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Women speak out at state Capitol

Hundreds sign on to letter denouncing sexual harassment

By Melody Gutierrez

SACRAMENTO — The number kept growing. Me too, they said.

In a matter of hours, a group of women in California politics passed around a letter declaring they'd had enough.

Enough of the groping. Enough of the sexual comments. Enough of the demeaning behavior by their male counterparts.

The turning point for women at the state Capitol was a scandal unfolding more than 300 miles away. Hollywood women were talking about sexual abuses they say they suffered — in silence — at the hands of Harvey Weinstein, the powerful film industry mogul who could make or break careers.

The powerlessness those women spoke about and the culture of harassment struck a chord with women in and around the Capitol.

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California GOP's plan for beating Democrats

By Joe Garofoli

ANAHEIM — California Republicans may not have well-known candidates running for governor — or any candidate of note running for Senate next year. But they're settling on a two-point game plan for trying to return to relevance in a state where they're a super-minority in the Legislature, have no statewide officeholders and can count only 1 in 4 registered voters as being a fellow Republican.

Step 1: Lure voters to the polls with a statewide ballot measure next year with a populist call to rescind the gasoline tax intended to pay for the \$50 billion in transportation improvements the Legislature passed in June.

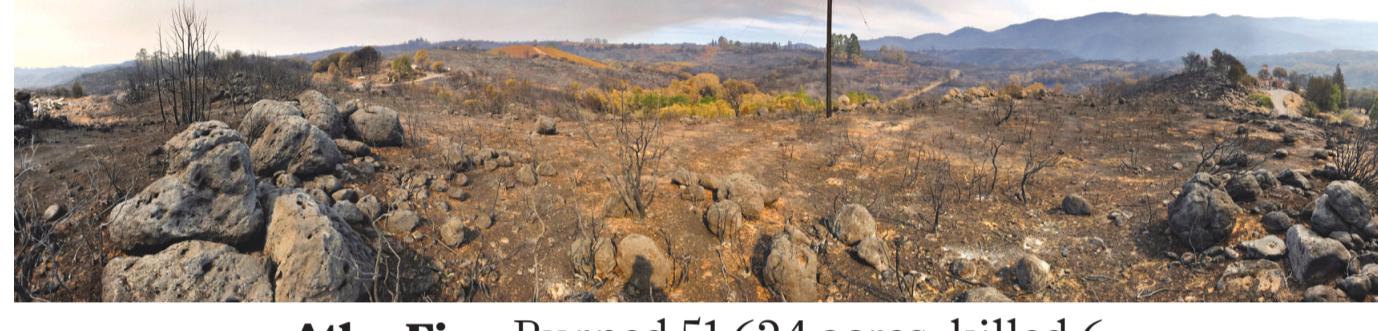
Step 2: Convince voters that Democrats have overplayed their progressive

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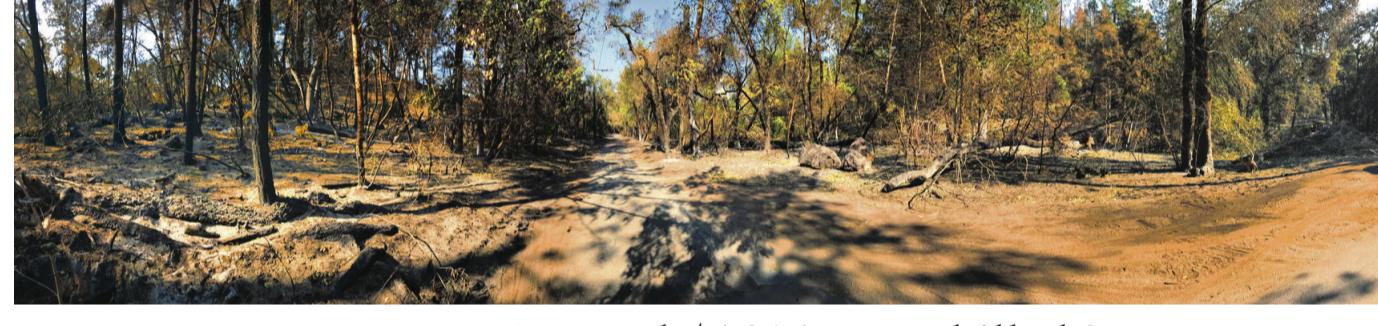


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WINE COUNTRY FIRES Tracing the origins of 4 biggest blazes



Atlas Fire: Burned 51,624 acres, killed 6



Nuns Fire: Burned 56,216 acres, killed 2



Partrick Fire: Burned 10,000 acres, killed 0



Tubbs Fire: Burned 36,793 acres, killed 22

By Evan Sernoffsky

One fire started near a patch of oak trees along a twisting mountain road east of Napa Valley's famed Silverado Trail. One ignited near a weathered one-lane road through a wooded canyon in Glen Ellen. Another started near a winery in the hills west of downtown Napa. Still another exploded on a hillside among vineyards and historic homes on the edge of Calistoga.

Each of the four now-infamous fires in Napa and Sonoma counties — the Atlas, the Nuns, the Partrick and the Tubbs — spread catastrophically, as did other blazes in Mendocino and Yuba

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counties. Together, they delivered a horrific toll of death and destruction that spread many miles from where flames first kicked up.

But the points of origin are critically important. With the danger from the fires finally ebbing, teams of investigators have been gathering at these places to sift through blackened soil and debris, inspect scorched trees, talk to those who first reported seeing flames as well as other witnesses, and lay down evidence markers, hoping to piece together the story of how a disaster began.

The areas represent suspected ignition points

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