

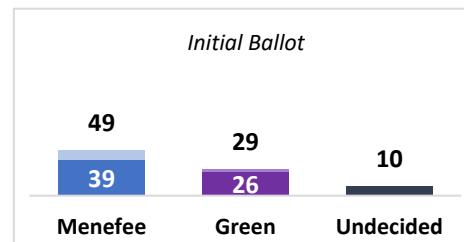
To: Interested Parties
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 Re: Christian Menefee Expands his Lead in the New TX-18ⁱ
 Date: February 2026

Congressman Christian Menefee has a commanding lead over Congressman Al Green in the Democratic primary for Texas' new 18th Congressional District. The data shows that Menefee has continued to pick up momentum, growing more popular and going from a six point lead in December to a 20 point lead today. With continued support to keep up that advantage, Menefee will win in March.

Here are the key findings from the survey, which was conducted among likely March Democratic primary voters within TX-18's new boundaries following the state's recent mid-decade redistricting:

1. Menefee has increased his lead over Green since December.

In the initial ballot, before hearing any candidate messaging, 49% of voters say they will vote for Menefee, 29% say they will vote for Green, and 10% are undecided.ⁱⁱ In December, Menefee led Green 41% to 35%.



Menefee's current strong support (39%) is greater than Green's overall support, and in an isolated head-to-head ballot, Menefee leads with 52% to Green's 34%.

2. After voters hear balanced positive profiles reflecting Menefee and Green's current messaging, Menefee maintains his strong lead. In the positive informed ballot, 50% of voters vote for Menefee, 31% vote for Green, and eight percent are undecided.

3. Menefee withstands his lead under negative attack. After both candidates are critiqued 47% of voters vote for Menefee, 28% vote for Green, and 12% are undecided,ⁱⁱⁱ demonstrating that even after potential back-and-forth negatives from each of the campaigns, Menefee is still likely to finish ahead.

4. Voters like both Menefee and Green. Menefee has made strong strides since December and is now equally as liked as Green – and with no real baggage. Seventy-four percent of voters have a favorable impression of Menefee (eight percent unfavorable); 76% of voters have a favorable impression of Green (16% unfavorable). In December, 69% had a favorable impression of Menefee (four percent unfavorable), while Green's favorability has gone unchanged.

The January campaign mattered. Menefee is further ahead, has grown in popularity, and is likely to win in March with these dynamics.

ⁱ Method: TeamU at LRP designed and administered this text-to-online survey, conducted from February 2 – 8, 2026. The survey reached a total of 430 likely March 2026 Democratic primary voters in the newly redistricted TX-18. The data were weighted slightly. The margin of error for this survey is $+/-4.7\%$ and larger for sub-groups.

ⁱⁱ Amanda Edwards and Gretchen Brown were included in the initial ballot. However, Edwards, who received seven percent of the vote, has since suspended her campaign, and only one voter said they were voting for Brown.

ⁱⁱⁱ After the positive profiles, six percent of voters vote for Edwards. After both Menefee and Green are critiqued, eight percent vote for Edwards and one percent vote for Brown.