

DETROIT

Donald Trump is the biggest loser



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The Trump Brand took a significant hit as it was swept up in the Democratic blue wave of the election last night.

Chris Jones, Democratic candidate for U.S. House of Representatives (AR-02), says, "Last night was electric, and it was unquestionably a wave."

Democrats won big in what is widely considered a repudiation of Trump's 9 months at the White House in his second term.

In the state of Virginia, which produced the first big election night win and saw the election of the first woman governor, Democrat Abigail Spanberger, 56% of Virginia's residents disapprove of President Trump. In New Jersey, 55% of state residents disapprove of the president; in New York, 69% disapprove; and in California, 63% disapprove of the president.

The Trump brand or his support for any candidates did nothing to benefit those he endorsed in this election. They actually lost in each race he publicly put his name behind. Trump endorsed former New York Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo, who lost the New York mayor's race in his run as an independent. And New Jersey Republican Jack Ciattarelli, who ran for governor with the presidential endorsement, also lost his prospective race.

The next question is, will the democratic momentum be sustainable? Jones

further explained, "This can become a 2026 tsunami, but turning a wave into a tsunami takes energy. A lot of energy. It doesn't just happen. The conditions are there. Now we have to work!"

Some Democrats would argue that the work is already underway. The pushback against Trump's national redistricting efforts received a thumb in the eye from California voters. Prop 50, California Governor Gavin Newsom's counterbalance to President Trump's redistricting efforts, passed in California last night.

Although Trump's name was not on the ballot last night, his Republican policies were. The United States has now entered the longest government shutdown in its history. Forty-two million Americans are not getting SNAP benefits. Economists are acknowledging that the government shutdown is contributing to the rise in delinquent debt in the student loan, automotive, and credit card industries. These items are among the negatives Americans are protesting against.

Compounding Trump's political problems is a tariff battle that's directly impacting pocketbooks. The day after the elections, the Trump administration was arguing before the US Supreme Court in favor of the president's tariff powers.

Meanwhile, President Trump's poll numbers are underwater, standing at a 37% national disapproval rate

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Mary Sheffield makes history as Detroit's first female mayor



DETROIT — Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield, 38, has won Detroit's mayoral race, making her the first woman to claim the top spot in Michigan's largest city.

According to polls, Sheffield defeated Triumph Church Pastor Solomon Kinloch Jr. with 77% of the vote to Kinloch's 23%.

"I'm deeply honored by Detroit's vote of confidence," said Sheffield. "This victory belongs not only to me, but to every resident who showed up, rolled up their sleeves and believed in a united Detroit that works for all neighborhoods. The future of Detroit is ours to write."

Sheffield's victory is the culmination of years of work rooted in justice, equity and neighborhood empowerment.

Since first winning election as the youngest member of Detroit City Council in

2013, Sheffield has been a force for change in District 5 and across Detroit.

Since serving as city council president, she has championed critical legislation that has directly impacted the lives of residents.

Hundreds of friends, family and supporters celebrated with Sheffield at the MGM Grand Detroit.

"I am told it was the largest margin (of victory) in the history of the city of Detroit," Sheffield said. "I feel like today was a mandate by our city. Everyone is going to have a seat at the table with this administration. Tonight our city adds another chapter to its great history. Throughout Detroit's 324-year history, 75 mayors have led this city. Not one has been a woman. But tonight, Detroit, we know that changes. And you changed it Detroit!"

California's Proposition 50: A quiet rebellion against the rigged game

By Stacy M. Brown
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In a political season defined by distrust, Californians did something rare on Tuesday night. They stood up for democracy. Proposition 50, approved by a wide margin, was more than a ballot measure. It was a statement of intent. Voters sent a message that when the system begins to fracture, citizens still have the power to restore it.

The initiative gives California's Democratic-controlled legislature the authority to draw new congressional maps, replacing those crafted by the state's independent redistricting commission. The goal is to counterbalance Republican gerrymanders in states such as Texas, Florida, and North Carolina. Analysts say the move could deliver as many as five additional Democratic seats in the U.S. House next year, a shift that could alter control of Congress. Gov. Gavin Newsom saw the fight over Proposition 50 as both political and moral. He warned that while one side manipulates the system, the other cannot simply play by old rules.

"Donald Trump is trying to rig the mid-term elections before one single vote is even cast," Newsom said. He called on Democrats to "meet this moment head on."

Former President Barack Obama added his voice to the debate. "Republicans want to steal enough seats in Congress to rig the next election and wield unchecked power for two more years," he said. The message landed with voters who have watched Trump's party gain influence despite repeated national defeats. Opponents framed Proposition 50 as an overreach. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the former Republican governor who championed California's original independent redistricting system, accused Newsom of taking power away from voters. Republicans warned that Democrats were undermining the very process they once defended. Yet many Californians viewed the measure differently. They saw it as a necessary countermeasure in a political landscape where fair play had already been abandoned.

Siddhartha Deb, a newly registered voter, captured that sentiment. "I don't like the

way the Republican Party is basically trying to rig elections by gerrymandering," he said. "And this is the only way, to fight fire with fire." For Democrats, the stakes could not be higher. Proposition 50 represents both a practical and symbolic stand against the erosion of representative government. "When Donald Trump started ordering his Republican lackeys to save his fading power by rigging the midterms, he didn't realize he'd be up against a new Democratic Party," Democratic National Committee Chair Ken Martin said. "We don't roll over when one team refuses to play by the rules. We fight back. Trump got his showdown, and tonight, we met him in the arena. Californians stood up, rallied together, and passed Proposition 50 to make sure voters, not Donald Trump, decide who represents them in Congress."

Martin called the victory "a testament to the leadership of Governor Newsom and Democrats across California who refused to back down." He said, "When we fight, we win, and from Day One, the DNC has been proud to stand right there alongside Californians to defend democracy and deliver a message that echoes nationwide."

EMILY's List President Jessica Mackler praised the initiative and the women who helped lead it. "California voters sent a clear message. Republicans will not get away with manipulating the midterms in order to maintain their grip on power," she said. "Strong women leaders will be key to flipping the House districts drawn by Proposition 50. EMILY's List is already working with the women best equipped to win these districts, take back the majority, and put a stop to Republicans' barrage of attacks on Americans' lives." For Newsom and his allies, the passage of Proposition 50 represents a reassertion of democratic will in a time of democratic decay. It is not the work of idealists, but of pragmatists who believe the only way to preserve fairness is to confront those who manipulate it. Californians voted not just to redraw maps, but to redraw the moral boundaries of the fight for democracy. The initiative may shift a few seats in Congress, but its real meaning lies in its message.

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