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**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Ben Tulchin, Ben Krompak and Kiel Brunner; Tulchin Research  
**Re:** **California Congressional District 25: Polling Finds a Dead Heat in Los Angeles County-Based District**

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From October 14-18, 2016, Tulchin Research conducted a tracking survey among 400 likely November 2016 voters in California’s 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Our polling finds a real opportunity for a Democratic pick-up in this Los Angeles County-based district, as the race between Democrat Bryan Caforio and Republican incumbent Steve Knight is now statistically tied, with Caforio attracting 44 percent of the vote to 46 percent for Knight and the remaining 10 percent of voters still undecided.

<b>CA-25 Vote: Caforio vs. Knight</b>	
<b>Bryan Caforio</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Steve Knight</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Caforio – Knight</b>	<b>-2</b>

Knight is in an extremely difficult position for an incumbent member of Congress. With less than three weeks remaining until Election Day, he is polling at under 50 percent in the horserace and his 2-point lead over his Democratic challenger is within the survey’s margin of error of +/- 4.9 percentage points.

Knight’s challenge is compounded by the sinking poll numbers of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, whom Knight has been linked to over his extreme record on issues impacting women. Hillary Clinton now leads Trump by 5 points (46%-41%), markedly better than President Obama’s best performance in this district (+1.2%) in his 2008 campaign against John McCain.

<b>CA-25: Presidential Election</b>	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Donald Trump</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Clinton – Trump</b>	<b>+5</b>

In conclusion, our poll finds Bryan Caforio is statistically tied with Steve Knight and has an excellent opportunity to win this seat. Caforio has made significant inroads in introducing himself to voters and benefits from a political environment that is increasingly hospitable to Democrats while Knight has seen his support plummet as voters have learned more about his record.

**Survey Methodology:** From October 14-18, 2016, Tulchin Research conducted a telephone survey among 400 likely November 2016 general election voters in California's 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The survey was conducted by live professional interviewers calling both landlines and cell phones. The margin of error is +/- 4.9 percentage points.