

# Inching Closer: GOP Flips House District To Red In Crucial Race

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**While most analysts have concluded that the Republicans will take control of the House, the actual confirmation of House races is taking a long time.**

Fox News reports on a crucial flip of a Democratic seat to a Republican in the deep blue state of Oregon.

“Republicans on Sunday picked up one of several seats that they’ll need to secure in order to gain a majority in the House of Representatives, which is still not guaranteed five days after the midterm elections were held.

Republican Lori Chavez-DeRemer bested Democrat Jamie McLeod-Skinner to take the House seat in Oregon’s 5th District.

“The win gave Republicans 212 seats in the House, still short of a minimum majority of 218 with 19 races that have not been called yet. But Republicans are not home free and still must win most of the races in which they’re leading in order to take control of the House.”

Currently, the Republicans lead in nine other House races. They would have to get six of those races to gain the House majority or win in other contests where they are ahead. Most of the remaining races are in California, where voting counting has been slow.

“Six of those nine races are in California, where those slim GOP leads appear to be more at risk of slipping away. In California’s 13th District, for example, Republican John Duarte is leading by fewer than 100 votes, and barely half the votes had been counted as of Sunday.

“Republicans have wider leads in many of the other races, but California reported Thursday that millions of votes were still not counted, a fact that has the potential to shake up some of these GOP leads. California has also said it might still be weeks before those races are decided.

“The three other narrow GOP leads are in Colorado, Arizona and New York. In Colorado, Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert was holding a lead of just a bit more than 1,000 votes over her Democratic challenger with nearly 99% of the vote in.”

According to KATU, Chavez-DeRemer expressed appreciation for her victory, “I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support we received throughout this

campaign. From the suburbs of Clackamas, down to rural Linn and Marion counties, and over to the Cascades to Central Oregon, one thing was clear to me: Oregonians wanted common-sense solutions to their everyday problems. Families needed a Congresswoman to tackle inflation, keep us safe, and focus on what’s best for Oregon families.”

Chavez-DeRemer is the first Latina and first Republican woman to be elected to Congress from Oregon.