

Dems going after Calif. GOP congressional seats

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Regina Bateson was one of 750 people who at an April town hall listened to Republican Congressman Tom McClintock voice support for efforts by leaders of his party to scrap Obamacare, question the science behind climate change and dismiss the need for an investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

It was a pivotal moment for her. Soon after, she launched her campaign for California's 4th Congressional District, a deep-red Republican stronghold encompassing the heart of the Sierra – including Lake Tahoe – that McClintock has represented since 2009.

Bateson, a Democrat and political newcomer, is one of more than 40 Democrats challenging Republican incumbents next year in 11 of the 14 House seats California Republicans hold in Congress. Between April and the end of June, the first quarter she filed, Bateson raised almost \$100,000 – more than any Democrat running in the district has raised in a first quarter.

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