

### **Government Relations**

Yesterday's election day can be captured in two words: Tense and nervous. Americans experienced an election night like no other, laced with fear of civil unrest, a pandemic, and potentially another toilet paper shortage! Tall fences were installed around the White House, as many businesses boarded up and closed early!

### **November 04: Voting Records Shattered!**

Thank you for exercising your right to vote!

This election marked the highest voter turnout in decades. As of today, over 12.7 million Californians – 60%– have voted, the highest voter turnout in decades. This number will still increase as more ballots are still to be counted in person and via mail.

Leading up to Election Day, 1.7 million young Latino voters between the ages of 18 and 29 voted early. Nationwide, 8.6 million Latinos voted before November 3rd. These are historic Latino turnout numbers reaching nearly double that of 2016.

This voter turnout is encouraging, but we have to continue to vote in every single election – for both our civic health and general health. Stay engaged, and thank you for making your voice heard.

### **General Election 2020**

President Trump and former Vice-President Biden remain in a tight contest as vote counting continues in **Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina and other states**. While several electoral combinations could make the difference in the race, this difference may rely on the Rust Belt states. The current count stands at 238 electoral college votes for Biden, and 213 for Trump. Both need 270 votes to win the election.

Early this morning, the President made false claims that he had already won the election and threatened to take this race to the Supreme Court with a number of states still counting. Various prominent Republicans have come out publically condemning his remarks—noting that “the result would be known “only after every legally cast vote has been counted.”

**For the House and Senate**, early indications are the House will stay under Democratic control, though with more Republicans elected, and the Senate will remain in Republican hands.

- In the Senate, close races are still going on in Arizona, North Carolina, Maine and Georgia. So far the Dems have flipped two seats, and the GOP took one back. Democrats need a net gain of 3 or 4 seats to win the majority.
- Democrats have kept the House — but are unlikely to expand their majority, despite predictions of another blue wave.

## **On Healthcare**

With what we know so far, this is how it may impact healthcare.

First, neither party likely have control of both Congress and the Presidency. The parties will have to compromise, for example the likelihood of enacting a public option or repeal the Affordable Care Act is not high.

Second, if Biden were to win, he likely would have to move his health agenda through a Republican-controlled Senate, meaning top priorities such as the public option would not be considered. Other priorities, such as COVID relief and future pandemic preparedness, likely would face an easier road.

Third, any Democratic hopes to use the Congressional Review Act or repeal the Senate filibuster to reverse President Trump's regulatory priorities likely would be off the table because of the Republican control of the Senate. Therefore, many of President Trump's regulations would not be overturned by Congress, though a Biden Administration could seek to reverse through the regulatory process.

## **Local**

In Los Angeles County, George Gascon wins LA County District Attorney over incumbent Jackie Lacey. For LA County Supervisor District two, Holly Mitchell leads Herb Wesson for the seat.

In Orange County, has been a fake vote center in the City of Westminster. According to videos recorded within this "vote center" individuals were collecting ballots and throwing them away. This has already been reported to the police and the AG and SOS are involved.

- Supervisor Andrew Do also is in the lead against challenger Sergio Contreras.

## **Infection Prevention Medical Director**

- Even if the election does not go the way that we would like it to go, please keep in mind that we have the ability to make change. We are very lucky to work for an organization where we can make so much change happen for the better.
- The following sites had a flu vaccination compliance of 80% or greater: South LA PACE, Santa Ana Main Dental, South Gate Dental, Commerce, Huntington Beach, Orange Clinic, Pico Passons, Santa Ana Main, South Gate Medical, Westlake, Boyle Heights Pharmacy, Pico Passons Pharmacy and Huntington Beach Dental.
- Huntington Beach Dental had a 100% vaccination rate. Dr. Brown will make a trip to deliver some treats to Huntington Beach dental and the Orange clinic.
- Guisela Lazo at First Street Dental is the winner of the \$100 raffle prize. Congratulations to all the winners!
- Please keep up the good work and maintain your faith!

## **Human Resources**

- **Open Enrollment Continues through November 20**
  - The Open Enrollment period closes on Friday, November 20. Please make sure to remind your staff. Benefit elections or changes made during Open Enrollment are for the

benefit period starting January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. Visit [Town Square](#) to learn more. The Benefits Support Center is available Monday to Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to assist with benefit-related questions or to help enroll employees over the phone at (323) 720-5670, Option 1.

- **Free UnidosUS Financial Wellness Coaching**
  - AltaMed is offering Financial Wellness Coaching with UnidosUS until December 31. This service is free and completely confidential. If you are interested, please send your email and preferred phone number to [LiveWell@altaMed.org](mailto:LiveWell@altaMed.org)