

To: Thorburn for Congress
From: The Mellman Group
Re: CA-39 Poll Shows Thorburn Is The Strongest Democrat In The Race
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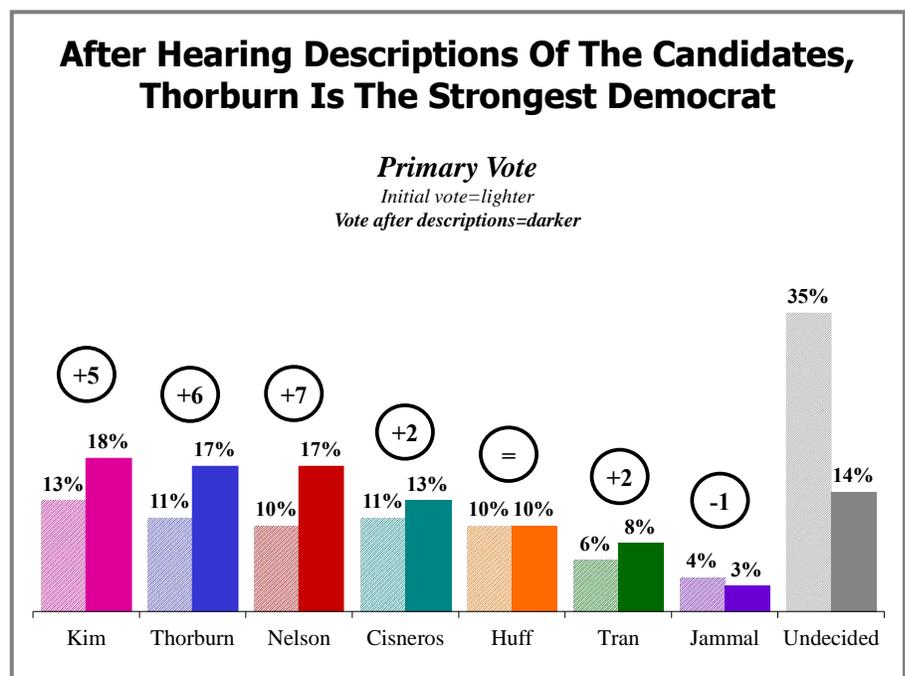
This analysis represents the findings of a survey of 400 voters representing the likely June 2018 primary electorate in California's 39th Congressional District. Interviews were conducted by telephone March 30-April 7, 2018, using a registration-based sample of cellphones and landlines. The margin of error for this survey is +/-4.9 percentage points at a 95% level of confidence. The margin of error is higher for subgroups.

Our recently conducted survey shows a close race in the CA-39 "jungle primary," with Andy Thorburn emerging as the strongest Democratic candidate on the ballot. The top two finishers will face each other in November.

Twenty-two percent (22%) have a favorable view of Andy Thorburn, while only 7% view him unfavorably. While Gil Cisneros also has a favorable rating of 22%, his unfavorables, at 15%, are twice those of Thorburn's. Mai Khanh Tran (12% favorable, 5% unfavorable) and Sam Jammal (11% favorable, 3% unfavorable) are less well known and less well liked.

The race is quite close, with Democrats Thorburn (11%) and Cisneros (11%) in the top tier, tied for second place. Republicans Young Kim (13%), Shawn Nelson (10%) and Bob Huff (10%) are also in double digits. Democrats Tran (6%) and Jammal (4%) are behind the pack.

Over a third (35%) of the electorate is undecided, creating a wide open race. Thorburn and Cisneros, however, are likely to have considerably more resources at their disposal than the others.



After hearing brief descriptions of the candidatesⁱ, Thorburn emerges as the strongest Democrat, garnering 17% of the vote, placing him in a tie with Nelson (17%) for second and one point behind Kim (18%), who is in first. Cisneros ends up with 13%, Huff 10%, Tran 8% and Jammal 3%.

Indeed, Thorburn is the favorite among Democrats, 31% of whom vote for him, with 25% voting for Cisneros, 13% for Tran, and 9% for Jammal.

Importantly, Thorburn also enjoys the support of Our Revolution, the organization started by Bernie Sanders, which gives him a boost, as 54% of primary voters view the Vermont Senator favorably -- including 65% of undecided Democrats and independents.

The poll demonstrates that Andy Thorburn is the strongest Democrat in the race: He is better liked, his message appeals to more voters, and he has the grassroots support of Democrats.

ⁱ **Andy Thorburn**, a Democrat, puts people first and stands for what's right. A classroom teacher early in his career, Andy was jailed for leading a strike for better conditions for workers and kids. But Andy persevered, winning the battle for livable wages and smaller class sizes. As a member of an interracial family, Trump's attacks on women and people of color are deeply personal for Andy. Andy is endorsed by nurses and Bernie Sanders' organization because he stands for bold progressive ideas and against Trump.

Shawn Nelson, a Republican, says now more than ever our nation needs solutions to government overreach and unaccountable bureaucrats. As a Washington outsider, Shawn will use common sense and local values to tackle the toughest problems, fighting to secure our border, create good jobs, strengthen the military, cut wasteful spending, reduce traffic, fix our aging infrastructure, keep our taxes low, and keep our streets safe. In Congress, Shawn will tackle the toughest challenges and won't back down.

Young Kim, a Republican and former State Assemblywoman, is a Korean immigrant and small businesswoman with a unique perspective on the American Dream, who's devoted almost her entire adult life to community service. In the Assembly, Kim passed a bill, with bipartisan support, protecting victims of domestic violence. She knows we need to create jobs, lower taxes, and believes fixing our broken schools requires more funding and local control. Kim has earned endorsements from Congressman Ed Royce and Congresswoman Mimi Walters.

Mai Khanh Tran, a Democrat, is a Vietnamese immigrant who worked her way through college and medical school and is now a pediatrician. She also founded two charitable medical organizations. Tran is running for Congress to fight Republicans' assault on healthcare and women's rights. As someone with scientific training, she's also dedicated to protecting us from climate change. And as a lawful immigrant who came to this country as a child, Tran will oppose the efforts to deport undocumented immigrant children.

Sam Jammal, a Democrat, was raised in La Mirada by a Latina mother and Jordanian father. A renewable energy and civil rights attorney, Sam fought for the right of immigrant students to receive a quality education. Later, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Sam increased exports for small businesses. In Congress, he'll boost the economy by investing in infrastructure and job training, while expanding clean energy. Sam will protect undocumented immigrant children from deportation and oppose the attacks on our healthcare.

Gil Cisneros, a Democrat, is a decorated Navy veteran and lottery winner, who donated millions to community charities. Gil's running for Congress to ensure our children have the same ladder of opportunity that the Navy provided him. He'll stand up to insurance and pharmaceutical companies to lower healthcare costs, protect education funding, work to create good-paying local jobs and take on Trump to protect dreamers. Cisneros refuses contributions from PACs because he believes government should work for the people – not corporate special interests.