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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Impact of Election on California Congressional Delegation

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with a report on the results of this week's election and their impact upon the California Congressional delegation. The information will be provided under three subheadings: (1) new members of the delegation, (2) expected changes in the Democratic leadership and (3) expected changes in the Republican leadership. The changes described below are expected to occur in January 2007 or later.

New Members of the Delegation

Two new members were elected to the California Congressional delegation – Kevin McCarthy (District 22) and Jerry McNerney (District 11). McCarthy is a Republican who will succeed Rep. Bill Thomas while McNerney is a Democrat who will succeed Rep. Richard Pombo.

McCarthy will join the Congress after serving two terms as a member of the California State Assembly. He was born in Bakersfield and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in business from California State University Bakersfield. McNerney is new to elected office. He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but has lived in Pleasanton, California, since 1990. McNerney was graduated from the University of New Mexico with a doctorate in math and engineering.

Expected Changes in Democratic Leadership

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the current House Minority Leader, is expected to be elected to the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives. If that occurs, she will be the first Californian as well as the first woman to hold that office.

Democrats are projected to claim Chairmanships of at least five committees in the House of Representatives – Rep. George Miller (Education & Workforce), Rep. Tom Lantos (International Relations), Rep. Harry Waxman (Government Reform), Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (House Administration), and Rep. Bob Filner (Veterans' Affairs).

In addition, several Democrats will move up in rank on the Committees to which they are currently assigned, including Reps. Lucille Roybal Allard and Sam Farr (Appropriations), Rep. Lois Capps (Budget Committee), Reps. Lynn Woolsey and Susan Davis (Education & Workforce), Reps. Loretta

Sanchez and Ellen Tauscher (Armed Services) and Reps. Lynn Woolsey, Mike Honda, Brad Sherman, Jim Costa and Doris Matsui (Science).

## SENATE

California's U.S. Senators – Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer – are expected to take control of two Senate Committees as well as to strengthen their roles on additional committees. Senator Feinstein is expected to chair the Committee on Rules and Administration which has jurisdiction over federal elections and ethics issues. In addition, she will rank as 10<sup>th</sup> in seniority on the Appropriations Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> in seniority on the Judiciary Committee, and 7<sup>th</sup> in seniority on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Senator Boxer is projected to chair the Environment and Public Works Committee which has jurisdiction over environmental issues as well as transportation projects. She is also expected to continue to serve on the Foreign Relations Committee (5<sup>th</sup> in seniority) and the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (5<sup>th</sup> in seniority).

### Expected Changes in Republican Leadership – House of Representatives

Six members of the California delegation will step down from their position of Committee Chairman as the result of the election – Rep. Jerry Lewis (Appropriations), Rep. Duncan Hunter (Armed Services), Rep. Buck McKeon (Education & Workforce), Rep. Bill Thomas (Ways & Means), Rep. David Dreier (Rules), and Rep. Richard Pombo (Resources). Of that group, Rep. Thomas did not run for re-election and Rep. Pombo was defeated in his re-election attempt. The remaining four Chairmen are projected to serve as Ranking Members of their respective Committees.

Due to failed re-election attempts in other states, several members of the California delegation are expected to make significant advancements on the Committees they now serve. These members include Rep. Wally Herger, (projected new Ranking Member on Ways & Means); Rep. Ken Calvert (Armed Services and Science); Rep. Ed Royce (Financial Services); Rep. Elton Gallegly (Judiciary and International Relations); and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (Science and International Relations).