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Mike Levin

Mike Levin (Democratic Party) is a member of the U.S. House representing California's 49th Congressional District. He assumed office on January 3, 2019. His current term ends on January 3, 2023.

Levin (Democratic Party) ran for re-election to the U.S. House to represent California's 49th Congressional District. His term for the general election is November 8, 2022.

Levin completed Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey in 2022. Click here to view his responses.

Levin defeated Diane Harkey in the general election of 2018 by a margin of 55.8 to 44.2 percent.

Levin's campaign for Congress emphasizes themes including abortion access, gun policy, science, and Medicare. He said, "I care most about protecting access to abortion and reproductive rights."

Levin's campaign website featured endorsements, among others, from the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Pro-Choice America, NARAL, League of Conservation Voters, Everytown for Gun Safety, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, Human Rights Campaign, Congressman Bernie Sanders (D) and U.S. Senators Kamala Harris (D), Dianne Feinstein (D), and Elizabeth Warren (D), among others.[1]

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U.S. House of Representatives District 49
Texas
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2023
Term limit
Unlimited
Profession
Attorney

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Biography

Mike Levin was born in Indianapolis, California. He earned a bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1988 and a law degree from Stanford Law School in 1992. His career experience includes serving as an attorney specializing in environmental and energy regulatory compliance and governmental affairs. Levin's professional experience includes serving as a senior advisor to the Los Angeles County and as a board member for the Center for Sustainable Energy.[2][3]

Committee assignments

U.S. House
2023-2024
Levin was assigned to the following committees:[Source]
- Oversight and Reform

2021-2022
Levin was assigned to the following committees:[Source]
- House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
  - Subcommittee on Health, Chair
  - Health
- Committee on Natural Resources
  - Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife
  - Water, Oceans, and Wildlife

2019-2020
Levin was assigned to the following committees:[Source]
- House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
- Committee on Natural Resources

Key votes

- See also Key votes

Ballotpedia monitors legislation that receives a vote and highlights the votes that we consider to be key to understanding where elected officials stand on the issues. To learn more about how we identify key votes, click here.

Key votes 117th Congress, 2021-2023

The 117th United States Congress began on January 3, 2021 and ended on January 3, 2023. At the start of the session, Democrats held the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives and in the U.S. Senate. In the U.S. House, Democrats assumed control of the majority on January 3, 2021, when President Joe Biden (D) and Vice President Kamala Harris (D), who serve as President of the U.S. Senate, assumed office. We identified the key votes below using Congress.gov's roll call votes for all passed roll call votes in the session.

Key votes: 117th Congress, 2021-2023

Vote	Description	Status
Yes	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	Signed into law (Nov. 15, 2021)
Yes	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	Signed into law (Mar. 11, 2021)
Yes	Inflation Reduction Act of 2022	Signed into law (Aug. 16, 2022)
Yes	Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act	Passed (Dec. 4, 2022)
Yes	For the People Act of 2021	Failed (Jan. 4, 2021)
Yes	Ukraine Weapons Act of 2022	Signed into law (May 21, 2022)
Yes	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022	Signed into law (Dec. 27, 2021)
Yes	James M Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023	Signed into law (Dec. 23, 2022)
Yes	American Jobs Plan and Pandemic Act of 2021	Failed (Sept. 27, 2021)
Yes	Bergeron/Fitzpatrick Gun Violence Prevention Act Expands Background Checks Act of 2021	Passed (Mar. 11, 2021)
Yes	Chips and Science Act	Signed into law (Aug. 9, 2022)
Yes	Women's Health Protection Act of 2021	Failed (Sept. 28, 2021)
Yes	SAFE Banking Act of 2021	Passed (Sept. 30, 2021)
Yes	Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022	Signed into law (Mar. 15, 2022)
Yes	Equality Act	Passed (Feb. 25, 2021)
Yes	Respect for Marriage Act	Passed (Dec. 8, 2022)
Yes	Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023	Signed into law (Sept. 30, 2022)
Yes	Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act	Passed (Jan. 27, 2022)
Yes	Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021	Passed (Mar. 11, 2021)
Yes	Freedom to Vote Act/John R. Lewis Act	Failed (Jan. 19, 2022)
Yes	Protecting Reproductive Communities Act	Passed (Sept. 24, 2021)
Yes	Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.	Passed (Jan. 13, 2021)
Yes	Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022	Passed (Dec. 22, 2022)

Key votes: Previous sessions of Congress
Key votes | 116th | 115th

Elections

2022
See also: California's 49th Congressional District election, 2022

General election

General election for U.S. House California District 49
Candidate | % | Votes
Mike Levin (D) | 55.2% | 151,275
Brian Maryott (R) | 44.8% | 136,493
Total votes: 287,768
Source: Secretary of State
Incumbent Mike Levin defeated Diane Harkey in a rematch of a general election contest in which the candidates were the only candidates who filed to run for the office.
Click here to view the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Nonpartisan primary election

Nonpartisan primary for U.S. House California District 49
Candidate | % | Votes
Mike Levin (D) | 50.7% | 53,763
Brian Maryott (R) | 25.2% | 26,566
Lisa Bender (D) | 8.2% | 8,655
Christopher Rodriguez (R) | 6.1% | 6,438
Jovan O'Neil (R) | 5.1% | 5,388
Nadia Smalley (D) | 4.4% | 4,745
Renee Taylor (D) | 1.3% | 1,378
Total votes: 105,933
Source: Secretary of State
Levin and Maryott advanced to the general election. Levin received 50.1% of the vote in the primary, which was the threshold needed to avoid a general election runoff.
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Withdrawn or disqualified candidates
- Anna Elizabeth (R)

Endorsements
To view Levin's endorsements in the 2022 election, please click here.

2020
See also: California's 49th Congressional District election, 2020

General election

General election for U.S. House California District 49
Candidate | % | Votes
Mike Levin (D) | 55.8% | 215,349
Brian Maryott (R) | 44.2% | 170,207
Total votes: 385,556
Source: Secretary of State
Incumbent Mike Levin defeated Diane Harkey in a rematch of a general election contest in which the candidates were the only candidates who filed to run for the office.
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Nonpartisan primary election

Nonpartisan primary for U.S. House California District 49
Candidate | % | Votes
Mike Levin (D) | 45.6% | 115,639
Brian Maryott (R) | 19.2% | 48,424
Total votes: 253,611
Source: Secretary of State
Levin and Maryott advanced to the general election. Levin received 45.6% of the vote in the primary, which was the threshold needed to avoid a general election runoff.
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Withdrawn or disqualified candidates
- Nadia Smalley (R)
- Steven Craig Kinsman (R)
- Ryan Bartlett (Independent)
- Mark Krulis (R)

2018
See also: California's 49th Congressional District election, 2018

General election

General election for U.S. House California District 49
Candidate | % | Votes
Mike Levin (D) | 55.8% | 184,453
Diane Harkey (R) | 44.2% | 146,127
Total votes: 330,580
Source: Secretary of State
Levin and Harkey advanced to the general election. Levin received 55.8% of the vote in the primary, which was the threshold needed to avoid a general election runoff.
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Nonpartisan primary election

Nonpartisan primary for U.S. House California District 49
Candidate | % | Votes
Diane Harkey (R) | 46.4% | 46,468
Mike Levin (D) | 43.8% | 43,859
Sara Jacobs (D) | 7.8% | 7,811
Douglas Applegate (D) | 1.9% | 1,870
Kristin Gaspar (R) | 0.1% | 127
Rocky Chávez (R) | 0.1% | 117
Paul Kerr (D) | 0.0% | 44
Brian Maryott (R) | 0.0% | 40
Mike Schmitt (R) | 0.0% | 39
Joshua Schoonover (R) | 0.0% | 32
Total votes: 100,390
Source: Secretary of State
Levin and Harkey advanced to the general election. Levin received 43.8% of the vote in the primary, which was the threshold needed to avoid a general election runoff.
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Withdrawn or disqualified candidates
- Christina Prosser (D)

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Campaign themes

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CANDIDATE CONNECTION

Mike Levin completed Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey in 2022. The survey questions appear in bold and are followed by Levin's responses. Candidates are asked three required questions for this survey, but they may answer additional optional questions as well.

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Why are you? Tell us about yourself.

Please list three to five messages of your campaign. What are the main points you want voters to remember about your page on your Ballotpedia profile?

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about?

Why do you hold up an Official Issues section and not the Issues section?

Is there a bond, cause, film, or something else you would recommend to someone who wants to understand your political philosophy?

What characteristics or principles are most important for an elected official?

What is the most important job you are responsible for someone elected to the office?

What is the hardest job you've had (including your lifetime that you remember)? How did you cope with it?

What was your very first job? How long did you have it?

Note: Ballotpedia reserves the right to edit Candidate Connection survey responses. Any edits made by Ballotpedia will be noted in the text of the response. Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey is a tool that candidates for office use to share their own answers to the same set of questions. Any responses from Ballotpedia staff or Ballotpedia's staff members do not reflect the opinions of Ballotpedia's staff or its parent organization and are in no way responsible for the content of the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

2020
Campaign website
Levin's campaign website stated the following:

> **Accelerating Sustainable Energy and Environmental Protection**
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> For the last decades, I have been involved in the clean energy industry as an attorney and non-profit founder and director, and I did a champion in Washington on issues of sustainability, and climate change and their impact on our economy, health, and security. I said to put our district at the forefront of clean energy, sustainability, and climate change, and I was honored to be endorsed by the Sierra Club and the California League of Conservation Voters.
>
> I feel that transition to a sustainable energy future is imperative, due to both our dwindling natural resources and our need to protect our environment, our economy, our health, and our security. Americans are the greatest people, having technological and manufacturers that are unique, or whether our federal government will spur clean energy innovation to help American's lead this capital transition.
>
> Harkey strongly is the overwhelming majority consensus that climate change is driven by human activity, and that we need to take action to address it. Harkey's record is that she has been a climate change denier, leadership on climate and sustainability energy policy issues. Harkey has been greatly disturbed by Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, and she believes it is not the fossil fuel industry.

Campaign advertisements
The following is an example of an ad from Levin's 2018 election campaign.

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