



The pundits agree: Sherman likely to win

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Here is what commentators have been saying about the Sherman vs. Berman congressional race since Brad Sherman finished a landslide 10% ahead of Berman in the June primary:

Berman lost a tough jungle primary to fellow Democratic Rep. Brad Sherman and the two will face off again in November with Sherman favored to win.

National Journal, 7/9/12

If it were a Capitol Hill popularity contest, Rep. Howard Berman would likely be headed for a runaway victory. But the 15-term lawmaker... is facing significant geographic and demographic disadvantages in California's San Fernando Valley against fellow Democratic Rep. Brad Sherman.

Roll Call, 6/27/12

Perhaps none are more imperiled, however, than Berman, the 15-term Democrat who ... was thrown into the same San Fernando Valley district as Democratic Rep. Brad Sherman.

Politico, 6/7/12

Sherman does seem in command of this highly visible race.

Independent Voters Network, 7/18/12



It all suggests that Howard Berman is acknowledging lost opportunities in the primary and that he's trying to shift into a higher gear for the November general campaign — a good idea, since he risks becoming the highest-ranking Democrat in the House to lose his job.

LA Observed, 7/18/12

But Berman goes into the fall campaign considerably weakened. The new district consists mostly of neighborhoods that Sherman has represented for years, and voters are more familiar with him.

KNBC Los Angeles, 7/19/12

Most notable for a race between two similar candidates ... their campaigns have spent a combined \$5.7 million trying to sway voters. That total will grow as we approach November, with Sherman rating the favorite after Tuesday's primary vote.

ABC News, 6/6/12

One tidbit we missed in Monday's fundraising winners and losers post: Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Calif.) has more than six times as much cash on hand (\$3 million) as Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.) (\$447,000).

Washington Post, 7/17/12