoting your pasts. Living out of district, campaign finance, and all negatives will be in the spotlight. If you can't withstand it, please get out now, not November!

If polling and fundraising combined do not put you in the top three, will you vacate and support them in the interests of getting a Democrat elected in CACD-39?

I can and will support any of the three.

Let's flip this seat!

No ego. Persevere. Support a progressive, inclusive democratic platform. If you don't have the voters please support those who do. We need to stand together to get two democrats from the 39th on the ballot to lock out GOP.

I will actively oppose any future runs by any candidate that fails to place in the top 3 Democrats in the primary. I will actively support any candidate in any future efforts who drops out before the filing deadline.

There is too much at stake to not have a Dem in the ballot. Candidates need to be willing to see the writing on the wall if they are not polling well and be willing to drop out. Hubris only serves the Republicans this election cycle.

Comment: I personally feel that Sam Jammal is most qualified and apt to be elected based on his previous government experience with the Obama administration. . I like Jay Chen because I believe that he can bring the Asian community to the table and that his resume helps his chance to be elected. Finally, I like Phil Janowicz for his enthusiasm and ethics. I'm just concerned that his lack of experience might hinder him in the job. I understand that there are many who are not

in favor of endorsing candidates. But, I feel that it is necessary to do so in order to get a democrat in office. We cannot survive another 2-6 years of being unable to fight back against Trump's agenda

We have many candidates, all with good values, but their background and experience to do the job differs. And we have too many candidates. The math clearly shows that if we are to win this district, most of the candidates must drop out of the race. If they do not, I fear we will have two Republican candidates and we will all lose. Our candidate's come from a variety of impressive backgrounds, which I value, but does not prepare them to serve at the highest level. Although I value all the candidates and thank them for their willingness to serve, I hope all those without the proper background or service experience will drop out. Some have not even lived in our district. If they have never run for office, served as an elected official, worked in DC politically, or lived for years in our district, they should take their names off the ballot. We do not need them to serve us right now in this capacity. In fact, they are doing us a disservice. They are only hurting our chances of winning. I urge them to put country over self, to start at more local level of service first. We need them, just not to start at the top level. I am sickened that those with lots of personal money think they should stay in the race. Just because they have lots of money doesn't mean they are the best prepared to do the job. Again, they are good people with good values; we need them to help in other ways, to use that money to get those who are best qualified to win. And we need them to serve politically in more local positions, first. There are two Democratic candidates who are most prepared to represent us nationally well, because of their experience in politics and/or running and serving as an elected official. Jay Chen has experience running for office and has served as an elected official. I believe he is most likely to win because of his name recognition and respected service to our district. Sam Jammal has worked in DC politically and totally understands how to maneuver DC politics. He is extremely bright, highly skilled, and ready to go on day one. He has the political know how and savvy to represent us beautifully in DC. The most patriotic thing a candidate could do is to drop out and endorse our top two candidates, putting country over self. Those candidates who drop out will be respected and people like me will support them in other endeavors. We MUST flip the house. That needs to be our highest priority.

Please, the District First!!

(Although CA-39 allows filed candidates to withdraw before 3/14, other races still have a deadline on 3/9 for candidates to switch into.) Since I only have a single vote in June, my other choices represent uninformed Dem voters.

Too many candidates. Republicans may wind up with 2 top candidates.

Dr. Tran has a compelling story, but she is a poor candidate. She seems uninformed on the issues and does not live in the district (until recently, apparently.) Both Phil and Jay are young, well educated, and knowledgeable about the issues that matter to the people who live here, factors I believe will help them get elected in this district. They will appeal to both Democrats

and Independents on both sides of the hills. Gil's service and background are also compelling, but I think the lottery win is actually a negative as it, right or wrong, makes him appear not to be a self-made man. Andy does not live in this district and is too liberal to get elected in November. (He lives in Villa Park; he should be running in Mimi's district.) Sam sounds too much like he belongs in Silicon Valley, not CD 39. We are all for clean energy, but this district is not where those jobs are. In fact, this district has a background for more than a hundred years as providing good paying jobs in the oil, chemical, and aerospace industries. Many of those workers still live here. The best way to achieve a progressive agenda is to first win back Congress and then the White House. Democrats cannot win CD 39 if our candidate is too liberal. Learn from the lessons of Josh Newman. We need a down to earth guy or gal who connects with the voters. I believe that guy is Phil. He has walked the district for a year and understands better than any other candidate what the people here want. He appears younger than he actual is which is a negative, but I believe he can get the women's vote. I would love to have a woman representing us, but it is more important to have a Democrat.