

**TO: Christy Smith For Congress**  
**FROM: The Mellman Group**  
**DATE: October 13, 2022**  
**RE: Smith Leads Republican Congressman Mike Garcia**

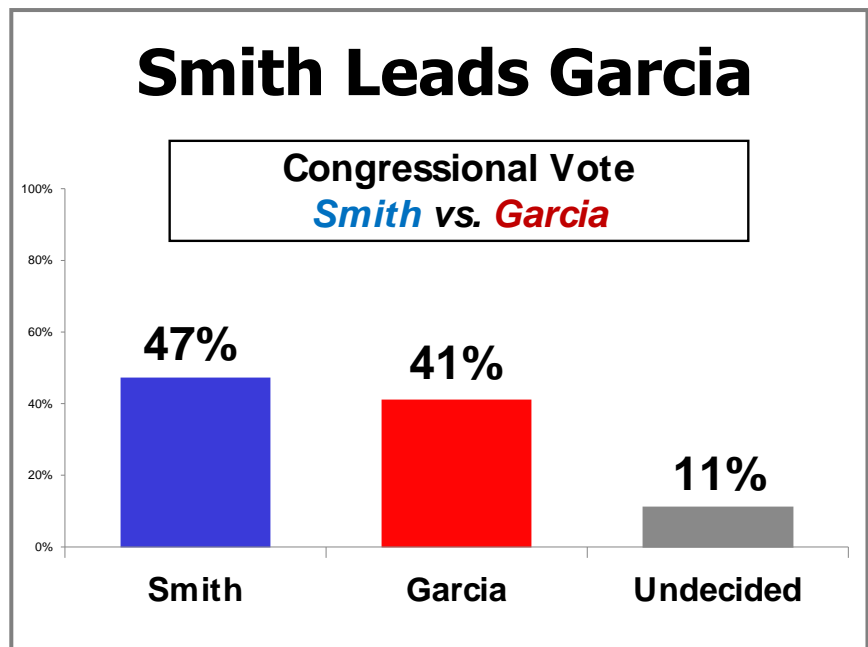
*This analysis represents the findings of a survey of 400 likely voters in the November 2022 election in California's 27<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Interviews were conducted October 3-6, 2022 using a registration-based sample, with live interviewers calling cellphones and landlines as well as text-to-online interviews sent to cell phones. The margin of error for the overall results is +/-4.9% at a 95% level of confidence. The margin of error is higher for subgroups.*

Our just completed survey shows Democrat Christy Smith leading incumbent GOP Congressman Mike Garcia.

With ballots now hitting mailboxes throughout the district, Christy Smith leads incumbent Mike Garcia 47% to 41%, with 11% undecided.

That's an improvement over the 2-point lead Smith posted in August (44% Smith, 42% Garcia, 14% undecided).

As voters have learned about Garcia's anti-abortion stance, Smith expanded her lead among women, gaining 6-points to 50% since August. During the same time, Garcia lost 3 points among women, down to 37%.



With that lead, in a district sporting a 12-point Democratic registration advantage, Smith has one of the best opportunities in the country to flip a seat from red to blue and help Democrats hold the majority, if she has the resources to withstand the GOP onslaught.