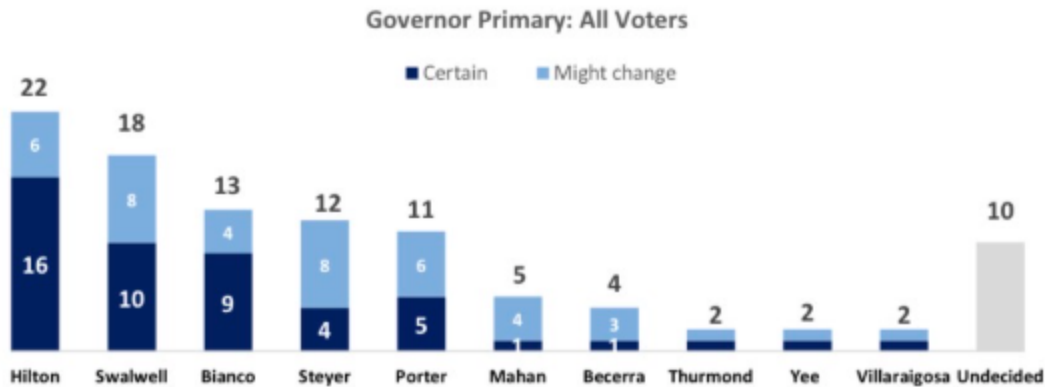


A survey conducted in from April 1st to 6th, 2026 by David Binder Research of 800 likely primary voters shows Democrat Eric Swalwell breaking away from the other Democratic candidates in the governor's California race and Republican Steve Hilton separating from his Republican counterpart Chad Bianco.

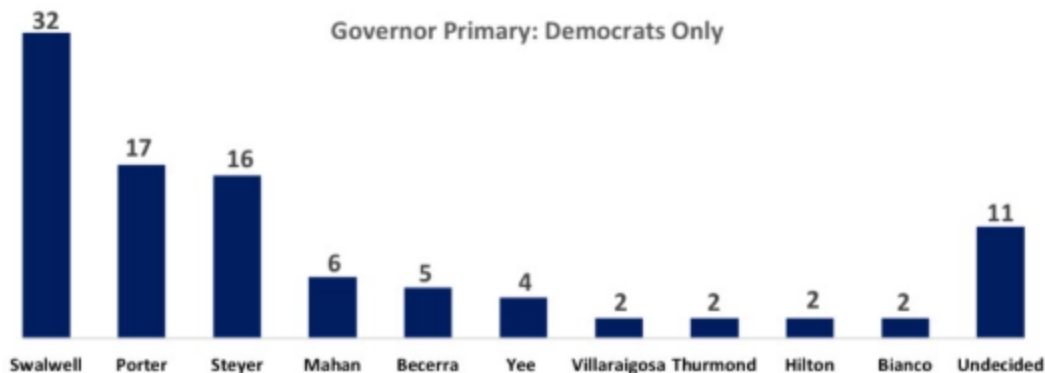
Hilton and Swalwell lead the race to become the top two finishers in the primary.

- ⇒ Swalwell leads Tom Steyer by 6 points, 18% to 12%, and leads Katie Porter by 7 points, 18% to 11%.
- ⇒ Hilton leads Bianco by 9 points 22% to 13%.



Swalwell has a commanding lead among Democratic voters.

- ⇒ Swalwell has a double-digit lead over both Porter (32% to 17%) and Steyer (32% to 16%) among Democrats.



Methodology

David Binder Research conducted 800 interviews with likely California primary voters using mixed modes of voter contact, including telephone and text-to-web. Respondents were likely June 2026 voters. The survey was conducted in English and Spanish. The margin of the sampling error is $\pm 3.5\%$.