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Becerra will advance to general election in governor's race

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Democrat Xavier Becerra has advanced to the November general election for governor, according to the Associated Press.

As of 4:50 p.m. Friday, Becerra captured 26.6% of the count-

ed votes. Republican Steve Hilton trailed slightly behind with 26.4% and Democrat Tom Steyer crept behind at 21%.

Hilton is currently the second-highest vote-getter in the June 2 primary as election officials continue to count ballots. Steyer has a narrow path to eclipsing Hilton and forcing a Democrat vs. Democrat general election.

The result marks a stunning turnaround for the former California Attorney General Becerra, whose campaign struggled to raise money or make a dent in polls for much of the race. That changed when former Rep. Eric Swalwell faced accusations of sexual misconduct and dropped out of the race, leading to a sudden surge in support for

Becerra. His campaign got additional support from business interests like the California Chamber of Commerce, Chevron and PG&E, which funded efforts to boost Becerra or attack Steyer.

If Becerra wins the November general election, he'll be California's first Latino governor in more than 150 years.

The Democrat is a Sacramento native with deep roots in California Democratic Party politics, beginning with his first run for State Assembly in 1989 and continuing with a dozen terms representing parts of Los Angeles in Congress. He became California's first Latino attorney general when he was appointed to the post by former Gov. Jerry Brown in 2017, winning re-election the following year and serving as former President Joe Biden's secretary of health and human services from 2021 to 2024.

On the campaign trail, Becer-

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Dusty Baker wears the baseball glove he used during his playing career with the Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics at his Granite Bay home on Wednesday. Baker's his new memoir, "Crossroads," comes out Tuesday.

Kevin Kiley likely to face Richard Pan in 6th District

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Former state Sen. Richard Pan has retaken the second spot in California's 6th District primary election and appears poised to face newly Independent Rep. Kevin Kiley in November.

Sacramento County's election results update Friday afternoon catapulted Pan past Michael Stansfield, an unknown Republican candidate who had surprised many with his position on Tuesday night.

Pan now has nearly 23% of the vote compared to Stansfield's 21.2%. Kiley leads the race with 25.4% and has been expected to advance to the general election. About 66% of the vote has been counted as of 4:46 p.m. Friday, according to the Associated Press.

The latest results will ease the concerns of some Democrats who worried about the slight possibility of a Kiley and Stansfield runoff. The 6th Congressional District, which mostly consists of Sacramento and Placer County, is supposed to be a safe blue seat.

But the number of high-profile Democratic candidates split the vote and left an early possibility that none from the party would make the general. Besides Pan, Sacramento County District Attorney Thein Ho, West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero and Lauren Babb Tomlinson, a Planned Parenthood leader, also ran in the district.

Ho and Tomlinson both had about 11%, while Guerrero had 7.2% as of 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Kiley would have largely benefited from a November faceoff with Stansfield, who told The Sacramento Bee he was not driven by the Republican Party's policies, but by a desire to convince Evangelical

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MLB great and Granite Bay resident Dusty Baker drops memoir

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Dusty Baker is retired, ostensibly, but there's always something he's doing. And on a hot day last week, what he was doing was picking plums.

A Del Campo High School graduate, Baker moved to Sacramento as a teenager and now lives on roughly four acres in Granite Bay. He has the eighth-most wins of any manager in Major League Baseball history, is a likely Hall of Fame selection this fall and has a new memoir out Tuesday, "Crossroads," co-written with Steve Kettmann.

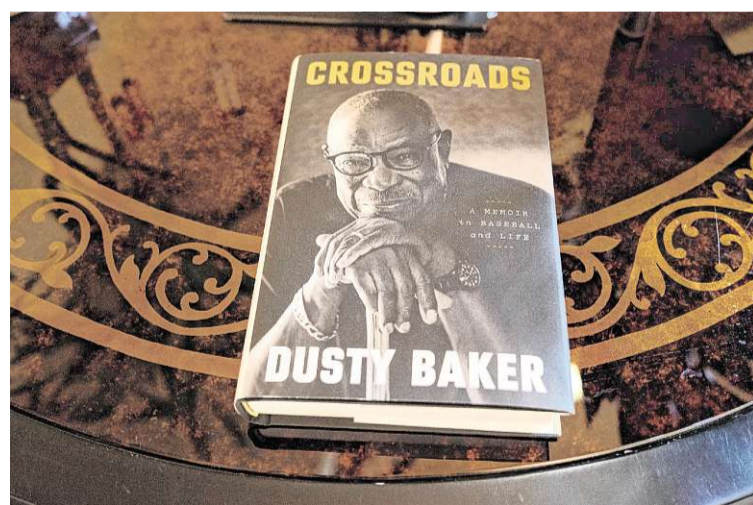
In back of his almost 9,000-square-foot home that he shares with his wife Melissa Baker, there's a private vineyard, a batting cage with seats from

different MLB ballparks and a tree that his daughter got married under. Then there are three types of plum trees.

The plums, like so much in Baker's life, have come in abundantly. He tries to keep up on picking them so they don't fall to the ground and get eaten by his German shorthaired pointers, Gracie and Riley. The fruit upsets their digestive systems. Baker, who is unfailingly kind, also enjoys giving the plums away.

Although Baker could pay someone to pick the plums, he uses a fruit picker on a pole to do it himself, even if it makes his wife worry. "She brings me water and tells me, 'Oh, honey, you're doing too much,'" Baker said. "But that's part of my

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A copy of "Crossroads," the new memoir by Dusty Baker, sits on a table at his home in Granite Bay on Wednesday. The book chronicles Baker's journey in baseball, from signing with the Atlanta Braves in 1968 against his father's wishes to being mentored by Hank Aaron, winning the 1981 World Series as a player, and capturing the 2022 World Series title as a manager.

Trump accuses California Democrats of stealing votes

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President Donald Trump on Thursday — without evidence — accused California Democrats

of stealing votes as ballots from Tuesday's primary election are still being counted, leaving the fate of many races still in the balance.

"Look what's happening in California, the Democrats, right before our very eyes, are steal-

ing the Vote," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. "I hope the Republicans are watching so that they can finally pass THE SAVE AMERICA ACT!" he added, referring to a proposal federal law that would severely limit the use of mail-in ballots

along with other changes.

The measure has stalled in Congress due to fears that it will disenfranchise millions of voters and other concerns.

That post came roughly 12 hours after Trump claimed, also on Truth Social, that the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles was investigating why it was taking the state so long to count outstanding ballots.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's Office declined to comment on the president's

post.

As of Thursday afternoon, Los Angeles U.S. Attorney Bill Es-sayli, a prolific X user, had not posted anything about the election or the vote count.

Trump, for years, has made accusations about widespread voter fraud that have not been proven.

California Secretary of State Shirley Weber, on Thursday, defended the state in the face of

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