

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Young Kim for Congress  
**FROM:** George Nassar, Public Opinion Strategies  
**SUBJECT:** Key Findings – CA CD40 Primary Survey  
**DATE:** February 10, 2026

*Public Opinion Strategies recently completed a survey of 400 likely primary voters in California’s 40th Congressional District. All interviews were completed by a live interviewer. The survey was conducted January 24-27, 2026, and has a margin of error of ±4.9%. The memorandum below reviews the key findings of the survey. The survey was sponsored by Young Kim for Congress.*

**The Bottom Line**

Young Kim is best positioned to win the CA-40 primary. Our survey finds that despite having represented less of the new district, Kim leads Ken Calvert on the initial ballot and tops Calvert across decisive blocs—including Republicans, 4-of-4 voters, Trump voters, and seniors—while posting a 54%–39% advantage among Republicans who view both candidates favorably. Young’s strength is driven by overwhelming support among Republicans in her district (77%–16%), while Calvert’s support is much softer in his (53%–19%). These results show Kim has the coalition, message, and momentum to win.

**Young Kim leads Ken Calvert overall and among key groups of voters that will decide the primary.**

- Despite having represented less of the new district, Young Kim leads Ken Calvert among all voters.
- Young Kim holds a rock-solid lead among Republicans in her current district (CA-40), while Ken Calvert’s support in his own (CA-41) is notably softer, with one-in-five Republicans undecided.
- Kim leads not only among Republicans but also among the highest-propensity voters (4-of-4 voters) and seniors.
- Among Republicans who view both Young Kim and Ken Calvert favorably, Kim leads 54%–39%.

Initial Ballot	All Voters	Republicans	GOP/ Fav Both	GOP/Trump 24’ Voters	GOP/ 65+	GOP/ 4/4	GOP/ CA-40	GOP/ CA-41
Young Kim	23%	42%	54%	46%	43%	52%	77%	19%
Ken Calvert	22%	36%	39%	39%	35%	36%	16%	53%
Joe Kerr	22%	5%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	7%
Esther Kim Varet	14%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Undecided	19%	15%	7%	12%	18%	8%	2%	20%
<b>Kim-Calvert</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>+6%</b>	<b>+15%</b>	<b>+7%</b>	<b>+8%</b>	<b>+16%</b>	<b>+61%</b>	<b>-34%</b>