

**TO:** Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates  
**RE:** Impeachment of Donald Trump among California Democratic Primary Voters  
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A recently completed survey<sup>1</sup> among 500 California Democrats likely to cast a ballot in the June 2018 statewide primary finds these voters to be extremely disturbed by Donald Trump's behavior and actions during his ten months as President. Therefore, California Democrats are in favor of the Congress impeaching Donald Trump and removing him from office.

As **Figure 1** shows, more than three-quarters (77%) of California Democratic primary voters favor the Congress impeaching and removing Donald Trump from office, including two-thirds (65%) who "strongly" favor the idea.

**Figure 1: Favor/Oppose the U.S. Congress Impeaching Donald Trump and Removing Him from Office**

Favor/Oppose	Percentage
<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>	<b>77%</b>
Strongly favor	65%
Somewhat favor	12%
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>17%</b>
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	7%
Don't Know/NA	6%

Across all major demographic subgroups, California Democrats express strong support for impeachment: women (83%) and men (80%); Latinos (78%) and whites (78%); non-college (77%) and college educated (76%); all ages, 18-49 (78%), 50-64 (77%), and 65+ (76%); and throughout the state: Bay Area (81%), San Diego (81%), LA media market (78%), Central Valley/Coast (72%) and Sacramento media market (71%).

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<sup>1</sup> **Survey Methodology:** From October 5-8, 2017, FM3 conducted a survey of 500 randomly-selected California Democrats likely to vote in the June 2018 statewide primary election. Interviews were conducted via landline and cell phone. The margin of sampling error is +/- 4.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level; margins of error for population subgroups will be higher. Due to rounding, some percentages may not sum to 100%.

The foundation of California Democrats’ demand for Donald Trump’s impeachment is found in strong support for three of the specific rationales for this action. As **Figure 2** shows, more than seven in ten survey respondents feel strongly that Trump should be removed from office because his financial interests violate the emoluments clause of the U.S. Constitution, his actions as President are more egregious than those of the two previous presidents impeached, and that he likely committed obstruction of justice by firing James Comey as FBI Director.

**Figure 2: Legitimacy of Reasons to Impeach Donald Trump and Remove Him from Office**  
(Rated on a scale of 1-10; 1= “not at all legitimate” & 10= “extremely legitimate”)

Reason to Impeach Donald Trump	Mean Score	Percentage Rating Reason as an 8, 9 or 10
Donald Trump is using the presidency to enrich himself by refusing to divest himself of domestic and international business interests that are benefitting him financially due to his position as President – which is a violation of the U.S. constitution	8.3	73%
Conflicts of interest caused by Trump’s financial investments, and his potential obstruction of justice already go further than the standard used to impeach two previous presidents	8.3	72%
Legal scholars say Trump committed obstruction of justice by firing James Comey as FBI Director who was investigating allegations of collusion between Trump’s presidential campaign and Russia	8.2	71%

California Democrats’ strong support for the impeachment of Donald Trump is also evidenced by the finding that a 52% majority are more likely to support a Congressional candidate committed to impeaching Donald Trump as soon as possible. In comparison, four in ten prefer a candidate who thinks investigations of Trump should continue, but that it would be premature to go forward with impeachment at this point.

**Figure 3: U.S. Senate Candidate Contrast Statements**

Candidate Description	Percentage
A Democrat who supports impeaching Donald Trump, and believes Congress should be working to remove him from office right now because he is unstable and threatens the safety of our nation and the entire world.	52%
A Democrat who believes that we should fully investigate Donald Trump and hold him accountable for any laws that he may have broken, but it is premature to begin impeachment proceedings at this time.	40%
Don’t Know/NA	8%