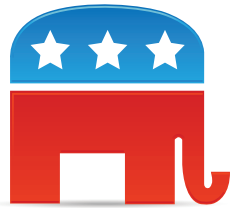




Races to Watch

NALEO 2010 GENERAL ELECTION PROFILE



AN ANALYSIS OF ALL LATINO CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR
CONGRESS, STATEWIDE OFFICE AND STATE LEGISLATIVE SEATS
IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Election 2010, Latinos are poised to again play a key role in shaping the nation's political landscape. Latino candidates are demonstrating that they can successfully pursue seats in Congress and state houses across the country, where important decisions are made about the policies that affect the lives of all Americans. Additionally, Latinos are achieving new milestones in their efforts to attain full representation at the federal and state level. This *Election Profile* focuses on key federal and state races involving Latino candidates in the general election on November 2, 2010.

Latinos are running for top offices in more than 80% of the nation's states: Latinos are running for top federal and state positions in 41 states throughout the nation - a sign that Latinos are mobilizing for political progress in both the traditional Latino population centers, and in regions with emerging Latino communities such as the Plains States, the Midwest, the Deep South, and New England.

Latinos in the U.S. Senate: Former Florida Speaker of the House of Representatives Marco Rubio (R) is in a tight three-way race for the U.S. Senate. He faces Florida Governor Charlie Crist, who left the Republican Party to run as an Independent, and U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek (D). Political observers credit Rubio's growing popularity with Republican voters as a significant factor in Crist's decision. With the partisan balance of the U.S. Senate at stake in November, this is one of the most closely-watched Senate contests in the nation.

Latinos in the U.S. House of Representatives: The number of Latinos in Congress could increase by as many as three - there are three Latino Republicans who are running in extremely competitive races: Washington State Rep. Jaime Herrera in Washington's 3rd congressional district; Idaho State Rep. Raul Labrador, who may unseat incumbent Walt Minnick (D) in Idaho's 1st district; and businessman Bill Flores, who may unseat incumbent Chet Edwards (D) in Texas' 17th congressional district. The Florida 25th Congressional district seat held by incumbent U.S. Rep. Mario-Diaz-Balart (R) may fall into Democratic hands if Joe Garcia (D), who formerly served as Executive Director of the Cuban American National Foundation and as a member of the Obama Administration, wins his contest against Florida State Rep. David Rivera (R).

Latinos in Statewide Office: Eighteen Latinos are running for statewide executive offices. Some of these races are the most competitive in the nation, and are being watched closely by both political parties. In New Mexico, District Attorney Susana Martinez (R) is battling Lt. Governor Diane Denish (D) to become the Governor of New Mexico. If Martinez wins, she would be the first female and the first Latina to serve as the state's Governor. In Nevada, federal judge and former Nevada Attorney General Brian Sandoval (R) is facing Clark County Commission Chair Rory Reid (D) in the race to become Nevada's next Governor. If he wins election, Sandoval would be Nevada's first Latino Governor.

Latinos in State Senates: Latinos are likely to see a net gain of nine seats, increasing the total from 65 to 74 nationwide. This gain is partly due to a significant number (12) of Latino state representatives pursuing higher office and reflects the political mobility of Latino elected officials.

Latinos in state lower houses: In state lower houses, there could be a very modest increase in the total number of Latinos from 179 to 184.

The *Profile* includes a state-by-state description of the key federal and state legislative races involving Latino candidates (an analysis of the growing number of Latinos running for local offices, such as county, municipal and school board seats is beyond the scope of the *Profile*). On pages 18-21, the *Profile* sets forth tables, which include the number of Latino candidates for federal and state legislative offices, and potential Latino electoral gains for each state.

ALASKA

STATE CONTESTS

Alaska House of Representatives

Two Latinos face tough races in their bids to unseat incumbents: Retired election official and civil servant Guadalupe Marroquin (D) is facing State Rep. Bob Lynn (R), and business manager Jodie Dominguez is facing State Rep. Craig Johnson (R).

ARIZONA

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Incumbent Ed Pastor (D) has good prospects of victory in his 4th congressional district re-election contest. Incumbent Raul Grijalva (D) has a competitive challenge in his 7th congressional district race, but is likely to emerge victorious.

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Officials

Mining engineer Manuel Cruz (D) is in a tough but competitive battle against incumbent Joe Hart (R) for Arizona State Mine Inspector.

Arizona State Senate

Four of Arizona's incumbent State Senators are running for re-election, and three are facing somewhat competitive challenges: Democrats Manny Alvarez, Rebecca Rios, and Amanda Aguirre. Incumbent Linda Lopez (D) has good prospects in her re-election bid. Former State Rep. Steve Gallardo (D) is running unopposed for the District 13 seat being vacated by termed-out Senator Richard Miranda, who is pursuing a seat in the State House of Representatives. State Rep. Robert Meza is running unopposed for the District 14 seat being vacated by incumbent Debbie McCune Davis (D). State Rep. Olivia Cajero Bedford (D) is running unopposed to fill the District 27 seat formerly held by deceased Senator Jorge Luis Garcia (D). State Rep. Kyrsten Sinema faces opposition in her bid for the District 15 seat being vacated by Ken Chevront (D), but she has good prospects of emerging victorious.

Arizona House of Representatives

Two of Arizona's eight Latino State Representatives are running for re-election - Democrat Anna Tovar, and Republican Steve Montenegro - both have excellent prospects for their re-election bids.

Each Arizona lower state house district is represented by two State Representatives, and both major political parties can field as many as two candidates for those two seats. The two candidates who win the most votes are elected to serve as State Representatives from each district. Thus, candidates in these contests may face as many as three other opponents.

Latinos who are likely to emerge victorious in November include State Senator Richard Miranda (D) who is pursuing a seat in District 13; educator Catherine Miranda (D) and former Phoenix City Council staffer Ruben Gallego (D) are pursuing seats in District 16; educator Ben Arredondo (D), who is pursuing a seat in District 17; and former State Rep. Sally Ann Gonzales (D) and educator Macario Saldade (D), who are pursuing seats in District 27. Latino candidates with more competitive races include businessowner Karina Guerrero (D) who is pursuing a seat in District 4, former State Rep. Ernest Bustamante (D), who is pursuing a seat in District 23; and businessman Ruben Ortega (D), who is pursuing a seat in District 25.

CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

All six of California's incumbent Latino U.S. Representatives are running for re-election, and five face no significant opposition in their re-election bids: Democrats Joe Baca (43rd district), Xavier Becerra (31st district), Grace Flores Napolitano (38th district), Lucille Roybal-Allard (34th district), and Linda Sánchez (39th district). U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez (47th district) is facing a competitive challenge from State Assemblymember Van Tran (GOP), in a race that is being targeted by both parties.

Democratic mental health counselor Christina Avalos faces a tough contest in her 40th congressional district bid to unseat U.S. Rep. Ed Royce (R).

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Officials

Lt. Governor Abel Maldonado (R), who was appointed to the office by Governor Schwarzenegger in April 2010, is seeking to run for his first full term. His opponent is San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom (D).

Retired school superintendent Larry Aceves is facing State Assemblymember Tom Torlakson in the non-partisan contest for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

California State Senate

Of the nine incumbent Latino State Senators, five are running for re-election and four are not facing serious opposition: Democrats Ron Calderon, Gloria Negrete-McLeod, Jenny Oropeza, and Alex Padilla. State Senator Lou Correa (D) is facing a competitive challenge from Anaheim City Councilmember Lucille Kring, but has good prospects of victory.

Four Latino State Assemblymembers are seeking seats in the State Senate. Anna Caballero (D) has good prospects in her fight against Ceres Mayor Anthony Cannella in the 12th district. Kevin De León (D) is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by State Senator Gil Cedillo (D), and Edward P. Hernandez (D) is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by State Senator Gloria Romero (D). Juan Vargas (D) has good prospects for victory in his race against educator Brian Hendry (R) for the seat being vacated by State Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny.

Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio (D) is in a competitive contest against farmer and businessowner Tim Thiesen (R) for the seat being vacated by State Senator Dean Florez (D).

California State Assembly

Of the 17 current Latino State Assemblymembers, seven will seek re-election in November, and all are likely to return to their seats: Democrats Charles Calderon, Felipe Fuentes, Tony Mendoza, John Pérez, Manuel Pérez Jose Solorio and Norma Torres.

In many of the State Assembly contests, Latino candidates across the state are running for seats being vacated by termed-out incumbents or Assemblymembers who are pursuing higher office. Contra Costa County Supervisor Susan Bonilla (D) has good prospects of winning her contest against marketing manager Julie Craven (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Tom Torlakson (D). San Jose City Councilmember Nora Campos is likely to emerge victorious in her contest against insurance agent Atul Saini (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Joe Coto (D). Superior Court Attorney Luis Alejo (D) has good prospects of victory to win the seat being vacated by incumbent Anna Caballero (D), who is pursuing a seat in the State Senate. Businessperson and former Shafter Mayor Pro Tem Fran Florez (D) is in a competitive contest against businessperson David Valadao (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Danny Gilmore (R). Fresno City Councilmember Henry Perea (D)

CALIFORNIA, continued

is in a competitive race against businessperson Brandon Shoemaker (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Juan Arambula (I). Ricardo Lara (D), who has worked as a staffer for several Latino state legislators, has good prospects of victory in his contest against Gladys Miller (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Hector De La Torre (D). State Senator Gil Cedillo (D) is likely to emerge victorious in his contest against businessperson Suzanne Olivos (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Kevin De León (D). West Covina Mayor Roger Hernandez (D) has good prospects in his fight against student Brian Gutierrez (R) for the seat being vacated by Edward P. Hernandez (D). San Diego Council President Ben Hueso (D) is involved in a very competitive contest against private investigator Derrick Roach (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Mary Salas (D).

Other Latino candidates, particularly those who are trying to unseat incumbents, face more challenging battles. Santa Maria City Councilmember Hilda Zacarias (D) is in a tough race against San Luis Obispo County Supervisor "Katcho" Achadjian (R) for the seat formerly held by Sam Blakeslee (R). University associate dean Esiquio Ramos Uballe (D) is facing a difficult fight against incumbent Chris Norby (R). Student Esmeralda Castro (D) has an uphill battle to unseat incumbent Connie Conway (R). Riverside Community College District trustee Jose Medina (D) is in a tough fight to unseat incumbent Brian Nestande (R). San Diego City Educator Martha Flores-Gibson (R) is facing a challenging contest in her bid to unseat incumbent Bonnie Lowenthal (D).

COLORADO

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Colorado's Latino incumbent U.S. Representative John Salazar (D) is facing a competitive challenge from State Rep. Scott Tipton (R) in his 3rd district re-election bid.

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Officials

Joseph Garcia (D), President of Colorado State University - Pueblo, is pursuing the position of Lt. Governor as the running mate of gubernatorial candidate John Hickenlooper (D).

Colorado State Senate

State Senator Angela Giron (D), who was appointed to her seat when former State Senator Abel Tapia (D) resigned to become the Director of the Colorado Lottery, is likely to emerge victorious in her bid for her first full term. Reverend Lucia Guzman (D), who is Executive Director of Denver's Agency for Community Rights and Human Relations, has excellent prospects in her contest against businessowner Derec Shuler (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Paula Sandoval (D).

Luis Alvarez (R) has an uphill battle in his bid to unseat State Senate Assistant Majority Leader Lois Tochtrop (D).

Colorado State House of Representatives

Both of Colorado incumbent State Representatives are seeking re-election, and are likely to emerge victorious: Democrats Edward Casso and Edward Vigil.

Attorney Dan Pabon (D) has good prospects of winning his contest against businessowner Rick Nevin (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent K. Jerry Frangas (D). Labor attorney Crisanta Duran (D) also has a good chance of winning her fight against mortgage broker Ronnie Nelson (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Joel Judd (D).

Business manager Robert Ramirez (R) is in a competitive but tough contest in his bid to unseat incumbent Debbie Benefield (D). Other Latinos who are challenging incumbents have more difficult races: Businessowner Edgar Antillon (R), who is facing incumbent Cherylin Peniston (D); Steven Rodriguez (R), who is facing incumbent Salvatore Pace (D); and Christine Mastin (R), who is facing incumbent Daniel Kagan (D). Businessperson Pauline Olvera (R) also faces an uphill battle in her fight against businessowner Angela Williams (D) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Terrance Carroll (D).

CONNECTICUT

STATE CONTESTS

Connecticut House of Representatives

All eight of Connecticut's current Latino state representatives are running for re-election and have excellent prospects for winning: Democrats David Aldarondo, Andres Ayala, Jr., Juan Candelaria, Minnie Gonzalez, Hector Robles, Jason Rojas, Kelvin Roldan and Ezequiel Santiago.

DELAWARE

STATE CONTESTS

Delaware House of Representatives

Delaware's only Latino serving in the state legislature, Joseph Miro (R), has excellent prospects for victory in November.

FLORIDA

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. Senate

Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Marco Rubio (R) is in a competitive three-way race for the U.S. Senate. He faces Florida Governor Charlie Crist, who left the Republican Party to run as an Independent, and U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek (D). Political observers credit Rubio's growing popularity with Republican voters as a significant factor in Crist's decision. With the partisan balance of the U.S. Senate at stake in November, this is one of the most closely-watched Senate contests in the nation.

U.S. House of Representatives

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R) has good prospects of being re-elected in the 18th congressional district. U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R), who currently represents Florida's 25th congressional district, is running unopposed in the 21st district for the seat being vacated by his brother, Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R), who is retiring from the House. The most competitive Congressional contest involving Latino candidates is the 25th district battle between Florida State Rep. David Rivera (R) and Joe Garcia (D), who formerly served as Executive Director of the Cuban American National Foundation and as a member of the Obama Administration. Former LULAC Florida State Director Anita de Palma (D) faces a tough contest in her 9th congressional district bid to unseat incumbent Gus Bilirakis (R).

STATE CONTESTS

Florida State Senate

State Rep. Rene Garcia (R) is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by incumbent Rodolfo Garcia, Jr. (R). Attorney and former Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R) is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by his brother, Alex Diaz de la Portilla (R). State Representative Anitere Flores (R) has good prospects of emerging victorious in her bid for the seat being vacated by incumbent J. Alex Villalobos (R).

Florida House of Representatives

Seven of the 13 Latino State Representatives are running for re-election, and none face serious opposition: Republicans Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Erik Fresen, Eduardo Gonzalez, Carlos Lopez-Cantera, and Democrats Janet Cruz, Luis Garcia and Darren Soto. Four new Latinos will likely gain seats in the state house: Miami-Dade County Public School Boardmember Ana Rivas Logan (R) has good prospects in her contest against small business leader Millie Herrera (D). Attorney Jose Felix Diaz is likely to emerge victorious in his battle against chiropractic physician Jeffrey Solomon for the seat being vacated by Juan Carlos Planas (R). Assistant State Attorney Carlos Trujillo is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by incumbent Marcelo Llorente (R). Health care executive Jeanette Nuñez (R) has a good chance to win her contest against Doral Councilmember Sandra Ruiz (D) for the seat being vacated by incumbent David Rivera (R). Small businessowner Frank Artilles (R) is likely to emerge victorious in his battle against Dade County Farm Bureau Executive Director Katie Edwards (D) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Juan Carlos Zapata (R).

FLORIDA, continued

Other Latino candidates have more competitive contests for the state house. Non-profit executive Charlie Lopez (R) is in a tough fight against incumbent State Rep. Dwight Bullard (D). Amy Mercado (D) has a difficult race in her challenge to unseat incumbent Dean Cannon (R). City planner Leo Cruz (D) is facing a challenging fight against health care consultant David Brodeur for the seat being vacated by incumbent Sandra Adams (R). Attorney Lisa Lesperance (D) faces a tough race against businessowner Michael Bileca (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Julio Robaina (R).

GEORGIA

STATE CONTESTS

Georgia House of Representatives

All three of Georgia's current Latino State Representatives are running for re-election with good prospects of winning - Republicans David Casas and Tony Sellier, and Democrat Pedro Marin. Physician Pablo Santamaria (D) is in a competitive contest against former Dublin Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Hatchett (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent DuBose Porter (D).

HAWAII

STATE CONTESTS

Hawaii State Senate

Honolulu City Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz (D) has good prospects in his contest against Charles Aki (R) for the seat vacated by former State Senator Robert Bunda (D), who resigned to run for Lt. Governor.

IDAHO

FEDERAL CONTEST

U.S. House of Representatives

Idaho's only Latino State Representative, Republican Raul Labrador, is in a competitive fight in the 1st Congressional district to unseat incumbent U.S Rep. Walt Minnick (D).

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Office

Incumbent State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna (R) is likely to emerge victorious in his contest against Boise School District Superintendent Stan Olson (D).

Idaho House of Representatives

Business development director Ralph Perez (R) faces a tough contest in his fight to unseat incumbent Grant Burgoyne (D).

ILLINOIS

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Incumbent Luis Gutierrez (D) is likely to win his re-election bid in the 4th Congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Officials

Aurora business consultant Robert Enriquez (R) faces a tough contest in his fight to unseat incumbent Secretary of State Jesse White (D).

Illinois State Senate

State Senator Antonio Muñoz (D) is up for re-election this year, and is running unopposed for his seat. The other three Latino incumbent State Senators are not up for election this year: Democrats William Delgado, Iris Martinez and Martin Sandoval.

Illinois House of Representatives

All eight Latino State Representatives are up for re-election. Most are unopposed and all have good prospects of retaining their seats: Democrats Edward Acevedo, Luis Arroyo, Maria Antonia Berrios, Linda Chapa LaVia, Fred Crespo, Elizabeth Hernandez, Susana Mendoza, and Cynthia Soto.

Peoria City Councilmember Jim Montelongo (R) is facing a tough contest in his bid to unseat State Rep. Jehan Gordon (D).

INDIANA

FEDERAL CONTEST

U.S. House of Representatives

Professional union carpenter Mark Leyva (R) faces an uphill battle in his bid to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky (D) in the 1st congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

Indiana House of Representatives

Indiana's only Latino state legislator, Maria Candelaria-Reardon (D), is likely to win her bid for re-election in District 12.

IOWA

STATE CONTESTS

Iowa House of Representatives

Matthew Alcazar (R) is facing a difficult race in his bid to unseat incumbent Helen Miller (D).

KANSAS

STATE CONTESTS

Kansas House of Representatives

Two of Kansas' three Latino State Representatives are running unopposed for re-election: Mario Goico (R) and Louis Ruiz (D). They will be joined in the state house by Ponka-We Victors (D), who is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by incumbent Delia Garcia (D), and Reynaldo Mesa (R) who is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by incumbent Jeff Whitham (R).

Democrat Rebecca Escalante is facing a tough contest in her bid to unseat incumbent Pat George (R) in District 119.

KENTUCKY

STATE CONTESTS

Kentucky State Senate

Physician Ralph Alvarado (R) faces a difficult contest in his bid to unseat incumbent R.J. Palmer, II (D).

Kentucky State House of Representatives

Raul Torres Urias (R) faces a tough contest in his bid to unseat incumbent W. Keith Hall (D).

LOUISIANA

STATE CONTESTS

Louisiana House of Representatives

State Representative Helena Moreno (D) is not up for re-election this year.

MAINE

STATE CONTESTS

Maine House of Representatives

Harrison Board of Selectmen member Lisa Villa (D) faces a tough contest against self-employed carpenter Paul Waterhouse (R) for a seat in District 98.

MARYLAND

STATE CONTESTS

Maryland State Senate

Latino State Senator Alex Mooney (R) has good prospects of winning his re-election contest. He will be joined in the State Senate by State Representative Victor Ramirez (D), who is unopposed in his bid for higher office.

Maryland House of Delegates

Two of Maryland's three Latino State Representatives are seeking re-election, and both have good prospects for victory: Democrats Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Ana Sol Gutierrez. Homemaker and consultant Maryann Maher (D) is in a competitive contest to gain a seat in District 9A. Teacher's aide and homemaker Maria Peña-Faustino (R) faces a difficult race in District 14. Joseph Gutierrez (D) is involved in an uphill battle to win a seat in District 35A.

MASSACHUSETTS

STATE CONTESTS

Massachusetts State Senate

Latina State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz is unopposed in her re-election contest.

Massachusetts House of Representatives

All three of Massachusetts' incumbent Latino state representatives will seek re-election and all are expected to succeed: Democrats Geraldo Alicea, Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, and Jeffrey Sanchez. They will be joined in the state house by community youth worker Carlos Henriquez (D), who is running unopposed for the 5th Suffolk district seat.

MICHIGAN

FEDERAL CONTEST

U.S. House of Representatives

Firefighter and paramedic Henry Yanez (D) faces a tough contest in his bid to unseat incumbent Candice Miller (R) in the 10th congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

Michigan House of Representatives

Urban planner Harvey Santana (D) has good prospects of victory in his contest against Jasmine Ford (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Gabe Leland (D). Latino candidates with tougher races include pastor Jeff Fernandez (R) who is running against former Kalamazoo City Commissioner Sean McCann (D) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Robert Jones (D); and union official Art Reyes (D) who is trying to unseat incumbent Paul Scott (R).

MINNESOTA

STATE CONTESTS

Minnesota State Senate

Incumbent Patricia Torres Ray (D) is likely to emerge victorious in her re-election bid. Tony Hernandez (R) faces a tough race in his bid to unseat incumbent Richard J. Cohen (D).

Minnesota House of Representatives

Incumbent Carlos Mariani-Rosa (D) has good prospects in his re-election contest.

MISSOURI

STATE CONTESTS

Missouri State Senate

House Majority Whip Brian Nieves (R) has good prospects in his contest against former State Rep. George Weber (D) for the seat being vacated by incumbent John Griesheimer (R).

Missouri House of Representatives

Incumbent Latino State Rep. Mike Talboy (D) is running unopposed in the general election.

MONTANA

STATE CONTESTS

Montana House of Representatives

Consulting firm owner Mary Hernandez (D) faces an uphill battle in her attempt to unseat incumbent Tom McGillvray (R) in District 50.

NEVADA

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Officials

Federal judge and former Nevada Attorney General Brian Sandoval (R) is facing Clark County Commission Chair Rory Reid (D) in the race to become Nevada's next Governor. Political observers view this as one of the most competitive gubernatorial contests in the nation. If he wins election, Sandoval would be Nevada's first Latino Governor.

Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto (D) has good prospects of winning her re-election bid.

Nevada State Senate

Two of Nevada's State Assemblymembers are pursuing seats in the State Senate, and both are likely to emerge victorious: Democrats Moises Denis and Ruben Kihuen.

Nevada State Assembly

Two of Nevada's four Latino incumbent State Assemblymembers are running for re-election, and both have good prospects of winning: Democrats John Ocegüera, and James Ohrenschall. Other Latinos in competitive contests for the State Assembly include educator Olivia Diaz (D) who is facing Vonnie Brewer (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Ruben Kihuen (D); University executive Lucy Flores (D) who is facing James Cressman (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Moises Denis (D); contractor Richard Carrillo (D) who is facing small businessowner and CIA veteran Ken Walther (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Mark Manendo (D); social worker Teresa Benitez-Thompson (D) who is facing mortgage loan officer Gabe Jurado (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Sheila Leslie (D); and former executive Irene Bustamante Adams (D) who is facing Kathryn Njus (R) for the seat being vacated by Harry Mortenson (D).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE CONTESTS

New Hampshire House of Representatives

Incumbents Jim Aguiar (D), Marilinda Garcia (R) and Peter Silva (R) are expected to win their re-election bids.

In Hillsborough District 17, former State Representative Carlos Gonzalez (R) is in a competitive contest to regain a seat in the New Hampshire state house, the General Court. Other Latino candidates who are trying to win new General Court seats face more challenging races including business owner Alejandro Urrutia (D) in his bid for Hillsborough District 27, and former Franklin School Board member Carlos Cardona (D) in his bid for Merrimack 2.

NEW JERSEY

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. Senate

New Jersey's Latino U.S. Senator, Robert Menendez (D) , is not up for re-election this year.

U.S. House of Representatives

New Jersey's Latino U.S. Representative, Albio Sires (D), has excellent prospects of winning re-election in the 13th congressional district. Michael Alonso (R) faces a tough contest in his bid to unseat incumbent Donald Payne (D) in the 10th congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

New Jersey State Senate

State Senator M. Teresa Ruiz (D) is not up for re-election this year.

New Jersey General Assembly

None of New Jersey's six Latino incumbents are up for re-election this year.

NEW MEXICO

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Ben R. Lujan (D) is likely to emerge victorious in his 3rd congressional district re-election bid. Businessman Jon Barela (R) is in a tough but competitive fight to unseat incumbent Martin Heinrich (D) in New Mexico's 1st congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Offices

District Attorney Susana Martinez (R) is in an extremely competitive battle against Lt. Governor Diane Denish (D) to become the Governor of New Mexico. If Martinez wins, she would be the first female and the first Latina to serve as the state's Governor. Both candidates have Latino Lt. Governor running mates - former State Rep. John Sanchez is on the Republican ticket, and attorney Brian Colón is on the Democratic ticket.

State Auditor Hector Balderas (D) has good prospects of victory in his re-election bid. Secretary of State Mary Herrera (D) is facing a competitive challenge from State Senator Dianna Duran (R) in her re-election contest.

New Mexico State Senate

None of New Mexico's 17 Latino incumbent State Senators are up for re-election.

New Mexico House of Representatives

Twenty-nine of New Mexico's 32 Latino incumbent State Representatives are running for re-election. Seventeen are running unopposed on November 2: Democrats Eliseo Lee Alcon, Joseph Cervantes, Eleanor Chavez, Mary Helen Garcia, Thomas Garcia, Antonio Lujan, Ben Lujan, Patricia Lundstrom, Antonio Maestas, W. Ken Martinez, Rick Miera, Debbie Rodella, Henry Saavedra, Edward Sandoval, Nick Salazar and Jim Trujillo; and Republican Lorenzo A. Larrañaga . Other incumbents face opposition, but have good prospects of retaining their seats: Democrats Andrew Barreras , Ernest Chavez, Miguel Garcia, Roberto Gonzales, Joni Marie Gutierrez, Rodolpho Martinez, Andrew Nunez, Alfred Park, Sheryl Williams-Stapleton, Luciano Varela, and Richard Vigil; and Republican Nora Espinoza.

NEW MEXICO, continued

New Mexico incumbent State Representatives are likely to be joined in the state house by Belen Consolidated Schools Board member Julian Luna (D) who is facing realtor Alonzo Baldonado (R) for the District 8 seat. Latino candidates with tougher contests include Chaves County Commissioner Michael Trujillo (D) who is trying to unseat incumbent Candy Spence Ezell (R); construction supervisor LeRoy Candelaria (R) who is facing incumbent Rhonda King (D); and Alamogordo School Board member Susan Medina (D) who is facing businessperson Yvette Herell (R) for the seat being vacated by Gloria Vaughn (R).

NEW YORK

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Both incumbent Latino Members of Congress - Democrats Nydia Velazquez (12th district) and Jose E. Serrano (16th district) - are likely to win their re-election bids.

Social services group administrator Diana Muñiz (R) is in a tough contest to unseat incumbent Edolphus Towns (D) in the 10th congressional district. Consulting executive John Gomez (R) faces an uphill battle in his challenge to incumbent Steve Israel (D) in the 2nd congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

New York State Senate

Four of the six Latino incumbents are running for re-election and are well-positioned to win their races: Democrats Ruben Diaz, Sr., Martin M. Dilan, Jose R. Peralta, and Jose M. Serrano. They are likely to be joined in the State Senate by two new faces: Educator J. Gustavo Rivera (D) who is facing John McCarthy (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Pedro Espada, Jr. (D); and State Assemblymember Adriano Espaillat (D) who is facing Stylo Sapaskis (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Kevin Parker (D).

New York State Assembly

Ten of the 12 Latino incumbents are running for re-election, and all have good prospects for their election bids: Democrats Carmen Arroyo, Nelson Castro, Marcos Crespo, Vito Lopez, Felix Ortiz, Phillip Ramos, Jose Rivera, Naomi Rivera, and Peter Rivera, and Republican Peter Lopez. They are likely to be joined in the state house by former New York City Councilmember and Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Guillermo Linares (D) who is facing businessperson Dan Russo (R) for the seat being vacated by Adriano Espaillat (D); community activist Francisco Moya (D) who is facing insurance broker Humberto Suarezmotta (R) for the seat vacated by former Assemblymember Jose Peralta (D) when he successfully ran for State Senate in a March 2010 special election; and Community Board Chair Robert Rodriguez (D) who is likely to win his race for the seat being vacated by incumbent Adam Clayton Powell, IV (D).

Podiatrist Harold Paez (R) faces a tough contest in his bid to unseat incumbent Audrey Pheffer (D).

NORTH CAROLINA

STATE CONTESTS

North Carolina State Senate

Incumbent Tom Apodaca (R) has good prospects of winning in his re-election bid.

North Carolina House of Representatives

Republican incumbent Daniel McComas is likely to emerge victorious in his re-election bid. Educator Cristina Vazquez (D) faces a tough race in her bid to unseat incumbent Dale Folwell (R).

NORTH DAKOTA

STATE CONTESTS

North Dakota State Senate

Educator Nick Archuleta (D) is in a competitive contest against former State Rep. Margaret Sitte (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Tracy Potter (D).

OHIO

STATE CONTESTS

Ohio House of Representatives

Former Westerville Mayor Anne Gonzales (R) faces a tough race in her bid to unseat incumbent Marian Harris (D). Senior legislative staffer Dan Ramos (D) is in a challenging fight against incumbent Henry Lewandowski (R)

OKLAHOMA

STATE CONTESTS

Oklahoma House of Representatives

Incumbent Charles Ortega (R) is running unopposed in his re-election bid.

OREGON

FEDERAL CONTEST

U.S House of Representatives

Homemaker Delia Lopez (R) faces a tough race in her bid to unseat incumbent Earl Blumenauer (D) in the 1st congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

Statewide Officials

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo won sufficient votes in her non-partisan primary to secure re-election.

Oregon State House of Representatives

PENNSYLVANIA

STATE CONTESTS

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Incumbent State Rep. Angel Cruz (D) is unopposed in his re-election bid.

RHODE ISLAND

STATE CONTESTS

Rhode Island State Senate

Incumbent State Senator Juan Pichardo (D) is likely to emerge victorious in his re-election bid to represent District 2.

Rhode Island House of Representatives

Both incumbent Democrats Grace Diaz and Anastasia Williams have good prospects in their re-election bids. Businessperson Leo Medina (D) is running unopposed for the District 12 seat.

SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE CONTESTS

South Carolina House of Representatives

Businessowner Ines Alvarez (D) faces a tough race against incumbent Eric Bedingfield (R) in District 28.

TENNESSEE

FEDERAL CONTEST

U.S. House of Representatives

Patrick Miranda (R) is in a challenging contest against incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper (D) in the 5th congressional district.

STATE CONTESTS

Tennessee State Senate

State Senator Dolores Gresham (R) is not up for election.

TEXAS

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Five of Texas' Latino Democratic incumbents have good prospects of winning their re-election bids: Henry Cuellar (28th district), Charlie Gonzalez (20th district), Ruben Hinojosa (15th district), Solomon P. Ortiz (27th district), and Silvestre Reyes (16th district). Incumbent Ciro Rodriguez (D) faces a more difficult race - he is being challenged by businessperson Francisco Canseco (R), and the 23rd district contest is considered one of the most competitive in Texas

In another extremely competitive congressional contest, businessperson Bill Flores (R) is challenging incumbent Chet Edwards (D) in the 17th congressional district. Harris County Board of Education Trustee Roy Morales (R) faces an uphill battle in his 29th district bid to unseat incumbent Gene Green (D).

TEXAS, continued

STATE CONTESTS

Texas Statewide Officials

Two Latino Texans running for statewide office are facing tough contests. National labor leader Linda Chavez-Thompson (D) is trying to unseat incumbent Lt. Governor David Dewhurst (R), and former state legislator Hector Uribe (D) is trying to unseat incumbent Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson (R).

Texas State Senate

Only one of Texas' six incumbent Latino State Senators is up for re-election: Democrat Carlos Uresti, who has good prospects for retaining his seat. Attorney Jose Rodriguez (D) is likely to win his contest against economics professor Dan Chavez (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Eliot Shapleigh (D).

Texas House of Representatives

Of the state's 32 incumbent Latino State Representatives, 28 are seeking re-election. Most have excellent prospects of emerging victorious in November including: Democrats Roberto Alonzo, Carol Alvarado, Rafael Anchia, Joaquin Castro, Joe Farias, Jessica C. Farrar, Pete P. Gallego, Veronica Gonzales, Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Ryan Guillen, Roland Gutierrez, Ana E. Hernandez, Abel Herrero, Eddie Lucio, III, Marisa Marquez, Armando Martinez, Trey Martinez Fischer, Jose Menendez, Joseph Moody, Rene O. Oliveira, Solomon Ortiz, Jr., Aaron Peña, Richard Peña Raymond, Chente Quintanilla, Eddie Rodriguez, Mike Villareal and Armando Walle. Incumbent Diana Maldonado (D) is facing a competitive challenge from businessowner Larry Gonzales (R).

Several Latino candidates are running unopposed and will join the incumbents in the state house: Attorney Sergio Muñoz, Jr. (D), who will hold the seat being vacated by incumbent Kino Flores (D); businessperson J. M. Lozano (D), who will hold the seat being vacated by Tara Rios Ybarra (D); and attorney Naomi Gonzalez (D), who will hold the seat being vacated by incumbent Norma Chavez (D). Latina business consultant Loretta Haldewang (D) is mounting a competitive challenge to incumbent Linda Harper-Brown (R). Latinos facing tougher contests include home builder John Garza (R), who is trying to unseat incumbent David McQuade Leibowitz (D); attorney Rick Molina (D), who is challenging incumbent Ken Legler (R); production technician Abel Bosquez (D) who is battling Amarillo attorney Four Price (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent David Swinford; and consultant Joe Montemayor (D) who is facing executive Dan Huberty (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Joe Crabb (R).

UTAH

STATE CONTESTS

Utah State Senate

Only one of Utah's incumbent State Senators - Ross Romero (D) - is up for re-election, and he has excellent prospects of retaining his seat.

Utah House of Representatives

Utah's two Latino incumbents - Mark Wheatley (D) and Rebecca Chavez-Houck (D) - have good prospects in their bids for re-election. Real estate developer Brad Galvez (R) is in a competitive contest against Benjamin Pales (D) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Kerry Gibson (R). Gilberto Urroz (D) faces a difficult race against David Butterfield (R) for the seat being vacated by incumbent Fred Hunsaker (R).

WASHINGTON

FEDERAL CONTEST

U.S. House of Representatives

State Representative Jaime Herrera (R) is in a competitive fight against television station owner Denny Heck (D) for the 3rd congressional district seat.

Washington State Senate

Washington's only Latina Senator Margarita Prentice (D) is not up for re-election.

Washington House of Representatives

Incumbent State Representative Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney (D) faces no opposition in her re-election bid.

Businessperson Rodrigo Yanez (R) faces a tough contest in his bid to unseat incumbent Pat Sullivan.

WISCONSIN

STATE CONTESTS

Wisconsin House of Representatives

Educator and community outreach coordinator JoCasta Zamarripa (D) has good prospects of victory in her bid for the seat vacated by former incumbent Pedro Colón (D).

WYOMING

STATE CONTESTS

Wyoming State Senate

Wyoming's only Latino State Senator Floyd Esquibel (D) is not up for re-election.

Wyoming House of Representatives

Incumbent Ken Esquibel (D) will likely emerge victorious in his race to retain his seat in District 41. Daniel Cardenas (R) faces a tough contest in his bid to unseat incumbent W. Patrick Goggles (D).

LATINOS RUNNING FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE¹

State	Candidate	Office	Party
AZ	Manuel Cruz	State Mine Inspector	DEM
CA	Abel Maldonado	Lt. Governor	GOP
CA	Larry Aceves	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Non-partisan office
CO	Joseph Garcia	Lt. Governor ²	DEM
ID	Tom Luna	Superintendent of Public Education	GOP
IL	Robert Enriquez	Secretary of State	GOP
NV	Brian Sandoval	Governor	GOP
NV	Catherine Cortez Masto	Attorney General	DEM
NM	Susana Martinez	Governor	GOP
NM	John Sanchez	Lt. Governor ²	GOP
NM	Brian Colón	Lt. Governor ²	DEM
NM	Mary Herrera	Secretary of State	DEM
NM	Dianna Duran	Secretary of State	GOP
NM	Hector Balderas	State Auditor	DEM
NM	Errol Chavez	State Auditor	GOP
OR	Susan Castillo	Superintendent of Public Instruction ³	Non-partisan office
TX	Linda Chavez-Thompson	Lt. Governor	DEM
TX	Hector Uribe	Land Commissioner	DEM

¹The name of the late Jorge Luis Garcia (D), who was running for Arizona Corporation Commission, will remain on the Arizona ballot. Should his name receive sufficient votes, Arizona's Governor will name an individual to fill the office.

²Candidate is running on a slate with gubernatorial candidate.

³ Susan Castillo received enough votes in Oregon's primary to secure re-election to her office.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following table sets forth for each state: the number of Latinos currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, the number of Latino candidates running for U.S. House, the potential net gain or loss of Latino seats, and the potential composition of the U.S. House after the November election.

State	Number of Latinos Currently in U.S. House		Latinos running in November		Potential Net Gain/Loss		Potential Number of Latinos After Election	
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP
AZ	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	0
CA	6	0	7	0	0	0	6	0
CO	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
FL	0	3	3	3	1	-1	1	2
ID	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
IL	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
IN	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
MI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NJ	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
NM	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
NY	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0
OR	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TN	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TX	6	0	6	4	0	1	6	1
WA	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total	20	3	25	18	1	2	21	5

See "Methodology" on page 22 for more information.

STATE SENATORS

The following table sets forth for each state: the number of Latinos currently serving in State Senates, the number of Latino candidates running for State Senate, the potential net gain or loss of Latino seats, and the potential composition of the State Senate after the November election.

State	Number of Latinos Currently in State Senate		Latinos running in November		Potential Net Gain/Loss		Potential Number of Latinos After Election	
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP
AZ	6	0	8	0	2	0	8	0
CA	9	0	10	0	1	0	10	0
CO	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0
FL	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3
HI	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
IL	4	0	1	0	0	0	4	0
KY	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
MD	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
MA	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
MI	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0
MN	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
MO	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
NV	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0
NM	16	1	0	0	0	0	16	1
NJ	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
NY	5	0	6	1	1	0	6	0
NC	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
ND	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
RI	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
TN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TX	6	0	2	1	1	0	7	0
UT	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
WA	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
WY	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	57	8	38	12	9	0	66	8

See "Methodology" on page 22 for more information.

STATE ASSEMBLIES OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following table sets forth for each state: the number of Latinos currently serving in State lower Houses, the number of Latino candidates running for State lower Houses, the potential net gain or loss of Latino seats, and the potential composition of the State lower Houses after the November election.

State	Number of Latinos Currently in State House			Latinos running in November		Potential Net Gain/Loss			Potential Number of Latinos After Election			
	DEM	GOP	IND	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	IND	DEM	GOP	IND	
AK	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ	7	1	0	10	1	1	0	0	8	1	0	0
CA	16	0	1	20	4	0	0	-1	16	0	0	0
CO	2	0	0	4	5	2	1	0	4	1	0	0
CT	8	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
DE	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
FL	3	10	0	8	11	0	-1	0	3	9	0	0
GA	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
ID	0	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0
IL	8	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
IN	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
IA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KS	2	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0
KY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ME	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MD	3	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
MA	3	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
MI	2	0	0	2	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0
MN	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
MO	1	1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0	0
MT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NV	4	0	0	7	1	3	0	0	7	0	0	0
NH	1	2	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	3	0	0
NJ	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
NM	29	3	0	30	7	-1	-1	0	28	2	0	0
NY	12	1	0	12	6	0	0	0	12	1	0	0
NC	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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See "Methodology" on page 22 for more information.

STATE ASSEMBLIES OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (CONTINUED)

State	Number of Latinos Currently in State House			Latinos running in November		Potential Net Gain/Loss			Potential Number of Latinos After Election		
	DEM	GOP	IND	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	IND	DEM	GOP	IND
OH	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
OK	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
OR	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
PA	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
RI	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
SC	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TX	32	0	0	35	6	0	0	0	32	0	0
UT	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	1	0
WA	1	1	0	1	1	0	-1	0	1	0	0
WI	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
WY	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	151	27	1	180	63	7	-1	-1	158	26	0

See "Methodology" on page 22 for more information.

METHODOLOGY

In the three tables presented on pages 18-21, potential Latino gains and losses were calculated with reference to the number of Latino incumbents running for re-election, and the number of Latino non-incumbent candidates in very competitive races. In determining which Latino candidates were running in competitive races, we considered a variety of factors including the extent to which candidates were challenging entrenched incumbents, the party registration of the district, campaign finance information, and information obtained from local political observers. The number of Latino candidates includes all those we could identify as running for legislative office, both incumbent and non-incumbent, and without reference to whether the candidates were running in competitive races. Although we have made every effort to verify that candidates identified as Latino are of Hispanic or Latino origin, it is possible that a small number of candidates have been misidentified and that we may have included or excluded a few candidates incorrectly.

Generally, this *Profile* only discusses Latinos who are running either as Democrats or Republicans, unless the candidacy of an Independent or third party-Latino will have a major impact on the outcome of the race in which the candidate is involved.