

Poll: Clinton, McCain still lead in Calif.

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LOS ANGELES -- A poll Tuesday said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., enjoyed double-digit leads in California heading into Super Tuesday voting. California is a major prize in the Feb. 5 presidential primaries with a lot of delegates at stake and a chance for all the candidates to benefit now that the California is no longer a winner-take-all state. The Los Angeles Times/CNN/Politico Poll gave McCain 39 percent of the likely Republican vote compared to 26 percent for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. Clinton had 49 percent of the votes on the Democratic side and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., 32 percent. The other contenders in both parties trailed in the teens or single digits. Romney appeared to have solid support among voters planning to vote by mail, the Times said. About half of the voters in the Golden State planned to cast mail in ballots. Independent voters are allowed to cast ballots in the Democratic race, which some analysts have predicted would boost Obama. The survey was conducted Jan 23-27 and polled 437 likely Republican voters and 690 Democrats with margins for error of 4 percentage points for the Democrats and 5 percentages points for the Republicans.

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