Democrat lands on board of conservative Placer County

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Conservative Placer County is doing a fair amount of headscratching after Tuesday's vote. How did Democrat Jack Duran oust a Republican and claim a seat on the Board of Supervisors?

While Duran's backers point to his track record as trustee of the Roseville Joint Union High School District, Republican analysts say F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm got pulled under by the anti- incumbent riptide sweeping across the county.

"The only thing worse than being an incumbent is being an incumbent with a whiff of scandal," said Jeff Flint, a Republican political consultant who lives in Lincoln.

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