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**Subject: Democrat Steyer Leads California Governors Race, Republican Hilton in Second Place**

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A new PPP poll in California finds Democrat Tom Steyer in the lead for California's Governors race with 21%. Republican Steve Hilton gets 20%, Democrat Xavier Becerra 18%, and Republican Chad Bianco 14%. Democrats Katie Porter and Matt Mahan both receive 7%, Antonio Villaraigosa gets 2%, and 1% of voters say they're voting for someone else. 10% are undecided.

Steyer may have the late momentum. Among people who have already voted, Hilton got 24% and Becerra and Steyer each 22%. But among those who have yet to vote, Steyer is at 20% to 16% each for Hilton and Bianco and 13% for Becerra.

PPP interviewed 686 likely voters in California on May 27-28, 2026. The margin of error for the poll is +/- 3.7% 67% of interviews were conducted by text and 33% by landline.

