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**To:** Interested Parties  
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**Re:** [Polling Finds Democrat Andrew Janz in Striking Distance of Republican Devin Nunes in California’s 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District](#)

Congressman Devin Nunes has put himself in the national spotlight as the leading defender of President Trump during the Russia investigation. Nunes’ efforts to put party over country have seriously hurt him in his home district and have now made him vulnerable as he faces a very credible challenger in prosecutor Andrew Janz. Tulchin Research recently conducted a survey in California’s 22nd Congressional district to assess how voters in Nunes’ district assess the incumbent, the job he is doing, and their desire to send him back to Washington. ***The poll found a surprisingly competitive contest between Nunes and Janz, with voters sharply divided in their opinions of Congressman Nunes and the race becoming dead even after voters hear more information about both candidates.*** Below is a summary of the poll results.

***Nunes Is a Divisive Figure***

Voters in the 22<sup>nd</sup> district are sharply split on Devin Nunes personally and the job he is doing as their Congressman. Specifically, the exact same number of voters have a favorable opinion of him as have an unfavorable opinion of him (44% total favorable to 44% total unfavorable). Similarly, there are precisely as many voters who want to see Nunes re-elected (46%) as want someone else to represent them in Congress (46%). In an encouraging finding for Nunes opponents, ***there are more voters in the Congressman’s district who strongly dislike him and say they will definitely vote for someone else than who support him.*** These findings indicate there is more energy among anti-Nunes voters and that bodes well for Janz benefiting from good turnout this November.

California’s 22 <sup>nd</sup> Congressional District			
<i>Nunes Favorability</i>		<i>Re-Elect Question</i>	
	<b>Likely Voters</b>		<b>Likely Voters</b>
Very favorable	<b>31%</b>	Definitely re-elect Nunes	<b>32%</b>
Somewhat favorable	13%	Probably re-elect Nunes	14%
Very unfavorable	<b>35%</b>	Probably vote for someone else	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	Definitely vote for someone else	<b>39%</b>
<b>Total ID</b>	88%	<b>DON’T KNOW</b>	8%
<b>Total Favorable</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>Total Nunes</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Total Unfavorable</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>Total Not Nunes</b>	<b>46%</b>

### *Close Race Becomes a Dead Heat in a Simulated Campaign*

The race is now very close and Janz pulls into a tie once voters hear more about both candidates. In the initial vote, Janz is only down five (5) points even though he only has limited name recognition across the district and holds Nunes to under a majority support (43% Janz to 48% Nunes, -5), an important marker for an incumbent. After voters hear both positive and negative information about both candidates, Janz pulls even with Nunes as both garner 47 percent of the vote.

<b>California's 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District</b>		
<i>"If the election for Congress were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...?"</i>		
	<b>Initial Vote</b>	<b>Final Vote</b>
<b>Andrew Janz (D)</b> <i>Violent crimes prosecutor</i>	<b>43%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Devin Nunes (R)</b> <i>U.S. Representative and farmer</i>	<b>48%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Janz – Nunes</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>+/- 0</b>

In conclusion, this recent survey finds that Nunes can be defeated. The data show Nunes is a polarizing figure as voters in his district are extraordinarily divided over how they feel about him personally and the job he is doing as their Congressman, with even more voters who strongly want to see him go than want him to continue representing them. Nunes' divisiveness has hurt his poll numbers as he now only leads his lesser known Democratic challenger by five points, a lead which disappears once voters hear more information about both candidates. If Janz and his allies can get the resources they need to compete and hold Nunes accountable for the way he has put party before country on the Russia investigation while voting to take health care away from millions and driving up rates, then Nunes faces the very real prospects of getting ousted from office in what would be a major upset.

**Survey Methodology:** From July 22-25, 2018, Tulchin Research conducted a scientific survey among 400 likely November 2018 voters in California's 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional district. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 4.9 percentage points.