



MEMORANDUM

To: GuidePost Clients
From: GuidePost Strategies
RE: 2022 Primaries
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OVERVIEW

There are currently five remaining primary days across eight states. This memo outlines the candidates, key issues, and projected winners for each party within key U.S. House and Senate races. The primaries remaining are:

- **August 13:** Hawaii
- **August 16:** Alaska, Wyoming
- **August 23:** Florida
- **September 6:** Massachusetts
- **September 13:** Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island

In general, the key issues resonating among most voters across party lines appear to be *inflation, gas prices, and the state of the economy*. Other prominent issues, polarized by specific party line, include stances on *abortion, gun laws, and opinions on the 2020 election* (this has been a prominent topic of controversy in Republican primaries). Voters also appear to be concerned with issues including *immigration, education, and election procedures*.

Republicans are widely expected to gain control of the House in the general election this November, and quite possibly the Senate. Stakes for both parties are high, as outcomes in November will determine the scope and success of President Biden's agenda over the next two years.

In addition to Congressional control, the outcomes of the remaining primary races may be a telling indicator of the 2024 Presidential Election. As political figureheads - such as former President Donald J. Trump - test the power of their endorsements of party candidates, the success of endorsed candidates may indicate the likelihood of announcements to run in 2024.

AUGUST 2 PRIMARY OUTCOMES

In Arizona, Trump-backed **Blake Masters (R)** won the nomination and will proceed to face incumbent **Mark Kelly (D)**. In the highly-contested Republican gubernatorial primary, Trump-endorsed **Kari Lake (R)** narrowly defeated **Karrin Taylor Robson (R)**. This sets the stage for what will be a highly competitive and expensive election cycle in Arizona for both Governor and Senate seats.

In Michigan, **Tudor Dixon (R)** defeated opponent **Kevin Rinke (R)** in a landslide. In the House, **John Gibbs (R)** defeated incumbent **Peter Meijer (R)** for Michigan's 3rd Congressional District.

In Washington, long-time Democratic Senator **Patty Murray (D)** and newcomer challenger **Tiffany Smiley (R)** were selected in the top-two bipartisan primary to advance to the November ballot. In the House, incumbent and pro-Trump impeachment **Jamie Herrera Butler (R)** lost her primary race to Trump-endorsed primary challenger **Joe Kent (R)** for recently redistricted WA-03. Kent and **Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D)** will head to the general election in November. Eyes are also on recently redistricted WA-04, where incumbent **Dan Newhouse (R)** defeated former gubernatorial candidate **Loren Culp (R)** to battle to keep the seat from **Doug White (D)** this November.

In Kansas for the U.S. Senate seat, incumbent **Jerry Moran (R)** won the Republican primary to face the winner of the Democratic primary, **Mark R. Holland (D)**.

In Missouri, U.S. Senator **Roy Blunt (R)** is not seeking reelection. Primary winners **Eric Schmitt (R)** and **Trudy Busch Valentine (D)** will compete for the open seat in November.

AUGUST 4 PRIMARY OUTCOMES

In Tennessee, **Jason Martin (D)** advances from the Democratic gubernatorial primary to face incumbent **Bill Lee (R)**. Lee is expected to be reelected in November. In the House, **Andy Ogles (R)**, won a crowded Republican primary for the reconfigured, historically left-leaning, congressional district TN-05 in Nashville, a target for Republicans to flip in November. Ogles will face state senator **Heidi Campbell (D)** in November. In the new 6th District, which also includes parts of Nashville, Rep. **John Rose (R)** brings a large fundraising advantage over **Randal Cooper (D)**, winner of the Democratic primary. In the new 7th District, Rep. **Mark Green (R)** won unopposed and will face **Odessa Kelly (D)** in November.

AUGUST 9 PRIMARY OUTCOMES

In Connecticut, incumbent Senator **Richard Blumenthal (D)** will face the winner of the Republican primary, **Leora Levy (R)**. In the race for Governor, incumbent **Ned Lamont (D)** will face Republican challenger **Bob Stefanowski (R)**. Both candidates won unopposed. In the House for District 4, **Jayne Stevenson (R)** won the Republican primary and will challenge incumbent **Jim Himes (D)** for the historically Democratic district.

In Minnesota's gubernatorial race, incumbent **Tim Walz (D)** won the Democratic primary with little challenge, and will compete against Republican challenger **Scott Jensen (R)**. In the House, progressive Rep. **Ilhan Omar (D)**, narrowly won her primary against four challengers in Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, with a margin of just a couple thousand votes against second, **Don Samuels (D)**.

In Vermont, an interesting race unfolded for the state's sole At-Large Congressional District, as Rep. **Peter Welch's (D)** seat is up for the taking as he won the Democratic primary for Senate, vacated by Sen. **Patrick Leahy's (D)** retirement. To fill Welch's place in the House, **Becca Balint (D)** emerged the winner of the Democratic primary by a large margin. If elected, she will become the state's first female member of Congress. **Liam Madden (R)** won the Republican nomination.

In Wisconsin, a high-profile Republican primary governor's race came to a close as Trump-backed **Tim Michels (R)** defeated Scott Walker-backed, and former Lt. Governor **Rebecca Kleefisch (R)**. Michels will go on to face incumbent governor **Tony Evers (D)**. In the Senate, incumbent Republican and Trump ally Sen. **Ron Johnson (R)** will face the winner of the Democratic primary, Lt. Gov. **Mandela Barnes (D)**.

UPCOMING RACES TO WATCH: AUGUST 13 PRIMARIES

Hawaii

There are no House or Senate races considered “battleground” in the 2022 primaries or general election.

UPCOMING RACES TO WATCH: AUGUST 16 PRIMARIES

Alaska

Former Governor of Alaska and first Republican female vice presidential nominee, **Sarah Palin (R)**, is running for Alaska's at-large congressional seat. The seat, Alaska's only member in the U.S. House of Representatives, was vacated after the death of **Rep. Don Young (R)** in March 2022. Young was the longest-serving Republican in congressional history, having been the U.S. representative for 49 years.

Nineteen candidates are running in the top-four primary for United States Senate in Alaska on August 16, 2022. Incumbent **Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R)** is running for re-election. This is the first use of the top-four primary system for a U.S. Senate seat in Alaska since voters approved its use in November 2020. The four candidates to receive the most votes advance to the general election, where the winner is decided using ranked-choice voting. The 19 candidates include eight Republicans, three Democrats, one Libertarian, five independents, and two Alaskan Independence Party candidates.

The offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor are also up for election in 2022 and will also be determined by rank-choice voting. **Governor Mike Dunleavy (R)** is running for reelection.

Wyoming

Neither Senator from Wyoming are up for reelection this year (2024 & 2026).

Wyoming has just one “at-large” representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, currently held by **Liz Cheney (R)**, who is up for reelection. She will face Republicans **Anthony Bouchard**, **Harriet Hageman**, **Robyn Belinsky**, and **Denton Knapp** in the August 16 primary.

A July Mason-Dixon poll sponsored by the Casper Star-Tribune showed Hageman, former President Trump's pick, [leading Cheney by 22 points](#). Cheney has been dismembered from the Wyoming Republican Party after voting to impeach the former president after the incidents of Jan. 6 and constant criticism of Trump. Cheney currently is polling at a [job approval rating of just 27 percent](#).

Governor Mark Gordon (R) will be running for reelection this year, facing Republican challengers in the August 16 primary.

UPCOMING RACES TO WATCH: AUGUST 23 PRIMARIES

Florida

Well-known Senator and former Republican presidential candidate, **Marco Rubio (R)** is up for reelection this year. Rubio has been in office since 2011 and will face the winner of the Democratic primary. **Val Demings (D)** is the favored Democratic candidate.

In the race for governor, Representative **Charlie Crist (D)**, a former governor, faces Agriculture Commissioner **Nikki Fried (D)** to challenge incumbent Governor **Ron DeSantis (R)**.

UPCOMING RACES TO WATCH: SEPTEMBER 6 PRIMARIES

Massachusetts

Democrats, including Attorney General **Maura Healey (D)**, are looking to pick up the governor's seat in the liberal state after current Governor **Charlie Baker (R)** declined to run again.

UPCOMING RACES TO WATCH: SEPTEMBER 13 PRIMARIES

Delaware

Both the Republican and Democrat primaries for Delaware's one House seat were canceled, putting forth incumbent **Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)** and **Lee Murphy (R)** to square off in November's general election.

No Senate races are on the ballot for 2022.

New Hampshire

In New Hampshire, incumbent **Sen. Maggie Hassan (D)**, faces a crowded field hoping to replace her including State Senate president **Chuck Morse (R)**.

For battleground House Seat NH-01, incumbent **Chris Pappas (D)** will face the winner of a crowded Republican primary. Notable frontrunners include former Trump staffers **Matt Mowers (R)** and **Karoline Leavitt (R)**, as well as **Gail Huff Brown (R)**.

Rhode Island

There are no House or Senate races considered "battleground" in the 2022 primaries or general election.

REMAINING PRIMARIES: BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Alaska

Senate Republican Primary: Buzz Kelley; Sam Little; Sam Merrill; Lisa Murkowski (incumbent); Pat Nolin; John Schiess; Kendall Shorkey; Karl Speights; Kelly Tshibaka [toss up with Murkowski]

Senate Democratic Primary: Edgar Blatchford; Pat Chesbro; Ivan Taylor

House (At- Large District)

- Republican Candidates: Nick Begich III; Sarah Palin [projected to win]
- Democratic Candidates: Mary Sattler Peltola

Prominent Issues: Oil and gas industry, energy production in the US; Abortion

Delaware

House (At-Large District)

- Republican Candidates
 - Christopher Hill; Lee Murphy
- Democratic Candidates
 - Lisa Blunt Rochester (incumbent)

Prominent Issues: Gun control; Environmental issues

Florida

Senate

- Republican Primary: Marco Rubio (incumbent)
- Democratic Primary: Ricardo de la Fuente; Val Demings [projected to win primary]; Brian Rush; William Sanchez

House

- District 1
 - Republican Candidates
 - Mark Lombard; Greg Merk; Matt Gaetz (incumbent) [projected to win]
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Rebekah Jones [projected to win]; Peggy Schiller
- District 2
 - Republican Candidates
 - Neal Dunn (incumbent) [projected to win]
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Al Lawson (incumbent)
- District 3
 - Republican Candidates
 - Kat Cammack (incumbent) [projected to win]; Justin Waters; Manuel Asensio
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Danielle Hawk; Tom Wells
- District 4
 - Republican Candidates
 - Erick Aguilar; Aaron Bean [projected to win]; Jon Chuba
 - Democratic Candidates
 - LeShonda Holloway; Tony Hill
- District 5
 - Republican Candidates
 - Leigha Garner-Lopez; John Rutherford (incumbent) [projected to win]; Mara Macie
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Al Robertson; Connell Aubrey Crooms
- District 6
 - Republican Candidates
 - Michael Waltz (incumbent) [projected to win]; Charles Davis
 - Democratic Candidates
 - N/A
- District 7

- Republican Candidates
 - Erika Benfield; Brady Duke; Ted Edwards; Cory Mills; Rusty Roberts; Anthony Sabatini [projected to win]; Armando Santos; Scott Sturgill
- Democratic Candidates
 - Tatiana Fernandez; Karen Green; Al Krulick; Allen Pastrano
- **District 8**
 - Republican Candidates
 - Bill Posey (incumbent) [projected to win]
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Joanne Terry; Danelle Dodge
- **District 9**
 - Republican Candidates
 - Jose Castillo; Scotty Moore; Adianis Morales; Sergio Ortiz
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Darren Soto (incumbent) [projected to win]
- **District 10**
 - Republican Candidates
 - Lateresa Jones; Tuan Le; Thuy Lowe; Willie Montague; Peter Weed; Calvin Wimbish
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Jack Joseph Achenbach; Jeffery Boone; Randolph Bracy; Corrine Brown; Maxwell Frost [toss-up with Bracy]; Terence Gray; Alan Grayson; Natalie Jackson; Khalid Muneer; Teresa Tachon
- **District 11**
 - Republican Candidates
 - Gavriel Soriano; Daniel Webster (incumbent) [projected to win]; Laura Loomer
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Shante Munns
- **District 12**
 - Republican Candidates
 - Gus Bilirakis (incumbent) [projected to win]; Chris Leiser; Jack Martin; Brian Perras; Sid Preskitt
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Kimberly Walker
- **District 13**
 - Republican Candidates
 - Kevin Hayslett; Moneer Kheireddine; Anna Paulina Luna [projected to win primary]; Amanda Makki; Christine Quinn
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Eric Lynn
- **District 14**
 - Republican Candidates
 - James Judge; Sam Nashagh
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Christopher Bradley; Kathy Castor (incumbent) [projected to win]
- **District 15**
 - Republican Candidates
 - Demetries Grimes; Laurel Lee; Kevin John McGovern; Kelli Stargel [projected to win]; Jackie Toledo
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Gavin Brown; Alan Cohn; Eddie Geller; Cesar Ramirez; William VanHom
- **District 16**

- Republican Candidates
 - Vern Buchanan (incumbent) [projected to win]; Martin Hyde
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Jan Schneider
- District 17
 - Republican Candidates
 - Greg Steube (incumbent)
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Andrea Doria Kale
- District 18
 - Republican Candidates:
 - Scott Franklin (incumbent) [projected to win]; Kenneth Hartpence; Jennifer Raybon; Wendy Schmeling; Eddie Tarazona
 - Democratic Candidates
 - N/A
- District 19
 - Republican Candidates
 - Jim Huff; Byron Donalds (incumbent) [projected to win]
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Cindy Banyai
- District 20
 - Republican Candidates
 - Drew Montez Clark
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Shelia Cherfilus-McCormick (incumbent) [projected to win]; Dale Holness; Anika Omphroy
- District 21
 - Republican Candidates
 - Jeff Buongiorno; Melissa martz; Brian Mast (incumbent) [projected to win]; Ljubo Skrbic
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Corinna Robinson
- District 22
 - Republican Candidates
 - Deborah Adeimy; Peter Arianas; Rod Dorilas; Daniel John Franzese; Carrie Lawlor
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Lois Frankel (incumbent)
- District 23
 - Republican Candidates
 - Joe Budd; Darlene Swaffar; Steve Chess; Christy McLaughlin; Myles Perrone; James Pruden; Ira Weinstein
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Allen Ellison; Michelangelo Hamilton; Hava Holzhauer; Jared Moskowski [projected to win]; Ben Sorensen; Michael Trout
- District 24
 - Republican Candidates
 - Jesus Navarro; Lavern Spicer
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Frederica Wilson (incumbent) [projected to win]; Kevin Harris
- District 25
 - Republican Candidates
 - Carla Spalding; Robin Young

- Democratic Candidates
 - Debbie Wasserman Schultz (incumbent) [projected to win]; Robert Milwee
- District 26
 - Republican Candidates
 - Darren Aquino; Mario Diaz-Balart (incumbent) [projected to win]
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Christine Olivo
- District 27
 - Republican Candidates
 - Maria Elvira Salazar (incumbent) [projected to win]; Frank Polo
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Angel Montalvo; Ken Russell; Annettee Taddeo [projected to win]
- District 28
 - Republican Candidates
 - Carlos Gimenez (incumbent) [projected to win]; Carlos Garin; KW Miller
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Debbie Mucarsel-Powell; David Richardson

Prominent Issues: Immigration; Abortion; Inflation

Hawaii

Senate Republican Primary: Steven Bond; Zachary Burd; Wallyn Kanoelani Christian; Timothy Dalhouse; Shaena Dela Cruz; Adriel Lam; Asia Lavonne; Bob McDermott; Edward Pirkowski; John Roco

Senate Democratic Primary: Brandon Makaawaawa; Brian Schatz (incumbent) [projected to win primary]; Steve Tataii

House

- District 1
 - Republican Candidates
 - Zachary Burd; Conrad Kress; Patrick Largey; Arturo Reyes
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Steven Abkin; Ed Case (incumbent) [projected to win primary]; Sergio Alcubilla
- District 2
 - Republican Candidates
 - Joe Akana; Joe Webster
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Patrick Branco; Nicole Gi; Joseph Griskonis; Audrey Kessing; Angus McKelvey; Brendan Schultz; Steven Sparks; Jill Tokunda [projected to win primary]; Kyle Yoshida

Prominent Issues: Affordable housing; Environmental issues; Expanding industry in Hawaii

Massachusetts

House

- District 1
 - Republican Candidates
 - Dean Martilli
 - Democratic Candidates

- Richard Neal (incumbent)
- District 2
 - Republican Candidates
 - Jeffery Sossa-Paquette
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Jim McGovern (incumbent)
- District 3
 - Republican Candidates
 - Dean Tran
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Lori Trahan (incumbent)
- District 4
 - Republican Candidates
 - Emily Burns; Julie Hall
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Jake Auchincloss (incumbent)
- District 5
 - Republican Candidates
 - Caroline Colarusso
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Katherine Clark (incumbent)
- District 6
 - Republican Candidates
 - Robert May
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Seth Moulton (incumbent)
- District 7
 - Republican Candidates
 - Donnie Palmer Jr.
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Ayanna Pressley (incumbent)
- District 8
 - Republican Candidates
 - Hamilton Rodrigues; Robert Burke
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Stephen Lynch (incumbent)
- District 9
 - Republican Candidates
 - Jesse Brown; Dan Sullivan
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Bill Keating (incumbent)

Prominent Issues: Housing costs; Inflation

New Hampshire

Senate Republican Primary: Gerard Beloin; John Berman; Donald Bolduc [projected to win]; Bruce Fenton; Dennis Lamare; Edmund LePlante; Vikram Mansharamani; Chuck Morse; Tejasinha Sivalingam; Kevin Smith

Senate Democratic Primary: Maggie Hassan (incumbent) [projected to win]; Paul Krautman; John Riggieri

House

- District 1
 - Republican Candidates
 - Tom Alciere; Tim Baxter; Gail Huff; Mark Kilbane; Karoline Leavitt; Matt Mowers; Russell Prescott; Gilead Towne
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Chris Pappas (incumbent)
- District 2
 - Republican Candidates
 - Scott Black; Robert Burns; Michael Callis; George Hasel; Jay Mercer; Dean Poirier; Lily Tang Williams
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Annie Kuster (incumbent)

Prominent Issues: Gun control; Abortion

Rhode Island

House

- District 1
 - Republican Candidates
 - Allen Waters; Fred Wysocki
 - Democratic Candidates
 - David Cicilline (incumbent)
- District 2
 - Republican Candidates
 - Allan Fung [projected to win]; Donald Frederick Robbio
 - Democratic Candidates
 - Omas Bah; Spencer Dickinson; Joy Fox; Donald Keith; Seth Magaziner [projected to win]; David Segal

Prominent Issues: *Economy and inflation; Energy costs; Climate change*

Wyoming

House (At-Large District)

- Republican Candidates: Robyn Belinsky; Anthony Bouchard; Liz Cheney (incumbent); Harriet Hageman [projected to win primary]; Denton Knapp
- Democratic Candidates: Lynnette Grey Bull; Steve Helling; Meghan Jensen

Prominent Issues: January 6th Committee