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Xavier Becerra

Xavier Becerra (/hɑːˈviːɛər biːsɛrə/ *hah-vee-AIR beh-SEHR-ə*; American Spanish: [haˈβjeɾ beˈse.ra]; born January 26, 1958) is an American lawyer and politician serving as the 25th United States secretary of health and human services since March 2021. Becerra previously served as the attorney general of California from January 2017 until March 2021. He was a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing Downtown Los Angeles in Congress from 1993 to 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, Becerra was Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus from 2013 to 2017.

Born in Sacramento, California, Becerra graduated from Stanford University and received his Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School. He worked as a lawyer at the Legal Assistance Corporation of central Massachusetts, before returning to California in 1986 to work as an administrative assistant for state senator Art Torres. He served as a deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice from 1987 to 1990 before he was elected to the California State Assembly, where he served one term from 1990 to 1992.

Becerra was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1992. He represented California's 30th congressional district from 1993 to 2003, California's 31st congressional district from 2003 to 2013, and California's 34th congressional district from 2013 to 2017. He served as Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus from 1997 to 1999, Vice Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus from 2009 to 2013, and as a member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction.

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Official portrait, 2021

25th United States Secretary of Health and Human Services

Incumbent

Assumed office

March 19, 2021

President Joe Biden

Deputy Andrea Palm

Preceded by Alex Azar

33rd Attorney General of California

In office

January 24, 2017 – March 18, 2021

Governor Jerry Brown
 Gavin Newsom

Preceded by Kamala Harris

Succeeded by Rob Bonta

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from California

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Early life and education

Born in Sacramento, California, on January 26, 1958,^[1] Becerra is the son of working-class parents, Maria Teresa and Manuel Guerrero Becerra. His father was born in the U.S. and raised in Tijuana, Mexico, and his mother was from Guadalajara.^{[2][3][4][5]} As a child, Becerra grew up in a one-room apartment with his three sisters.^[6] He graduated in 1976 from C.K. McClatchy High School, located in the center of Sacramento.^[7] He studied abroad at the University of Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain, from 1978 to 1979, before earning his Bachelor of Arts in economics from Stanford University in 1980, becoming the first person in his family to graduate from college.^{[8][9]} He received his Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School in 1984, and was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1985.^[10]

Early career

In office

January 3, 1993 – January 24, 2017

Preceded by Edward Roybal (Redistricting)

Succeeded by Jimmy Gomez

Constituency 30th district (1993–2003)
31st district (2003–2013)
34th district (2013–2017)

Chair of the House Democratic Caucus**In office**

January 3, 2013 – January 3, 2017

Deputy Joe Crowley

Leader Nancy Pelosi

Preceded by John Larson

Succeeded by Joe Crowley

Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus**In office**

January 3, 2009 – January 3, 2013

Leader Nancy Pelosi

Preceded by John Larson

Succeeded by Joe Crowley

House Democratic Assistant to the Leader**In office**

January 3, 2007 – January 3, 2009

Leader Nancy Pelosi

Preceded by John Spratt

Succeeded by Chris Van Hollen

Member of the California State Assembly from the 59th district

Becerra began his career as a lawyer, working on cases involving individuals who had mental disorders for the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts^[11] (now Community Legal Aid).

Becerra worked as an administrative assistant for California state senator Art Torres in 1986.^[12] He served as a deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice under Attorney General John Van de Kamp from 1987 to 1990.^[13]

After incumbent state assemblyman Charles Calderon decided to seek a seat in the California Senate, Becerra launched a grass-roots campaign for the California State Assembly, defeating Calderon's Senate aide Marta Maestas in the Democratic primary.^[14] He went on to defeat Republican Lee Lieberg and Libertarian Steven Pencall, receiving 60% of the vote.^[15] Becerra served one term in the State Assembly, representing California's 59th district, from 1990 to 1992.^[4] As a state legislator, Becerra worked to pass a law that would increase gang members' sentences.^[16]

U.S. House of Representatives (1993–2017)

Elections

In 1992, 25th district congressman Edward Roybal announced his retirement after 30 years in Congress. Becerra entered the race for the seat, which had been renumbered as the 30th district after redistricting.

Becerra won the Democratic primary with a plurality of 32% of the vote.^[17] In the general election, he defeated Republican nominee Morry Waksberg, 58%–24%.^[18] He won re-election to a second term in 1994 with 66%^[19] of the vote. His district was renumbered as the 31st district after the 2000 census.

After redistricting, ahead of the 2012 elections, most of Becerra's old district became the 34th district. He defeated Republican Stephen Smith 85.6% to 14.4%.^[20]

Tenure

Becerra was a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, of which he served as chairman during the 105th Congress.^[21]

Becerra voted against the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 because he "wanted to see direct protections for responsible homeowners" in the bill.^[22]

Becerra was appointed assistant to the Speaker of the House for the 110th Congress.^[23] He won his

In office	
December 3, 1990 – December 3, 1992	
Preceded by	Charles Calderon
Succeeded by	Dick Mountjoy
Personal details	
Born	January 26, 1958 <div>Sacramento, California, U.S.</div>
Political party	Democratic
Spouse	Carolina Reyes
Children	3
Residences	Los Angeles, California, U.S. <div>Washington D.C., U.S.</div>
Education	Stanford University (BA, JD)
Occupation	Lawyer · politician

bid to succeed John Larson as Vice-Chair in the 111th Congress, defeating Marcy Kaptur of Ohio by a vote of 175–67.^[24]

Becerra successfully ran for a second term as Vice-Chair in 2011 to serve during the 112th Congress.^[25]

During the 111th Congress and 112th Congress, Becerra served on several high-profile committees. He was appointed to serve on the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (often called Bowles-Simpson/Simpson-Bowles) on March 24, 2010.^[26] Becerra was selected to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (also known as the Super Committee) on August 11, 2011.^[27] And on December 23, 2011, he was appointed to serve on a bi-cameral conference committee to find bi-partisan solutions on middle-class tax cuts, unemployment insurance, and the Medicare physician payment rate.^[28]

Becerra had a seat on the House Ways and Means Committee and was the first Latino to serve on the committee.^[16]

Abortion rights and pay equity

A writer for *Vanity Fair* described Becerra as a "strident supporter of women's health and reproductive rights";^[29] *The New York Times* stated that he has been "vocal in the Democratic Party about fighting for women's health".^[30] He voted against H.R. 3541, the Prenatal Non-Discrimination Act (PRENDA), which would have imposed civil and criminal penalties on anyone knowingly attempting to perform a sex-selective abortion. The 2012 bill also would have required health care providers to report known or suspected violations to law enforcement, including suspicions about a woman's motives for seeking an abortion.^[31] Becerra received a 100% rating from Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America in 2012.^{[32][33]} Becerra voted for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.^{[34][35]}

Becerra argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that the Little Sisters of the Poor, a Catholic religious order, should be required to provide birth control services under the Affordable Care Act.^[36] In late 2020, arguing that the prosecution would discourage pregnant women from obtaining addiction treatment, Becerra requested that the Supreme Court of California block the murder prosecution of a woman who had consumed methamphetamine during her pregnancy, resulting in a stillbirth. The court declined to do so.^[37] In response to the Trump administration's 2020 decision to restrict federal funding to California because it requires insurance providers to cover abortion, Becerra stated that "California has the sovereign right to protect women's reproductive rights".^[38]

Committee assignments

- Committee on Ways and Means
 - Subcommittee on Oversight



Elijah Cummings, Xavier Becerra, and Robert Matsui at a press conference on civil rights in 1997



Tipper Gore, Becerra, and President Bill Clinton

- [Subcommittee on Health](#)
- [Subcommittee on Social Security](#)
- **[Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction](#)**

Caucus memberships

- [Congressional Hispanic Caucus](#) (Former Chair)
- [Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus](#)
- [Congressional Progressive Caucus](#)

Other political ambitions

2001 Los Angeles mayoral election

Becerra ran for mayor of Los Angeles in 2001. He finished with 6% of the primary vote,^[39] finishing behind businessman [Steve Soboroff](#), Councilman [Joel Wachs](#), former [California State Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa](#), and the eventual winner, then-City Attorney [James Hahn](#).

Consideration for federal government positions

In 2008, Becerra was considered for the position of [U.S. Trade Representative](#) in the administration of President-elect Obama.^[40] While it was reported that he had already accepted,^[41] he announced on December 15 that he would not accept the position.^[42] Becerra had endorsed then-Senator [Barack Obama](#) for president on January 27, 2008.

Becerra was on the shortlist of presumptive Democratic presidential nominee [Hillary Clinton](#) for the [vice presidential nomination](#) in 2016.^[43] [Senator Tim Kaine](#) was eventually chosen.

During the [presidential transition of Joe Biden](#) in 2020, it was reported that Becerra was being considered for the Cabinet positions of [Secretary of Homeland Security](#) and [Attorney General](#).^[44]

2020 U.S. Senate speculation

In August 2020, California Senator [Kamala Harris](#) was selected by presumptive Democratic presidential nominee [Joe Biden](#) as his vice presidential running mate. After Biden ultimately won the [general election](#), Becerra was floated as a possible replacement for Harris, along with others such as [Representative Karen Bass](#), [Representative Barbara Lee](#), [Secretary of State Alex Padilla](#) (who was eventually chosen), and former [Secretary of Labor Hilda Solís](#).^{[45][46][47]} Early December reports that Biden planned to nominate Becerra as [Secretary of Health and Human Services](#) rendered such speculation moot.

California Attorney General (2017–2021)

Becerra accepted [Governor Jerry Brown](#)'s offer to be the [attorney general of California](#) on

December 1, 2016. The California Legislature confirmed Becerra to the post on January 23, 2017. He succeeded Kamala Harris, who was elected to the United States Senate.^[48] Becerra was sworn in January 24, 2017, becoming the first Latino to serve as California's attorney general.^[49] Becerra was elected to a full four-year term in 2018, after defeating Republican challenger Steven Bailey and securing 61 percent of the vote.^[50]

While Attorney General, Becerra delivered the Democratic Spanish-language response to President Trump's 2019 State of the Union address.^[51]

California Department of Justice reforms

In 2018, Becerra created an environmental justice branch of the California Department of Justice. Among other projects, it opposed the effort to expand San Bernardino International Airport due to concerns regarding air pollution.^[52]

California law enforcement

Becerra brought fourteen felony charges against Center for Medical Progress activists for recording fourteen videos (see Planned Parenthood 2015 undercover videos controversy), and one felony charge for conspiring to invade privacy, on March 28, 2017.^[53] The charges were dismissed by a California Superior Court judge in June for not stating the names of those recorded and the specific dates of the recordings;^[54] the charges were refiled with the names and dates in July 2017.^[55]

In 2019, Becerra threatened "legal action" against reporters who had received records of California law enforcement officers who had been convicted of crimes during the past decade.^[56]

In December 2020, Becerra was faulted by state district attorneys for not taking leadership to help stop unemployment fraud during the COVID-19 pandemic, in what was described as the "biggest taxpayer fraud in California history".^[57] In January 2021, investigators said the total fraud was over \$11 billion, with \$19 billion in claims still under investigation.^{[58][59][60]} Most of this money will likely never be recovered, prosecutors said.^{[57][61][62]}

Lawsuits against Trump administration

In February 2019, Becerra, Governor Gavin Newsom, and 15 other states filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration over the president's declaration of a national emergency to fund a wall at the southern U.S. border.^[63] As of September 26, 2019, Becerra had sued the Trump administration 62 times in total.^[64]

The Trump administration opened 1 million acres in California to fracking and drilling in December 2019.^[65] Under the new policy, the Bureau of Land Management proposed new lease sales for oil and gas extraction along "California's Central Valley and Central Coast, touching eight counties and including 400,000 acres of public land".^[66] California officials and agencies,



Becerra speaking to the California Democratic Party State Convention in 2019

including Becerra, filed a lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management in January 2020.^{[67][66]}

Despite the multiple lawsuits against the Trump administration filed with other state attorneys general, Becerra had not joined antitrust efforts against any major tech companies. His office would not disclose whether it had examined any tech companies and had not endorsed any joint investigations with other states.^[68] On December 9, 2020, it was reported that Becerra's office had joined 47 other states and the Federal Trade Commission in an antitrust lawsuit against Facebook, Inc, headquartered in California.^{[69][70]}

Ballot drafting

As Attorney General of California, Becerra was tasked with writing ballot titles and summaries that appeared on voter information guides and ballots in both the 2018 and 2020 elections. Proponents accused Becerra multiple times of writing biased descriptions that violated the law, which requires "a true and impartial statement of the purpose" of measures. In one of many unsuccessful lawsuits against Becerra, a state judge wrote that attorneys general have "wide latitude" in how they write ballot descriptions. Critics said the responsibility to write the ballot title and summary should be transferred to a different, non-partisan office.^{[71][72]}

Secretary of Health and Human Services (2021–present)

Confirmation

After Joe Biden's election as president in November 2020, Becerra was considered a candidate for United States Attorney General.^{[73][44]} The *New York Times* reported in early December 2020 that Biden would nominate Becerra as Secretary of Health and Human Services.^[74] His nomination to lead the Health and Human Services Department has been criticized by pro-life and conservative leaders led by Students for Life of America, citing his "absence of health care experience and his disregard for people of faith".^{[75][76]} Becerra's nomination was deadlocked by the Senate's Finance Committee on March 10, 2021.^[77] One day later, on March 11, 2021, Becerra's nomination was discharged from the Finance Committee by the entire Senate, in a vote of 51-48.^[78] He was confirmed by the Senate in a vote of 50-49 on March 18, 2021, with all but one Democrat present and one Republican, Susan Collins, voting in favor.^{[79][80]} This was the narrowest vote for any of Biden's cabinet positions. On March 22, 2021, Becerra was sworn in to be the new secretary.^[81]

Tenure

Soon after officially becoming the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Becerra released a statement praising the Affordable Care Act and encouraging people to keep enrolling in its health care program.^[82]

Becerra has been widely criticized as health and human services secretary for being absent in the public eye during the pandemic, for being responsible for confusing messaging by federal public health authorities and for the subsequent loss of public trust, and for his passive management style while serving as secretary, with some administration officials, public health experts, and scientists calling for him to improve his performance or step aside; his defenders said he was given an

unclear role as secretary.^[83] Becerra was similarly criticized following his agency's response to the [2022 monkeypox outbreak](#) amid issues with health policy communication and what was widely considered a slow response; White House officials said that Becerra sought to scapegoat the states to avoid criticism rather than take responsibility for the subpar response.^[84]

On October 6, 2022, Becerra was tasked by President Biden with expeditiously reviewing the [Schedule I](#) classification of Cannabis.^[85]



Secretary Becerra with First Lady Jill Biden and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough, June 4, 2021

Personal life

Becerra is married to physician Carolina Reyes, and they have three daughters.^[86] He is a member of the [Inter-American Dialogue](#) think tank, based in Washington, D.C.^[87] Becerra is Roman Catholic.^[88]

Election history

California State Assembly

1990 [California State Assembly 59th district](#) election^{[89][90][91]}

Primary election				
	Party	Candidate	Votes	%
	Democratic	Xavier Becerra	9,098	34.80
	Democratic	Marta Maestas	7,352	28.12
	Democratic	Diane Martinez	6,703	25.64
	Democratic	Larry Salazar	1,509	5.77
	Democratic	Bill Hernandez	1,482	5.67
Total votes			26,144	100%
General election				
	Democratic	Xavier Becerra	34,650	60.87
	Republican	Lee Lieberg	19,938	35.03
	Libertarian	Steven Pencall	2,331	4.10
Total votes			56,919	100%
	Democratic hold			

U.S. House of Representatives

1992 United States House of Representatives in California, District 30^{[92][93]}

Primary election				
Party		Candidate	Votes	%
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra	10,417	31.84
	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Leticia Quezada</u>	7,089	21.67
	<u>Democratic</u>	Albert C. Lum	5,128	15.68
	<u>Democratic</u>	Jeff J. Penichet	4,136	12.64
	<u>Democratic</u>	Gonzalo Molina	2,320	7.09
	<u>Democratic</u>	Helen Hernandez	1,908	5.83
	<u>Democratic</u>	Roland R. Mora	611	1.87
	<u>Democratic</u>	Esca W. Smith	444	1.36
	<u>Democratic</u>	Mark Calney	336	1.03
	<u>Democratic</u>	Ysidro "Sid" Molina	325	0.99
Total votes			32,714	100%
General election				
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra	48,800	58.41
	<u>Republican</u>	Morry Waksberg	20,034	23.98
	<u>Green</u>	<u>Blase Bonpane</u>	6,315	7.56
	<u>Peace and Freedom</u>	Elizabeth A. Nakano	6,173	7.39
	<u>Libertarian</u>	Andrew "Drew" Consalvo	2,221	2.66
Total votes			83,543	100%
	<u>Democratic</u> hold			

1994 United States House of Representatives in California, District 30^{[94][95]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	18,790	81.51
<u>Democratic</u>	Leticia Quezada	4,263	18.49
Total votes		23,053	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	43,943	66.15
<u>Republican</u>	David A. Ramirez	18,741	28.21
<u>Libertarian</u>	R. William Weilberg	3,741	5.63
Total votes		66,425	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

1996 United States House of Representatives in California, District 30^{[96][97]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	21,310	100
Total votes		21,310	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	58,283	72.32
<u>Republican</u>	Patricia Parker	15,078	18.71
<u>Libertarian</u>	Pam Probst	2,759	3.42
<u>Peace and Freedom</u>	Shirley Mandel	2,499	3.10
<u>Natural Law</u>	Rosemary Watson-Frith	1,971	2.45
Total votes		80,590	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

1998 United States House of Representatives in California, District 30^{[98][99]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	38,925	100
Total votes		38,925	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	58,230	81.25
<u>Republican</u>	Patricia Parker	13,441	18.75
Total votes		71,671	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2000 United States House of Representatives in California, District 30^{[100][101]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	53,145	100
Total votes		53,145	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	83,223	83.29
<u>Republican</u>	Tony Goss	11,788	11.80
<u>Libertarian</u>	Jason E. Heath	2,858	2.86
<u>Natural Law</u>	Gary D. Hearne	2,051	2.05
Total votes		99,920	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2002 United States House of Representatives in California, District 31^{[102][103]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	24,231	100
Total votes		24,231	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	54,569	81.15
<u>Republican</u>	Luis Vega	12,674	18.85
Total votes		67,243	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2004 United States House of Representatives in California, District 31^{[104][105]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	26,308	89.45
<u>Democratic</u>	Mervin Leon Evans	3,103	10.55
Total votes		29,411	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	89,363	80.21
<u>Republican</u>	Luis Vega	22,048	19.79
Total votes		111,411	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2006 United States House of Representatives in California, District 31^{[106][107]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	26,904	89.29
<u>Democratic</u>	Mervin Leon Evans	3,227	10.71
Total votes		30,131	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	64,952	100
Total votes		64,952	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2008 United States House of Representatives in California, District 31^{[108][109]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	18,127	100
Total votes		18,127	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	110,955	100
Total votes		110,955	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2010 United States House of Representatives in California, District 31^{[110][111]}

Primary election				
Party		Candidate	Votes	%
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	20,550	88.03
	<u>Democratic</u>	Sal Genovese	2,795	11.97
Total votes			23,345	100%
General election				
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	76,363	83.82
	<u>Republican</u>	Stephen Carlton Smith	14,740	16.08
	<u>Democratic</u>	Sal Genovese (<u>write-in</u>)	3	0.00
Total votes			91,106	100%
	<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2012 United States House of Representatives in California, District 34^{[112][113]}

Primary election				
Party		Candidate	Votes	%
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	27,939	77.43
	<u>Democratic</u>	Stephen C. Smith	5,793	16.01
	<u>Peace and Freedom</u>	Howard Johnson	2,407	6.67%
Total votes			36,085	100%
General election				
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	120,367	85.62
	<u>Democratic</u>	Stephen Carlton Smith	20,223	14.38
Total votes			140,590	100%
	<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2014 United States House of Representatives in California, District 34^{[114][115]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	22,878	73.83
<u>Democratic</u>	Adrienne Nicole Edwards	4,473	14.44
<u>Peace and Freedom</u>	Howard Johnson	3,587	11.58
<u>No party preference</u>	Jonathan Turner Smith (write-in)	48	0.15
Total votes		30,986	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	44,697	72.54
<u>Democratic</u>	Adrienne Nicole Edwards	16,924	27.46
Total votes		61,621	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

2016 United States House of Representatives in California, District 34^{[116][117]}

Primary election			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	71,982	77.58
<u>Democratic</u>	Adrienne Nicole Edwards	19,624	21.15
<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Kenneth Mejia</u> (write-in)	1,177	1.26
Total votes		92,783	100%
General election			
<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (incumbent)	122,842	77.18
<u>Democratic</u>	Adrienne Nicole Edwards	36,314	22.82
Total votes		159,156	100%
<u>Democratic</u> hold			

California Attorney General

2018 California Attorney General election^{[118][119]}

Primary election				
Party		Candidate	Votes	%
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	3,024,611	45.82
	<u>Republican</u>	Steven C. Bailey	1,615,859	24.48
	<u>Democratic</u>	Dave Jones	1,017,427	15.41
	<u>Republican</u>	Eric Early	943,017	14.29
Total votes			6,600,914	100%
General election				
	<u>Democratic</u>	Xavier Becerra (<u>incumbent</u>)	7,790,743	63.57
	<u>Republican</u>	Steven C. Bailey	4,465,587	36.43
Total votes			12,256,330	100%
	<u>Democratic</u> hold			

See also

- List of first minority male lawyers and judges in California
- List of Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States Congress

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