

## Twitter Thread by Rachel "The Doc" Bitecofer ■■■■



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**1. Yes, removing [@DebHaalandNM](#) from NM CD 1 intros risk on losing the seat, but maybe less now that I am connecting w [@RepSeanMaloney](#).**

**The GOP will start w descriptive representation on this one. In other words, they will seek to run a Native American. If there IS a Republican**

2. American active in politics that resides (or can be said to reside!) in CD 1, they will run that person. This is bc the GOP is esp good at the "biography" end of politics in these specials- IE: Mike Garcia in CA 25.

Ds \*think\* they're good too. But they're not! All D's needed

3. in CA 25's special election to ensure they held that seat was a qualified Latino nominee who passably personable. They literally GAVE that seat away under this myth that it would be too hard to beat Garcia when the whole election was a story of % R ballots relative to % D

4. ballots- as we ALL watched in the special election. And even with a candidate people told me was "flawed", "a mess" or even "crazy" Ds lost the damn seat again, sealed the loss in the fall general by 333 votes! If that doesn't hurt YJEM, it hurts ME. Makes me want to PUKE!!

## Candidates and election results

### General election for U.S. House California District 25

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	 <a href="#">Mike Garcia</a> (R)	50.0	169,638
	 <a href="#">Christy Smith</a> (D)	50.0	169,305

**BP** Incumbents are **bolded and underlined**. The results have been certified. [Source](#) Total votes: 338,943

#### Withdrawn or disqualified candidates

- [Mark Cripe](#) (R)
- [Charles Patron](#) (R)
- [David Rudnick](#) (D)
- [Katie Hill](#) (D)
- [Angela Underwood Jacobs](#) (R)
- [Suzette Martinez Valladares](#) (R)

## Candidate profiles

This section includes candidate profiles created in one of two ways. Either the candidate completed [Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey](#) or Ballotpedia staff created a profile after identifying the candidate as noteworthy.<sup>[1]</sup> Ballotpedia staff compiled profiles based on campaign websites, advertisements, and public statements.

5. And although white people, and most particularly white men, who are, in most cases, still in the positions that make the decisions for these things and THUS leave their orgs vulnerable to blind spots that they themselves have huge incentives to not get stuck on, bc like all

6. leaders of orgs, these dudes, they want to succeed! But as the saying goes- you don't know what you don't know! Ad when you are a white dude, you don't KNOW how great it feels to see a female VP get sworn in (at least, it WILL feel great!) And if you're not Latino, you can't

7. know what it feels like to see Latinos getting tapped for key cabinet posts. And if you're not Native American, you can't know the influence effect of someone like @DebHaalandNM- which will made the work to defend her seat we'll have to put out. BC kids on our nation's

8. Reservations, these small parcels of sovereign land that native Americans get in exchange for being colonized by us, they'll get to see @RepDebHaaland in a role that for the 1st time in 300, 400 years gives Native Americans some actual power, in the room where it happens.

9. The pride and POSSIBILITY those kids will feel and see in her presence makes the work all worth it.

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