

CA-13 District Primer

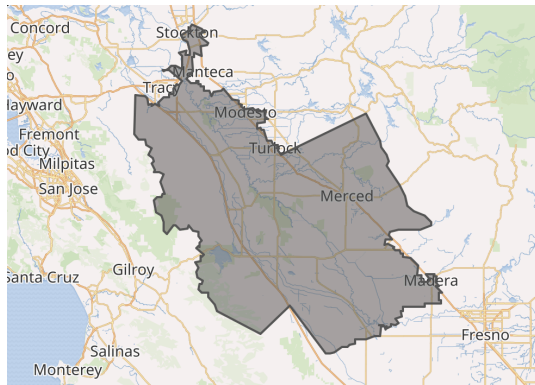
In 2024, Democrat Adam Gray won this seat by 187 votes. *That's close!* With a winning margin of *less than one vote per precinct*, we can't afford to lose a single vote. With your help, we're going to **HOLD** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

| Key dates |
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| Filing Deadline: March 6 |
| Primary: June 2 |
| Midterms: November 3 |

Recent Election Results

| 2024 Presidential Election | 2024 House Election | 2022 House Election |
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| Harris: 100,559 (45.9%) Trump: 112,433 (51.3%) | Adam Gray (D): 105,554 (50.0%) John Duarte (R): 105,367 (50.0%) | John Duarte (R): 67,060 (50.2%) Adam Gray (D): 66,496 (49.8%) |

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Stockton (parts): 324,975
- Modesto (parts): 218,915
- Merced: 96,075

Geography

Post-Proposition 50, the district includes parts of Stockton and less of greater Fresno. Apart from the larger towns, like Modesto and Stockton, this largely rural and agricultural district in the Central Valley is sparsely populated.

Citizenry

In this socioeconomically mixed district, 66% of residents identify as Hispanic. 56.8% of residents speak Spanish at home. Approximately 48,000 residents in the district receive SNAP benefits.

Merced leans slightly conservative, and the towns of Madera and Turlock are notably so. Stockton, however, has twice as many registered Democrats as registered Republicans.

The Local Vibe

ICE raids have depressed school attendance in the Central Valley, costing weeks of lost class time and threatening attendance-based school funding. Raids have occurred in Home Depot parking lots and on area farms.

Cancelled grants include: A \$500,000 NIH project at UC Merced, a large EPA project in Stanislaus County, and \$63,000 in funding a HUD program in Modesto. The State Department has revoked the visas of several UC Merced students.

Protests began in January 2025 and have increased in size and intensity ever since. Approximately 500 attended an April 2025 "Hands Off! Merced Fights Back!" protest; hundreds attended the No Kings demonstration in Merced in June. Thousands rallied at the "Hands Off!" and "No Kings!" demonstrations in Stockton.

Key Issues

- **ICE:** Raids and fears of raids are depressing school attendance and workforce participation.
 - **Agricultural crisis:** Tariffs and immigration crackdowns are wreaking havoc on the farm economy.
 - **Threats to democracy:** District residents are expressing their opposition to the Trump administration's anti-democratic policies.
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About the Candidates

Adam Gray | Democratic Incumbent

Democrat **Adam Gray** was born and raised in Merced, where he currently lives. He was first elected to represent CA-13 in 2024. Before serving in Congress, Gray spent ten years in the California State Assembly. A moderate who works effectively across the aisle, Rep. Gray is Whip of the Blue Dog Coalition and a member of the New Democrat Coalition. Gray serves on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee.

Issues: Rep. Gray's policy concerns revolve around water and agriculture, education, public safety, veterans, and health care. He helped to establish an MD program at UC Merced, to build new water storage infrastructure in the district, and to improve water access for Central Valley farmers.

Republican Challengers

There are two possible candidates; we'll know more after the primary election on June 2.

Kevin Lincoln II is a Trump-endorsed Black Republican and a former Marine. The grandson of a Mexican immigrant, Lincoln was raised in a military family. In 2013 he became a full-time pastor at a Stockton church. In 2019 he was elected mayor of Stockton. In 2024, he lost to Josh Harder (D) in CA-09. While he has made anti-abortion and MAGA-aligned statements, he has refused to make his political positions public. He has no experience as a legislator.

Vin Kruttiventi is a businessman with no experience holding public office. His MAGA-friendly priorities include expanding gun rights, promoting anti-conservation water management, holding a hard line on immigration, and massively funding the military and police.

The contrast: Rep. Gray has already proven himself to be a talented legislator who can effectively represent the people of CA-13 in Washington. His opponents, in contrast, have no experience in government, hold extreme views, and lack the political courage to state their positions on the record.