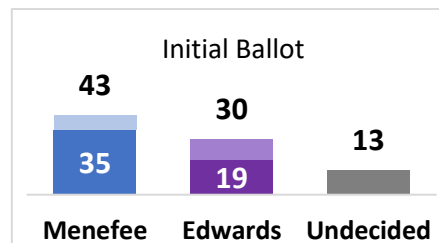


To: Interested Parties
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Re: Christian Menefee Leads in TX's 18th CD Runoffⁱ
Date: December 2025

In about 45 days voters will begin voting in Texas's 18th Congressional District runoff. Our most recent poll shows Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee in strong position to win the runoff and head to Congress. Here are the key findings:

- 1. Menefee leads Edwards by double digits.** In the initial ballot, before voters hear any messaging from the candidates, 43% of voters indicate they will vote for Menefee compared to just 30% who say they will support Edwards. Menefee has more intense support (35% strongly support) than Edwards has total support (30% total support, 19% strongly).



Menefee's lead is wide, and it is deep. Currently, he leads among both women (+12 Menefee) and men (+16), among Black voters (+13), white voters (+17), and Latino/a voters (+6), and among voters over age 55 (+9) and those under age 55 (+17). He leads among Black women (+13) and Black men (+16). And among voters who participated in the November special election, Menefee leads 44% to 31% (+12).

- 2. Menefee's lead likely has permanence because voters who know both Menefee and Edwards and voters who like both of them vote for Menefee.** Menefee is now as well-known as Edwards (79% can rate each). As importantly, Menefee leads the ballot among voters who can rate both candidates (51% to 33%) and among those who are favorable toward both (54% to 34%). Seven in ten voters can rate both candidates (72%) and more than half like both candidates (54%); there is little reason to think voters who newly get to know these candidates will feel differently from the many who already know them and are choosing Menefee.
- 3. Voters who feel favorably toward Jolanda Jones support Menefee in the runoff.** Menefee leads Edwards by 12 points among voters with a favorable view of State Representative Jones (49% to 37%). And, among voters who are either favorable toward Jones or voted for her in November (self-reported), the lead is also significant (49% to 38%). Menefee's double-digit lead among Jones supporters makes sense, as he more fully encompasses Jones' primary message of being a fighter against Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans

Christian Menefee should be considered the favorite to win the January runoff. If he has the financial and organizing support to reach voters, he will win and represent TX-18 in Congress.

ⁱ Method: TeamU at LRP designed and administered this survey. It was conducted by telephone using professional interviewers as well as text-to-online from December 8 – 14, 2025. The survey reached a total of 437 likely January 2026 special election runoff voters in the current TX-18. The data were weighted slightly. The margin of error for this survey is +/-4.7% and larger for sub-groups.