



TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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RE: ANDREW COOLIDGE HAS A SIGNIFICANT INITIAL ADVANTAGE IN THE RACE TO REPLACE ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES GALLAGHER IN CALIFORNIA'S 3<sup>RD</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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Candid Research Solutions conducted a survey among 300 likely primary election voters residing in California's 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District from January 7<sup>th</sup> through January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The margin of error for this survey is plus or minus 5.66%. Please find some key findings from the survey below.

- Voters in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District view the direction the State of California is headed very negatively with only twenty-eight percent (28%) saying they feel California is headed in the right direction and sixty-four percent (64%) saying they feel California is off on the wrong track.
- Of the three currently announced candidates for this seat, Andrew Coolidge has by far the highest level of name recognition in the district as forty-five percent (45%) of primary voters report having heard of him as opposed to only twenty-three percent (23%) reporting having heard of Jamie Johansson and nineteen percent (19%) reporting having heard of Dom Belza.
- In a district geographically dominated by Butte County (nearly half of the total voters) and the City of Chico (nearly a quarter of the total voters), Coolidge having already been heard of by fifty-four percent (54%) of Butte County Voters and sixty-eight percent (68%) of Chico Voters provides a huge early advantage over his opponents who have very low name recognition levels in these areas.
- The early name recognition advantage for Coolidge among registered Republicans (more than half of the total voters) and Independents (another 15-20% of the total voters) is also very important. More than forty percent (41%) of registered Republicans districtwide report having heard of Coolidge, and more than half (52%) of Independents districtwide report having heard of him.
- Finally, the most likely voters (those who have voted in at least three of the last four statewide elections) currently report having heard of Coolidge at a forty-five percent (45%) level as compared to only twenty-two percent (22%) for Johansson and eighteen percent (18%) for Belza.
- In summary, Coolidge has a large early advantage in the battle for the Republican Nomination, and it will require large campaign expenditures from either of the other candidates just to reach the level of name recognition which Coolidge already has at the start of the campaign.