

MEMORANDUM

TO: Young Kim for Congress
FROM: George Nassar, Public Opinion Strategies
SUBJECT: Key Findings – CA CD40 General Election Survey
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Public Opinion Strategies recently completed a survey of 400 likely voters in California's 40th Congressional District. All interviews were completed by a live interviewer. The survey was conducted August 17-20, 2026, and has a margin of error of $\pm 4.9\%$. The memorandum below reviews the key findings of the survey. The survey was sponsored by Young Kim for Congress.

Young Kim and Ken Calvert are locked in an extremely close race.

- The race is a statistical tie with Young Kim at 34%, Ken Calvert at 35%, 19% Undecided and another 10% skipping the contest.

The larger General Election voter pool benefits Young Kim and she leads with key voter groups.

- Among those who did not vote in the primary, Young Kim leads 37%-31%. She leads among these non-primary voters in both her and Calvert's old Congressional district.
- Young Kim leads among NPPs overall 35%-27%.
- Cost of living is the top issue, and Kim leads Calvert among these voters 38%-29%.

Ken Calvert has significant vulnerabilities on corruption, taxes, and health care.

- *Six times, Ken Calvert has been named one of the Most Corrupt members of Congress. His financial dealings have triggered multiple FBI investigations, and Calvert was busted using our tax dollars to enrich himself - as his net worth grew by as much as 15 million dollars in Congress.*
 - 82% Total Less Likely / 69% Much Less Likely
- *Ken Calvert supports a 30% national sales tax on things like gas, groceries, and utilities, even though Californians already pay some of the highest prices in the country.*
 - 82% Less Likely / 66% Much Less Likely
- *Ken Calvert voted multiple times to raise the Social Security retirement age and at least six times to gut Medicare, all while collecting a taxpayer-funded pension for life. AARP warned Calvert's Medicare plan would leave seniors hostage to private insurance companies.*
 - 78% Less Likely / 62% Much Less Likely

The Bottom Line

The race is a toss-up, but the fundamentals are on Young Kim's side. The general election electorate is more favorable to her than the primary was: she leads among voters who sat out the primary, No Party Preference voters, and cost of living voters, all critical in November. Ken Calvert's record on corruption, taxes, and Social Security and Medicare is a liability. With the resources necessary to litigate her strengths and Ken Calvert's record, Kim has the structural advantages to win.