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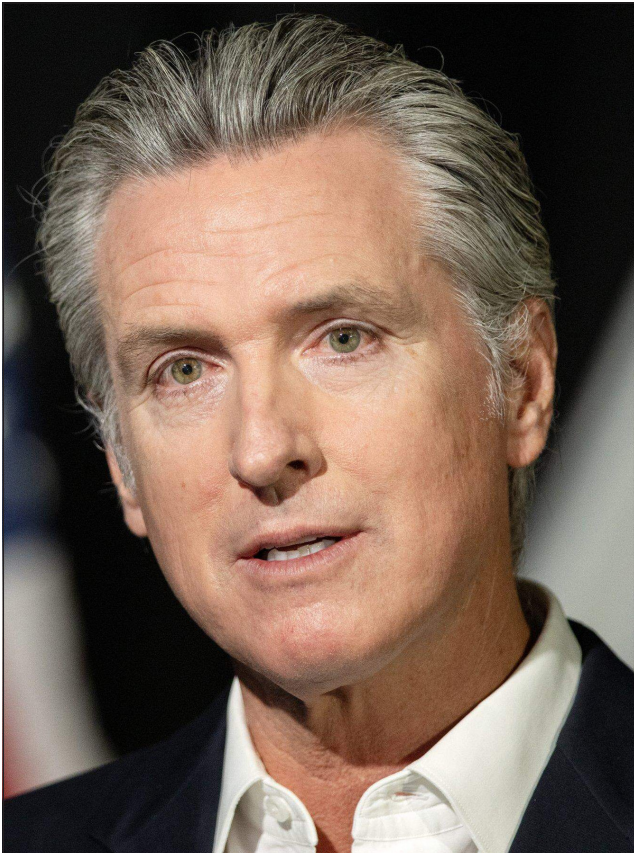
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ELECTIONS

IE votes for Prop. 50 after backing Trump



In 2024, President Donald Trump became the first GOP White House hopeful in 20 years to win Riverside and San Bernardino counties. ANNA MONEYMAKER — GETTY IMAGES



Gov. Gavin Newsom and other Democrats who backed Proposition 50 made the Nov. 4 election a referendum on Trump. JOSÉ LUIS VILLEGAS — THE SACRAMENTO BEE/TNS

Redistricting measure pushed by Democrats winning more than 50% in Riverside and San Bernardino counties

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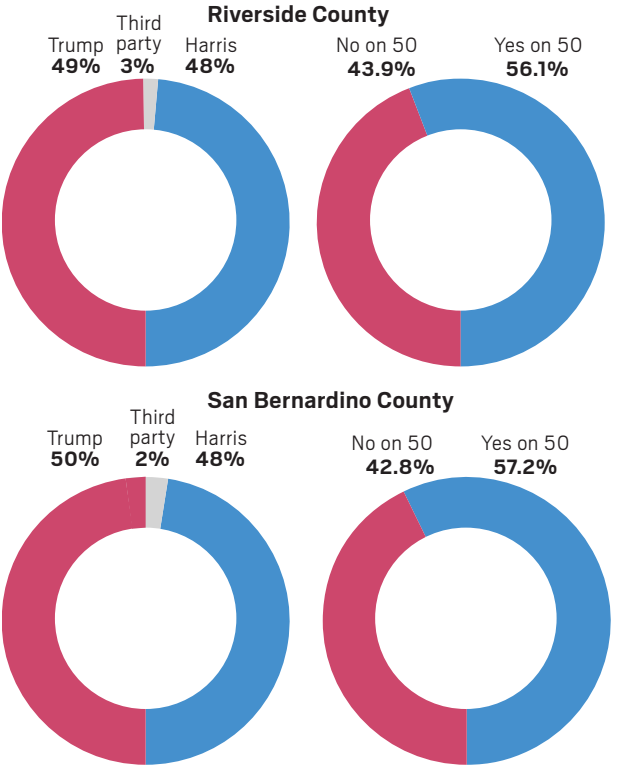
If the Inland Empire is Trump country, it has an odd way of showing it. A year ago, President Donald Trump became the first GOP White House hopeful in 20 years to win Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The milestone elated local Republicans, who have hopes of the purplish region turning red as the GOP outpaced Democrats in voter registration across dozens of Inland cities since 2020. But this month, Proposition 50, which redraws California’s congressional districts to favor Democrats and boost their chances of retaking the House of Representatives majority, passed both Inland counties, an outcome possibly owing to anti-Trump sentiment, shifting Latino voter attitudes or both. “We’re very happy with the results. And we’re still celebrating!” San Bernardino County Democratic Party

Chair Kristin Washington said via email. The fight over Proposition 50 isn’t over. On Thursday, the Trump administration joined the California Republican Party in suing to block the ballot measure. Republicans control the White House, Senate and the House. If Democrats win one or both congressional chambers in the 2026 midterm elections, it would make it much harder for Trump to pursue his agenda and potentially leave him vulnerable to impeachment proceedings. Statewide, Proposition 50 passed with 64% of the vote. Though votes are still being counted, it’s winning in Riverside and San Bernardino counties with 56% and 57% of the vote, respectively. Marcia Godwin, a professor of public administration at the University of La Verne, noted that a poll taken the first week ballots went out showed Proposition 50 failing in the Inland Empire. The region “did swing

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Split decision

Donald Trump won Riverside and San Bernardino counties in 2024. But Proposition 50, opposed by the president, passed in both counties



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WEATHER

Big rain puts a damper on SoCal

Flooding, mudslide risks have travelers and rescuers wary, with another storm to come

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Heavy rain that drenched most of Southern California on Saturday is expected to continue into today, as a particularly stormy start to the rainy season heightens concerns about potential flooding and mudslides amid evacuation warnings in communities scorched by recent wildfires. The rain, torrential at times on Saturday, could also lead to washed-out roads, debris flows and damaging winds, making travel difficult or dangerous, forecasters warned. Caltrans reported downed trees, falling debris and gravel throughout Los Angeles County. Fog and gusty winds were reported on the 5 Freeway from Gorman to Santa Clarita. The rain caused a minor rockfall and debris flows on a stretch of Topanga Canyon Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway and Grand View Drive, Caltrans said. The highway remains closed, and will reopen after the storms pass and crews have removed hazards. “During this time, folks should be prepared for ample traffic incidents, delays and a few road closures,” the National Weather Service said. “This

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INLAND EMPIRE

Study: Economy is leaving Latino workers behind

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They make the Inland economy go, but they aren’t getting anywhere. That’s the conclusion of a recent study of Inland Empire Latinos that identified wage disparities and other problems facing the biggest slice of the region’s workforce. “Latino workers have been essential to the Inland Empire’s economic growth, yet too many continue to encounter barriers that keep them from fully sharing in that prosperity,” Mariah Bonilla, a study co-author, said in a news release. Released in late October, the study by UCLA’s

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SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Quiet minigovernments hold your billions



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We continue to believe in the government’s power to do good. But seriously, California, some things seem to have gotten completely out of hand. We speak again of that near-invisible form of local government called “special

districts” — usually single-purpose agencies that form an awe-inspiring patchwork quilt above, below and alongside your higher-profile city and county governments. Some

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Special district cash and investments more than quadrupled between 2007 and 2024 (up 309%), whereas inflation rose just 54%, according to a state oversight agency. ISTOCKPHOTO

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Riverside
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Temecula:
High 63
Low 50
Desert:
High 70
Low 55
Mountains:
High 46
Low 36

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