

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Legislative Action Victory PAC

DATE: September 25, 2026

RE: AD-58 Survey: Castillo Edges Cervantes as Rematch Takes Shape

Methodology: Guidant Polling & Strategy surveyed 300 likely November 2026 general election voters in California's 58th Assembly District on behalf of Legislative Action Victory PAC. Interviews were conducted September 19–22, 2026. The margin of error is $\pm 5.65\%$.

Two years ago, Assemblywoman Leticia Castillo won this Riverside County seat by fewer than 600 votes, defeating Clarissa Cervantes in a district Kamala Harris carried at the top of the ticket. The rematch is again competitive, and Castillo holds a slight edge, 40% to 39%, with 20% of voters undecided.

The more voters learn about Cervantes, the less they like her. Nearly half of voters (46%) have recently seen, read, or heard something about Cervantes, and the reaction has been decidedly negative. Among those voters, 57% came away with a less favorable opinion of her, including 38% who came away much less favorable. Her overall image is now underwater, 19% favorable to 27% unfavorable, and most of that unfavorable opinion is intense (21% very unfavorable). Voters who can place her ideologically overwhelmingly see her as liberal (40% of all voters) rather than moderate (6%).

Castillo has a foundation to build on. Castillo's image is net positive (23% favorable, 16% unfavorable), a 15-point advantage over Cervantes on net favorability. And unlike her opponent, Castillo is holding her own with voters who have been paying attention: among those who have recently heard something about her, more came away with a favorable opinion than an unfavorable one. Combined with her record of winning this district, that's a meaningful advantage heading into the final weeks.

What it will take. In a race this close, the final weeks will decide the outcome. With one in five voters still undecided, keeping Castillo's record in front of voters, and making sure they know Cervantes's, is the clearest path to winning this seat again.