

Congress Alerted to CCP Election Interference in California as Gavin Newsom Visits Xi Jinping

A top federal prosecutor alerted Congress to the risk of California election interference by the Chinese Communist Party as Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) met with CCP officials during his visit to Beijing last week.

During a closed-door October 24 meeting with the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, U.S. Attorney Martin Estrada warned that China is “trying to influence our elections,” *Politico* reported.

“We’re the gateway to Asia, and we have the People’s Republic of China trying to influence our elections, trying to target some of our individuals,” Estrada said, according to a transcript obtained by the outlet.

“In the interview, Estrada did not elaborate further on China’s influence efforts, and a spokesperson for his office declined to comment for this story,” they reported.

Estrada is a Biden appointee who serves as the top federal prosecutor in California’s central district, which contains the city of Los Angeles. His warning came as “California government officials have had heightened concerns about China’s interference in the state’s elections” in recent months, the publication reported of an anonymous state official’s beliefs.

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