

Dems see opportunity in a strongly GOP Tahoe district

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Regina Bateson was at home trying to get her young children to fall asleep before they realized Donald Trump would be their next president. Jessica Morse was volunteering in an empty office in Colorado surrounded by the wreckage of Hillary Clinton's failed campaign. Roza Calderon felt like she was living through a nightmare as she watched the results roll in with a friend.

None of these three women, all Democrats, had run for office before. Now they're all vying to unseat Rep. Tom McClintock, a conservative Republican who hasn't faced serious opposition from their party since winning his seat almost a decade ago.

The campaign could prove to be a test of just how far Democrats can reach outside their political comfort zone during next year's midterm elections. Republicans have a 15-point voter registration advantage here. Trump won by more than 14 points.

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