

August 23, 2022

## Democrats need to fight in Arizona’s 6<sup>th</sup> District

Survey Findings<sup>1</sup>

**To:** Interested parties

**From:** GQR Research

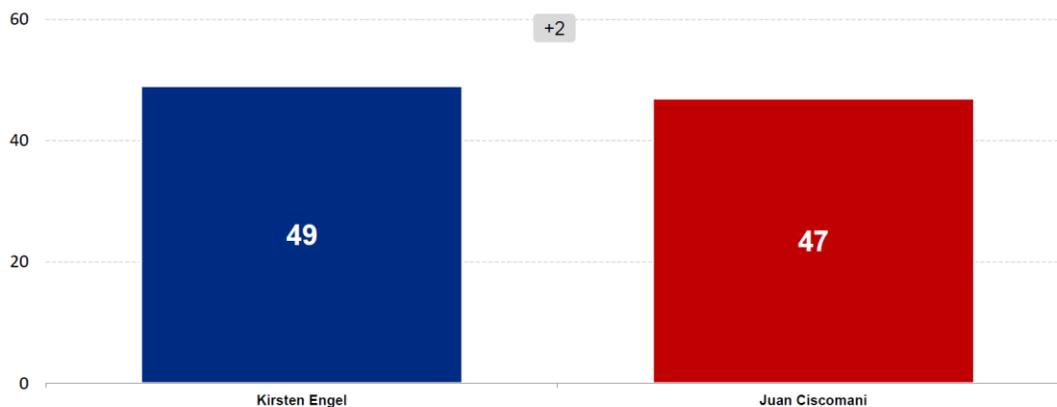
A new survey among likely voters in Arizona’s 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District shows an extremely competitive political fight to hold this seat. Kirsten Engel edges out Juan Ciscomani, 49 to 47 percent. She maintains this lead and generates better favorability ratings, even though Ciscomani has higher name identification.

Figure 1: Candidate Favorability

	Kirsten Engel	Juan Ciscomani
Favorable	22	25
Unfavorable	7	18
ID	52	61

- **The trial heat is very competitive.** Despite Ciscomani’s edge in name recognition, voters divide 49 to 47 percent in favor of Engel in the trial heat for Congress. Among voters who recognize Engel, she leads her opponent 57 to 39 percent.

Figure 2: Engel vs. Ciscomani Initial Trial Heat Standing



<sup>1</sup> This memorandum summarizes the results of a telephone 500 likely general election voters taken August 16-21, 2022. Interviews were conducted on both landlines and cell phones. This survey carries a margin of error of +/- 4.38 percent.

- **Juan Ciscomani has a big, big problem with the ticket.** A 59 percent majority of voters agree with the statement, “I am very concerned about the Republicans for office in Arizona this year.” Just 38 percent disagree with that statement. Even among registered Republicans, nearly one in three (31 percent) betray concerns about their party’s nominees. Governor Doug Ducey also earned the ire of Donald Trump in 2020, but voters do not see him as a hero: 36 percent favorable, 50 percent unfavorable. Juan Ciscomani served as a senior advisor to Ducey for 7 years.
- **The 6<sup>th</sup> is a strong pro-choice district.** Like much of Arizona, a strong 60 percent majority are pro-choice and believe abortion should be legal in all cases or in most cases. Only 35 percent are pro-life. Among pro-choice voters, 74 percent currently support the pro-choice candidate for Congress. That means that 16 percent of this electorate are unclaimed, pro-choice voters.

## Conclusion

Kirsten Engel dominated a contested Democratic primary with 60 percent of the vote share, introducing herself to voters as a mother, a teacher, an environmental lawyer and an expert on water. Initial impressions among general election voters are very positive. Ciscomani’s primary performance was far less convincing (47 percent) and he carries the burden of an unpopular patron (Ducey) and a toxic Republican ticket (Masters, Lake, Finchem).

This race is competitive and Engel can maintain her lead and win this must-hold seat in November.