

## UPDATED: Chu takes easy election win, to face Orswell in November

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Democrat Judy Chu sailed through the primary election Tuesday in balloting for the new 27th Congressional District.

Chu, seeking a third term in Washington, will face Republican Jack Orswell in November's general election.

Chu finished with 58 percent of the vote.

"It's very encouraging to see the results thus far," said Chu.

"I am just honored to have the confidence of people through their votes."

Orswell and Bob Duran split the Republican vote, but Republican Party backing may have helped Orswell take the edge. Orswell had about 24 percent, with Duran at 18 percent.

Both are Pasadena-area residents new to the political arena who focused on jobs and the economy during their campaigns.

Orswell was cautiously happy about the early returns Tuesday night, and said support by Rep. David Dreier could help in November.

"Everybody loves an underdog, and we all know what happened with David and Goliath," he said.

The November race figures to intensify, Chu said.

"Even more Democrats will come out to vote," she said.

Chu's used her well-financed campaign to introduce herself to many of the residents in the district, who would be represented by her for the first time.

Chu and Dreier, R-San Dimas, wound up in the same district when maps were redrawn last year.

Dreier represented many of district's cities for 30 years, but rather than oppose Chu in a Democratic area, Dreier announced his retirement in February and cleared her path to re-election.

The district now includes a cluster of Pasadena-area cities: San Marino, San Gabriel, Alhambra, South Pasadena, Rosemead, Temple City, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, part of Monrovia and unincorporated Altadena.

Glendora, Claremont and Upland are linked to the district through the Angeles National Forest.

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