

# CA-13 District Primer

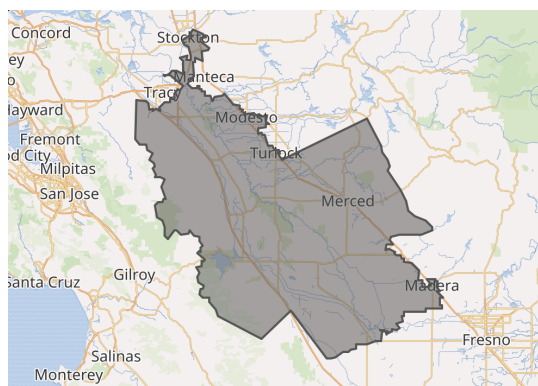
**In 2024, Democrat Adam Gray won this seat by 187 votes. *That's close!*** With a winning margin of *less than one vote per precinct*, we can't afford to lose a single vote. With your help, we're going to **HOLD** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates
<b>Filing Deadline:</b> March 6
<b>Primary:</b> June 2
<b>Midterms:</b> November 3

## Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 100,559 (45.9%) <b>Trump: 112,433 (51.3%)</b>	<b>Adam Gray (D): 105,554 (50.0%)</b> John Duarte (R): 105,367 (50.0%)	<b>John Duarte (R): 67,060 (50.2%)</b> Adam Gray (D): 66,496 (49.8%)

## District Facts & Stats



**Citizenry**  
In this socioeconomically mixed district, 66% of residents identify as Hispanic. 56.8% of residents speak a language other than English at home (primarily Spanish). Approximately 48,000 residents in the district receive SNAP benefits. Merced leans slightly conservative, and the towns of Madera and Turlock are notably so. Stockton, however, has twice as many registered Democrats as registered Republicans.

**The Local Vibe**  
ICE raids have depressed school attendance in the Central Valley, costing weeks of lost class time and threatening attendance-based school funding. Raids have occurred in Home Depot parking lots and on area farms.

Cancelled grants include: A \$500,000 NIH project at UC Merced, a large EPA project in Stanislaus County, and \$63,000 for a HUD program in Modesto. The State Department has revoked the visas of several UC Merced students.

Protests began in January 2025 and have increased in size and intensity ever since. Approximately 500 attended an April 2025 "Hands Off! Merced Fights Back!" protest; hundreds attended the No Kings demonstration in Merced in June. Thousands rallied at the "Hands Off!" and "No Kings!" demonstrations in Stockton.

### Largest Cities

- Stockton (parts), pop. 324,975
- Modesto (parts), 218,915
- Merced, 86,333

### Geography

Post-Proposition 50, the district includes parts of Stockton and less of greater Fresno. Apart from the larger towns, like Modesto and Stockton, this largely rural and agricultural district in the Central Valley is sparsely populated.

## Key Issues

- **ICE:** Raids and fears of raids are depressing school attendance and workforce participation.
  - **Agricultural crisis:** Tariffs and immigration crackdowns are wreaking havoc on the farm economy.
  - **Threats to democracy:** District residents are expressing their opposition to the Trump administration's anti-democratic policies.
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## About the Candidates

### Adam Gray | Democratic Incumbent

Democrat **Adam Gray** was born and raised in Merced, where he currently lives. He was first elected to represent CA-13 in 2024. Before serving in Congress, Rep. Gray spent ten years in the California State Assembly. A moderate who works effectively across the aisle, he is Whip of the Blue Dog Coalition and a member of the New Democrat Coalition. Gray serves on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee.

Rep. Gray's policy concerns revolve around water and agriculture, education, public safety, veterans, and health care. He helped to establish an MD program at UC Merced, to build new water storage infrastructure in the district, and to protect and improve water access for Central Valley farmers. He co-sponsored 3 bipartisan bills passed by the House and secured nearly \$2 million in federal funding for police and fire departments.

Rep. Gray has earned endorsements from many national and regional unions and organizations including the California Farm Bureau, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Gun Sense Voters, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus PAC, the CA Federation of Labor Unions, the CA Teachers Association, Teamsters Joint Council 7, and from a slew of local leaders across the Central Valley. Gray is also a strong fundraiser. As of May 2026, his campaign had raised \$3.7 million and had \$1.7 million on hand.

### Kevin Lincoln II | Republican Challenger

**Kevin Lincoln II** is a Trump-endorsed Black Republican and a former Marine. The grandson of a Mexican immigrant, Lincoln was raised in a military family. In 2013 he became a full-time pastor at a Stockton church. From 2021-2024, he was the mayor of Stockton. In 2024, he lost to Josh Harder (D) in CA-09. He is running on a broadly "anti-woke" platform, as an anti-trans border hawk who opposes the right to choose. He supports unregulated development of AI and blockchain technologies and investment in questionable financial instruments such as crypto. He has no experience as a legislator. As of May 2026, his campaign had less than \$500K on hand.

**The contrast:** Rep. Gray has already proven himself to be a talented legislator who keeps the needs and concerns of his constituents uppermost in his mind and can effectively represent the people of CA-13 in Washington. His opponent, in contrast, parrots the most inflammatory MAGA talking points, has no experience with legislation, and holds extreme views that suggest not only poor judgment but also an inability to work across the aisle for the benefit of all.