LGBTQ+ VICTORY FUND

2026 MIDTERM ELECTIONS

LGBTQ+ GOVERNING POWER 2026 MIDTERMS

In a cycle marked by an unprecedented wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and campaign attacks, voters sent out leaders to governor's mansions, Congress, statehouses and city halls across the country.

501
Victory Fund–endorsed candidates won

81%
win rate in decided races
501 wins · 117 losses

48
states, D.C. & territories with wins
46 states · D.C. · U.S. Virgin Islands

18
out LGBTQ+ winners for federal office

WINS AT EVERY LEVEL

Endorsed winners by office



COAST TO COAST

Endorsed winners by state. California led with 60, followed by D.C. (27), Wisconsin (25) and Texas (23).



WHO WON

60+
lesbian winners — including both of the nation's out lesbian governors

30+
transgender, nonbinary & gender-expansive winners

120+
winners of color

120+
women

90+
bisexual, queer & pansexual winners

Figures are minimums: they count only winners who shared demographic information with Victory Fund, and about one in three did not report every field.

CAPITOL HILL

THE MOST LGBTQ+ CONGRESS IN HISTORY

8
new out LGBTQ+ members of Congress

1st
out gay man elected to the U.S. Senate: Chris Pappas

18
endorsed federal winners in the House & Senate

STILL SERVING · NOT ON THE 2026 BALLOT
SEN. TAMMY BALDWIN · WISCONSIN
The first openly LGBTQ+ person elected to the U.S. Senate, and the first out lesbian elected to Congress, joins this class in the next Congress.

CHRIS PAPPAS
NH · U.S. Senate
SENATE · 1ST

JOANNA MENDOZA
AZ-06
NEW

SCOTT WIENER
CA-11
NEW

MARK VON WILPERT
CA-48
NEW

J.B. FORD
IN-05
NEW

JEREMY MOSS
MI-11
NEW

CAT CURLEY
NY-17
NEW

VICTORIA BOOGERCH
TN-04
NEW

JANELLE SARAUW
U.S. Virgin Islands
NEW

ROBERT GARCIA
CA-42

MARK TAKANO
CA-39

SARAH MCBRIDE
DE-AL

ERIC SORENSEN
IL-17

SHARICE DAVIDS
KS-03

MITCHIE TORRES
NY-15

BECCA BALINT
VT-AL

EMILY RANDALL
WA-06

MARK POCAN
WI-02

STATEHOUSES

GOVERNING POWER AT THE STATE LEVEL

4 states

Four states now have LGBTQ+ people leading their state legislatures.

WA
WASHINGTON
Laurie Jinkins
Speaker of the House · first woman and first lesbian speaker

AZ
ARIZONA
Oscar De Los Santos
Incoming Speaker of the House · first openly LGBTQ+ speaker

ME
MAINE
Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House · first out gay speaker

WI
WISCONSIN
Greta Neubauer
Incoming Assembly Speaker · first woman and first openly LGBTQ+ speaker

MAKING HISTORY

KEY FIRSTS OF 2026

CHRIS PAPPAS
NEW HAMPSHIRE · U.S. SENATE
The first out gay man elected to the U.S. Senate.

J.D. FORD
INDIANA · U.S. HOUSE
Indiana's first out LGBTQ+ member of Congress, after an upset win over Rep. Victoria Spartz.

JEREMY MOSS
MICHIGAN · U.S. HOUSE
Michigan's first out LGBTQ+ member of Congress.

KIM AHERN
RHODE ISLAND · ATTORNEY GENERAL
Rhode Island's first out LGBTQ+ statewide official.

MAGGIE ELLIS
TEXAS · SUPREME COURT
The first LGBTQ+ person to win statewide in Texas and the first woman elected Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

QUINNIE PÉREZ
FLORIDA · ORANGE COUNTY
Florida's first out transgender woman elected to the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District.

MAINE HOUSE
MAINE · LEADERSHIP
An entirely LGBTQ+ leadership team: Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Majority Leader Matt Moonen and Assistant Majority Leader Ambureen Rana.

9 FOR 9
MICHIGAN · LEGISLATURE
Every out LGBTQ+ legislative candidate in Michigan won.

FARGO TO MONTEREY
MAYORS · NATIONWIDE
13 endorsed mayors won, including Josh Boschee in Fargo, N.D., and Tyller Williamson in Monterey, Calif.

5 states elected their first transgender state legislators

AL ALLISON MONTGOMERY
Alabama's first transgender state lawmaker

GA BENTLEY HUDGINS
First out trans and nonbinary member of the Georgia General Assembly

MI JOANNA WHALEY
First openly transgender woman in the Michigan Legislature

WA JAELYNN SCOTT
First openly transgender woman in the Washington Legislature

WI DINA NINA MARTINEZ
First openly transgender woman in the Wisconsin Legislature

TRAILBLAZERS, RE-ELECTED

MAURA HEALEY
GOVERNOR · MA
First woman elected governor of Massachusetts; one of the first two out lesbian governors.

TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR · OR
Re-elected alongside Healey; both out lesbian governors return.

SARAH MCBRIDE
U.S. HOUSE · DE
The first openly transgender person elected to Congress.

ERICK RUSSELL
TREASURER · CT
The first out gay Black man elected statewide anywhere in the U.S.

ROBERT GARCIA
U.S. HOUSE · CA-42
The first out LGBTQ+ immigrant in Congress; ranking member of House Oversight.

"LGBTQ+ candidates didn't just survive this election — they won, and they won big."
Evan Low, President & CEO, LGBTQ+ Victory Fund

THE WORK AHEAD

0.26%
of U.S. elected officials were openly LGBTQ+ heading into 2026 — 1,359 people. About 47,000 more are needed for equitable representation.

Source: Victory Institute, Out for America 2026 (data as of May 30, 2026)

See every 2026 winner at victoryfund.org

Results as of November 13, 2026, from LGBTQ+ Victory Fund's 2026 election tracker. Some races are still being counted or confirmed (11 pending, 1 headed to a runoff); figures will be updated as results are finalized.

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