

Clinton, McCain bag California primary

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SACRAMENTO - Hillary Clinton and John McCain won the coveted California primaries and added dozens of convention delegates to their trophy cases, NBC announced. The Secretary of State's office showed Clinton with 54.3 percent of the Democratic vote to Barack Obama's 33.2 percent with 20 percent of the votes counted. McCain led the GOP race late Tuesday with 43.5 percent of the vote compared to Mitt Romney with 25.8 percent. Eighteen percent of the vote had been counted. Voting in the Republican primary was limited to registered party members while independents were allowed to cast ballots in the Democratic contest. California comes with a huge cache of delegates. The Republican prize is 173 delegates. The Democrats have 441 delegates up for grabs. The delegates will be allotted based on which candidate wins in the state's individual congressional districts. Turnout was reported heavy across the state. The Secretary of State's breakdown showed Clinton winning handily over Obama in virtually all major counties, including Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange and San Francisco.

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