

GOP loses local House district

Mike Garcia concedes to George Whitesides in closely watched congressional race.

BY HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

Democrat George Whitesides, a former NASA chief of staff and a first-time candidate, will represent northern Los Angeles County in Congress next year after defeating Republican Rep. Mike Garcia in one of the nation's most fiercely contested House races.

Whitesides' narrow victory against the thrice-elected Republican incumbent is a bright spot for the Democratic Party amid a decisive rightward shift in American politics, with voters sending President-elect Donald Trump back to the White House and Republicans seizing control of the U.S. Senate. As of Tuesday afternoon, Republicans appeared likely to retain control of the House of Representatives, though votes were still being counted in several races that will determine which party wins the majority.

If Republicans gain control of both chambers, Trump probably will have support for enacting his stated policy priorities, including an increase in tariffs, new tax breaks and deporting immigrants who are in the country illegally — though a narrow win by Republicans could complicate the agenda.

"In Congress, you can count on me to fight to create more good local jobs, lower everyday costs, build safe communities, protect Social Security and Medi-

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MARCOS SANCHEZ and others attend a "know your rights" session for immigrants held by the TODEC Legal Center in Riverside County. California leaders and rights groups are promising to protect immigrants.

L.A. County votes to nearly double Board of Supervisors

Measure G adds four seats, bringing total to nine in historic shift

BY REBECCA ELLIS

Proponents of expanding the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors tried in 1962, in 1976, in 1992 and again in 2000.

Each time, voters said no, even as the county's population swelled. The last thing people wanted, it seemed, was more politicians.

Now, in a historic shift, a proposal to add four more members to the five-member board as part of a massive overhaul of the county government's structure has passed.

The backers of Measure G claimed victory Monday afternoon following days of returns showing voters closely divided.

The measure, which also includes a proposal to elect a chief executive and create an independent ethics

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LINDSEY HORVATH, who represents the 3rd District and was a co-author of Measure G, at a Board of Supervisors meeting in 2023.

Gearing up for a fight to stay in U.S.

With Trump vowing expulsion, immigrants and their advocates prepare for the worst.

BY ANDREA CASTILLO

WASHINGTON — The morning after former President Trump won a second term on a promise to deport millions of immigrants, a line formed outside a Riverside County legal aid organization before it had even opened its doors.

Legal permanent residents wanted help applying for citizenship. Asylum seekers who had given the federal government their home addresses wondered whether they should pack up and move.

A woman in the country illegally told the organization that her children had refused to go to school because they feared she would be detained while they were away. A man said he had stayed home from his landscaping job.

"It's all hands on deck right now," said Luz Gallegos, executive director of the TODEC Legal Center. "We have to prepare for the worst."

Trump has listed mass deportations and the curtailment of temporary legal status for millions of immigrants as among his top priorities. His newly announced "border czar," Tom Homan, said Monday that the Trump administration will prioritize deporting people who are living in the country illegally and pose a threat to public safety. He also said officials will increase workplace raids as part of a crackdown on labor and sex trafficking.

"If sanctuary cities don't want to help us, then get out of the way, because we're coming," Homan said in an interview on "Fox & Friends."

California leaders and immigrant rights organizations are responding with promises of legal action and assurances to protect immigrant residents from Trump

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ELON MUSK campaigned with President-elect Donald Trump, while other CEOs have tweeted congratulations and expressed a desire to work together.

Hollywood hopes for a deal

Entertainment and tech executives are optimistic that Trump's administration will be business-friendly

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER

To much of Hollywood's decidedly liberal base, Donald Trump is truly the enemy from within, a former reality show host who used the power of television to launch himself to the highest stage of world politics.

As they did in 2016 and 2020, celebs from across the

film, TV and music industry mobilized against his run for the presidency. There were star-studded Kamala Harris rallies. All for naught.

But at the corporate level of the media and entertainment industry, it's not exactly the resurgence of the anti-Trump resistance.

Much of the reaction among show business and technology chief executives

has been either explicitly supportive or generally hopeful that the new Republican administration will be more business-friendly, particularly when it comes to taxes, regulation, artificial intelligence and M&A (mergers and acquisitions).

Stocks surged in the days after the election. Bitcoin hit a record high Monday on the

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Bay Area voters send local leaders a clear message

More-progressive candidates lose amid frustration with crime and homelessness.

BY HANNAH WILEY

SAN FRANCISCO — For decades, the Bay Area has been celebrated — and sometimes mocked — as a progressive beacon, a proud throwback to hippie-era values with its embrace of love and tolerance.

But on Nov. 5, voters across the region made it clear that there are limits to their compassion.

Motivated by pent-up frustrations with property crime and homelessness — and a sense that San Francisco and Oakland had lost control of city streets — Bay Area voters tacked right in last week's election, ousting the mayors of both cities and rejecting a handful of left-wing candidates. And in a stunning rebuke to the progressive movement to reform criminal justice that the region once championed, a majority of voters in all nine

Bay Area counties voted in favor of Proposition 36, a statewide ballot measure that will impose stricter penalties for repeated thefts and crimes involving fentanyl.

In San Francisco, Mayor London Breed lost her reelection bid to a political outsider: wealthy philanthropist and Levi's heir Daniel Lurie, a fellow Democrat who promised to shut down open-air drug markets and make San Francisco less welcoming to street encampments.

In the East Bay, voters recalled Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao and Alameda County Dist. Atty. Pamela Price, two progressive leaders elected in 2022.

Breed and Thao emphasized in their efforts to retain office that crime levels had fallen in their cities in recent months, and asked for more time to make change. But they were unable to break through shopkeepers' and residents' widespread perception that the current crop of city and county leaders did not have forceful answers to the region's ongoing struggles with homelessness

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Gov. Harris? Poll says maybe

Nearly half of California voters would be likely to support her if she ran, survey says.

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