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Subject: POLITICO's Morning Score: EMILY's List endorses Rosen as Democrats try to head off Titus primary — Casey raises \$2.6M, Bartos \$1M in Pennsylvania — GOP challenger declares versus Bera in CA-07

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PRE-EMPTING THE PRIMARY - "Democrats try to head off Titus Senate bid," by Campaign Pro's Elena Schneider: "Democratic Rep. [Dina Titus](#) has defied Harry Reid before, and Democrats in Washington and Nevada spent Thursday trying to make sure it doesn't happen again. Within hours of Rep. [Jacky Rosen](#) launching her run for Senate, the biggest forces in Nevada and D.C. Democratic politics lined up behind her, hoping to avoid a contested primary before their opportunity next fall to face Republican Sen. [Dean Heller](#) - the only Senate Republican up for reelection in a state President Donald Trump lost last year. EMILY's List President Stephanie Schriock said in a statement, shared with POLITICO, that her group is "proud to endorse" Rosen 'right out of the gate.' The Democratic women's PAC has worked with Titus in the past, but it joined Sen. [Catherine Cortez Masto](#), Rep. [Ruben Kihuen](#) and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, who endorsed Rosen in quick succession on Tuesday. ... It's a clear effort to discourage Titus, after she told Nevada Newsmakers that she still hadn't ruled out a bid against Heller. And the outpouring of support for Rosen has not dissuaded her yet." [Full story.](#)

Q2 FUNDRAISING - FIRST IN SCORE - Casey raises \$2.6 million: Pennsylvania Sen. [Bob Casey](#) raised [\\$2.6 million in the second quarter](#), essentially matching the \$2.7 million he raised in the first three months of the year. He has \$5.5 million on hand, an increase from \$3.8 million at the end of March.

- Bartos raises \$1 million: Pennsylvania Republican Senate candidate Jeff Bartos raised over \$1,072,000 in the second quarter of 2017 and has over a million dollars on hand, according to figures obtained first by [POLITICO](#).

- IN THE HOUSE - CA-39: Democrat Mai-Khanh Tran announced raising over \$270,000 in the second quarter after jumping into the race for GOP Rep. Ed Royce's district in early June.

- CA-45: Democrat Katie Porter raised over \$310,000 in the first three months of her campaign for Rep. Mimi Walters' seat.

- CA-49: Democrat Mike Levin raised approximately \$333,000 in the second quarter, according

to a Thursday [tweet](#) touting his year-to-date fundraising in the race against GOP Rep. Darrell Issa.

- **CO-05:** Republican Owen Hill raised \$225,000 for his primary challenge against GOP Rep. Doug Lamborn in the second quarter and has \$195,000 on hand, [Colorado Politics](#) reported.

- **MI-11:** Democrat Haley Stevens raised \$320,000. Stevens is running in the Democratic primary to unseat GOP Rep. David Trott.

- **PA-06:** Democrat Chrissy Houlahan raised over \$432,000 and had over \$383,000 on hand at the end of the second quarter, her campaign said. Houlahan is running against GOP Rep. Ryan Costello.

- **TX-32:** Democrat Ed Meier announced raising \$345,000 for his campaign against GOP Rep. Pete Sessions, with \$300,000 left on hand. Democrat Colin Allred announced raising \$200,000 in the second quarter.

- **PACs: End Citizens United** raised \$3.4 million in the second quarter, it announced Thursday. Its donors have also given \$1.7 million to endorsed candidates, and the PAC announced 21 more [endorsements](#), including: Democratic Sens. Bill Nelson of Florida and Joe Donnelly of Indiana, as well as Reps. Kyrsten Sinema (AZ-09), Ami Bera (CA-07) and Rick Nolan (MN-08).

- **Defending Main Street**, the moderate House Republican super PAC, took in its first big donation of 2017 [in June](#) - \$100,000 from the LIUNA super PAC.

PITCH (NOT) PERFECT - "Senate GOP recruiting slow-going for 2018," by Campaign Pro's Kevin Robillard and Burgess Everett: "Republicans have a huge opportunity to gain seats in the Senate in 2018. They just need to find the candidates. Rep. [Ann Wagner's](#) decision not to challenge Democratic Sen. [Claire McCaskill](#), a matchup Missouri political observers had anticipated for years, is the latest in a string of thanks-but-no-thanks moves from candidates Washington Republicans thought were locks to run for Senate next year. It's an unwelcome sign for the GOP despite staring down a tantalizing Senate map, with 10 Democrats up for reelection in states President Donald Trump carried last year and an opportunity to win eight states and a filibuster-proof majority." [Full story.](#)

CANDIDATE WATCH - "Republican business executive and Marine veteran challenges Rep. Ami Bera in Northern California race," by the Los Angeles Times' Phil Willon: "Business executive and Marine Corps veteran Andrew Grant is challenging Rep. Ami Bera (D-Elk Grove) for a Northern California congressional seat coveted by both parties. Grant, a Republican, is a newcomer to politics but has had a career steeped in defense, national security and foreign policy, including serving in the U.S. State Department after he left the military. ... Grant said he voted for President Trump last November and that while all the president's decisions have not been perfect, he has rightly focused on the concerns of working-class Americans. Grant said he still is formulating detailed positions on issues such as health care and immigration. But he said he generally supports a market-based approach for health care. He was skeptical about the need for a massive wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and expressed sympathy

for immigrants who seek a better life in the U.S." [Full story](#).

Days until the 2017 election: 123.

Days until the 2018 election: 487.

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CORRECTION - Yesterday's Morning Score incorrectly listed Democratic House challenger Phil Janowicz's district. He is running in CA-39.

FROM THE COMMISSION - "FEC appears unlikely to take action on Russia," by Campaign Pro's Maggie Severns: "The FEC appears poised to steer clear of probing possible Russian interference in the 2016 elections, despite a publicized push earlier this year. The commission's jurisdiction includes overseeing illegal foreign spending in U.S. elections, and Democratic Commissioner Ellen Weintraub released six proposals outlining potential actions the FEC could take, from asking for briefings from the Justice Department on ongoing probes to launching a new rulemaking addressing election spending by foreign-owned corporations. But the commission appears headed for partisan deadlock at its next meeting, slated for July 13, with the panel's Republicans expected to view the FEC's role as more limited than what Weintraub drew up." [Full story](#).

- FEC draft opinion rejects replacing ad disclosures with Twitter handles: [Full story](#).

TECH MONEY - "Even some of the tech industry's most prominent critics of President Donald Trump are opening their checkbooks and donating to Republican lawmakers, as Silicon Valley sets its sights on the 2018 midterm election," Recode's Tony Romm reports. "... At the end of March, for example, [Elon] Musk chipped in \$50,000 to an organization run by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy that's meant to boost his GOP allies. Musk also donated roughly \$34,000 to the Republican Party's official arm for electing lawmakers to the chamber, federal records show. ... GOP lawmakers got a boost earlier this year from Google's Schmidt, who donated \$33,900 - the maximum contribution - to the National Republican Senatorial Committee, according to FEC records. Google's chief executive, Sundar Pichai, also wrote a \$33,900 to the NRSC, federal disclosures show, but he contributed the same amount to a similar fund designed to boost Senate Democrats. ... Meanwhile, some of the earliest and most active Democratic donors include Sheryl Sandberg, the chief operating officer of Facebook." [Full story](#).

2020 WATCH - "Senator, (Un)Interrupted: Kamala Harris's Rise Among Democrats," by The New York Times' Matt Flegenheimer: "... Less than eight months later, California's very junior senator has emerged as the latest iteration of a bipartisan archetype: the Great Freshman Hope, a telegenic object of daydreaming projection - justified or not - for a party adrift and

removed from executive power. ... Like the Senate newcomers Barack Obama or Marco Rubio before her, Ms. Harris - a 52-year-old former prosecutor with a profane streak, a lawyerly aversion to "false choices" and an affection for the rapper Too Short - has insisted that national aspirations are far from her mind. Like those men, she has not exactly ruled out the possibility, either. Unlike those men, she is not a man, a fact that has figured prominently in her introduction to mass audiences in a recurring (and highly rated) television series: Senate Intelligence Committee Hearing Into Possible Trump Ties to Russia." [Full story.](#)

STAFFING UP - Chris Bolling stays at Virginia Democratic Party: The Virginia Democratic Party announced that Chris Bolling, who served as the deputy executive director in 2016, will now return as the group's executive director, per a statement from the party.

CODA - QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I just love to sit in my office and make up ways so they'll write these stupid stories because they are just so stupid, it's awful." - Maine Gov. Paul LePage, suggesting he makes up stories to mislead the press, via [POLITICO](#).

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