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## Pleitez to toss hat in CD 32 ring

A day after [shrinking](#), the race for CD 32 is growing again.

Board of Equalization member Judy Chu was set to face Sen. Gil Cedillo, but Emanuel Pleitez, who touts himself as a member of the President-elect Barack Obama's transition team for the Treasury Department, will announce his own candidacy on Saturday.

Pleitez's nascent campaign reports he grew up in the East Los Angeles, graduated from Stanford and worked in the office of then-City Council member Antonio Villaraigosa. He's worked in as a financial analyst at Goldman Sachs. He doesn't appear to have held prior elective office.

[Calitics.com](#) first speculated about a Pleitez candidacy last week, with this analysis, "It seems unlikely that he'll be able to provide a substantial challenge to the heavyweight-laden field that the CA-32 special is likely to produce, including Judy Chu, Gil Cedillo and Gloria Romero."

Romero has since dropped out.

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