

TRUMP WINS

45TH PRESIDENT WILL BECOME THE 47TH

Republican declares ‘historic realignment’ of U.S. interests

Relentless path back to White House

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From the moment he rode a golden escalator downward and into the queasy gut of American political life, Donald Trump has done it his way — unbridled by precedent, often powered by “alternative facts” and dedicated to the proposition that only he could “make America great again.”

The real estate mogul and onetime reality TV star captured a second term as president of the United States early Wednesday morning — nearly a decade after his now iconic entrance on the nation’s political stage. His candidacy again surmounted innumerable obstacles and defied much of a political establishment that views him with utter disdain.

The former president defeated Vice President Kamala Harris by harnessing the abiding dissatisfaction of many Americans — uneasy about the high cost of living, unsettled about a southern border they view as insecure and disturbed over an evolving culture they feel has strayed too far from

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California readies to again lead resistance

Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta says he’ll defend against attacks from another Trump administration.

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The last time Donald Trump was president, California led the liberal resistance to his agenda. Now it is poised to reprise the role.

In fact, as Trump’s return to power came into focus late Tuesday, California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta said he already had a plan to do so — that the state was “1,000% focused” and ready to fight, in court and beyond, for California’s progressive way of life.

“We will use the full force of the law, the full authority of the office, to defend and protect California’s progress, our people, our values,” said Bonta, who is eyeing a run for governor.

“We’ve been spending months, in some cases over a year,” Bonta added, “planning on potential attacks and our responses to them across all the different issues and areas — from attacking our environment to attacking reproductive freedom,

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PRESIDENT-ELECT Donald Trump, accompanied by his wife, Melania Trump, claimed victory in West Palm Beach, Fla., after sweeping the key “blue wall” and Southern battleground states in Tuesday’s election.



The world reacts

Trump’s victory is met largely with shock and concern, plus a few hearty congratulations. **A3**

Abortion rights divide

Seven more states protect ability to end pregnancy, but advocacy isn’t enough to help Harris. **A7**

The keys to the House

Control of Congress could hinge on still-undecided contests in these California districts. **A6**



KAMALA HARRIS, in her concession speech, said she did “not concede the fight that fueled this campaign.”

Mixed economic outlook

Stocks rally as big business and the rich expect gains. The rest of us and larger economy may pay. **A8**

Schiff glides into Senate

Burbank Democrat and nationally prominent Trump antagonist easily defeats Steve Garvey. **B1**

Winning propositions

Californians dial back criminal justice reform, and approve same-sex marriage rights and more. **B1**

He wins decisively as Harris concedes

By JENNY JARVIE

Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States on Wednesday, fulfilling his promise to shatter America’s political status quo after he refused to accept his loss to Joe Biden four years ago and inspired a mob of supporters to violently storm the U.S. Capitol.

The Republican president-elect’s victory over Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris — after an extraordinary campaign in which he was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts — was decisive: Trump trounced Harris in all the key “blue wall” and Southern battleground states and maintained leads in Arizona and Nevada, prompting a torrent of anguish among Democrats.

As Trump secured 295 electoral votes to Harris’ 226, Democrats could not take comfort in winning the popular vote, as they did when Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in 2016. With more than 139 million ballots counted, Trump had 4.8 million more votes than Harris.

“This will forever be remembered as the day the American people regained control of their country,” Trump told a crowd at around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday from a stage adorned with star-spangled banners at his campaign headquarters in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Trump, who won by appealing to Americans’ anxieties about the economy and immigration and slamming Democrats as excessively “woke” and out of touch, said the election represented a “massive victory for democracy and for freedom.”

“The people who voted for us, they came from all quarters — union, non-union, African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Arab American, Muslim American,” Trump said. “We had everybody, and it was beautiful. It was a historic realignment, uniting citizens of all backgrounds around a common core of common sense.”

Harris conceded to Trump on Wednesday in a phone call before she addressed the American people. A senior Harris aide said the vice president congratulated Trump on his victory. A Trump official said Trump, in turn, acknowledged Harris’ “strength, professionalism, and tenacity.”

The two candidates who

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3 strikes against criminal justice reform

Defeat of two progressive D.A.’s and approval of Prop. 36 signal a shift in California

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In deep-blue L.A. County, the “godfather of progressive prosecutors” lost his reelection bid by more than 20 percentage points to a former Republican.

In the Bay Area, voters appear to have recalled another reform-minded district attorney.

And statewide, a tough-on-crime ballot initiative passed with overwhelming support.

Four years after nationwide calls for police accountability and a reimagining of the criminal justice system led to big wins for reform candidates in California, voters dramatically reversed course Tuesday

night.

Former federal prosecutor Nathan Hochman, who ran a law-and-order campaign against incumbent Dist. Atty. George Gascón in Los Angeles, won by 23 points.

Nearly two-thirds of voters supported the recall of Alameda County Dist. Atty. Pamela Price amid concerns over crime and rampant

homelessness. It was the second time in three years a progressive Bay Area district attorney has been booted from office before finishing their term.

Proposition 36, which will essentially erase California’s landmark 2014 sentencing reform bill, received support from 70% of voters Tuesday. Democrats have warned the move will reinstate draconian

drug war policies, leading to longer prison terms for many crimes.

Dan Schnur, a former advisor to Republican politicians in California who teaches political communications at USC, said that since the last election, “the culture in both California and across the country has become more concerned

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