

Leadership in the 116th Congress

House and Senate leadership shifts

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Roadmap

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- Changes in House Democratic leadership
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115th Congress House Democratic leadership



Minority Leader
Nancy Pelosi (CA-12)



Minority Whip
Steny Hoyer (MD-5)



Assistant Minority Leader
James Clyburn (SC-6)



**Dem. Congressional Campaign
Committee Chairman**
Ben Ray Luján (NM-3)



Dem. Caucus Chairman
Joe Crowley (NY-14)



Dem. Caucus Vice-Chair
Linda Sánchez (CA-38)

116th House Democratic leadership contenders

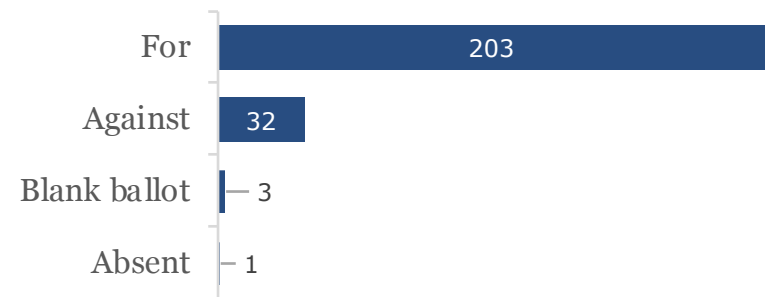
Speaker of the House



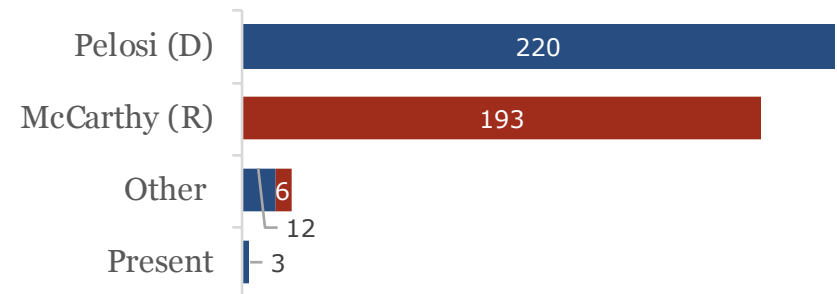
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), 78


- Minority Leader in the previous Congress
- Served as Speaker from 2007-2011 when Democrats last had a House majority
- Was elected as the House Democrats' nominee for Speaker by a 203-32 vote on Nov. 28, 2018
- Won her bid for Speaker in the full House vote on Jan. 3, 2019

Nov. 28 Democratic Caucus vote for Speaker



Jan. 3 House vote for Speaker



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15 Democrats voted against Pelosi in the full House vote

Democrats opposing Pelosi	
Anthony Brindisi (D-NY)*	Kathleen Rice (D-NY)
Jim Cooper (D-TN)	Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ)*
Jason Crow (D-CO)*	Max Rose (D-NY)*
Joe Cunningham (D-SC)*	Kurt Schrader (D-OR)
Jared Golden (D-ME)*	Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ)*
Ron Kind (D-WI)	Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)*
Conor Lamb (D-PA)	Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) *
Ben McAdams (D-UT)*	

■ Voted against Pelosi for speaker ■ Voted for Pelosi for speaker



* Freshman member of Congress

Sources: National Journal research 2018; Roll Call; Politico; Washington Post.

116th House Democratic leadership contenders

Majority Leader



Steny Hoyer (D-MD), 79

- A moderate who represents the old guard of the Democratic Party
- Could succeed Pelosi if she left leadership
- Ran unopposed for Majority Leader

Majority Whip




Diana Degette (D-CO), 61

- Has been the Chief Democratic Whip for the past seven Congresses
- Argues that women voters powered the Democratic win, so House Democrats “need to repay their trust”
- Dropped out of the race for Majority Whip on Nov. 19



Jim Clyburn (D-SC), 77

- Highest ranking African American in Congress
- Unopposed for Majority Whip
- Previously served as Majority Whip from 2007-2011

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116th House Democratic leadership contenders

Assistant Democratic Leader



Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), 46

- Served as the DCCC chair in 2018, a good election year for Democrats
- Ran unopposed



David Cicilline (D-RI), 57

- Current Democratic Policy and Communications Committee Co-Chair
- Vice Chair of the Progressive Caucus
- Dropped out of the Assistant Democratic Leader race on Nov. 21 to run for DPCC chair, a newly created position

Caucus Chair



Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), 47

- Democratic Policy and Communications Committee co-chair
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Won the Caucus Chair race 123-113



Barbara Lee (D-CA), 72

- One of the most progressive members of Congress
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Ran for Caucus Chair against Joe Crowley two years ago and lost by two votes

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116th House Democratic leadership contenders

Vice Caucus Chair



Pete Aguilar (D-CA), 39

- Declared his candidacy for Vice Caucus Chair in late September 2018
- Member of the moderate New Democrats
- Whip for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus



Katherine Clark (D-MA), 55

- Declared her candidacy for Vice Caucus Chair in late July 2018
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Recruitment vice chairwoman for the DPCC
- Won election 144-90

DCCC chair



Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), 52

- Conducted a review of DCCC strategy after the 2016 election
- Member of the New Democrats
- Withdrew from the race



Cheri Bustos (D-IL), 57

- Served as the DCCC heartland engagement chair in the 2018 election cycle
- Current co-chair of the DPCC
- Member of the New Democrats
- Elected DCCC Chair 117-83-32




Denny Heck (D-WA), 66

- Served as the DCCC recruitment chair in the 2018 election cycle
- Member of the New Democrats



Suzan DelBene (D-NM), 56

- Served as a DCCC finance co-chair in the 2018 election cycle
- Vice-Chair of the New Democrats

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116th House Democratic leadership contenders:

DPCC Co-Chair (three elected positions, restricted to junior members)*



Debbie Dingell (D-MI), 64

- Former DNC member
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Won election with 144 votes



Ted Lieu (D-CA), 49

- Whip of the Asian Pacific American Caucus
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Won election with 161 votes



Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), 64

- Former member of the New York State Senate and Assembly
- Member of the Progressive Caucus



John Garamendi (D-CA), 73

- Former California Assemblyman, Insurance Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor



Matt Cartwright (D-PA), 57

- Ran for DPCC Co-Chair in 2016 and lost
- Whip of the Progressive Caucus
- Won election with 119 votes








Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), 51

- The only DPCC candidate from the freshman Congressional class



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Majority leadership, US House, 116th Congress (1/2)

		Leadership position	Leadership PAC Data released by FEC on Oct. 26, 2018
1		Nancy Pelosi (CA-12) Speaker of the House	PAC to the Future Total raised: \$1,237,137
2		Steny Hoyer (MD-05) Majority Leader	AmeriPAC: The Fund for a Greater America Total raised: \$4,524,614
3		James Clyburn (SC-06) Majority Whip	BRIDGE PAC Total raised: \$1,248,164
4		Ben Ray Luján (NM-3) Assistant Democratic Leader	Turquoise PAC Total raised: \$520,296
5		Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08) Democratic Caucus Chair	Jobs, Education & Families First PAC Total raised: \$268,500

Sources: House.gov; Open Secrets, The Center for Responsive Politics, 2018.

Majority leadership, US House, 116th Congress (2/2)

		Leadership position	Leadership PAC Data released by FEC on Oct. 26, 2018
6		Katherine Clark (MA-05) Caucus Vice Chair	Fair Shot PAC Total raised: \$163,400
7		Cheri Bustos (IL-17) DCCC Chair	CherPAC Total raised: \$486,036
8		David Cicilline (RI-01) DPCC Chair	DNC PAC Total raised: \$173,833
9		Debbie Dingell (MI-12) DPCC Co-Chair	Wolverine PAC Total raised: \$103,500
9		Ted Lieu (CA-33) DPCC Co-Chair	Blue Momentum PAC Total raised: \$516,494
9		Matt Cartwright (PA-o8) DPCC Co-Chair	Making Americans Count PAC Total raised: \$36,500

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115th Congress House Republican leadership



Speaker of the House
Paul Ryan (WI-1)



Majority Leader
Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)



Majority Whip
Steve Scalise (SC-6)



Rep. Conference Chair
Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)



Policy Committee Chair
Luke Messer (IN-6)

116th House Republican leadership contenders

Minority Leader



Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), 53

- Has Paul Ryan's endorsement for Minority Leader
- Elected 159-43 as Minority Leader



Jim Jordan (R-OH), 54

- Founding chair of the House Freedom Caucus and a former Republican Study Committee Chair
- Lost the race for Minority Leader

Whip



Steve Scalise (R-LA), 53


- Previously served as Majority Whip
- Ran unopposed for Minority Whip

Conference Chair



Liz Cheney (R-WY), 52

- Ran unopposed for Conference Chair after Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA) dropped out of the race

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Sources: Lindsey McPherson, "House Republicans Considering Leadership Bids — So Far," *Roll Call*, August 9, 2018.

116th House Republican leadership contenders

Policy Committee Chair



Gary Palmer (R-AL), 64

- Previously the head of several Alabama think tanks
- Member of the House Freedom Caucus
- Elected 130-63







David Schweikert (R-AZ), 56

- Member of the House Freedom Caucus

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Minority leadership, US House, 116th Congress

	Leadership position	Leadership PAC Data released by FEC on Oct. 26, 2018
1	 Kevin McCarthy (CA-23) Minority Leader	Majority Committee PAC Total raised: \$2,982,208
2	 Steve Scalise (LA-01) Minority Whip	Eye of the Tiger PAC Total raised: \$1,720,849
3	 Liz Cheney (WY-AL) GOP Conference Chair	Cowboy PAC Total raised: \$446,183
4	 Gary Palmer (AL-06) Policy Committee Chair	Conservative Promises PAC Total raised: \$293,849
5	 Tom Emmer (MN-06) NRCC Chair	Electing Majority Making Effective Republicans Total raised: \$1,140,817

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Minority Leader
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)



Minority Whip
Dick Durbin (D-IL)



Assistant Dem. Leader
Patty Murray (D-WA)



Policy Committee Chair
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)



DSCC Chair
Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

Minority leadership, US Senate, 116th Congress

		Leadership position	Leadership PAC Data released by FEC on Oct. 26, 2018
1		Chuck Schumer (NY) Senate Minority Leader	Impact Total raised: \$1,519,745
2		Dick Durbin (IL) Minority Whip	Prairie PAC Total raised: \$929,511
3		Patty Murray (WA) Assistant Democratic Leader	M-PAC Total raised: \$831,100
4		Debbie Stabenow (MI) Policy Committee Chair	Great Lakes PAC Total raised: \$835,130
5		Catherine Cortez Masto (NV) DSCC Chair	All For Our Country PAC Total raised: \$815,539

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Majority Leader
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)



Majority Whip
John Cornyn (R-TX)



Conference Chair
John Thune (R-SD)






Policy Committee Chair
John Barrasso (R-WY)



NRSC Chair
Cory Gardner (R-CO)

Majority leadership, US Senate, 116th Congress

		Leadership position	Leadership PAC Data released by FEC on October 26, 2018
1		Mitch McConnell (KY) Senate Majority Leader	Bluegrass Committee Total raised: \$1,581,720
2		John Thune (SD) Majority Whip	Heartland Values PAC Total raised: \$1,792,148
3		John Barrasso (WY) Conference Chair	Common Values PAC Total raised: \$920,489
4		Roy Blunt (MO) Policy Committee Chair	Rely on Your Beliefs Total raised: \$1,186,483
5		Todd Young (IN) NRSC Chair	Oorah! PAC Total raised: \$492,986

Sources: Senate.gov; Open Secrets, The Center for Responsive Politics, 2018..org