

Republican CA Gov Candidate on Dem Frontrunner: 'If You Can't Trust Gavin With His Best Friend's Wife, How Can You Trust Him With Your State?'

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Republican candidate for California governor Travis Allen asked a brutal personal question during a debate of the frontrunner, Democratic Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, about an affair the California Democrat had in 2005.

"The question is very simple ladies and gentlemen: if you can't trust Gavin with his best friend's wife, how can you trust him with your state?" Allen asked.



Allen was referring to an [affair](#) Newsom had with Ruby Rippey Gibney, who was Newsom's commission appointments secretary. Rippey Gibney was married to Newsom's campaign manager and friend Alex Tourk.

Due to the unique top-two jungle primary system in California, voters will vote on all candidates to determine who will be on the ballot in the general election. The top two candidates coming out of the June 5 primary, regardless of party, will face off in the November election.

Fellow Democrats in the race have also criticized Newsom for his affair.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Amanda Renteria, who previously served as the political director of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, went after Newsom in a series of tweets. She accused Newsom of sexual misconduct and "misusing his power."

California Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Calls on Dem Lt. Governor to Step Down

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Amanda Renteria, a Democratic candidate for governor in California, has called on fellow gubernatorial candidate and current Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom (D., Calif.) to step down, accusing him of sexual misconduct and "misusing his power."



In a lengthy series of tweets, Renteria pointed to allegations of an affair Newsom conducted with his

appointments secretary while he was mayor of San Francisco and to Newsom's dating of a 19-year-old student when he was 38.

Renteria previously served as the political director of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. She announced her candidacy for governor on Feb. 14, 2018. Newsom previously served as the mayor of San Francisco from 2004 to 2010 before he was then elected lieutenant governor, defeating six candidates.

Renteria initially tweeted a statement Thursday in which she called on Newsom to step down as lieutenant governor.

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Amanda Renteria



@AmandaRenteria

Today, I am calling on Gavin Newsom to step down from his position as Lieutenant Governor. Someone with a history of sexual misconduct in the workplace doesn't deserve to hold elected office in California. /1

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She linked to a [Medium post](#) she wrote titled, "My #MeToo Story and Why It Matters," before turning to Newsom's history of alleged misconduct.

Amanda Renteria



@AmandaRenteria

And yet, a candidate for the most powerful position in our state has a pattern of misusing his power in the workplace. /8

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Renteria pointed to two separate relationships she took issue with. The first occurred with his appointments secretary, whose husband was Newsom's campaign manager and friend. Newsom was also married at the time.

Amanda Renteria



@AmandaRenteria

In 2007, @SFGate reported - Gavin Newsom had multiple sexual encounters with his appointments secretary while he was mayor. That employee's husband was Newsom's best friend and campaign manager. /9

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The scandal was deceptively hidden from the public for more than a year. /10

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Rumors started making the rounds of City Hall in late 2005, soon after Newsom and Rippey-Tourk were reportedly spotted together in the mayoral town car at a wedding in Napa. [...] no firsthand...
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The second involved Newsom dating a 19-year-old student whom he took to city gala where she was photographed drinking alcohol. Renteria tweeted an article from ABC News in 2006 detailing the affair.

Amanda Renteria



@AmandaRenteria

Sadly, there's more. [@SFChronicle](#) reported that Newsom, then a 38 yr old mayor, dated a 19 year old student. He took her to a city gala where she was photographed consuming alcohol. /13 abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=25...

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Renteria's calls follow California State Senator Tony Mendoza (D.) **resigning** in February because of sexual harassment allegations. He offered a 19-year-old intern alcohol in a hotel suite at a Democratic Party event, and was also the subject of a two-month investigation that found that he had "more likely than not" engaged in "unwanted" sexually suggestive behavior with six women, four of whom were subordinates.

His resignation was **part of a pattern** of Californian lawmakers stepping down after sexual harassment allegations.

Renteria concluded by describing the current moment as a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to promote change.

Amanda Renteria

@AmandaRenteria



The most progressive state in the union will not go back to a time when we had to politely smile while promoting someone who has harmed his employees. No more. Not ever again. /20

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This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to change things for future generations. We have learned the power of our voice. It's

finally time to exercise that power through
real action. /end

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Newsom has been considered one of the **frontrunners** in the race to replace Gov. Jerry Brown (D.). Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (D.) is, based on **recent polling**, his closest challenger.

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