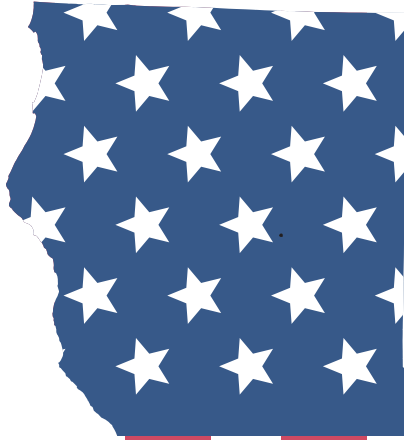


California Statewide Direct Primary



Election Tuesday June 5, 2018

Polls Are Open From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

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Certificate of Correctness

I, Alex Padilla, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that the measures included herein will be submitted to the electors of the State of California at the Primary Election to be held throughout the State on June 5, 2018, and that this guide has been correctly prepared in accordance with the law. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State in Sacramento, California, this 12th day of March, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alex Padilla".

Alex Padilla, Secretary of State

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:



The right to vote if you are a registered voter.

You are eligible to vote if you are:

- a U.S. citizen living in California
- at least 18 years old
- registered where you currently live
- not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court



The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.

You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.



The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.



The right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.



The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot,

Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office or at your polling place, or

Vote using a provisional ballot.



The right to get help casting your ballot

from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.



The right to drop off your completed

vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place in California.



The right to get election materials in a

language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.



The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures

and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.



The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

 On the web at **www.sos.ca.gov**

 By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**

 By email at **elections@sos.ca.gov**

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**

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- View this voter guide in other languages www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Check your registration status and registration information voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place or a vote center on Election Day www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place OR voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/
- Read helpful information for first-time voters www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-california
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day vote.sos.ca.gov
- Learn about exciting improvements coming to elections in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov



Secretary of State

Dear Fellow Californians,

There is no greater right than the right to vote. America's democracy thrives when every eligible voter participates. Through voting, you can select your local, state and national leaders and ensure that your voice is heard. The Statewide Direct Primary is Tuesday, June 5. The election is fast approaching. I encourage you to participate in your most fundamental right as a citizen of the United States of America.

All of the information is presented here as a reference for you. This Voter Guide can help you make informed decisions. It includes impartial analysis, arguments in favor and against numerous ballot measures, declarations of the candidates, the Voter Bill of Rights and other important information. This guide is also available online on the California Secretary of State website: www.VoterGuide.sos.ca.gov.

You can check your voter registration status anytime by visiting VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov. You can download our VOTE CALIFORNIA app on your smartphone or tablet and access critical election information and look up your nearest polling location. And, you can visit PowerSearch.sos.ca.gov if you would like to learn more about who is financing each of the candidates or propositions on the ballot.

If you have any questions about how to vote, or how to register to vote, you can contact the office of the Secretary of State by calling toll free 1-800-345-VOTE (8683). To obtain the contact information of your local county elections officials, visit the Secretary of State website at: www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of both our state and nation. The Statewide Direct Primary Election is Tuesday, June 5. Your vote is important. Your vote is your voice. Be heard. VOTE!

QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

PROP
68

AUTHORIZES BONDS FUNDING PARKS, NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION, CLIMATE ADAPTATION, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, AND FLOOD PROTECTION.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for: parks, natural resources protection, climate adaptation, water quality and supply, and flood protection. Fiscal Impact: Increased state bond repayment costs averaging \$200 million annually over 40 years. Local government savings for natural resources-related projects, likely averaging several tens of millions of dollars annually over the next few decades.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: The state could sell \$4.1 billion in general obligation bonds to fund various natural resources-related programs such as for habitat conservation, parks, and water-related projects.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: The state could not sell \$4.1 billion in general obligation bonds to fund various natural resources-related programs.

ARGUMENTS

PRO California faces droughts, wildfires, floods, and other challenges to our water and natural resources. YES ON 68: Invests in natural resources and disaster prevention, cleans up contaminated drinking water, increases local water supplies, provides safe parks for children and future generations. Annual audits ensure accountability. American Lung Association in California, California Chamber of Commerce, The Nature Conservancy, agree: www.YES68CA.com

CON I'm not here to tell you that addressing drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access is wrong. Borrowing for them is wrong. California has enough debt. It has the worst balance sheet of all 50 states. The last thing the State of California needs is more debt!

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PROP
69

REQUIRES THAT CERTAIN NEW TRANSPORTATION REVENUES BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Requires that certain revenues generated by a 2017 transportation funding law be used only for transportation purposes and generally prohibits Legislature from diverting funds to other purposes. Fiscal Impact: No direct effect on the amount of state and local revenues or costs but could affect how some monies are spent.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: The Legislature will be required under the State Constitution to continue to spend revenues from recently enacted fuel taxes and vehicle fees on transportation purposes (such as repairing roads and improving transit).

NO A NO vote on this measure means: The Legislature in the future could change current law, allowing it to spend a portion of the revenues from recently enacted fuel taxes and vehicle fees on purposes other than transportation.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Prop. 69 guarantees existing transportation taxes can ONLY be used for transportation improvement projects. It prevents the legislature from redirecting these funds for non-transportation purposes. Prop. 69 protects taxpayers. Does NOT raise taxes. Supported by League of Women Voters California, California Chamber of Commerce, California NAACP, Congress of California Seniors.

CON Sacramento's broken promises have led to a rundown, outdated, and congested transportation system throughout California. Proposition 69 protects transportation money that will not fix or build any new roads. Proposition 69 fails to protect more than \$1 Billion in gas tax revenues. Vote NO on Proposition 69.

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QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

PROP 70 REQUIRES LEGISLATIVE SUPERMAJORITY VOTE APPROVING USE OF CAP-AND-TRADE RESERVE FUND. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.	PROP 71 SETS EFFECTIVE DATE FOR BALLOT MEASURES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
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SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Beginning in 2024, requires that cap-and-trade revenues accumulate in a reserve fund until the Legislature, by a two-thirds majority, authorizes use of the revenues. Fiscal Impact: Beginning in 2024, potential temporary increase in state sales tax revenue, ranging from none to a few hundred million dollars annually, and possible changes in how revenue from sale of greenhouse gas emission permits is spent.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: Beginning on January 1, 2024, revenue collected from the sale of state greenhouse gas emission permits would be deposited into a new special fund. These deposits would continue until the effective date of a bill that spends money from that fund, passed with a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature. The current state sales tax exemption for manufacturing and certain other equipment would be suspended during the same period that auction revenue is deposited into the special fund.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: The Legislature could continue to authorize spending state revenue collected from the sale of greenhouse gas emission permits with a majority vote. The current state sales tax exemption for manufacturing and certain other equipment would remain in effect until July 1, 2030.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 70 is SUPPORTED BY DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, LABOR, BUSINESS; AND FARMERS who want to protect our environment and grow our economy. Forcing a two-thirds legislative vote ensures MONEY IS SPENT WISELY FOR HIGH PRIORITY PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT ALL CALIFORNIANS AND THAT IT IS NOT DIVERTED FOR PET PROJECTS.
www.YesOnProposition70.com

CON Proposition 70 grew out of an oil industry-backed effort to weaken the state's premier program to curb harmful air pollution and climate change. It will increase legislative gridlock, hurt public health, and empower anti-environmental special interests. 35 environmental organizations and the League of Women Voters California oppose Proposition 70.

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SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Provides that ballot measures approved by a majority of voters shall take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the results of the election. Fiscal Impact: Likely little or no effect on state and local finances.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: Most state ballot measures (also called propositions) would take effect after the statewide vote has been counted and certified—about six weeks after Election Day.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Most state ballot measures would continue to take effect the day after Election Day.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 71 will prevent confusion over implementation dates for ballot measures in future elections. Currently, measures are effective the day after the election, unless otherwise specified. Proposition 71 will provide a clear point at which measures shall be effective, eliminating confusion when election outcomes have yet to be certified.

CON Although surely well-intended, Proposition 71 is unnecessary and would prevent future ballot measures from (retroactively) taking effect “the day after the election” as is currently permitted by the California Constitution. Sometimes it is important that changes in the law made by voters apply as soon as possible.

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QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

PROP
72

PERMITS LEGISLATURE TO EXCLUDE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED
RAIN-CAPTURE SYSTEMS FROM PROPERTY-TAX REASSESSMENT
REQUIREMENT. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Permits Legislature to allow construction of rain-capture systems, completed on or after January 1, 2019, without requiring property-tax reassessment. Fiscal Impact: Probably minor reduction in annual property tax revenues to local governments.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: Installing a system to collect and store rainwater on a property could *not* result in a higher property tax bill.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Installing a system to collect and store rainwater on a property could result in a higher property tax bill.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 72 will prevent a property tax increase on homeowners who install rainwater recycling systems that benefit our entire state. Eliminating this tax penalty will preserve precious drinking water; help fish and wildlife; lower water bills. People shouldn't pay a tax penalty for conserving water. Yes on Proposition 72.

CON No argument against Proposition 72 was submitted.

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Top Contributors to Statewide Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) supports or opposes a ballot measure or candidate and raises at least \$1 million, the committee must report its top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The committee must update the top 10 list when there is any change.

These lists are available on the FPPC website at
<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html>



Find Your Polling Place or a Vote Center

Polling places and vote centers are established by county elections officials. Look for your polling place address or vote center locations in the county Voter Information Guide that you receive in the mail a few weeks before Election Day.

You may also visit the Secretary of State's website at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov or www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place or call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

You can also text *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683) to find the location of your polling place. Or you can download the Vote California mobile app from the iOS or Android stores.

If you live in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, or Sacramento counties, you can vote in any vote center in your county. Visit VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov or see page 33 of this guide for more information.

Voter Bill of Rights

For more information about your voting rights, see page 2 of this guide.

PROPOSITION
68 AUTHORIZES BONDS FUNDING PARKS, NATURAL
RESOURCES PROTECTION, CLIMATE ADAPTATION,
WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, AND FLOOD PROTECTION.

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The text of this measure can be found on the Secretary of State's website at
<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>.

- Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for: creation and rehabilitation of state and local parks, natural resources protection projects, climate adaptation projects, water quality and supply projects, and flood protection projects.
- Reallocates \$100 million of unused bond authority from prior bond acts for the same purposes.
- Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to pay off bonds.
- Requires non-state matching funds for certain projects and favors disadvantaged communities for certain projects.
- Requires annual audits.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE
OF NET STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL
IMPACT:**

- Increased state bond repayment costs averaging about \$200 million annually over the next 40 years.
- Savings to local governments, likely averaging several tens of millions of dollars annually over the next few decades.

State Bond Cost Estimates

Authorized new borrowing	\$4.0 billion
Average annual cost to pay off bonds	\$200 million
Likely repayment period	40 years
Source of repayment	General tax revenues

FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON SB 5 (PROPOSITION 68)
(CHAPTER 852, STATUTES OF 2017)

Senate:	Ayes 27	Noes 9
Assembly:	Ayes 56	Noes 21

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

State Spending on Natural Resources Programs. The state operates various programs to protect the environment, conserve natural resources, provide flood protection, improve water quality, and offer recreational opportunities for the public. The state also provides grants and loans to local governments, nonprofits, and

other organizations for similar purposes. In recent years, the state has spent about \$5 billion annually to support these types of programs. The state primarily relies on a combination of general obligation (GO) bonds, fee revenue, and the state's General Fund to support these programs. (The General Fund is the state's main operating account, which pays for education, prisons, health care, and other services.)

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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State and local natural resources programs support a variety of purposes, including:

- **Natural Resource Conservation.** The state provides funds to purchase, protect, and improve natural areas—including wilderness and open-space areas; forests; wildlife habitats; rivers, lakes, and streams; and coastal habitats. State conservation programs often are administered by state conservancies and other departments. These programs often provide grants to local governments or other organizations that carry out projects.
- **State and Local Parks.** The state operates the state park system, which includes 280 parks. Additionally, the state provides funds to local governments to purchase and maintain local and regional parks, trails, and other recreation areas.
- **Flood Protection.** The state funds the construction and repair of flood protection projects as part of the state’s Central Valley flood management system. This includes the repair and strengthening of levees and projects designed to divert water away from populated areas during large storms. The state also provides funds to local governments to complete similar types of projects throughout the state.
- **Safe Drinking Water.** The state makes loans and grants for local projects designed to improve access to clean drinking water. This includes projects to install equipment that remove unhealthy pollutants from local water supplies.
- **Other Water-Related Projects.** The state provides funds for various other

projects throughout the state that improve water quality or the reliability of water supplies. For example, the state provides loans and grants to local agencies to construct water recycling and reuse projects, store more water underground (referred to as “groundwater recharge”), and clean up polluted groundwater.

Past Bond Funding for Natural Resources Programs.

Since 2000, voters have authorized about \$27 billion in GO bonds in statewide elections to fund various natural resources projects. Of this amount, approximately \$9 billion remained available for new projects as of June 2017. (Most of the bond funds still available are for water-related purposes authorized by Proposition 1, which was approved in 2014.) The state repays GO bonds over time, with interest, using the state’s General Fund. (For more information on how bonds work and how this proposed bond would impact the state’s budget, see “Overview of State Bond Debt” later in this guide.)

PROPOSAL

\$4.1 Billion GO Bond for Natural Resources Programs.

This proposition allows the state to sell a total of \$4.1 billion in GO bonds for various natural resources-related programs. This total includes \$4 billion in new bonds. It also includes a redirection of \$100 million in unsold bonds that voters previously approved for specific natural resources uses.

Bond Funds Specific Purposes. This proposition provides funding for various state departments and local governments to use for specific natural resources-related purposes, which are summarized

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 1

Uses of Proposition 68 Bond Funds

(In Millions)

Natural Resource Conservation and Resiliency	\$1,547
State conservancies and wildlife conservation	767
Climate preparedness and habitat resiliency	443
Ocean and coastal protection	175
River and waterway improvements	162
Parks and Recreation	\$1,283
Parks in neighborhoods with few parks	725
Local and regional parks	285
State park restoration, preservation, and protection	218
Trails, greenways, and rural recreation	55
Water	\$1,270
Flood protection	550
Groundwater recharge and cleanup	370
Safe drinking water	250
Water recycling	100
Total	\$4,100

in Figure 1. This includes \$1.5 billion for a variety of programs generally intended to conserve natural habitats; improve coastal, river, and other ecosystems; and increase the resiliency of the environment to withstand the effects of climate change (such as sea level rise and more frequent droughts and forest fires). The bond also provides \$1.3 billion for parks and recreation projects, most of which would be used to build or improve local parks. Lastly, the bond provides \$1.3 billion for various water-related projects, including to increase flood protection, recharge and clean up groundwater, and provide safe drinking water.

Administrative Provisions. This proposition includes a number of provisions designed to control how the bond funds are administered and overseen by state

agencies. The proposition requires regular public reporting of how the bond funds have been spent, as well as authorizes financial audits by state oversight agencies. In addition, for several of the programs funded by this bond, recipients—mostly local governments—would only be eligible to receive the funding if they provide some funding to support the projects. This local cost-share requirement, where it applies, is at least 20 percent of the bond funding awarded. As an example, a city receiving a \$100,000

grant to build a new park trail would need to provide at least \$20,000 towards the project.

The proposition also includes several provisions designed to assist “disadvantaged communities” and very disadvantaged communities (generally, communities with lower average incomes). For example, the local cost-share requirement would not apply to most of the grants provided to these communities. In addition, the proposition requires that for each use specified in the bond, at least 15 percent of the funds benefit very disadvantaged communities.

FISCAL EFFECTS

State Bond Costs. This proposition would allow the state to borrow \$4 billion by selling additional GO bonds to investors,

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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who would be repaid with interest using the state's General Fund tax revenues. The cost to the state of repaying these new bonds would depend on various factors—such as the interest rates in effect at the time they are sold, the timing of bond sales, and the time period over which they are repaid. We estimate that the cost to taxpayers to repay this bond would total \$7.8 billion to pay off both principal (\$4.0 billion) and interest (\$3.8 billion). This would result in average repayment costs of **about \$200 million annually over the next 40 years**. This amount is about one-fifth of a percent of the state's current General Fund budget.

Local Costs and Savings to Complete Projects. Much of the bond funding would be used for local government projects. Providing state bond funds for local projects would affect how much local funding is spent on these projects. In many cases, the availability of state bonds could reduce local spending. For example, this would occur in cases where the state bond funds replaced monies that local governments would have spent on projects anyway.

In some cases, however, state bond funds could increase total spending on projects by local governments. For example, the availability of bond funds might encourage some local governments to build additional or substantially larger projects than they would otherwise. For some of these projects—such as when the bond requires a local cost share—local governments would bear some of the additional costs.

On balance, we estimate that this proposition would result in savings to local governments to complete the projects funded by this bond. These savings could average several tens of millions of dollars annually over the next few decades. The exact amount would vary depending on the specific projects undertaken by local governments, how much local cost sharing is required by state agencies, and the amount of additional funding local governments provide to support the projects.

Other State and Local Fiscal Effects. There could be other state and local fiscal effects under this bond. For example, costs could increase to operate and maintain newly built parks. On the other hand, some projects could reduce future costs, such as by making levee repairs that reduce future flooding damage. The amount of these possible fiscal effects is unknown but could be significant.

Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2018-ballot-measure-contribution-totals/> for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure. Visit <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/jun-18-primary.html> to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

If you desire a copy of the full text of the state measure, please call the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or you can email vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 68 ★

YES on 68—ENSURES SAFE DRINKING WATER & PROTECTS CALIFORNIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

California faces more frequent and severe droughts, wildfires, unhealthy air, unpredictable weather, and reduced federal funding and support for our land, coast, and water.

YES on 68 protects California's unique resources and helps ensure all Californians have access to clean, safe drinking water and parks.

PROTECTS DRINKING WATER QUALITY

YES on 68 protects and improves California's water quality by keeping toxic pollutants out of our water sources and cleans contaminated waters.

SAFEGUARDS WATER SUPPLIES. PREPARES US FOR DROUGHTS

Prop. 68 is a smart, efficient approach to ensuring future drinking water supplies: • Restores groundwater supplies, which were severely drained in the last drought • Recycles more water locally and helps farms conserve water • Captures more stormwater and prevents flooding

"YES on 68 is a smart investment in California's future by protecting our water supplies from pollution and helping local communities adapt in uncertain times. These investments are critical for today's residents and future generations," *Tim Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies.*

BRINGS CLEAN, SAFE DRINKING WATER AND PARKS TO COMMUNITIES IN NEED

Several California communities have water so contaminated that residents cannot turn on the tap and drink the water in their own homes. In many places, families lack access to safe local parks.

YES on 68 cleans up severely contaminated local water supplies and makes long-overdue investments in local parks where they are needed most.

"All children should have safe places to play and access to clean air and water. YES on 68." *Dr. Richard Jackson, M.D., Professor Emeritus, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.*

SAFEGUARDS OUR RIVERS, LAKES, AND STREAMS

YES on 68 protects rivers, lakes, streams, and natural areas that are critical sources of our clean drinking water and beautiful places where families hike, camp, swim, and play. **PROTECTS OUR COAST, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS**

YES on 68 helps protect air quality and preserve California's most treasured resources for future generations: • Restores natural areas; implements critical wildfire prevention measures • Prevents toxic air pollution • Improves access to our coast; protects beaches, bays and coastal waters from pollution • Restores California's fish and wildlife habitats • Provides neighborhood parks, especially in communities where children currently lack access

STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT

YES on 68 ensures funds will be efficiently used for intended purposes by requiring annual independent audits and by establishing a citizen advisory committee to review expenditures.

BROAD, BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Prop. 68 was placed on the ballot with bipartisan support, and is endorsed by groups that understand the importance of a YES vote to improve public health and protect California's clean water for our health, economy, children and families.

Supporters include: • California Chamber of Commerce, California's most prominent business group • Association of California Water Agencies, representing local agencies that provide California's drinking water • League of California Cities, representing local governments • The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, California State Parks Foundation, and several conservation groups

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 68

Learn more at www.yes68ca.com

SENATOR KEVIN DE LEÓN

California State Senate President Pro Tem

DR. MICHAEL ONG, M.D.

American Lung Association in California

DAN HOWELLS-SCHAFROTH, California State Director
Clean Water Action

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 68 ★

Can we share a rather sad fact with you? California has the largest unrestricted net deficit of all the 50 states in the nation!

Here are the rankings of the eleven worst managed states and their unrestricted net deficits for the year ending 2016 (California's June 30, 2017 audited financial statements were not completed before the preparation of this report in mid-February):

1. California	\$169 billion
2. Illinois	150 billion
3. New Jersey	137 billion
4. Massachusetts	59 billion
5. Connecticut	51 billion
6. New York	41 billion
7. Kentucky	38 billion
8. Maryland	26 billion

9. Texas	20 billion
10. Pennsylvania	19 billion
11. Louisiana	12 billion

Do you really want to add to the debt burden of this state? Do you know that the annual payments for principal and interest on this bond will squeeze out other services that Sacramento should be providing? Like helping the homeless and assisting the mentally ill?

When will Sacramento's legislature realize that we have poor infrastructure because it has not been a good steward of its financial resources. Debt is an indication of improper spending habits and inappropriate financial decisions.

Stop this madness and vote "NO" on Proposition 68.

JOHN M.W. MOORLACH, State Senator

37th District

★ ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 68 ★

Don't be fooled by Proposition 68. The proposition promises to protect and improve California's parks. The truth is it doesn't.

First, of the \$4 billion dollar bond, only \$1.3 billion is actually dedicated to improving parks. A lot of the remaining money is given to politicians to spend on their pet projects.

Second, the money is not distributed fairly and equally across the state. Many of our residents in inland and rural California will not see any Prop. 68 park bond money spent to fix and improve their local state parks. This is wrong.

Every Californian should have their local park improved, not just the few who live near parks of powerful politicians.

Third, estimates are that state parks require \$1.2 billion dollars for deferred maintenance. Yet, Prop. 68 allocates only a small amount of money for this essential task.

Finally, the Department of Parks and Recreation can't be trusted with the money. In 2012, the department threatened to close 70 parks, saying it didn't have the money to keep them open. This was false. An audit discovered the department *did* have the money, but was hiding it from the public. Until the department is reformed, we can't trust it to spend the money wisely and fairly.

We need to protect and improve our state parks, but Prop. 68 is the wrong way to do that. Vote No and make the State Legislature really fix the parks for all Californians.

ANDREA SEASTRAND, President
Central Coast Taxpayers Association

JON COUPAL, President
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Isn't it wonderful how many great projects that California can build? I'm not here to tell you that addressing drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access is wrong.

What I want to tell you is that borrowing for them is wrong.

California has enough debt. In fact, it has the worst balance sheet of all 50 states. Its unrestricted net deficit is a quarter trillion dollars! The last thing the State of California needs is more debt!

Bond measures are deceptive. You think you're voting for something good. But, it will take approximately \$8 billion to pay off the \$4 billion of borrowed funds. That means you can expect a tax increase. And your children can expect a tax increase. And your grandchildren can expect a tax increase. Why? The \$225 million a year must be paid. With a tight annual budget, where else is this money supposed to come from?

The state's pension plan contributions are rising. The retiree medical unfunded liability has just gone up \$15 billion to \$91.5 billion. The state's borrowed debt for schools (\$500 million per year) and, possibly, veterans (\$225 million) and affordable housing (\$169 million) are squeezing out other programs. Minimum wage increases alone will add \$4 billion per year to the state's budget.

This will have to be paid for. And you will be asked to raise your taxes. California is not reducing its debt. Don't be a part of this problem. Vote "No" on Proposition 68.

Very truly yours,
SENATOR JOHN M.W. MOORLACH
37th Senate District

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 68 ★

YES on 68 makes critical investments in California's natural resources, water and economy by tackling problems at the source before they become more expensive to address:

- *Preparing for drought*—by increasing local water supplies.
- *Creating a healthy future for our children and grandchildren*—by locating parks where kids need safe places to play and by purifying polluted local drinking water supplies.
- *Safeguarding our water and coast*—by protecting water sources, restoring groundwater, and preventing toxic runoff.
- *Preventing natural disasters*—by investing in flood prevention and restoring forests prone to wildfire.
- *Strengthening our economy*—which relies on clean, reliable water supplies, secure natural resources, and robust tourism and recreation.

Opponents appear not to have read the measure carefully. Prop. 68 specifically funds parks in every California city and county. And 68 takes a comprehensive approach to California's resources—protecting water supplies, forests, and farmland.

Proposition 68 requires annual audits to make sure funds are spent efficiently for intended purposes, and it does NOT raise taxes.

Business leaders, conservation groups, public health experts, and local leaders agree—Yes on 68 is smart, cost effective, and accountable.

"Yes on 68 means safer drinking water for California families," Wade Crowfoot, Chief Executive Officer, Water Foundation

"Yes on 68 will benefit every region of California by helping local communities improve their parks," Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director, League of California Cities

"Yes on 68 is critical to the health of our food supply, land and water," Craig McNamara, Past President, California Board of Food and Agriculture

Yes68ca.com

HELEN HUTCHISON, President
League of Women Voters of California

MIKE SWEENEY, Executive Director of California
The Nature Conservancy

ANDREA TUTTLE, Director (Retired)
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

PROPOSITION
69 **REQUIRES THAT CERTAIN NEW TRANSPORTATION
REVENUES BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**The text of this measure can be found on the Secretary of State's website at
<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>.**

- Requires that revenues generated by a 2017 transportation funding law, through a certain vehicle license fee and diesel sales tax, be used only for transportation purposes, including public transportation. Generally prohibits the Legislature from diverting those funds to other purposes.
- Prohibits revenue from new vehicle license fees from being used to repay general obligation bond debt.
- Exempts new revenues from state and local spending limits.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF
NET STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:**

- No direct effect on the amount of state and local revenues or costs, as the measure does not change existing tax and fee rates.
- The measure could affect how some monies are spent by ensuring that revenues from recently enacted taxes and fees continue to be spent on transportation purposes.
- The measure would put the state a little further below its constitutional spending limit.

**FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON ACA 5 (PROPOSITION 69)
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 30, STATUTES OF 2017)**

Senate:	Ayes 28	Noes 10
Assembly:	Ayes 56	Noes 24

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

RECENT TRANSPORTATION FUNDING LEGISLATION

In April 2017, the state enacted legislation, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), to increase annual state funding for transportation in California. Senate Bill 1 (1) increases revenues from various taxes and fees, and (2) dedicates the revenues to transportation purposes, including repairing state highways and local streets, and improving mass transit.

Taxes and Fees. Senate Bill 1 increased gasoline and diesel excise taxes, which are set on a per-gallon basis. It also increased diesel sales taxes, which are set based on price. For zero-emission vehicles (such as electric cars) model year 2020 and later, it increased vehicle registration fees by a fixed dollar amount. Additionally, SB 1 created a

new transportation improvement fee, which vehicle owners pay based on the value of their vehicle. Most of the taxes and fees already are in effect, with all taking effect by 2020.

Restrictions on Revenues. Senate Bill 1 will raise \$5 billion annually when all its taxes and fees are in effect. Figure 1 shows the annual revenues raised from each tax and fee, as well as whether existing provisions of the State Constitution restrict them for transportation purposes. Though the Legislature chose to dedicate all the SB 1 revenues to transportation, the State Constitution does not require this for the revenues from the transportation improvement fees and diesel sales taxes. As such, the Legislature could choose in the future to use these two revenue sources for purposes other than transportation.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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SPENDING LIMITS

The State Constitution requires the state and local governments to keep their annual spending at or below a certain level, based on a formula established by a voter proposition passed in 1979. The State Constitution exempts some spending from counting toward these limits, including spending from most gasoline and diesel excise tax revenues and spending on capital projects. Due to these exemptions, only a small portion (less than one-tenth) of spending from the new SB 1 revenues count toward the state limit. It is currently estimated that the state is several billion dollars below its limit.

PROPOSAL

Restricts Revenues for Transportation.

Proposition 69 amends the State Constitution to require that the Legislature spend revenues from the new diesel sales taxes and transportation improvement fees on transportation purposes. (This requirement also applies to existing diesel sales tax revenues—not just those imposed by SB 1.) Proposition 69 also prohibits the state from (1) loaning out these revenues (except for cash flow purposes), and (2) using transportation improvement fee revenues to repay state transportation bonds without voter approval. The only way to change these requirements would be for the voters to approve another constitutional amendment in the future.

Exempts Revenues From Spending Limits.

Proposition 69 exempts spending from all the revenues raised from SB 1 from counting toward state and local spending limits.

Figure 1

Existing State Constitutional Restrictions on Recently Enacted Senate Bill 1 Revenues

(In Billions)

Tax/Fee	Revenues ^a	Restricted for Transportation?
Gasoline Excise Tax	\$2.4	Yes
Transportation Improvement Fee	1.6	No
Diesel Excise Tax	0.7	Yes
Diesel Sales Tax	0.3	No
Zero-Emission Vehicle Fee	— ^b	Yes
Total	\$5.0	

^a In 2020–21, when all taxes and fees are in effect. Excludes revenues from taxes on fuel used in off-highway vehicles (totaling \$0.1 billion). The existing State Constitution and Senate Bill 1 both allow these revenues to be spent on purposes besides transportation.

^b About \$18 million a year.

FISCAL EFFECTS

No Direct Fiscal Effect but Could Affect How Some Monies Are Spent. Proposition 69 would not directly affect the amount of state and local revenues or costs. (This is because it does not change the tax and fee rates established in SB 1.) The proposition could affect how some monies are spent in the future by requiring the Legislature to continue to spend revenues from diesel sales taxes and transportation improvement fees on transportation purposes, rather than other purposes. Additionally, the proposition puts the state a little further below its constitutional spending limit.

Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2018-ballot-measure-contribution-totals/> for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure. Visit <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/jun-18-primary.html> to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

If you desire a copy of the full text of the state measure, please call the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or you can email vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 69 ★

YES ON 69: PREVENT THE LEGISLATURE FROM REDIRECTING TRANSPORTATION REVENUES AND ENSURE THEY CAN ONLY BE USED TO FUND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.

YES on 69 ensures existing transportation revenues we pay at the pump and when we register our vehicles can ONLY be used for road and transportation improvement projects. Proposition 69 constitutionally protects these funds by prohibiting the legislature from using these revenues for non-transportation purposes.

And YES on 69 won't raise taxes one cent.

YES ON 69 REQUIRES TRANSPORTATION FUNDS BE SPENT ON PRIORITIES LIKE FIXING LOCAL ROADS, HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

Californians depend on a safe and reliable transportation network to support our quality of life and a strong economy. YES on 69 protects transportation taxes and fees we already pay for: • **SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS** to repair aging and deteriorating bridges, tunnels and overpasses, as well as highways, freeways and local streets and roads. • **FILLING POTHoles AND PAVING OVER CRACKED AND CRUMBLING ROADS.** • **RELIEVING TRAFFIC CONGESTION** by adding new lanes and making repairs to remove bottlenecks that cause congestion. • **UPGRADING LIGHT-RAIL AND COMMUTER RAIL**, buses and other public transportation services to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. • **IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY** by building and upgrading crosswalks and sidewalks.

YES ON 69 PROTECTS TRANSPORTATION FUNDS AND BENEFITS EVERY CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY.

Passing Proposition 69 protects revenues dedicated to every city, county and transportation agency in the state for repairing local roads and improving public transportation.

YES ON 69 PROTECTS EXISTING REVENUES AND DOES NOT INCREASE TAXES.

Proposition 69 protects existing taxes and fees we are already paying. It does not raise taxes.

YES ON 69 PROMOTES JOBS AND A STRONGER ECONOMY.

Ensuring transportation revenues are dedicated to transportation projects will support hundreds of thousands of good paying jobs and will boost our economy by improving the transportation network that gets employees to work and goods and services to the market.

YES ON 69 MEANS STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY TO PROTECT TAXPAYERS.

Proposition 69 ensures our transportation tax dollars can only be used to make road safety improvements, fill potholes, repair local streets, freeways and bridges, and to invest in public transit.

"Cracked, potholed roads in poor condition pose a major safety threat to California drivers," said Warren Stanley, commissioner, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. "We need Prop. 69 to protect revenues to fix the poor condition of our roads, to protect public safety and provide drivers with smoother, less congested roads and highways."

YES ON 69 IS SUPPORTED BY A BROAD COALITION.

YES on 69 is supported by a broad coalition representing business, labor, local governments, transportation advocates and taxpayers, including: • League of Women Voters of California • California Chamber of Commerce • California State Conference, NAACP • California Alliance for Jobs • California Business Roundtable • California State Association of Counties • League of California Cities • Southern California Partnership for Jobs • Transportation California • California Transit Association

VOTE YES ON PROP. 69 TO ENSURE OUR TRANSPORTATION REVENUES CAN ONLY BE SPENT ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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WARREN STANLEY, Commissioner
California Highway Patrol

HELEN HUTCHISON, President
League of Women Voters of California

ALLAN ZAREMBERG, President
California Chamber of Commerce

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 69 ★

NO ON 69: BROKEN PROMISES HAVE LED TO A RUNDOWN, OUTDATED, AND CONGESTED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Prior to the recent gas tax increases, Sacramento had plenty of your money through transportation-related fees and taxes to fix our crumbling roads, upgrade transportation infrastructure, and repair aging bridges. However, time and time again, the state spent YOUR money on everything BUT transportation. Now our roads are in complete decay, they promise that this time, they'll spend it as intended. While protecting your money is commendable, Californians are already unnecessarily taxed at the pump. If Sacramento were judicious in the handling of your money, California's transportation system would not be facing such crisis.

PROP. 69 PROTECTS TRANSPORTATION MONEY THAT WILL NOT FIX OUR ROADS

While the proponents argue protecting these dollars ensures traffic congestion relief, filling potholes, and

safety improvements, it's not quite the case. A portion of money protected by Proposition 69 is for transit, which is NOT fixing our roads; no new infrastructure, no updates to California's crumbling roads, and no traffic relief. Other dollars can go to projects like high speed rail, bike lanes, and protecting habitat.

PROPOSITION 69 FAILS TO PROTECT OVER \$1 BILLION

Proposition 69 fails to protect ALL transportation dollars. Sacramento will collect \$1 billion annually in vehicle weight fees, which will go unprotected and backfill the State's General Fund. Proposition 69 fails to fully protect transportation taxes from being diverted to programs that do nothing to fix our roads and highways. **VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 69.**

ASSEMBLYMAN FRANK BIGELOW

5th Assembly District

SENATOR JOHN MOORLACH

37th Senate District

★ ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 69 ★

How insulting can a ballot proposition be? Last year, a two-thirds majority of state legislators voted for a gas tax and vehicle fee increase for transportation improvements. And now they are asking you to tell them to only spend the money on that intended purpose? Do you see the lunacy of this request?

Is this measure supposed to make us feel better? Or is it an indictment that Sacramento can't help itself when it comes to spending your money? It's wasting billions of dollars for high speed rail, with massive cost overruns. And this proposition is supposed to prevent them from spending drift? Or is this an admission that, like an alcoholic, Sacramento is saying it won't siphon off some of your gas tax for other boondoggles, this time? And, once again, they really mean it. How sad can California's legislature get? Did you know that Caltrans wastes some \$500 million per year? Because it's overstaffed by nearly 3,300 architects and engineers and it is hiring more? That it only outsources ten percent of engineering work when most states outsource half? Did Sacramento streamline Caltrans before raising your gas taxes? No!

It embarrasses me, as a fiscal conservative, to have to ask you to tell Sacramento to spend a gas tax on highway repairs. It's disingenuous and duplicitous. How long will the voters of this state enable free-spending liberals to drive our Golden State into the ground? Accordingly, I'm voting "No" on this tripe called Proposition 69. You should too.

SENATOR JOHN M.W. MOORLACH
37th Senate District

PROPOSITION 69 FAILS TO PROTECT ALL
TRANSPORTATION REVENUE.

All transportation related revenues must be protected from being diverted by the legislature for programs that don't fix our roads. Fact: most transportation revenues, including gasoline, diesel excise taxes and vehicle registration fees, are constitutionally protected from being used for purposes other than transportation. Unfortunately, PROPOSITION 69 FAILS TO PROTECT OVER \$1 BILLION ANNUALLY FROM VEHICLE WEIGHT FEES THAT HAVE BEEN SIDETRACKED SINCE 2011. ALL transportation taxes must be protected from being diverted and misused by politicians, otherwise these games will continue.

PROPOSITION 69 ALLOWS UNCHECKED SPENDING.

In addition to Proposition 13 (1978)—California's landmark initiative that limited local property taxes—voters passed Proposition 4 (1979), which limited the spending of government operations. Proposition 69 exempts the recently enacted transportation taxes and fees from the state spending limit. This effectively RAISES THE CAP ON GENERAL FUND SPENDING BY APPROXIMATELY \$2 BILLION ANNUALLY. By exempting these expenditures, state spending would be allowed to grow to levels that otherwise could not be reached.

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 69

I am opposed to the new gas taxes and vehicle registration fees. Too many Californians struggle to pay for housing, food and other necessities in this high-cost state. Californians don't need more taxes. I don't support Proposition 69 because state spending will continue to spiral out of control, and it fails to fully protect transportation taxes from being diverted to programs that do nothing to fix our roads and highways.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRANK BIGELOW
5th Assembly District

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 69 ★

Proposition 69 prevents the legislature from diverting transportation dollars for non-transportation purposes. So it's not surprising that the arguments against Prop. 69 are signed by . . . legislators.

But their arguments are not accurate.

Here are the facts.

FACT: When voters approve Proposition 69, recently enacted transportation revenues will be protected and required by our state constitution to go to transportation improvement projects.

FACT: Prop. 69 does not increase taxes. It protects the transportation taxes and fees we already pay.

FACT: Prop. 69 does not increase the state spending limit. It ensures that transportation revenues are completely dedicated to transportation improvements and not state debt.

Passing Prop. 69 will ensure our transportation dollars are spent on transportation improvement projects including:

- FIXING POTHOLES and paving crumbling roads.
- MAKING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS to bridges, overpasses, streets and highways.

- RELIEVING TRAFFIC CONGESTION by making repairs to improve traffic flow.
- INVESTING IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION like buses and commuter rail to help relieve traffic and improve air quality.

YES ON 69 MEANS STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY TO
PROTECT TAXPAYERS.

Proposition 69 is supported by a broad coalition of public safety officials, business, local government, labor, environmentalists, seniors, taxpayers, Democrats, Republicans and independents.

Vote YES on Prop. 69 to prevent the legislature from diverting our transportation dollars and to guarantee that transportation funding is spent fixing our roads.

www.YesProp69.com

GARY PASSMORE, President
Congress of California Seniors

ROBERT C. LAPSLEY, President
California Business Roundtable

ALICE A. HUFFMAN, President
California State Conference NAACP

PROPOSITION
70 **REQUIRES LEGISLATIVE SUPERMAJORITY VOTE
APPROVING USE OF CAP-AND-TRADE RESERVE FUND.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**The text of this measure can be found on the Secretary of State's website at
<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>.**

- Beginning in 2024, cap-and-trade revenues will accumulate in a reserve fund.
- These cap-and-trade revenues cannot be used unless the Legislature authorizes such use by a two-thirds majority.
- On the effective date of any such authorization, the requirement that new revenues accumulate in this reserve fund will expire.
- Suspends certain tax exemptions, including for equipment used in manufacturing and research and development, beginning in

2024, until the effective date of any such authorization.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF
NET STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:**

- Potential temporary increase in state sales tax revenue from the sale of manufacturing and certain other equipment beginning in 2024. Amount could range from no increase to a few hundred million dollars annually.
- Possible change in the mix of cap-and-trade funding provided to state and local programs.

**FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON ACA 1 (PROPOSITION 70)
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 105, STATUTES OF 2017)**

Senate:	Ayes 27	Noes 13
Assembly:	Ayes 59	Noes 11

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

STATE'S CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM

Program Aimed at Limiting Greenhouse Gases.

California has several programs created to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases (GHGs) that are emitted. GHGs—such as carbon dioxide—contribute to global climate change and come from various sources, including gasoline-powered cars and industrial activities. One California program to reduce GHGs is referred to as “cap-and-trade.” Under this program, which began in 2012, the state issues a limited number of permits to emit GHGs. Certain companies responsible for large amounts of GHG emissions must obtain a permit for each ton of GHG they emit. The state gives about half of the permits away to certain industries for free and sells the other half at auctions. A recent state law allows cap-and-trade to operate in California through 2030.

Revenue Collected Used for a Variety of Programs.
Revenue collected from cap-and-trade auctions

is deposited into a state fund called the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The state determines how to spend money in the GGRF, usually through the annual budget process. The money in the fund is generally used for state and local programs to reduce GHGs. As shown in Figure 1, we estimate the state will spend about \$3 billion from the GGRF on various programs in 2017–18. The state can spend money from the GGRF with a bill passed with majority votes in both houses of the Legislature.

**SOME BUSINESS EQUIPMENT EXEMPT
FROM STATE SALES TAX**

California's state and local governments charge a sales tax on retail sales of most goods. Revenue from part of the sales tax goes to the state's main operating account. This part of the tax is not charged when some businesses buy certain equipment used for such things as manufacturing and research and development. We estimate that this “manufacturing

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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exemption” currently reduces state sales tax revenue by about \$250 million annually. The exemption is authorized until July 1, 2030.

PROPOSAL

Creates Temporary Higher Legislative Vote Requirement for Spending Cap-and-Trade Revenue.

This measure requires that beginning on January 1, 2024, cap-and-trade revenue be deposited in a new state fund called the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund (Reserve Fund), rather than in the GGRF. These deposits would continue until the effective date of a bill that: (1) spends money from the Reserve Fund and (2) is passed by each house of the Legislature with a *two-thirds vote* (as opposed to the majority vote currently required). The measure also requires that money in the Reserve Fund be used to fund the same general types of programs that could be funded by the GGRF on January 1, 2024. After the effective date of the bill, future revenue would go back to being deposited in the GGRF and could be spent by a majority vote of the Legislature.

Suspends Manufacturing Exemption Until Cap-and-Trade Revenue Is Spent. This measure suspends the manufacturing exemption beginning on January 1, 2024. While the exemption is suspended, the full sales tax would be charged when businesses buy certain equipment for such things as manufacturing and research and development. The suspension would continue until the effective date of a bill that: (1) spends money from the Reserve Fund and (2) is passed with a two-thirds legislative vote.

FISCAL EFFECTS

Potential Temporary Increase in Sales Tax Revenue Beginning in 2024. The measure could suspend the manufacturing exemption beginning in 2024. The state would generate additional sales

Figure 1

Estimated 2017–18 Cap-and-Trade Spending^a (In Millions)

Program	Amount
Incentives for low-emission vehicles and equipment	\$810
High-Speed Rail	730
Affordable housing near transit	584
Public transit	438
Forestry and fire prevention	325
Agricultural emission reductions	250
Other	187
Total	\$3,324

^a Assumes \$3 billion in revenues in 2017–18. Amount could be higher or lower depending on actual auction results.

tax revenue while the manufacturing exemption is suspended. The amount of additional revenue would depend on when the Legislature approves spending money from the Reserve Fund with a two-thirds vote. If the Legislature approves spending the money by early 2024, there would be little or no additional revenue. However, if there was a lengthy delay, the additional state revenue would be up to a few hundred million dollars annually.

Possible Change in Mix of Programs Funded.

Beginning in 2024, the two-thirds vote requirement could, at least temporarily, change the mix of state and local programs funded by auction revenues compared to what would otherwise occur. Any change would depend on the future composition and spending priorities of the Legislature, which are unknown. As a result, it is unclear which state and local government programs might receive more or less money.

Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2018-ballot-measure-contribution-totals/> for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure. Visit <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/jun-18-primary.html> to access the committee’s top 10 contributors.

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★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 70 ★

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 70 TO PROTECT TAXPAYERS AND OUR ECONOMY AND ENSURE CALIFORNIA CONTINUES ITS LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

California's ambitious plan to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions *PASSED WITH SUPPORT FROM DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS* and more than 150 organizations representing agriculture; environment; clean energy and technology; business; labor; firefighters; public health professionals; economists; and newspaper editorial boards from across the state.

PROPOSITION 70 HELPS ENSURE THAT MONEY FOR PRIORITY PROGRAMS IS NOT DIVERTED BY POLITICIANS FOR PET PROJECTS.

It is essential that future climate change revenues continue to reduce emissions and provide benefits to all Californians. Proposition 70 provides a strong safeguard against any effort to undermine this goal. It forces two-thirds of the legislature to come together in 2024 to evaluate if the money has been spent wisely and beneficially for the good of all Californians.

PROPOSITION 70 SAFEGUARDS CALIFORNIA'S HISTORIC CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM WHICH

PROTECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT, ENHANCES OUR ECONOMY, AND CREATES JOBS.

The future of California's signature climate change program depends on demonstrating that we can protect our environment while growing our economy. To accomplish this goal *Proposition 70 helps ensure that the money to reduce greenhouse gases is spent in the wisest and most cost effective way; that protects taxpayers and our most polluted communities.*

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 70

Proposition 70 is part of a historic bipartisan effort to achieve our climate goals, retain good paying jobs to sustain our growing economy, and protect air quality and public health.

www.YesOnProposition70.com

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

ALLAN ZAREMBERG, President
California Chamber of Commerce

CHAD MAYES, California State Assemblymember

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 70 ★

35 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSE PROPOSITION 70

Proposition 70 is a mistake. It is bad for the environment and bad for public health. That's why 35 respected environmental organizations like the Natural Resources Defense Council, the California League of Conservation Voters and the Coalition for Clean Air all say vote NO on Proposition 70!

PUTTING POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE FEW

Proposition 70 is undemocratic. It would let a small group of politicians who have opposed our successful clean air strategies derail progress on climate change and pollution reduction. We can't allow that to happen. There is too much at stake for our health, our planet and for future generations.

POLLUTERS WANT THE ABILITY TO VETO PROGRESS

Big oil companies and other industries that cause our worst pollution want Proposition 70 so they can sideline pollution reduction programs and keep poisoning our air

and water. These special interest groups have opposed progressive measures to address air pollution and climate change for many years.

BIPARTISAN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 70

Many Democrats and Republicans in the legislature opposed putting Proposition 70 on the ballot because it's a bad deal for California. Join NextGen California, Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles, California Environmental Justice Alliance, Friends of the Earth, the Courage Campaign, the League of Women Voters California and many more groups that are fighting for the public interest and a clean future in voting NO on Proposition 70!

TOM STEYER, President
NextGen California

REBECCA SALTZMAN, Interim Executive Director
California League of Conservation Voters

DR. JOSEPH K. LYOU, President
Coalition for Clean Air

★ ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 70 ★

NO ON PROPOSITION 70

Proposition 70 grew out of an oil industry-backed effort to derail the state's premiere program to curb harmful air pollution. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the industry spent millions of dollars lobbying to water down California's commitment to clean air policies that reduce our dependence on high-polluting fossil fuels. Proposition 70 will increase legislative gridlock, undermine our clean energy progress, and empower special interests who are out of step with the majority of Californians. It doesn't deserve your support.

CLEAN AIR AND ENERGY POLICIES ARE WORKING

A key component of California's clean air strategy is a program called Cap and Trade that requires polluters to reduce their emissions or pay into a fund. This fund is used to increase energy efficiency in homes, businesses and schools, provide consumer rebates that make electric and hybrid cars more affordable, increase public transit, clean up dirty, heavy-duty trucks that pollute neighborhoods, and other successful anti-pollution programs.

A RECIPE FOR GRIDLOCK

By requiring a 2/3 supermajority vote of the legislature to allocate the funds paid by polluters, Proposition 70 would change this effective system and empower a small minority of politicians to divert the funds away from environmental priorities and prevent them from being spent to reduce pollution and provide needed transportation, housing and energy services to our communities.

Californians will remember the painful deal-making to pass a state budget when that also required a 2/3 vote. Many months passed without a budget, and the deals became more desperate and more compromised by special interests as time passed. The voters put an end to that dysfunction back in 2010 when they changed

the vote required for a budget to majority. We shouldn't return to that broken system.

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

Proposition 70 was the result of a backroom deal. Normally, it takes about nine months for a bill to pass the legislature. Measures typically have several hearings with the details studied and discussed. In contrast, Prop. 70 passed in only four days, without any hearing and without any opportunity for public comment. If it were such a great idea, why was it rushed through in secrecy?

WHO DO YOU TRUST?

The oil companies and a small group of politicians support efforts like Proposition 70 that weaken our state's clean energy policies. Opposing Proposition 70 are good government groups like the League of Women Voters of California, and the state's most respected environmental and social justice organizations including the California League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council, Coalition for Clean Air and California Environmental Justice Alliance. The Sierra Club California says the law behind this ballot measure would "delay urgent expenditures for climate, air quality, and other identified statewide and local priorities." We urge you to vote No on Proposition 70 because it's bad for the environment, bad for our economy, bad for good government, and could undo years of progress toward a cleaner future.

LEARN MORE

Learn more about why Proposition 70 is bad for California at www.stopprop70.org.

SENATOR BEN ALLEN

26th District

ASSEMBLYMEMBER TODD GLORIA

78th District

HELEN L. HUTCHISON, President

League of Women Voters of California

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 70 ★

Proposition 70 opponents are misleading you. It is supported by Democrats and Republicans because it helps guarantee the money from California's signature climate change program is only used to reduce pollution, protect the environment and enhance our ability to respond to wildfires. LEFT UNPROTECTED THESE MONEYS WILL BE VULNERABLE TO SPECIAL INTEREST INFLUENCE.

Proposition 70 is a critical piece of an HISTORIC BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT to achieve our ambitious climate goals, retain good paying jobs that sustain our economy, and address important public health and air quality issues. It is not a recipe for gridlock and it HAS NO IMPACT ON THE STATE'S MAJORITY VOTE BUDGET REQUIREMENT. Do not be fooled by the opponents' misleading arguments.

The projects funded by our climate change program enhance our ability to manage the state's destructive wildfires by providing fire engines for fire prevention and improving the health of California's forests; assist farmers in making changes needed to reduce harmful

pollution; help residents make their homes more energy efficient; and improve air quality for millions of Californians in our most polluted communities.

THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSITION 70 IS TO MAKE SURE THAT HIGH QUALITY AND COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS LIKE THESE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FUNDING. That is why organizations representing agriculture; environment; business; labor; firefighters; and public health professionals all supported the plan.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 70 TO PROVIDE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES TAXPAYERS DESERVE AND SAFEGUARD CALIFORNIA'S HISTORIC CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM as we protect our environment, enhance our economy, and create jobs.

www.YesOnProposition70.com

MICHAEL D. SHROUT, President

California State Firefighters' Association

ANJA RAUDABAUGH, Chief Executive Officer

Western United Dairymen

PROPOSITION
71 SETS EFFECTIVE DATE FOR BALLOT MEASURES.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The text of this measure can be found on the Secretary of State's website at <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>.

- Provides that a ballot measure approved by a majority of voters shall take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the results of the election.
- Allows a ballot measure to provide that it will become operative at a date later than its effective date.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S
ESTIMATE OF NET STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:**

- Likely little or no effect on state and local finances.

FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON ACA 17 (PROPOSITION 71)
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 190, STATUTES OF 2017)

Senate:	Ayes 40	Noes 0
Assembly:	Ayes 78	Noes 0

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

State Ballot Measures. At statewide elections, California voters get to vote on state ballot measures. These measures (also called propositions) include:

- **State Initiatives and Referenda.** These are changes to the State Constitution, changes to state laws, and bond measures proposed by citizens, who gather signatures to place these measures on the ballot.
- **Legislative Ballot Measures.** These are changes to the State Constitution, changes to previously approved initiatives, and bond measures placed on the ballot by the California Legislature.

Changes in Elections Over Time. Changes in state and federal laws and decisions by individual voters have affected voting practices in recent decades. In California, perhaps the most noteworthy change has been the growing use of mail ballots. In the November 1970 election, about 200,000 California voters (3 percent of the total) cast a ballot by mail. By contrast, in November 2016, more than 8 million voters (58 percent of the total) cast a mail ballot. State and federal laws also allow for “provisional” ballots—for example, for people who believe they are registered even though their names are not on a polling place’s voter list. Mail and provisional ballots received right around Election Day often are counted in the days or weeks afterward.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Timeline for Counting State Election Ballots.

Election officials in each county have to count every ballot that is legally cast, including mail ballots received soon after Election Day. The current vote counting process lasts for several weeks after Election Day. During that period, county officials count up to several million mail ballots and other ballots that are still not counted at the end of Election Day. They also recheck precinct vote counts. After receiving results from each county, the Secretary of State—who oversees elections throughout the state—certifies a formal “statement of the vote” more than five weeks (specifically, no later than 38 days) after Election Day.

Effective Date for State Ballot Measures.

The State Constitution provides that state initiatives and referenda, as well as legislative ballot measures that change the State Constitution, take effect the day after the election unless the ballot measure sets a later effective date. In most cases, it is clear at the end of Election Day whether a ballot measure has been approved by voters. In some cases, however, the results are not clear, and millions of ballots are not counted until days or weeks later.

PROPOSAL***Later Effective Date for State Ballot Measures.***

As described above, the Secretary of State files the statement of the vote no later than 38 days after Election Day—after receiving voting

results from each county. This measure amends the State Constitution so that state initiatives and referenda, as well as legislative ballot measures that change the State Constitution, take effect on the fifth day after the Secretary of State files the statement of the vote. Therefore, if this measure is approved, most state ballot measures would take effect about six weeks (no later than 43 days) after Election Day. This would allow counties to finish counting ballots and the Secretary of State to certify results before these ballot measures go into effect.

FISCAL EFFECTS

Little or No Fiscal Effect Likely. Currently, state ballot measures generally take effect on the day after Election Day. It is rare, however, for measures to change state or local revenues or spending substantially in the weeks immediately after Election Day. For this reason, delaying the effective date of ballot measures by a few weeks likely would have little or no effect on state and local finances.

Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2018-ballot-measure-contribution-totals/> for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure. Visit <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/jun-18-primary.html> to access the committee’s top 10 contributors.

If you desire a copy of the full text of the state measure, please call the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or you can email vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 71 ★

Proposition 71 is a simple common sense update of our elections laws, which will ensure accurate results following the approval of a ballot measure by voters. This is a non-controversial constitutional fix with bi-partisan support.

Proposition 71 provides that an initiative statute, referendum, or constitutional amendment approved by the voters takes effect *after* the Secretary of State has fully and completely counted all the votes and files the Statement of Vote.

Under existing law an initiative statute, referendum, or constitutional amendment approved by the voters takes effect on the day after the election, unless otherwise specified by the measure itself. However, existing law has created some uncertainty for Californians who are directly impacted by propositions. An example was Proposition 67 (2016), a referendum relating to the ban on single-use plastic bags, signed into law by the Governor in 2014. Californians voted in favor of Proposition 67 which allowed the ban to stand, however questions remained as to when the actual ban, established by the Legislature, would go into effect. Proposition 71 will prevent such confusion in future elections by shifting the implementation date of measures to after election results are certified by the Secretary of State, providing a clear effective date for statewide propositions.

Proposition 71 will enhance the accuracy of statewide election results. In 2016, 53% of all voters (about 9.2 million Californians) were registered to vote-by-mail. Given the convenience, it is likely that the trend toward more voters choosing to vote-by-mail will increase. This trend, while positively encouraging voter participation, has also lengthened the time it takes to count ballots. Elections officials must confirm each voter's registration status and verify each voter's signature on the vote-by-mail envelope. Additionally, mailed ballots may arrive at county elections offices on, or up to three days after, Election Day. In some instances, election results can be very close.

History has shown that results of an election contest can change after the Election Day vote tally. Shifting the implementation date of initiatives, referenda, and constitutional amendments to after election results have been certified by the Secretary of State will ensure the true and correct implementation of ballot measures. Please vote "YES" on Proposition 71.

KEVIN MULLIN, Speaker pro Tempore
California State Assembly
RALPH E. SHAFFER, Professor Emeritus
Cal Poly Pomona
HELEN HUTCHISON, President
League of Women Voters of California

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 71 ★

The current language of the State Constitution makes a ballot measure approved by voters take effect (unless the measure otherwise provides) *"the day after the election."*

Because a measure cannot (chronologically) take effect until the result of the vote has been determined and certified, the phrase *"the day after the election"* means only that a measure which passes may be retroactive to that earlier date.

In the case cited by proponents, the voters' 2016 decision on a referendum to uphold the Legislature's ban on single-use plastic bags took effect when the outcome of the election was certified, and the earlier date did not matter. But sometimes an earlier (retroactive) date can matter.

For example, suppose there were an initiative on the June 5, 2018 ballot which proposed that serial child molesters had to be sentenced by judges to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

If Proposition 71 were to pass, the new life-in-prison law (in the above hypothetical) could not take effect until the final vote certification—giving child molesters time (up to 38 days currently) to attack more victims under the sentencing law voters had seen fit to change.

Proposition 71 appears to be unnecessary and disadvantageous in some situations.

GARY WESLEY

★ ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 71 ★

This is a proposal by the State Legislature to amend two provisions of the California Constitution regarding most statewide ballot measures.

Some ballot measures (including this one) are proposed by the State Legislature; others qualify for the ballot through the voter petition process.

Anytime the State Legislature proposes to change the process, the proposal is worth examining carefully. Most legislators would not likely favor measures that qualify for the ballot through the petition process. Usually, the petition process is used when the Legislature will not make a change on its own or has passed a law that voters want to suspend and eliminate by “referendum.”

There is some danger in this measure that the State Legislature could, in the future and by its own enactment, delay how long the Secretary of State may take to declare the outcome of elections on measures (currently 38 days) and thereby undermine the process.

The Legislature’s summary of this measure (in what’s called Assembly Constitutional Amendment 17—“ACA 17”) reads as follows:

The California Constitution provides that an initiative statute, referendum, or constitutional amendment or revision approved by a majority of voters thereon takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to compile the results of all

statewide measures, and to prepare, certify, and file a statement of the vote from the compiled results no later than the 38th day after the election.

This measure would instead provide that an initiative statute, a referendum, or a constitutional amendment or revision approved by a majority of voters thereon takes effect 5 days after the Secretary of State files the statement of the vote for the election at which the measure is voted on, and the measure clarifies that an initiative statute, referendum, or constitutional amendment or revision may provide that it become operative after its effective date. This measure would also make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

While the summary is correct, some folks may wonder whether the Legislature is addressing a real problem with the existing Constitutional language (adopted way back in 1970). No law enacted by voters can ever take effect before the outcome of the vote has been determined. As currently written, the language makes changes retroactive to the day after an election (unless the enacted change otherwise provides). The amendments proposed by this measure would eliminate such an early (and retroactive) effective date for a law enacted by state voters.

Maybe proponents will explain more about why this measure is needed.

GARY WESLEY

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 71 ★

Assembly Constitutional Amendment 17, which is now before California voters as Proposition 71, passed both houses of the Legislature with Republican and Democratic support. There was not a single “NO” vote cast. Why? Because, in bi-partisan fashion, lawmakers agreed that Proposition 71 is a minor, technical yet necessary fix. Proposition 71 clarifies an issue that may arise as a result of more voters choosing to cast their vote by mail.

Current law requires that ballot initiatives go into effect the day after the election. Proposition 71 simply clarifies existing law to be consistent with the reality that in some instances the results of elections may not be determined for several days after the election.

The California State Senate analysis notes: “Proposition 71 will delay the enactment of initiative or referenda until five days after the Secretary of State releases the Statement of Vote.

By delaying the enactment until after the vote has been certified, this measure ensures that the true and correct implementation of ballot measures occurs.”

Under California law, all changes to the Constitution must be approved by the voters. The Legislature cannot, on its own, delay implementation of voter enacted initiatives. In 1970, no one anticipated the growth in votes being cast by mail as we are seeing today. Proposition 71 is a minor, simple fix intended to clarify existing law. Please vote YES on Proposition 71.

KEVIN MULLIN, Speaker pro Tempore
California State Assembly, District 22

MARC BERMAN, Chair, Assembly Committee on
Elections and Redistricting

California State Assembly, District 24

HENRY STERN, Chair, Senate Committee on
Elections and Constitutional Amendments
California State Senate, District 27

PROPOSITION
72 PERMITS LEGISLATURE TO EXCLUDE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RAIN-CAPTURE SYSTEMS FROM PROPERTY-TAX REASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The text of this measure can be found on the Secretary of State's website at <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>.

- Except in certain circumstances, under the California Constitution, construction on existing property requires reassessment for tax purposes.
- The California Constitution permits the Legislature to exempt some construction on existing property from property-tax reassessment requirements.
- Amends the California Constitution to permit the Legislature to exempt the construction or addition of rain-capture systems from the

type of construction that would require a property-tax reassessment.

- Applicable to construction or addition of rain-capture systems completed on or after January 1, 2019.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF NET STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:

- Probably minor reduction in annual property tax revenues to local governments.

FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON SCA 9 (PROPOSITION 72)
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 1, STATUTES OF 2018)

Senate: Ayes 39 Noes 0

Assembly: Ayes 76 Noes 0

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

California's Water Supplies Can Be Limited in Some Years. California has an extensive water system to deliver water from the northern part of the state—where it is more plentiful—to farms and cities in other parts of the state. Water typically is delivered to houses and other buildings through local public water systems. The amount of water available through these water systems can vary widely from year to year. In years with less rain and snow, it can be difficult to provide enough water for all of the state's farms, residents, and businesses. In response, the state and local governments have looked for other ways to provide water to those who want it.

Rainwater Capture Systems Collect Water for Use on Site. Rainwater capture systems are one way to create additional supplies of water. A rainwater capture system collects and stores rainwater that falls on the roof of a building. The system uses pipes to direct water from

roofs and gutters to large storage tanks. Stored water can be used for things like watering plants or flushing toilets. As a result, these systems reduce somewhat the demand for water from local water systems. Rainwater capture systems installed on homes typically cost a few hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. Systems installed on business properties or apartments typically cost several thousand dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Local Governments Levy Taxes on Property Owners. California local governments—cities, counties, schools, and special districts—levy property taxes on property owners based on the value of their property. A property includes land plus any buildings or other improvements on the land. Property taxes are a major revenue source for local governments, raising over \$60 billion per year statewide.

Calculating a Property Owner's Tax Bill. Each property owner's annual property tax bill is equal to the taxable value of their property

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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multiplied by their property tax rate. The typical property owner's property tax rate is 1.1 percent. In the year a property is purchased, its taxable value is its purchase price. Each year after that the property's taxable value is adjusted for inflation (up to 2 percent). This continues until the property is sold and again is taxed at its purchase price.

Property Improvements Trigger a Higher Tax Bill.

When a property owner makes an improvement to his or her property, the county assessor typically updates the property's taxable value to reflect the improvement. The county assessor first determines the value of the improvement. The improvement's value is based on the cost of building the improvement and how much it increases the price the property could be sold for. The county assessor then adds the value of the improvement to the property's prior taxable value to determine the property's new taxable value.

Certain Improvements Do Not Increase Tax Payments. Past measures approved by voters require that county assessors not count the value of certain types of property improvements toward a property's taxable value. Such improvements include solar panels, fire sprinklers, and certain upgrades for earthquake safety.

PROPOSAL

Rainwater Capture Systems Not Counted Toward Taxable Value. This measure, which amends the State Constitution, allows the Legislature to exclude the value of a newly constructed rainwater capture system from a property's taxable value. Earlier this year, the Legislature passed a law to carry out this measure should it be approved by voters. Under this law, any systems installed between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2028 would not raise property tax bills. These property tax savings would apply until the property is sold. If a developer installs a system on a new building, the first buyer of the building may claim the property tax savings for the system.

An Example. Here is an example of the property tax savings provided by this measure. Suppose a home has a taxable value of \$400,000 and the homeowner's annual tax bill is \$4,400 (\$400,000 multiplied by 1.1 percent). The homeowner pays \$5,000 to have a rainwater capture system installed. Without this measure, the county assessor would increase the home's taxable value to \$405,000. The homeowner's annual tax bill would increase to \$4,455 (\$405,000 multiplied by 1.1 percent). With the measure, the home's taxable value and tax bill would not change. The homeowner's annual tax bill would still be \$4,400, \$55 lower than if the measure were not in place.

FISCAL EFFECTS

Likely Minor Reduction in Property Tax Revenues.

This measure would result in lower property tax payments for property owners who install rainwater capture systems on existing buildings or who purchase new buildings that include these systems. Lower property tax payments would mean lower revenues for local governments. Statewide, these property tax revenue losses probably would be minor, not exceeding a few million dollars per year. This is because properties with new rainwater capture systems probably will pay a very small share of all property tax payments in coming years.

Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2018-ballot-measure-contribution-totals/> for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure. Visit <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/jun-18-primary.html> to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

If you desire a copy of the full text of the state measure, please call the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or you can email vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 72 ★

Yes on Proposition 72 will prevent a property tax increase on homeowners who install rainwater recycling systems that benefit our entire state.

That is urgent because California has experienced periods of drought and will likely face more dry years in the future.

More Water, Less Taxes.

Eliminating the tax penalty for Californians who install systems to store and reuse water off our roofs will preserve more water for all of us and can lower water bills for millions of Californians. It preserves precious drinking water for California residents and enables us to draw less water from our lakes, rivers and streams, helping fish and wildlife that depend on fresh water for their habitat and food.

Supported by Outdoor and Environmental Groups.

Yes on Proposition 72 is supported by environmental groups throughout California, including Save The Bay, Planning and Conservation League and Trout Unlimited. Water conservation and environmentally sensitive water storage are important elements of our anti-drought response.

Under current law, taxes increase when property owners make home improvements—even when such improvements have statewide benefit. Proposition 72 would allow people to install rainwater capture systems without triggering higher taxes.

Australia has experienced severe drought and has embraced rainwater recycling systems as part of their solution. Currently, one-third of the Australian homes capture rainwater from their roofs.

California voters approved a similar tax reform for solar systems. Because homeowners are not required to pay higher taxes when they install rooftop solar, our electricity costs are lower. A Yes vote on Proposition 72 would allow us to follow this exact same path.

Stop The Unfair Tax on Water Conservation!

It is unfair and unwise to raise taxes on Californians who capture rainwater from their roofs in order to conserve our drinking water. That is why the California State Senate and State Assembly, on *unanimous bi-partisan votes*, agreed to place this measure on the ballot.

Storing and reusing rainwater benefits all of us. People should not have to pay a tax penalty for conserving water. Please vote Yes on Proposition 72.

For further info, go to SaveCaWater.org

STEVE GLAZER, California State Senator

DAVID LEWIS, Executive Director

Save The Bay

HOWARD PENN, Executive Director

Planning and Conservation League

★ ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 72 ★

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 72 WAS SUBMITTED.

OVERVIEW OF STATE BOND DEBT

PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

This section describes the state's bond debt. It also discusses how Proposition 68—the \$4.1 billion natural resources bond proposal—would affect state bond costs.

Background

What Are Bonds? Bonds are a way that governments and companies borrow money. The state government uses bonds primarily to pay for the planning, construction, and renovation of infrastructure projects such as bridges, dams, prisons, parks, schools, and office buildings. The state sells bonds to investors to receive “up-front” funding for these projects and then repays the investors, with interest, over a period of time.

Why Are Bonds Used? A main reason for issuing bonds is that infrastructure typically provides services over many years. Thus, it is reasonable for people, both currently and in the future, to help pay for the projects. Additionally, the large costs of these projects can be difficult to pay for all at once.

What Are the Main Types of Bonds? Two main types of bonds used by the state to fund infrastructure are general obligation bonds (which must be approved by voters) and lease revenue bonds (which do not have to be approved by voters). Most of the state's general obligation and lease revenue bonds are repaid from the General Fund. The General Fund is the state's main operating account, which it uses to pay for education, prisons, health care, and other services. The General Fund is supported primarily by income and sales tax revenues.

What Are the Costs of Bond Financing? After selling bonds, the state makes annual payments over the next few

decades until the bonds are paid off. (This is very similar to the way a family pays off a mortgage.) The annual cost of repaying bonds depends primarily on the interest rate and the time period over which the bonds have to be repaid. Assuming an interest rate of 5 percent, for each \$1 borrowed, the state would pay close to \$2 over a typical repayment period. Of that \$2 amount, \$1 would go toward repaying the amount borrowed (the principal) and close to \$1 for interest. There likely will be significant inflation over the period during which the state repays these bonds. This means that the dollars used to repay these bonds in the future will be worth less than they are today. Accordingly, after accounting for inflation, the cost of repaying these bonds is lower—roughly \$1.50 for each \$1 borrowed.

Infrastructure Bonds and the State Budget

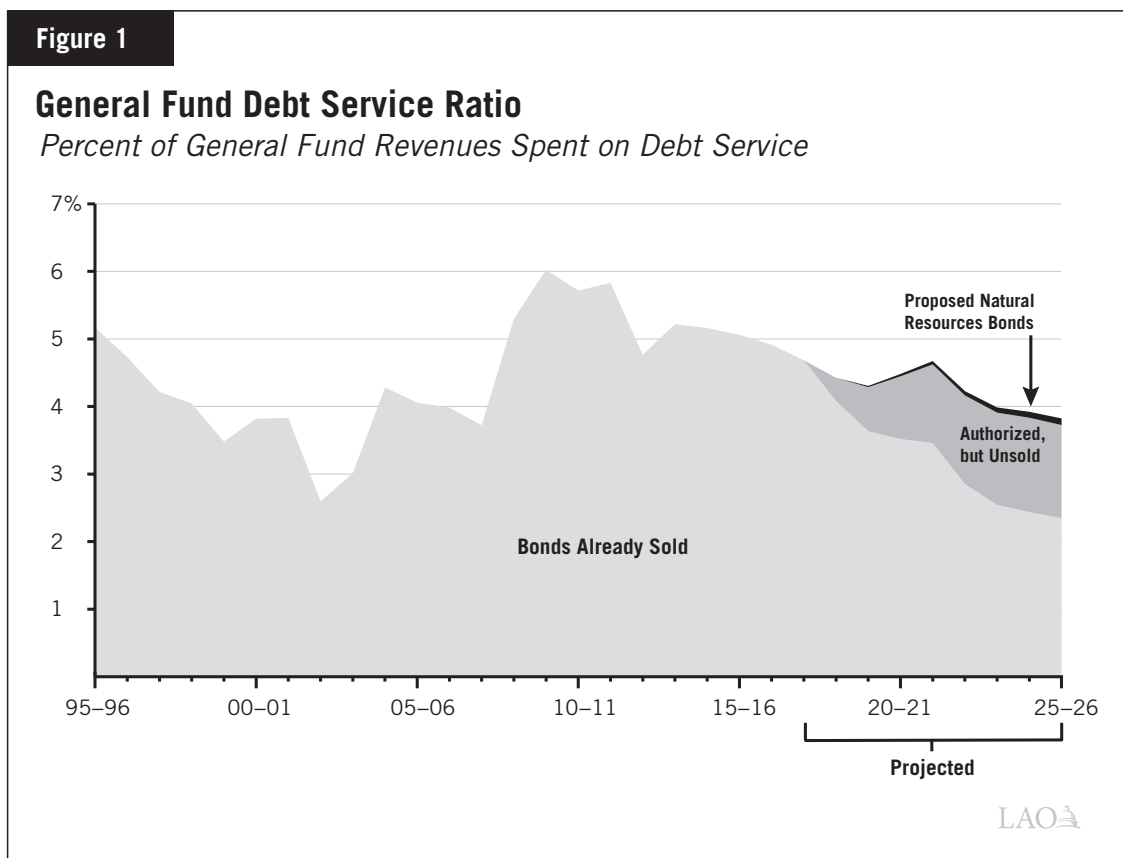
Amount of General Fund Debt. The state has about \$83 billion of General Fund-supported infrastructure bonds on which it is making principal and interest payments. In addition, the voters and the Legislature have approved about \$36 billion of General Fund-supported bonds that have not yet been sold. Most of these bonds are expected to be sold in the coming years as additional projects need funding. In 2017–18, the General Fund's infrastructure bond repayments totaled close to \$6 billion.

This Election's Impact on Debt Payments. The natural resources bond proposal on this ballot (Proposition 68) would allow the state to borrow an additional \$4 billion by selling general obligation bonds to investors. The amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds, also known as the debt

service, would depend on the specific details of the bond sales. We assume an interest rate of 5 percent and that the bonds would be issued over a ten-year period. We further assume that the last bonds would be repaid 30 years after the final bonds are issued. Based on these assumptions, the estimated average annual General Fund cost would be about \$200 million over the next 40 years. This is about 3 percent more than the state currently spends from the General Fund for debt service. We estimate that the measure would require total debt service payments of about \$7.8 billion over the 40-year period during which the bonds would be paid off.

This Election's Impact on the Share of State Revenues Used to Repay Debt. One indicator of the state's debt situation is the portion of the state's annual General Fund revenues that must be set aside for debt service payments on

infrastructure bonds. This is known as the state's debt service ratio (DSR). Because these revenues must be used to repay debt, they are not available to spend on other state programs, such as operating colleges or paying for health care. As shown in Figure 1, the DSR is now somewhat below 5 percent of annual General Fund revenues. If voters do not approve the proposed natural resources bond on this ballot, we project that the state's DSR on already authorized bonds will likely remain somewhat below 5 percent over the next several years and then decrease thereafter. If voters approve the proposed natural resources bond on this ballot, we project it would increase the DSR by less than one-fifth of a percentage point compared to what it would otherwise have been. The state's future DSR would be higher than shown in the figure if the state and voters approve additional bonds in the future.



Elections in California

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices are state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (50 percent +1), a general election still must be held.

California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

Superintendent of Public Instruction is a nonpartisan office. If a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction were to receive a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent +1) at the primary election, then that candidate would be elected, and no general election would be held. Additional information on nonpartisan offices can be found below.

California law requires the following information to be printed in this guide.

Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her qualified party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In the county voter information guide, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

The Voter's Choice Act

The Future of Voting in California

Starting in 2018, all registered voters in Sacramento, San Mateo, Madera, Nevada, and Napa counties will receive their ballot in the mail weeks before the election. Voters in participating counties will have 3 choices for how to vote:

Vote by Mail: You can mail your completed ballot as soon as you receive it.

Drop Box: You can drop off your completed ballot at any county dropbox as soon as you receive it. No postage is required at dropboxes.

Vote Center: Vote Centers will replace polling places. You can vote in person at any vote center in your county. Vote Centers will be open for a minimum of 11 days, up to and including Election Day.

At every Vote Center you can:

- Vote in person
- Register to vote or update your registration
- Drop off your completed ballot
- Get a replacement ballot
- Vote using an accessible voting machine
- Get help and voting materials in multiple languages

Why the Change?

The California Voter's Choice Act became law in 2016 to make voting more convenient and accessible. You can choose how, when and where you vote.

When do I vote?

You will receive your ballot in the mail weeks before the election. After completing your ballot, you may return it by mail or at any county dropbox or vote center. Vote centers will be open for in-person voting for 11 days, up to and including Election Day.

Where do I find a dropbox or vote center?

VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov

What if I don't receive my ballot?

Visit any vote center in your county or call your county registrar to request a replacement.

What if I'm not in a Participating County?

If you live in a county that's not currently participating in the Voter's Choice Act, you will continue to vote either by mail or at a polling place. Contact the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-8683 for more information.

Information About Candidate Statements

In This Guide

This voter guide includes information about U.S. Senate and statewide constitutional office candidates which begins on page 37 of this guide.

United States Senate candidates can buy space for their candidate statement in this voter guide. Some candidates, however, choose not to buy space for a statement.

U.S. Senate

Mario Nabliba	Republican	Douglas Howard Pierce	Democratic
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Democratic	Tom Palzer	Republican
Kevin De León	Democratic	John Thompson Parker	Peace and Freedom
Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente	Republican	James P. Bradley	Republican
Donnie O. Turner	Democratic	Arun K. Bhumitra	Republican
Paul A. Taylor	Republican	Derrick Michael Reid	Libertarian
Patrick Little	Republican	Ling Ling Shi	No Party Preference
Jerry Joseph Laws	Republican	David Hildebrand	Democratic
Tim Gildersleeve	No Party Preference	Jason M. Hanania	No Party Preference
Michael Fahmy Girgis	No Party Preference	Alison Hartson	Democratic
Don J. Grundmann	No Party Preference	Pat Harris	Democratic
Rash Bihari Ghosh	No Party Preference	Dianne Feinstein	Democratic
John “Jack” Crew	Republican	Colleen Shea Fernald	No Party Preference
Erin Cruz	Republican	Lee Olson	No Party Preference
Herbert G. Peters	Democratic	Kevin Mottus	Republican
Gerald Plummer	Democratic	David Moore	No Party Preference

California law includes voluntary spending limits for candidates running for state office (not federal office). Statewide constitutional office candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Board of Equalization who choose to keep their campaign expenses under specified dollar amounts may buy space for a candidate statement (up to 250 words) in this voter guide.

The voluntary spending limit for candidates for Governor in the June 5, 2018, Statewide Direct Primary Election is \$8,753,000.

The voluntary spending limit for candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, and Superintendent of Public Instruction in the June 5, 2018, Statewide Direct Primary Election is \$5,835,000.

The voluntary spending limit for candidates for the Board of Equalization in the June 5, 2018, Statewide Direct Primary Election is \$1,459,000.

In the candidate lists on the next pages, an asterisk (*) designates a statewide constitutional office candidate who accepted California’s voluntary campaign spending limits and therefore has the option to buy space for a candidate statement in this voter guide. (Some eligible candidates choose not to buy space for a candidate statement.)

Statewide constitutional office candidate statements are on pages 46–83 of this voter guide.

The following list of candidates for statewide constitutional office is current through the end of the public display period required for this voter guide. For the final certified list of candidates, which was due after this guide was published, go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/candidate-statements.

Governor

Gavin Newsom	Democratic	Josh Jones*	Green
Robert C. Newman, II*	Republican	J. Bribiesca*	Democratic
Delaine Eastin*	Democratic	Zoltan Istvan*	Libertarian
Klement Tinaj*	Democratic	Amanda Renteria*	Democratic
Jeffrey Edward Taylor*	No Party Preference	Travis Allen*	Republican
Peter Y. Liu*	Republican	Akinyemi Agbede*	Democratic
Gloria Estela La Riva*	Peace and Freedom	Desmond Silveira*	No Party Preference
Yvonne Girard*	Republican	Michael Shellenberger*	Democratic
Robert Davidson Griffis*	Democratic	Nickolas Wildstar*	Libertarian
Shubham Goel*	No Party Preference	Johnny Wattenburg*	No Party Preference
Thomas Jefferson Cares*	Democratic	Antonio Villaraigosa	Democratic
Christopher N. Carlson*	Green	Albert Caesar Mezetti*	No Party Preference
John Chiang	Democratic	Hakan “Hawk” Mikado	No Party Preference
John H. Cox*	Republican		

Lieutenant Governor

Danny Thomas	No Party Preference	Cole Harris	Republican
Eleni Kounalakis*	Democratic	David Fennell*	Republican
Cameron Gharabiklou*	Democratic	Tim Ferreira*	Libertarian
Jeff Bleich*	Democratic	Lydia Ortega*	Republican
Ed Hernandez*	Democratic	Gayle McLaughlin*	No Party Preference
David R. Hernandez*	Republican		

Secretary of State

Gail K. Lightfoot*	Libertarian	C.T. Weber*	Peace and Freedom
Alex Padilla*	Democratic	Michael Feinstein*	Green
Erik Rydberg*	Green	Mark P. Meuser*	Republican
Raul Rodriguez Jr.*	Republican	Ruben Major*	Democratic

Controller

Betty T. Yee*	Democratic	Mary Lou Finley*	Peace and Freedom
Konstantinos Roditis*	Republican		

State Treasurer

Jack M. Guerrero*	Republican	Vivek Viswanathan*	Democratic
Greg Conlon*	Republican	Fiona Ma*	Democratic
Kevin Akin*	Peace and Freedom		

Attorney General

Eric Early*	Republican	Xavier Becerra*	Democratic
Dave Jones*	Democratic	Steven C. Bailey*	Republican

Insurance Commissioner

Ricardo Lara*	Democratic	Nathalie Hrizi*	Peace and Freedom
Steve Poizner*	No Party Preference	Asif Mahmood*	Democratic

Board of Equalization District 1

David Evans*	Republican
Ted Gaines*	Republican

Connie Conway*	Republican
Tom Hallinan*	Democratic

Board of Equalization District 2

Cathleen Galgiani*	Democratic
Barry Chang*	Democratic

Malia Cohen*	Democratic
Mark Burns*	Republican

Board of Equalization District 3

Cheryl C. Turner*	Democratic
Doug Kriegel*	Democratic
Nancy Pearlman*	Democratic
Ben Pak*	Democratic

Scott Svonkin*	Democratic
Micheál “Me-Haul” O’Leary*	No Party Preference
Tony Vazquez*	Democratic
G. Rick Marshall*	Republican

Board of Equalization District 4

David Dodson*	Democratic
John F. Kelly*	Republican
Ken Lopez-Maddox*	Democratic
Joel Anderson*	Republican

James Stieringer*	Republican
Mike Schaefer*	Democratic
Nader F. Shahatit*	Republican

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Marshall Tuck*	Nonpartisan
Tony K. Thurmond*	Nonpartisan

Lily (Espinoza) Ploski*	Nonpartisan
Steven Ireland*	Nonpartisan

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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- Serves as one of two Senators who represent California's interests in the United States Congress.
 - Proposes and votes on new national laws.
 - Votes on confirming federal judges, U.S. Supreme Court Justices, and many high-level presidential appointments to civilian and military positions.
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Kevin de León | DEMOCRATIC



The President is hellbent on dividing our people and demeaning our California ideals. The Washington status quo is either unwilling or incapable of digging in and fighting back. Californians deserve a Senator who will fight tirelessly for their futures with passion and independence. Like many of us chasing the American dream, I understand nothing is handed to you. Only in America could an immigrant housekeeper's son, like me, grow up to lead the California Senate. I've shared your life experiences—struggling to pay for housing, worrying about college tuition and covering health care costs. It's a struggle too few Washington DC leaders understand. With millionaires occupying two-thirds of the Senate, it's easy to understand how they have gotten so out of touch with everyday Americans. Despite their rhetoric, DC Democrats are dragging their feet on universal healthcare and climate change, fearing oil and drug company lobbyists. The DC playbook of pandering and procrastinating is obsolete. As your Senate leader, I never settled for small thinking. I led historic efforts to improve the lives of everyday Californians by taking action on universal healthcare, pay equity, immigrant and civil rights, a \$15 minimum wage, debt-free higher education, and making California a world leader in the fight against climate change. We need new leadership in the Senate to get this country headed in the right direction, with an economy that works for all of us, not just the super wealthy. I will bring proven California leadership to the U.S. Senate.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

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I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I stand for the poor, elderly, and disabled, environmental issues, unions, small business, and represent the average citizen. My website is:
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UNITED STATES SENATE

Don J. Grundmann | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



A Campaign for Sanity. There is no such thing as “transgender.” It does not exist. What does exist are broken people who pretend to be the opposite sex and even mutilate themselves in the attempt. In our constitutional Republic we are free to be psychotic as long as we do not hurt ourselves or others but we have no right to lie to children and teach them that this mental, emotional, and spiritual pathology/sickness is normal, natural, or healthy in the slightest possible way. To do so is a very sick attack upon children and a form of child molestation. There is a massive Social Engineering campaign to normalize the soul pathology and social sickness of “transgenderism.” So-called “transgender” children are being used as weapons to attack and destroy normal/healthy children. The objective of these attacks is to warp and then break the moral foundations of increasing numbers of children so that both current and, especially, future generations will be manufactured into psychotics and destroyed. This must be stopped. The children of our state and nation must be protected from this monstrous attack. Please join the developing national campaign to save children from the transgender hysteria and to ban the transgender mutilation of children. Go to TheyAreAttackingTheChildren.org to join the fight to save our children from this war/jihad against them. And please join the Constitution Party—the last and only party in California which will fight to defend our children and families. Chairman—Constitution Party YouTube—USA vs Sodom Inc.

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John “Jack” Crew | REPUBLICAN



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UNITED STATES SENATE

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Herbert G. Peters | DEMOCRATIC



Democrat. Christian. Pro-Life. End Inflation. Constitutional Tax. Restore Prosperity: our first 100 years “we the people” became the greatest wealth producers in the world with no minimum wage and after Civil war tax rate of 3.1%, (today over 20%). As government grows: cost of living grows, cost of housing grows and homelessness persists. Reduce government: close all 800 foreign military bases that cost \$156 billion per year; end warrant less spying; reduce cost of keeping secrets and restore constitutional compliance, and more.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Douglas Howard Pierce | DEMOCRATIC



S6CA00790 *Excellence in serving our country*, California Native, Los Angeles. Twenty years of service to my country, and continent. I took on the perils of solving homicides across the nation, including cold cases—Primary, Secondary, and serial killers. Majority of cases have been missing children, and young college students. This type of destruction known as home grown terror, Crimes Against Humanity. I worked with all levels of law enforcement agencies in the pursuit of justice, and providing a voice for victims that will never speak again. Some of my cases that were solved have been missing from their families for over thirty years. I'm realistic the new *criminal justice system* that I will both author and implement for California will offset this type of destruction. California is interwoven with all Tribes of Mankind, all codependent on one another to coexist. A strength that will never be beaten down, broken, held back, or made homeless. I will uphold all rights of all people of the Great California that speaks: Native American Tribes, English, Spanish, Chinese, Hebrew, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Persian, Russian, Japanese, Arabic, Punjabi, Mon-Khmer-Cambodian, Hmong, Hindi, Thai, and *missing children and adults voices. Victim voices* that will never speak again! I promise to protect California's 40+ Million, Constitutional Rights, Uphold Sovereignty, and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Douglas Howard Pierce S6CA00790 www.PierceSenate.com Twitter @PierceUSSenate Spanish www.douglas.com.mx

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John Thompson Parker | PEACE AND FREEDOM



"End capitalism—don't enable it." Trump's deportations, police terror, giveaways to corporations, white supremacy, misogyny, poverty, are part of capitalism, and inspired by the previous administration's record deportations and wars. Your vote for socialist Parker counts—it's not supporting enablers, but instead inspiring a movement for revolutionary change.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Derrick Michael Reid | LIBERTARIAN



I am a Californian for all Californians, a moderate and a problem solver, seeking to unite multipartisan factions for solving major problems, primarily including immigration, imprisonment, and corruption. Second class people live in the shadows. Prisons are overpopulated. Political and monetary corruption permeates government functions. With 50 million hungry, 100 million unemployed, and 20 trillion in debt, the two major pandering political machines have failed the nation and have concentrated totalitarian power in DC. As an Engineer, Lawyer and Military, Market, and Geopolitical Analyst, system analysis offers a comprehensive solution set to many problems facing California and the country. Many problems flow from insufficient negative feedback controls. I seek to bring together in compromise opposing factions to find common ground solutions and promote domestic tranquility. Other problems particular to California include indebtedness, poverty, homelessness, taxation, infrastructure, and pollution which can be addressed in the federal context for solving like problems nationwide. The problems are enumerable and the rancor is undignified. Economic stagnation is viewed by corporate revenues and labor participation. The prospects of higher interest rates could implode the bond market, and with it, the equity markets and the economy. Integrated solutions are ready when collapse occurs. Congress should have at least one senator who knows how to recover quickly, with a debt jubilee, a monetary reset, and government reforms to restore real money, honest markets, the Constitution, and the Republic for long term prosperity with maximum liberty.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

UNITED STATES SENATE

Jason M. Hanania | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



My name is Jason Hanania. I am an attorney, an engineer, a former U.S. government employee, and the first technodemocratic candidate. I have no political party, and I do not accept campaign donations. If elected, I agree to use an electronic voting service. Using mobile apps, the Evoting Service will serve 100% of the American people regardless of race, religion, wealth, or gender. If a majority of Californians evote “no” on any given issue, I will vote “no” in the Senate. If a majority of Californians evote “yes,” I will vote “yes” in the Senate. The Evoting Service will be part of a User Platform owned and controlled by the American people. Corporations and government agencies will have no control over the User Platform, nor will they have user accounts. Users can propose legislation, evote on legislation, evote on commercial products, verify evotes, and audit all users in real time. If elected, I will bring the highest-ranking proposals before the Senate. To ensure accountability, the User Platform will utilize blockchain security. Through blockchain security, evotes will be transmitted user to user instead of to a centralized database. Decentralization prevents political parties, corporations, covert agencies, foreign governments, and other potential hackers from manipulating elections. The User Platform first will be crowdfunded and then will self-fund through data analytics. It will eventually provide every American with free, encrypted, decentralized communication capabilities, including internet, email, social media, shopping, banking, and other ad-free data services. Thank you for your consideration.

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Alison Hartson | DEMOCRATIC



Our current establishment is shackled by their addiction to power. After decades of catering to corporate donors, we now have a government that lacks the political will to pass even the most popular policies. We’re all tired of pleading with politicians to represent us. Wouldn’t it be great if you had a Senator who was a true progressive in her heart and didn’t need convincing? Why not elect someone who already believes in Medicare-for-All, \$15 minimum wage, and publicly funded college? I have spent my life fighting for our working-class communities. After teaching public high school for ten years, I dedicated myself to fighting for better government. I organized thousands of volunteers in California and together we led the passage of AJR-1 through the state legislature to fight political corruption. I went on to serve as National Director of a non-profit, working alongside legislators and citizens throughout the country to pass measures just like AJR-1. I promise to bring our fight to Congress. Our country has everything it needs to create a prosperous future for all, but first we have to stop the billionaire class from plundering our wealth. Unlike my main challengers, I’m not taking a dime of corporate money, and no dark money, so that you know exactly who I will represent when I get to Washington D.C. You can visit alisonhartson.com to read more about my platform. Send me to fight for you and together we will take back our government.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Dianne Feinstein | DEMOCRATIC



As California's Senator, I work hard every day to be a strong and effective voice for our state's progressive values. I am a proud and consistent advocate for universal healthcare, women's rights, LGBTQ rights and the rights of immigrants. I have taken on the NRA to get assault weapons off our streets, fought for equal pay for women, sponsored legislation to protect Dreamers and other immigrants and championed economic opportunity that lifts up all Californians, especially working families who still struggle in today's economy. I strongly oppose Donald Trump and his agenda. Trump's actions divide our nation and diminish our standing around the world. I fought against the efforts of Trump and Republicans to repeal and sabotage the Affordable Care Act. As ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, I have worked aggressively to hold Trump accountable for his assault on the rule of law. I am fighting to protect women in the workplace and am proud to have passed a law this year that protects young women gymnasts and other amateur athletes from sexual predators. I will continue to resist Donald Trump's reckless anti-environment agenda. His rejection of climate change science, attacks on California's protected lands and threats to grant new oil drilling permits off California's coast must be confronted, and I will fight Trump and his administration to stop them. I humbly ask for your vote so that I can continue to stand up for California in these difficult and challenging times.

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Lee's slogans are "Representing our Interests, not the Special Interests," "Getting Government out of our Wallets and our Lives," and "Providing Leadership out of the Death Paradigm we live Under of "Slavery, War and Poverty for all but the Special Interests" into the Life Paradigm Intended for us of "Freedom, Peace and Prosperity for all." Lee's Mission—"Protect us From the Government." If you're a Frustrated Independent, a Disenchanted Republican or a Disaffected Democrat perpetually yearning for Freedom, Peace and Prosperity, then Lee's your man. Be inspired at www.LeeOlsonforSenate.com.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Kevin Mottus | REPUBLICAN



The FCC forced roll out of the new 5G wireless technology and Internet of Things will force a cell tower transmitter in front of every 2–12 homes emitting high density, high frequency wireless microwave Radio Frequency radiation (24Ghz–90Ghz). *Wireless radiation has been proven to be harmful and will increase cancer, neurological disease, immune system disorders, and damage fertility near these 5G transmitters* (google: 5G Scientist Appeal). Studies have shown for decades that RF Radiation has subthermal biological effects below our current FCC guidelines (google: Naval Medical Research Institute 1972). 1996 Telecommunications Act section 704 has been used to ban you and local governments from even considering your health and safety when placing any cell tower near *your* home. Why would they ban looking at health effects if there were no health effects? We are allowing the industry controlled FCC to *microwave poison* our children, families, homes and workplaces (google: microwave sickness webster's). We must stop the deployment of these deadly 5G cell tower transmitters near our homes (google: press democrat Verizon antennas). Enough is Enough! The wireless companies, CTIA their lobby group, industry captured FCC, Senator Thune must be held responsible for the suffering, disease, and death they have caused from wireless radiation exposure (Google: FCC Captured Agency Harvard). There is a new two party system: Representatives who represent corporate interests and those that represent the public's interest. *I represent the public's interest and swear to protect the health and well-being of all Californians. Vote Kevin Mottus for Senate*

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

GOVERNOR

- As the state's chief executive officer, oversees most state departments and agencies, and appoints judges.
- Proposes new laws, approves or vetoes legislation, and submits the annual state budget to the Legislature.
- Mobilizes and directs state resources during emergencies.

Robert C. Newman, II | REPUBLICAN

Pro: God, life, U.S. Constitution, Parental Rights, Property Rights, Business *Limited:* Government, Taxes, Regulations *No:* Geo-engineering, Con-Con

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Delaine Eastin | DEMOCRATIC



Delaine Eastin is the only woman elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, overseeing California's schools and responsible for 40% of the state budget. During her 8-year tenure Delaine moved California's per pupil spending from 47th to 27th in the nation by suing the governor for illegally withholding funds. Delaine is running for governor because California has lost its way. We rank 41st in the nation in per pupil spending, but 1st in per prisoner. The high costs of childcare, healthcare, housing, and college are crushing Californians. *Budgets are statements of values. To rebuild our democracy, we need to invest in education and create an economy that works for everyone.* As Governor, Delaine will foster jobs that pay living wages with equal pay; build affordable housing; provide universal healthcare; defend reproductive rights; protect immigrants; fight the climate crisis by banning fracking and transitioning to clean energy; invest in small businesses, affordable childcare, universal preschool, excellent public education, debt free college, career training. Delaine is endorsed by The National Women's Political Caucus, the Young Democrats' Environmental/Progressive Caucuses, the Feminist Majority, SF Berniecrats, Senators/Assemblymembers Dede Alpert, Joan Buchanan, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Loni Hancock and Lori Saldana, county supervisors, mayors, city councilmembers, school board members, Teachers of the Year, and thousands of everyday Californians because *Delaine has the courage, vision and heart to lead our state.* Delaine is the only candidate elected to statewide office, the Assembly and City Council in Union City, where there is a Delaine Eastin Elementary School. Delaine would be California's first woman governor. www.DelaineForGovernor.com

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GOVERNOR

Peter Y. Liu | REPUBLICAN

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Gloria Estela La Riva | PEACE AND FREEDOM

For too long, corporations, banks and the Pentagon have dominated society. The result: Half of all people live in or near poverty. Housing cost is skyrocketing. Immigrants get scapegoated. The prison population and police repression grow. The environment is being destroyed. Enough! Vote socialist! Get involved!



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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

GOVERNOR

Zoltan Istvan | LIBERTARIAN



As one of America's leading libertarian politicians, I'm running for Governor to restore equality, fiscal responsibility, and prosperity to California. Born in Los Angeles, I'm an Ivy-league graduate, former National Geographic journalist, successful Bay Area entrepreneur, and one of the world's top science and technology policy makers. A shortlisted potential running mate of Presidential candidate Governor Gary Johnson, I have the executive experience to lower taxes, end the drug war, defend your freedoms, and create new jobs. I'm pro-choice, pro-immigration, pro-small business, and secular. As a husband, father, and citizen, I share your values in seeing California restored with a powerful new vision. Vote Zoltan!

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Yvonne Girard | REPUBLICAN



As a Veteran, and Governor, I will work to deregulate California and reduce taxes. I believe *justice belongs to all*; from babies in the womb, families of fallen Military and First Responders, to historical wrongs not fully amended for Japanese, Jewish, Armenian, Indigenous and African Americans. No child should ever live in hunger. All public K-12 student meals should be included in the cost to educate each student. I, Yvonne Girard, ask for your vote.

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GOVERNOR

Christopher N. Carlson | GREEN



"Teach your children calculus And keep the planet safe Or *feathered stones* and *empty bowls* Will also be their fate"

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John H. Cox | REPUBLICAN



For years, the Sacramento politicians have been socking it to middle class taxpayers and small business owners. Fueled by the corrupting influence of special interest money, career politicians have saddled us with among the highest income taxes, sales taxes, and gas taxes in the country. They have piled on so many taxes, fees and regulations, that they have made it impossible to build affordable housing, while driving thousands of businesses and good paying jobs out of state. I am a conservative small businessman running for Governor to roll back the tide of tax increases and job killing regulations that have made California unaffordable. *I'm the only conservative in the race who both supports the 2nd Amendment and is endorsed by the California Pro-Life Council. On my first day in office, I'll put an end to the Sanctuary State law that shelters illegal felons, and puts all of our families at risk.* When our California congressional Republicans asked me to serve as Chairman of the *real* campaign to repeal the gas tax, I gladly accepted—because it's time to fight back, and end the war on the middle class. Let's liberate California from the corrupting influence of special interest money, and reclaim the California Dream. If you're ready to join our movement, text *reclaim* to 99000, and follow me on Facebook. I can't do this alone, but together, we can *make California great again*. I'm John Cox, Republican for Governor.

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GOVERNOR

Josh Jones | GREEN



Corruption. Unaffordability. Waste. This has become normal. I will change it. We're listening to you, with meetings in all 58 counties. A corporation is not a person and money is not speech. Trans rights: not extra rights for corporations. We need to protect pensions, social security, sustainable energy, groundwater reservoirs, gain UBI, housing, oil royalties, provide free college, ban prison slavery, fix DACA, ban fracking, achieve Single Payer. Vote Josh Jones, 4th generation Californian. Vote for human rights and strong leadership. www.candidate-statements-cost-25-dollars-a-word.com

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J. Bribiesca | DEMOCRATIC



I'm running for governor to make California better. I'm for the veterans, the homeless (I was a homeless child), the seniors, the disabled and the youth of California. I represent the poor, middle class and those with no voice. I'm a proud American citizen, a retired medical doctor from Mexico, and the first immigrant from Mexico to run for Governor of California. I'm not a career politician. With your vote, I'll fight for a better California using a common sense approach and promote prevention taking care of the causes to avoid costly consequences. Keeping our citizens safe, demand transparency, justice and accountability and respect for people's rights by ethical and respectful conduct from all state employees and enforcing the law to all equally. Stop elected officials using their office for personal gain at taxpayers' expense. Reducing regulations for economic growth, job creation. Fixing infrastructure. Lower gasoline and utility prices and encouraging renewable energy, protecting our environment. Fiscal conservative. Smaller and efficient government by reducing non-performing agencies. Affordable health care with lower drug and hospital costs. Demand better and free education. Respect women's rights, families, diversity and freedom. www.juanbribiesca.com

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GOVERNOR

Amanda Renteria | DEMOCRATIC



Government works best when inspiring public servants do the people's business with humility, enthusiasm, and skill. From Washington to Sacramento, we run into problems when politicians are allowed to buy their way into office and use their power for personal benefit. In order to run for office, I recently stepped down from the senior team at the California Department of Justice. As the DOJ's Chief of Operations, I led a team of 1,000 dedicated public servants and managed an \$850 million budget. The DOJ has locked up human traffickers, cracked down on polluters, protected immigrants' rights, fought for women's healthcare, shielding seniors from Medi-Cal fraud, and secured millions in student refunds from shady for-profit colleges. Prior to the DOJ, I was a math teacher in the Central Valley, a budget analyst for the City of San Jose, an economic policy adviser to Senator Feinstein, and the first Latina Chief of Staff in US Senate history. This gives me the deepest policy experience in the race, but mostly it shows that I've treated public service as a lifelong calling. Californians take pride in being on the frontiers of change in America. That's why we can't sit back any longer. We need fresh faces and new ideas this year. It's time to shake things up. Learn more about our movement at www.amandarenteria.com.

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Travis Allen | REPUBLICAN



Born and raised in California, I've had amazing opportunities in this state. My wife and I are raising our daughters here. I became a financial advisor and started my own small business here. I was elected to the California Assembly six years ago. I've even had the chance to help break a Guinness World Record. I love California, and I'm proud to call it home; I want my daughters to have the California I grew up with. However, our state is threatened by high taxes, burdensome regulations, soft on crime policies, and low education standards. We need to take back California. I have a five point plan for California: 1) *Cut taxes* for all Californians; 2) *Get tough on crime* to protect California's families, not criminals; 3) *Fix our roads and reduce traffic* by spending our existing tax revenue for high quality roads, not high speed rail; 4) *Once again provide the best education in America* by giving our children safe schools and charter schools; and 5) *Complete the State Water Project* to provide water storage that will preserve the Delta and supply water to California's farms, suburbs, and cities. I have a proven track record. I authored the first effort to repeal California's excessively high new gas tax and car tax, and I've earned "A" grades from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association every single year I've been in the Assembly. As Governor, I'll reverse California's dangerous sanctuary state policies. Let's take back California: Vote Travis Allen for Governor. www.JoinTravisAllen.com

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GOVERNOR

Michael Shellenberger | DEMOCRATIC



Dear Friend, I am a lifelong progressive Democrat who has fought for social justice and the environment my entire life. I was awarded *Time Magazine's* "Hero of the Environment" for telling the truth about climate change. I am running for governor to create abundant housing, good jobs, and world-class schools. Expensive housing is destroying the California Dream. We have America's highest poverty rate and the greatest inequality. I have a bold new vision, "California for All": Break up the corrupt Public Utilities Commission and clean up government contracting. Help communities across the state share the responsibility of building new homes. Create good jobs in high-tech manufacturing. Personalize education so every child benefits from one-on-one tutoring and digital learning. Pioneer cheap, clean energy and electric self-driving cars to prevent traffic jams and the deaths of more than three thousand Californians yearly. Thank you for considering my candidacy. Michael

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Nickolas Wildstar | LIBERTARIAN



I'm running for Governor because elected politicians no longer represent the people of this state. As a 20 year working class professional, I will defend residents from unnecessary taxation, regulatory bureaucracy, and skyrocketing costs of living. As a Libertarian, I will not compromise your liberty for special interest groups desires and will uphold the United States Constitution. And as Governor, I will proudly serve for *all* of the people of California. Please allow me this honor by choosing Wildstar for Governor and let's *bring back liberty!*

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Johnny Wattenburg | NO PARTY PREFERENCE

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- Assumes the office and duties of Governor in the case of impeachment, death, resignation, removal from office, or absence from the state.
- Serves as president of the State Senate and has a tie-breaking vote.
- Chairs the Commission for Economic Development; is a member of the State Lands Commission, and the Ocean Protection Council; and sits on the boards of the California university systems.

Eleni Kounalakis | DEMOCRATIC



I'm a businesswoman, mother of two teenage boys, and former U.S. Ambassador under *President Obama*. My experience has taught me to listen, learn and lead. I'm running for Lieutenant Governor to stand up for California's values of diversity and opportunity—because they power our economy. California leads the nation and must remain a beacon of hope. I'm proud to be endorsed by *Senator Kamala Harris, California Legislative Women's Caucus, Equality California and California Federation of Teachers*. I'll fight for affordable higher education by *opposing tuition hikes at our UCs, CSUs and community colleges*. I believe in *single-payer* and will fight for universal healthcare. I'll Chair the State Lands Commission and fight *against Donald Trump's scheme to drill for more oil off California's coast*. I'll oppose offshore leases to Big Oil companies. Period. I'll help change the political culture in Sacramento to *stop sexual harassment* in workplaces everywhere. I'm the daughter of an immigrant and the first college graduate in my family. I've lived the American Dream. My father came to California alone at age 14, worked as a farmworker, and together we built a family business delivering affordable homes for working families. As a businesswoman, I understand that we must build an economy that lifts up all Californians. I'm proud to have served as Ambassador to Hungary to help promote democracy and fight climate change. I travelled to *all 58 counties* and heard your personal stories. I'll always listen to the voices of all Californians. Thank you for your consideration.

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Cameron Gharabiklou | DEMOCRATIC



Because when the history is written, it'll say California *rose up, resisted, and led* this country forward. See how at www.CameronForCalifornia.com

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Jeff Bleich | DEMOCRATIC



Serving as a senior advisor to President Obama and as his ambassador to Australia, I saw firsthand that progress depends on everyone's willingness to "lace up your shoes and run." I'm running for Lieutenant Governor because California's economy has changed dramatically, but our political debate hasn't changed in 30 years. Paychecks aren't keeping up with the rising costs of housing, healthcare, and education. Millions of jobs have been lost to technology, and millions more will be lost in the next decade. California needs leaders focused on making this new economy work for everyone. I have served as counsel to President Obama, his U.S. Ambassador, and head of both the Cal State University Board and State Bar Board. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated that I know how to win tough fights. As an attorney, I fought and won for our immigrant communities, defeating Pete Wilson's Prop. 187. I fought to ensure women and people of color could attend our universities despite Prop. 209. I won cases to limit gun sales and to protect domestic violence survivors, and fought for LGBTQ rights decades before they gained widespread support. I'm prepared to take on the new challenges in education, healthcare, and technology that affect everyone. I have been endorsed by Congressmembers Jackie Speier, Adam Schiff, and Ro Khanna, as well as many California State Legislators, Mayors, Supervisors, and Councilmembers. If you want vision and a proven track record for progress and change, I'd be grateful to have your vote.

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Ed Hernandez | DEMOCRATIC



Ed Hernandez, State Senator and small businessman, is running for Lieutenant Governor to expand access to healthcare, lower the cost of prescription drugs, fight for working families, protect our environment, and make higher education more accessible and affordable. A father and grandfather, Hernandez has spent his life serving the healthcare needs of his community by bringing quality eye care to working families in the San Gabriel Valley. The grandson of immigrants, Hernandez grew up in the working-class community of L.A. County, worked his way through college, and built a successful small family business with his wife. As a healthcare provider, Senator Hernandez led the fight to make healthcare more affordable and accessible, passing a landmark law that cracks down on big pharmaceutical corporations for skyrocketing prescription drug costs by creating new, tough transparency rules to help lower drug prices. As a leader in the State Senate, Hernandez has helped pass laws to protect access to clean air and clean water, increase funding for schools and career education programs, and provide one year of free community college. Hernandez is endorsed by California's Firefighters, the California Teachers Association, the California Nurses Association, State Controller Betty Yee, and California Attorney General Xavier Becerra because they know he will stand up for families against corporate special interests. State Senator Ed Hernandez is also helping lead the effort to end Sacramento's culture of silence to protect people from sexual harassment, hold abusers accountable, and remove offenders from office. Vote Senator Ed Hernandez for California Lieutenant Governor.

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David Fennell | REPUBLICAN



David Fennell knows how to *fix Sacramento*! When you elect me to be your Lieutenant Governor I will do 3 things: *1)Fight Fraud in Sacramento 2)Cut government waste 3)Promote Trade & Investment in California*. Friends call me “Mr. California” because I spent 4+ decades traveling to all of California’s 58 Counties & even all 77 district & county fairs. There is no part of our great state where I have not been; no community I won’t visit. I attended public high school in the fishing & farming community of Half Moon Bay. I did my Eagle Scout project at a California State Park. Raised Catholic, I did both my Bachelors & Masters at California Jesuit Universities. *I love California and hate how the politicians have wasted our tax dollars and squandered the resources of our great state*. I went into politics as a businessman after I uncovered fraud and reported it to authorities. Though several people went to jail, the politicians & lawyers kept the money. *California, we can stop fraud! We can stop government waste!* We can rebuild our roads & our water systems to prepare for future droughts. We can fix schools and grow business. *But we need new leadership in Sacramento!* That is why I want you to send me to Sacramento to be your Lt. Governor! I can’t wait to meet you! Please invite me to speak to your community! *Let’s fix California Now!* Please vote David Fennell for Lt. Governor. God Bless California!—Dave Fennell

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Tim Ferreira | LIBERTARIAN



What makes a vote for me a vote for a better California? *Economy*: We cannot afford to continue to spend with no revenue. We cannot afford to continue raising taxes to get revenue. *Environment*: We need to enforce existing regulations: carry through with fines and penalties for violators. *Education*: We need empowered teachers, with reasonable class sizes, and plenty of supplies. *Economy, Environment, and Education*. These are the pillars on which to build a better California and the three areas under the purview of the Lieutenant Governor. *Principles*: I’m running on libertarian principles. I make decisions on those same principles. Each vote for me (and other Libertarian candidates) sends a mandate to all politicians. A principled mandate they can no longer ignore.

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Lydia Ortega | REPUBLICAN



My name is Lydia Ortega and I am running to be your next Lieutenant Governor. I have what *no other* candidate for Lieutenant Governor has—the skills and experiences directly related to the position. I'm *not* going to Sacramento to be a “Governor in waiting”, there's a job to do. As Lieutenant Governor, I will be your voice on the University of California Board of Regents, the California State University board of Trustees, and the Commissions for Economic Development and for State Land Use. As a Ph.D. in economics, I know that when markets are supported with clear laws and free from unnecessary regulations, then businesses, large and small, thrive; everyone flourishes. After 30 years as a University Professor, I know what works and what doesn't on college campuses. The UC and CSU Boards need this insider perspective. College can be made affordable and productive. Taxpayers cannot continue to foot the increasing bill for education that saddles students with debt and does not prepare them for jobs. My committee and leadership positions at the University, demonstrate that I succeed at finding common ground and know how to solve complex problems. I will make sure that the public bureaucracy remembers that you are the boss, and that our government is accountable to you, the voter and the taxpayer. Running to be a public servant is a civic duty. I bring the integrity, energy, skills and experience necessary to serve you as Lieutenant Governor. To learn more, please visit LydiaOrtega.com

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Gayle McLaughlin | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



Senator Bernie Sanders' Our Revolution endorses me because as Mayor of Richmond, California (2007–2014) I led the city's remarkable transformation, reducing homicides by 75%, increasing the minimum wage to \$15, promoting rent control and helping homeowners avoid foreclosure, defending public schools and immigrant rights, protecting the environment, reducing pollution, promoting Community Choice Energy, and forcing Chevron to pay \$114 million in additional local taxes. *I am running for Lieutenant Governor to be a force in Sacramento against corporate power and backroom deals—to promote a People First agenda.* I'm corporate-free: I have refused corporate contributions for all my campaigns and I won four times against heavily funded opposition. After the election, I won't be indebted to corporations—only to you, the people of California. *Our families and communities can thrive again once corporations pay their fair share and we put people first.* I support 'Medicare for All'; closing the commercial property tax loophole of Proposition 13; statewide rent control; a public program for truly affordable homes; tuition-free public college; fully funding public education; ending charter school expansion; stopping the privatization of prisons; a progressive millionaires tax; sustainable development; a ban on fracking; police accountability; a public bank for California; women's rights and immigrant rights; promoting union organizing; building local grassroots political power; campaign finance reform and public financing of campaigns; and ending all discriminatory practices in our institutions. As Lieutenant Governor, I'll fight for these issues and organize popular support for a People First agenda. I ask for your vote.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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- As the state's chief elections officer, oversees statewide elections and provides public access to campaign and lobbying financial information.
 - Maintains certain business filings, authenticates trademarks, regulates notaries public, and enables secured creditors to protect their financial interests.
 - Preserves California's history by acquiring, safeguarding, and sharing the state's historical treasures.
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Gail K. Lightfoot | LIBERTARIAN



I will work to end Top-Two elections and restore voters' right to choose candidates from all parties in November.

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Alex Padilla | DEMOCRATIC



I'm running to continue to serve as your Secretary of State, because this is a critical time for voting rights and I have a proven track record of getting results. In my first term, I've worked hard to increase voter registration rates, expand access to the ballot box, and make voting more convenient. I sponsored legislation to move our primary election earlier to give Californians more power in determining nominees for President. I'm implementing automatic voter registration and same-day registration programs as well as pre-registration for eligible 16- and 17-year olds so they are ready to cast a ballot as soon as they turn 18. *Because of my work, California will soon add millions of eligible voters to its rolls.* Californians have a lot to be proud of, but we still face challenges. *Just last year, I refused the Trump Administration's request to access our voter rolls and I protected Californians' privacy.* We've made progress, but with so much at stake, our Secretary of State needs to deliver for Californians. *Over the course of my public service career, I've done just that. As President of the Los Angeles City Council, as State Senator, and now as your Secretary of State, I have demonstrated my commitment to fighting for Californians and getting results.* I respectfully ask for your vote. Visit Alex-Padilla.com to learn more.

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Erik Rydberg | GREEN



Native American Bernie Delegate committed to *defend democracy* and *protect your vote!*

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C.T. Weber | PEACE AND FREEDOM



Do you feel that your vote doesn't count? No one in government is paying attention to your issues? You're not alone. Polls show large majorities want a third party, but bipartisan election laws, private money, and the corporate media prevent this and deny representation for many of us, making democracy an illusion. We used to have six candidates on our general election ballot. Now, we only have two, often from the same party. That's horrible! Let's get rid of Top-Two and have more choices in our general elections. Many countries use Proportional Representation to elect multiple legislators from each district, with parties and independents elected in proportion to their number of votes. Fewer votes are wasted, gerrymandering ceases to be useful, there are higher voter turnouts, and those elected are more diverse. If a party gets half the votes it gets half the seats, not all of them. If a party or independent candidate gets 10% of the votes, that party or candidate gets 10% of the seats, not none of them. That way the majority is protected and minorities get voice and representation. Let's replace Top-Two with Proportional Representation. Let's get money out of politics. Money has corrupted our political system. Let's establish a clean money type of equal public funding to those candidates who raise a base amount. Make these costly voter information guide statements free again. Please vote for me to show your support for fair and open elections.

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Michael Feinstein | GREEN



California is a beautiful, richly diverse blend of people, ideas and perspectives. Everyone deserves a seat at the table of our democracy. Only then can we be truly fair and inclusive. A vote for former Santa Monica mayor Michael Feinstein is a vote for a *Democracy Bill of Rights*, providing for: 1. Elections by Proportional Representation. *Like-minded voters receive representation in proportion to their overall voting strength.* Instead of our existing winner-take-all, 'lesser-evil' system, under proportional representation all voters can help elect candidates who truly represent their views. Multiple perspectives win representation from the same district. *We gain from the wisdom of our diversity.* 2. Clean Money Campaign Reform. *Democracy works best when everyone is heard and represented.* Unfortunately, Big Money has a corrupting, disruptive influence. To ensure all voters have information needed to make informed decisions—and to reduce the cost of running for office—use the public airwaves to inform voters about all electoral choices. To provide candidates a broad, grassroots base of support, match small contributions with public funds. *Our democracy is worth it.* 3. Election Integrity. *All votes must be counted—and all votes must count.* Promote transparency, accuracy and trustworthiness, with publicly-owned, open-source voting equipment, paper ballots, and meaningful audits. Eliminate conflicts of interest by prohibiting the Secretary of State from endorsing or opposing any candidate or ballot measure while in office. Make it easier to vote by declaring election days state holidays. www.feinstein4sos.org

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mark P. Meuser | REPUBLICAN



Elections Matter. Recently, the Election Integrity Project of California filed a lawsuit where they alleged that California has more registered voters than eligible voters, 101% to be precise. *Los Angeles County alone has 144% voter registration.* Bloated voter rolls cost the taxpayers money to send unnecessary balloting materials. They also increase the opportunity for fraud. We need to remove from the rolls, those who have died, have moved, non-citizens, duplicate and fictitious registrations. Elections are critical to enable Californians to inform our government how we desire to be governed. Fair elections begin with accurate voter rolls, where only those who are eligible to vote are registered. *The Secretary of State is responsible for maintaining the voter rolls.* If the rolls remain bloated, special interests are able to use money and influence to elect bought and paid for politicians. Every day, I hear first-hand accounts of Californians who have watched as a non-citizen voted or learned that a dead relative voted. Mark Meuser is a native Californian who practices Constitutional and Election law. When I see an injustice, I stand up and help those in need. I have fought for the rights of the disabled and the free speech rights of college students, and I have won. Now I ask you to vote for me to clean up California's bloated voter rolls. I will use technology and databases to clean up our voter rolls so that unauthorized votes do not dilute our voice. *Elections Matter.*

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Ruben Major | DEMOCRATIC



As a Paramedic by trade, I'm a first responder practiced at dealing directly with critical situations and caring for our communities. My wife and I have three school-aged children and together own an EMT/Paramedic recertification training company. I have degrees in law and military history, training in counter-terrorism, and am a FEMA certified Incident Commander. I have strong technology skills and am an election systems expert. I'm not taking corporate donations. As election administrator, I won't campaign for other candidates. I will work for the people, not political gain. Our voting system must be robust and protected from manipulation. Vote counting must be public, transparent, and 100% auditable. California must *lead* the nation toward best voting practices and I will make that a reality. As a business owner, I understand California must be fair, open, and accessible to small business. Visit www.rubenmajor.com to learn more.

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CONTROLLER

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- As the state's chief fiscal officer, serves as the state's accountant and bookkeeper of all public funds.
 - Administers the state payroll system and unclaimed property laws, and conducts audits and reviews of state operations.
 - Serves on the Board of Equalization, the Board of Control, and other boards and commissions.
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Betty T. Yee | DEMOCRATIC



With extensive finance experience, a reputation for fairness, and a commitment to the highest degree of transparency and accountability, State Controller Betty Yee serves as California's independent fiscal watchdog with tough-minded discipline. She has safeguarded our tax dollars, uncovering with her auditing authority close to \$4 billion directed towards unallowed uses and wasteful spending. Her rigor in cash management has enabled the state's bills to be paid without any external borrowing. Betty Yee has cracked down on the underground economy where unscrupulous businesses harm law-abiding taxpayers. She led the reform of the State Board of Equalization to uphold taxpayers' rights for individuals and businesses. Administering one of state's largest consumer protection programs, Betty Yee diligently works to return hundreds of dollars of lost or abandoned properties each day to their rightful owners under the Unclaimed Property Program. In her policy role on numerous boards and commissions, Betty Yee is an environmental champion, protecting access to our public trust lands and beaches, working with our ports on air quality and sea level rise, and insisting on reduced energy-intensive operations on state lands to minimize natural resource and ocean health risks. She also is focused on providing retirement security for public and private sector workers, essential to economic health. Extraordinarily experienced and well qualified, Betty Yee is proudly endorsed by California's educators, law enforcement community, the Sierra Club, and the State Building and Construction Trades. Keep Betty Yee as Controller who will continue fighting for California's families. For more information: www.bettyyee.com.

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Konstantinos Roditis | REPUBLICAN



The job of the Controller is to *Protect, Advocate, and Promote* policies that benefit hardworking taxpayers and should be void of partisan politics. For too long, the Controller's office has remained silent, resulting in wasted taxpayer dollars. As your Controller, I promise to be vocal and put your interests first. I will *Protect* taxpayers by auditing projects such as the California High-Speed Rail System. *Runaway waste, fraud, and abuse must end!* I will *Advocate* policies that promote fiscal responsibility. We should always ask, "Are we spending your money as effectively and efficiently as possible?" *Repeal the Gas Tax:* Only 20% of gas tax funds are actually spent on road repairs; forty-one states fix roads better and cheaper than California! Don't raise taxes, maximize each dollar and spend wisely. *Stop Reckless Spending!* I will *Promote* new common sense plans and tax policies like Trickle-up-Taxation. My plan will break the stranglehold of centralized government by moving decision-making authority from Sacramento to the local level. To learn more about Trickle-up-Taxation, *Repealing the Gas Tax*, and our campaign, visit cacontroller.com

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CONTROLLER

Mary Lou Finley | PEACE AND FREEDOM



Use taxes wisely providing for people's needs instead of subsidizing wealthy corporations wasting billions of dollars.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

TREASURER

- As the state's banker, manages the state's investments, and administers the sale of state bonds and notes.
- Serves on several commissions, most of which are related to the marketing of bonds.
- Pays out state funds when spent by the Controller and other state agencies.

Jack M. Guerrero | REPUBLICAN



Jack Guerrero brings a unique combination of public and private sector experience, with a quintessential American story. Jack's experience as Mayor, City Councilmember, Certified Public Accountant, Stanford and Harvard University graduate, Bank Vice President, Treasury professional, auditor of municipalities and government agencies, and advisor to Fortune 500 companies (in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, London, and Zurich)—establishes him as the candidate with *both* Treasury experience *and* public service record of fighting for taxpayers and working people. Jack is unafraid to challenge the status quo. As Mayor of his hometown, Jack worked with the California State Controller to expose millions of dollars in wasteful and unlawful spending. As a former pension auditor and one-time university lecturer in statistics, Jack understands the severity of the state's unfunded pension liability which at nearly \$500 billion, threatens the long-term financial stability of the state! Jack will *expose* this mismanagement by reckless politicians. Jack will safeguard state assets and advocate for policies that place citizens *first*, including lower taxes, smaller government, and a prosperous California economy. Jack is the son of hard-working Mexican immigrant parents—farmworkers and later, factory workers who settled in Los Angeles. Jack was raised in a troubled neighborhood, surrounded by poverty, gangs, and decrepit public schools—a challenging experience which shaped Jack's political views and charitable activities. Jack serves on numerous public agency and non-profit Boards and is active in scholarship and university recruitment efforts in underprivileged communities. www.jack4treasurer.com.

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Greg Conlon | REPUBLICAN



California needs a Republican who can exercise prudent fiscal responsibility to fix the State's vulnerable financial condition. The generous pensions granted public employees over the years has caused irresponsible unfunded pension liability and an unfunded health care liability to future retirees. California's Treasurer serves on both State Pension Plan Boards—PEERS and STERS. I will bring my private and public sector experience and reputation "to get the job done" to my service on these Boards. In my private sector career as a CPA and consultant I have improved financial controls and conducted financial audits of Fortune 500 companies. As President of the California Public Utilities Commission I led efforts to bring competitive practices to California's utility industry and compel public utilities to install four times more renewable energy generation than any other state. During my service on the California Transportation Commission I worked to have repaired most bridges and overpasses in the State. Locally I have chaired the Atherton Finance Committee, keeping the Town's budget balanced. I served three years as an Air Force officer and pilot. I hold a J. D. Law Degree from the University of San Francisco, an Executive Education Program Degree at Haas School of Business and hold a bachelor's degree in Business and Accounting from the University of Utah. I have received numerous Republican endorsements including the San Mateo County Republican Party, the San Francisco Regional Vice Chair of the State Republican Party and many others.

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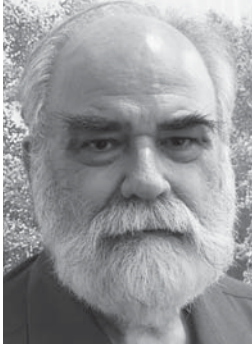
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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

TREASURER

Kevin Akin | PEACE AND FREEDOM



I favor promoting and strengthening socially-owned economic units like cooperatives and credit unions, municipal utilities, public roads and transit. A publicly-owned State Bank would save enormous sums for the people. To me, socialism means democratic control and social ownership of our economy. To win it, we must break the billionaires' economic and political power.

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Vivek Viswanathan | DEMOCRATIC



Vivek Viswanathan is the most qualified candidate and a true progressive running without big money influence. (1) Special Advisor in the Office of Governor Jerry Brown. Managed key projects on job creation, infrastructure, health care and climate change. (2) Policy Advisor to Hillary Clinton. Developed the Democratic Party's plan to eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, cut student debt for millions of borrowers across the country, and expand consumer protections against predatory lending. (3) MBA and law degree from Stanford University. Graduated with highest honors from Harvard University. (4) Rejecting all corporate, PAC, and special interest money—so the next Treasurer only serves the people. 10 progressive ideas for California at www.vivekforca.com/platform. Join the fight for California's future. Join Vivek.

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TREASURER

Fiona Ma | DEMOCRATIC



My name is Fiona Ma. *I have been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1992. I stand for greater transparency, checks & balances and accountability.* That's why I led the major overhaul to restore trust in the State Board of Equalization. I have balanced budgets at the local level, at the state level during the Great Recession, and have overseen the collection of \$60 billion in state revenues. As a CPA with experience in tax law and in balancing budgets I am qualified to serve as State Treasurer from Day 1 and will be able to manage California's investments with full accountability and transparency. I will create a robust first-time homebuyer program to make housing more accessible to all Californians. I will work to alleviate high student loan debt. I was born with a preexisting health condition and personally understand the urgent need for quality, accessible and *affordable healthcare*. Because my husband is a firefighter I know first-hand how important it is to invest in our first responders. As State Treasurer, I will oversee investments in *affordable housing, infrastructure, schools, hospitals, environmental protection and transportation*. Most importantly I will continue to safeguard our tax dollars, invest wisely to ensure positive returns and make sure government works with *accountability and transparency*. I'm proud to have the support of *U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, the California Teachers Association, California Professional Firefighters and California Small Business Association*. I would be honored to have your vote. Thank you for your consideration.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- As the state's chief law officer, ensures that state laws are enforced and investigates fraudulent or illegal activities.
 - Heads the Department of Justice, which provides state government legal services and representing the state in civil and criminal court cases.
 - Oversees law enforcement agencies, including county district attorneys and sheriffs.
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Eric Early | REPUBLICAN



Sacramento needs a serious and major change. I am a father, businessman and attorney, not a career politician. I own a law firm (voted as one of the best in the nation). I am the only person in this race who meets payroll for many people every two weeks. For 25 years, I have fought in courts throughout California and the nation for my clients—protecting people against fraudsters trying to steal their homes, and representing individuals and businesses big and small in legal battles. I now want to fight for you like I fight for my clients. I care deeply about California's citizens. Years of one-party rule in Sacramento have led to madness. When elected, I will fight: (1) to protect you against the ongoing early release of violent felons from our prisons that endanger public safety; (2) the endless increase in taxes, including the gas and vehicle taxes; (3) to be a strong supporter of law enforcement; (4) to prevent the endless flood of illegal immigration; and (5) to support California's hardworking people and job creators. I have received the endorsements of many prominent people, including former Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, State Senate Republican Leader Pat Bates and President Reagan's Secretary of State George Shultz. California needs a new voice in Sacramento. I can be that voice. I need your support and would be honored to receive your vote. Together, we can start bringing California back to greatness. www.ericearly.com

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Dave Jones | DEMOCRATIC



Dave Jones, a proven statewide law enforcement leader, is extremely well-qualified to serve as our next Attorney General. As Insurance Commissioner, Jones leads law enforcement officers who investigate insurance crimes, including corrupt CEOs and public officials. Over 7,500 have been convicted under Jones' leadership. Jones is a strong consumer advocate. He has saved California consumers over \$3.1 billion by rejecting unfair insurance rate increases and fighting insurance companies. Dave Jones implemented healthcare reform, expanding healthcare access. He made sure insurers paid claims of Californians devastated by wildfires. Jones successfully sued drug companies for fraud. Jones was named California's "Most Effective Legislator." He secured billions for safety-net hospital care, protected seniors from financial abuse, and created one of the nation's largest early childhood education programs. At the United States Department of Justice, Jones served as a senior advisor to United States Attorney General Janet Reno, who led the nation's largest law enforcement agency. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Jones refused to work for high paying corporate law firms and instead served as a legal aid attorney, providing free legal representation to the poor. He was named one of "California's Top 100 Lawyers" and "Consumer Champion." Dave Jones is independent. He refuses to take contributions from the insurance, oil, bail, and tobacco industries. Dave Jones is the only endorsed candidate by the *California Federation of Teachers* and *Consumer Federation of California*. Jones is also the only endorsed candidate by the *National Organization for Women (NOW)*, California. For more information, go to: www.DaveJones2018.com

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Xavier Becerra | DEMOCRATIC



As your Attorney General and chief law enforcement officer, *I'm fighting—and winning—*for Californians and our values. I'm taking on the Trump Administration, sex traffickers, the NRA, Big Oil and Big Banks. I'm prosecuting violent street gangs, polluters and predatory for-profit colleges that are stealing from our students. As a life-long advocate for single-payer health care, I went to court to defend Obamacare because I believe that health care is a right. I sued Trump—and *won*—to stop him from gutting our air quality protections and to block his efforts to restrict women's access to birth control. I've *fought and won* to protect the Dreamers—immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children. I fight these battles for Californians as the son of immigrants, the first in my family to graduate from a university, because *all Californians* deserve a chance to succeed. After law school, I worked as a legal aid attorney representing the mentally ill and then served as a Deputy Attorney General in the office that I now lead. I then went to Congress to lead the fight to protect Social Security and Medicare. I've been fighting for California values all my life and I will *never* back down whether it's Big Oil, the NRA, or the Trump Administration. Some people talk about what they will do, as Attorney General, I'm doing it. I'd be honored to have your vote.

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Steven C. Bailey | REPUBLICAN



As a retired Judge of the California Superior Court, I will put the safety of citizens over the comfort of criminals. My top priorities will be to restore the rule of law and stop the elimination of bail, the Sanctuary State charade, and the soft-on-crime “get-out-of jail free card” policies endangering our communities. I have witnessed the impact of failing to enforce our laws under the Constitution. Mike Reynolds, author of Three Strikes Law, plus multiple law enforcement officials and associations have endorsed me because they know my proven record of standing on the side of public safety and the rule of law. You can count on me to vigorously prosecute violent criminals and human traffickers and put a stop to the yearly increases of violent crime in our state. I will protect California families, our children and grandchildren, and will have the backs of our First Responders to keep Californians safe. Thank you.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

- Heads the Department of Insurance, which enforces California insurance laws and adopts regulations to implement the laws.
 - Licenses, regulates, and examines insurance companies.
 - Answers public questions and complaints about the insurance industry.
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Steve Poizner | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



From 2007–2011, I served as the California Insurance Commissioner, and am seeking your support for a 2nd term of public service. *My Background:* I have a proven track record of success in the private sector starting and leading pioneering technology companies for over 35 years in California (e.g. my company SnapTrack invented GPS for mobile phones), and now as the founder of a nonprofit focused on expanding the innovation economy in Southern California. *Why run for another term now?* Californians face urgent issues: under-insured homeowners exposed to an increasing number of wildfires and floods, ongoing premium increases in health insurance markets, and the growing economic threat of cyber-crime. *My record as Insurance Commissioner:* We saved drivers and homeowners almost \$2 billion in lower insurance rates; recovered \$30 million for wildfire victims who were shortchanged by insurance companies; saved taxpayers \$17 million by permanently cutting 13% of the budget (that's a first and without layoffs!); arrested over 2500 people for insurance fraud (a record!); and restored insurance for thousands of innocent consumers after health insurance companies illegally canceled policies. *Why I am running as an Independent:* The California Insurance Commissioner is a regulator requiring fierce independence from insurance companies and partisan party politics. I pledge to press the Legislature to make this office officially non-partisan, and I will refuse insurance industry contributions to my campaign like I did during my first term. For a report card of my first term in office by the San Jose Mercury News, please see: www.bit.ly/Poizner

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Nathalie Hrizi | PEACE AND FREEDOM



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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Asif Mahmood | DEMOCRATIC



I've based my life's work on a single principle taught to me by my parents: helping others is our highest calling. That's why I became a doctor, and why I'm running for Insurance Commissioner. I was born and raised in rural Pakistan, where I attended a school that didn't have a roof let alone chairs or desks. With my teachers' help, I was the first person in my town to earn the grades to attend medical school and move to the United States. Now as a doctor of internal medicine, I've seen my patients' struggles—ranging from insurance coverage issues, prescription drug issues, in- and out-of-network issues, follow-up issues, and support beyond medical care. *I'm proud to say I've never asked for reimbursement from any patient who didn't have insurance.* Because of my years of experience, I'm the best person to serve Californians as Insurance Commissioner. In fact, I'll be the first doctor to ever hold the seat. My first priority will be fixing the state of health insurance. I'll take on Pharmaceutical companies that are putting profits before people and support Medicare for All. *That's why I refuse to take contributions from insurance companies or pharmaceuticals*—because Californians are my constituents, not Big Pharma. As a Muslim immigrant from the state of California—I'm a triple threat to Donald Trump. I'll be the first Muslim ever elected to statewide office in the country. Let's send a clear message—*it's time to get tough on hate.*

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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DISTRICTS

Counties in Each Board of Equalization District



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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Serves on the Board of Equalization, the state's elected tax commission, which:

- Oversees the administration of tax and fee programs including those for alcohol.
 - Oversees the administration of property tax.
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DISTRICT 1

David Evans | REPUBLICAN



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Ted Gaines | REPUBLICAN



As your representative on the Board of Equalization, I will work to protect the interests of all taxpayers, keep our economy strong and create jobs. For too many hard-working families, the California dream has been turned into a costly nightmare by Sacramento politicians with bad judgment and the wrong priorities. Billions of wasted dollars in cost overruns on crazy projects like the San Francisco-to-L.A. bullet train prove that nobody in Sacramento is looking out for taxpayers. I have a lifetime "A" rating from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association because I vigorously defend Prop. 13. I will be your Watchdog and will fight to repeal the outrageous new gas and car tax, which hits the pocketbooks of middle-class families. As the owner of a small family business my background gives me firsthand experience with overbearing government regulations. As a Taxpayer Advocate I work to lower your tax bills, streamline regulations and remove roadblocks to job growth and will continue to do so on the Board of Equalization. I will fight to eliminate government waste, trim budgets and stop tax increases disguised as fees. I am a fifth-generation Californian, husband and father. I want my children and yours to be able to afford to live, work and raise their families here. I would be honored to earn your vote and pledge to fight for you, the taxpayer. Visit www.tedgaines.com to learn more and see why past Taxpayer Advocates on the Board of Equalization endorse me. Thank you.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 1

Connie Conway | REPUBLICAN



I'm a small business owner who has used my skills to keep taxes down, fight fraud and cut government waste. As a County Supervisor, I balanced budgets without raising taxes while increasing funding for law enforcement. I am a fiscal conservative who led successful efforts to defeat billions in tax hikes. My successful efforts to reform welfare, helped save billions of dollars while protecting programs for children, elderly and the disabled. By helping implement a new fraud prevention program that requires fingerprinting and background checks for service providers and recipients I helped save tens of millions tax dollars. By backing a new law to *outlaw pay increases for politicians* when the state has a budget deficit, I made sure essential services like public safety aren't shorted by greedy politicians. I support *repealing the \$52 Billion car tax* because our families can't afford the most expensive gas in the country. My values and record earned me 100% ratings from the *California Taxpayers Association*, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the National Federation of Independent Business. At the Board of Equalization, I will serve as an advocate for taxpayers, oppose higher taxes and *protect Proposition 13* from those who want to water it down or repeal it. I will continue my fight to prevent fraud, support efforts to *prosecute corrupt officials* to the full extent of the law and shine a spot light on government waste. Please visit: www.connie4boe.com

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Tom Hallinan | DEMOCRATIC

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None of California's "big shots" even know where Atwater, Ceres, Crows Landing, Grayson, Groveland, Jamestown, Livingston, Newman, Patterson or Twain Harte are . . . That's because the people that matter to us, don't matter to them. I know those folks. I represent their "unimportant" communities as their city and special district attorney. It's not unlike my 20 years as a Central Valley Community College Trustee . . . always representing the ignored and forgotten Valley families who feed America. When I was elected to Chair the California Law Revision Commission, I enjoyed watching the head-scratching LA and Bay Area smarty-pants people trying to figure out who this country bumpkin was and how did he end up in charge. It's really simple. I am a Valley man. 5th generation. Grounded in our values—common sense, hard work . . . and always do what you say you'll do. I'm not a slick state legislator, like my opponents. I don't know all the tricky words and ways. I do know you, the law, and what's fair. The Board of Equalization has been a hot mess for too long. I will clean out the stalls, till the soil, get rid of the freeloaders, and bring the whole operation closer to us and our values. Won't be easy. But, so what? California needs our values—we are tight with a buck, hate being ripped off, and aren't as stupid as they'd like to think. On the Board of Equalization, I will make us equal. I would appreciate your vote.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 2

Cathleen Galgiani | DEMOCRATIC



I hope that things I have accomplished as a State Senator demonstrate my commitment to bringing “equality” to the Board of Equalization. Equal pay for women, making California a sanctuary state for immigrants, providing healthcare for 170,000 immigrant children, winning our right to Marriage Equality, raising the minimum wage to \$15, delivering Environmental Justice funding to disadvantaged, polluted communities, and winning drug-pricing transparency are accomplishments for which I am proud. Today, I am in the fight to stop the Trump Administration from expanding offshore oil drilling on our coast. My personal life story is one of determination. I put myself through school as a fast food worker, and later became a physical therapy aide at my local hospital, helping people walk again. After my best friend and cousin was kidnapped, I spent years making sure the mass murderer stayed in prison. The Board of Equalization’s job is to protect taxpayers from unfair treatment. Please consider that as a member of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee I pushed audits of government bureaucracies and shady government contracts. Those audits uncovered hundreds of millions of dollars in waste and abuse . . . money we then could put to better use in our schools, caring for the elderly, and making California’s communities safer. I have been named “Legislator of the Year” and recognized by a broad range of advocates for women, my own LGBT community, and for my “Commitment to Workers.” I appreciate your consideration when you vote for Board of Equalization.

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Malia Cohen | DEMOCRATIC



My name is Malia Cohen and I’m running to put people’s interests before special interests. The State Board of Equalization has undergone massive reforms fundamentally changing its responsibilities. This reform was necessary to ensure that California’s tax dollars are fairly collected and distributed. But now the BOE needs a strong leader with a proven track record of standing up for what is right. And that’s exactly why I’m running. As a San Francisco Supervisor, I’ve fought to even the playing field and allow everyone to have a say in our government. I have the financial experience necessary to get results and if elected, I will fearlessly advocate for transparency and improved government practices. My campaign is based on three principles, *transparency, accountability and fairness*. Our state must do more to advance opportunities for communities that have historically been left out and left behind. Throughout my career, I’ve advocated for affordable housing, equitable cannabis and public health. For instance, I spearheaded legislation to ban flavored tobacco products in San Francisco, as Big Tobacco companies were disproportionately advertising to youth, communities of color and LGBTQ individuals. That’s why I am proudly endorsed by *U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier, the California Federation of Teachers, Equality California, current Board Member Fiona Ma, and State Controller Betty Yee*. In this historic moment, strong leadership is more important than ever. I’m ready to take on the urgent challenges faced by Californians and fight for working families. Learn more at www.electmalia.com.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 2

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Mark Burns | REPUBLICAN

California Taxpayers have the highest burden in the United States. As a staunch and long term supporter of Proposition 13 and Propositions 60 & 90 (property tax base transfers for seniors); I will work to make our system fairer for all. For the past 32 years; I've worked in the real estate business in Silicon Valley and watched property taxes and sales taxes reach levels that should support California Government well into the future and include surpluses and reserves. Instead; we see continuing efforts to raise taxes further and without meaningful purposes except to back-fund increased spending and over commitment by past representatives and legislators. I will fight to improve accountability and efficiency within the Board of Equalization. I've Chaired Citizen's Oversight Committees on K-8 and 9-12 school districts in my Community for nearly a decade. I've served as Chair and/or President for my 4500+ member trade association—Silicon Valley Association of Realtors (SiVAR), the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, the contracts publishing division of SiVAR, the Legislative Action Council for SiVAR and successfully argued for our County Supervisors (twice) to retain Prop. 90 (inter-county transfer of tax base) for our seniors and the disabled. Your vote will allow me to fight for California Taxpayer's rights throughout the state.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 3

Cheryl C. Turner | DEMOCRATIC

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The Board of Equalization interprets regulations, equalizes property taxes and resolves specified tax disputes. As a consumer taxpayer attorney with a law degree from the University of Southern California (USC), Cheryl Turner worked to protect the interests of you the taxpayer. She was an extern law clerk for Honorable James Ideman, Judge of the United States District Court which prepared her for this quasi-judicial role. She then built her professional legal career helping individuals to overcome adversities and advised small businesses that grew to create jobs and economic opportunities for all. She helped to recoup millions in taxpayer funds to California. She will put to use her over 20 years of legal, real estate, business, tax, and consumer rights law experience as a member of the California State Bar's Taxation Section where she advises clients on tax and regulatory compliance matters; was an arbitrator resolving disputes, along with her government agency oversight experience as a State Commissioner appointed by *Governor Jerry Brown* and a City Commissioner appointed by *Mayor Eric Garcetti*, to faithfully perform her duties as a member of the Board of Equalization. She will continue to advocate for tax policies that support families and help businesses prosper to keep California competitive. Her goal, as your state Board of Equalization member is to reform and ensure a just and efficient tax system based on transparency, accountability and fairness to all. She will always keep you informed of your rights and benefits! She would be honored to have your vote.

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Scott Svonkin | DEMOCRATIC



The son of a public school teacher and the grandson of a bus driver, Scott Svonkin is running for California State Board of Equalization to make sure that we can collect the revenue to fund our schools. He'll make sure big corporations pay their fair share and don't avoid paying their taxes. Svonkin has earned the endorsements of a huge coalition including Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, California State Controller Betty Yee, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, and LA County Supervisors Janice Hahn, Hilda Solis, and Sheila Kuehl because he will fight against corruption and misconduct on the board. Svonkin is a member of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees—an office where he helps hundreds of thousands of students get the education they need so that they can find good careers. On the LACCD Board, Svonkin led reforms to protect taxpayer money and help fund schools. Svonkin has worked in the private sector, and had to balance multibillion-dollar budgets in the public sector, giving him the fiscal experience we need on the BOE. Svonkin has also been a leader in implementing the College Promise, which has been adopted statewide, allowing students to attend their first year of community college for free. On the BOE, Svonkin will work to help small businesses compete, investing in trainings to assist them. A former advisor to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Svonkin will work to make sure that the BOE works with law enforcement to go after the underground economy and prosecute those who commit financial crimes.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 3

Micheál “Me-Haul” O’Leary | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



I am an Irish immigrant, and a proud American citizen. Choosing to serve my local community, I had the honor of serving two terms as Mayor of Culver City, making tough decisions through the recession, and ultimately seeing Culver City become a solvent, destination-city by my term’s end (2016). I’ve also owned successful small businesses in LA and Ventura Counties, and I’ve sold them all to dedicate myself to this office and to you, the voters of California. I know the broad scope of issues business owners contend with, and I know the State doesn’t make it any easier. Like you, I’d like to see more support and efficiency, transparency and accountability in government, and especially from this office. Consider voting for an independent voice and the most qualified candidate on the ballot. Political parties have kept money in politics and hand-picked the winners for too long. Be skeptical of party endorsements and campaign financing. I encourage you to #DoYourHomework and #VoteResponsibly. www.oleary4boe.com @oleary4boe.com

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Tony Vazquez | DEMOCRATIC



Tony Vazquez has the expertise and integrity we need on the State Board of Equalization. As Mayor and City Councilmember in Santa Monica, Tony Vazquez is a tireless advocate for affordable housing, a clean environment and a healthy economy. He worked with small businesses and residents to revitalize the Third Street Promenade and oversee completion of the Metro Expo Line. Vazquez, a former teacher and teacher trainer, is a graduate of the University of Southern California. As a community planner for United Way, Tony Vazquez coordinated funding for community programs throughout the San Fernando Valley. He helped bring good jobs to the North East Valley by revitalizing the former GM Plant in Van Nuys. Vazquez has also served as Southern California Director for the California Futures Network, which promotes smart growth policy in the region and state. Vazquez is Vice President and Former Treasurer of the Independent Cities Association (ICA), and as Vice-Chair of the City of Santa Monica Audit Committee. As a member of the Board of Equalization, Tony Vazquez will work to support small businesses, including the often neglected immigrant and minority owned businesses which contribute so much to our region’s economy. Vazquez will work to slam shut special interest tax loopholes and make the Board efficient and responsive. Tony Vazquez and his wife Maria are the proud parents of two grown children who graduated from local public schools. Tony Vazquez has earned your support. For more information go to www.tonyvazquez.org

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 4

David Dodson | DEMOCRATIC



The Board of Equalization oversees county assessors and the property tax system. I have worked passionately for twenty-five years with the Board of Equalization protecting taxpayer rights. Just this year, the legislature saw fit to limit the Board of Equalization's responsibilities to only property tax administration. Property tax administration is my life's work. The Board of Equalization is known as a place for termed-out career politicians. Instead, you deserve a representative on the Board that has the experience and expertise to guarantee you are treated fairly and respectfully. Experience counts! I would be honored to have your vote. Thank you.

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John F. Kelly | REPUBLICAN



Dear Voter, The BOE has been left in utter chaos directly because of mismanagement by its current occupants: recycled, career politicians. Fair and effective tax administration has not been served by this quasi-judicial body. It's time for a businessman to rectify the board's "human face". Only one candidate has 35 years' experience as a brick and mortar retailer subject to tax obligations: John F. Kelly. *Proposition 13 will become extinct if California retailers are not safeguarded! I give you my golden promise to be honest, hardworking, and loyal!* Sincerely, Honest John.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 4

Ken Lopez-Maddox | DEMOCRATIC



I will stand up to corporate special interests. No special deals for big polluters.
Pro woman, pro worker and anti Trump.

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Joel Anderson | REPUBLICAN

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California's taxes are outrageously high and are forcing great paying jobs to flee our state. I'm running for the Board of Equalization to fight to protect our Prop. 13 rights and join with working families against tax increases. We all deserve to be treated with fairness. I led the opposition to the gas tax increase because it was the right thing to do—to stand up for *you* and me against funding special interest giveaways. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association endorsed me because of my relentless effort to protect Californians, and their President called me a “rock star for taxpayers.” As a Senator, my work helped grow jobs and our economy which is why the California Taxpayers Association, National Federation of Independent Business, and California Chamber of Commerce all honored me with their highest rating. Also, I am deeply appreciative that the California Small Business Association and California Small Business Roundtable named me “California State Senate Legislator of the Year” for my leadership working to boost small businesses and create career opportunities. However, my proudest accomplishment was earning seven prestigious “Legislator of the Year” awards from American Veterans, American Legion, California State Commanders Veterans Council, the California Veterans of Foreign Wars Department, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Military Officers Association of America California Council of Chapters for protecting veterans' benefits and defending them from unfair taxes. But the most important role of my life, by far, is being a husband to my wife of 30 years, and a father to our three children. I would be honored to have your support. *Taxpayersforanderson.com*

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 4

Mike Schaefer | DEMOCRATIC



Meet *Mike Schaefer* Best-educated, Most-experienced, Educated UC Berkeley, Notre Dame, USC, San Diego State and Georgetown Law Official of city, county, state and federal government, from Prosecutor, Councilman, to SEC and California securities investigator, Member Board of Public Health, experienced successful challenger to excess real estate valuations before Boards of Equalization. Endorsed in prior elections by Police Officers Association, County Sheriffs. Endorses *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association* protecting all of us from unfair increases in any of our taxes. Native of San Diego, competitive major businessman, knows that we must be vigilant that government at all levels respects homeowner and small businessman. Frequent speaker at civic groups. Active Catholic leader. Successful son in management of Coachella Music Festival meeting a Beatle and Rolling Stones. Has worked with leaders from Dr. Suess to Dr. Salk, Governors Brown & Brown to Reagan; performers from Bob Hope to boxing icon Archie Moore, LL Cool J, classmate Frank Zappa, Debbie Reynolds. Recognized nationally for fairness in election law, responsible for randomized non-alphabetical listing of candidates names on all California ballots, demands a level playing field. Visit Mike Schaefer at: Equalization4.org

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (NONPARTISAN OFFICE)

- As the state's chief of public schools, provides education policy direction to local school districts, and works with the educational community to improve academic performance.
- Heads the Department of Education and carries out policies set by the State Board of Education.
- Serves as an ex-officio member of governing boards of the state's higher education system.

Marshall Tuck



As a public school parent and the son of a teacher, I believe strongly in the power of public education. But *California's public schools need big changes* to give *all* students the education they deserve. I'm the *only* candidate for State Superintendent who has led public school systems that delivered real results for kids. Working with teachers and parents, we put more funding into classrooms, reduced bureaucracy, and prepared more students for college and careers. I helped create 10 new public high schools—and 8 of them were ranked among the top high schools in America by *U.S. News & World Report*. When I led the effort to turn around struggling public schools in Los Angeles, we *raised graduation rates by more than 60%, and had the biggest academic improvement of any large school system in California*. Our "Parent College" became a statewide model for getting parents more involved in their kids' education. As State Superintendent, I will stand up to politicians in Sacramento and Washington, DC and do what's best for students. My priorities will be: (1) Get more funding into local classrooms and cut bureaucracy and waste; (2) Empower teachers and parents to make more education decisions; (3) Expand career training and college prep to ensure all students are prepared to succeed in the 21st century. Read my full plan at *MarshallTuck.com*. Let's give *all* children in California the education they deserve.

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Tony K. Thurmond



I am running for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, because I've been a lifelong advocate for children and families, and believe that *restoring our public schools is key to California's future*. Education saved my life, enabling me to overcome humble beginnings. My mother emigrated from Panama to San Jose to teach, and raised four children on her own until she lost her battle to cancer. I was raised by a cousin whom I'd never met and who ensured I received a great education. It was my public school education that prepared me for college, where I became student body president, and for a twenty-year career as a social worker and twelve years working in schools. Ultimately I was inspired to serve on the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board, the Richmond City Council, and now in the California State Assembly. As Superintendent, my priority will be to ensure all of California's kids have the opportunity to receive a great public school education and are prepared for the 21st Century economy. I'll improve vocational education and college preparedness with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, and encourage teaching that builds creative and critical thinking, not teaching to the test. I'll make college affordable and work to increase school funding by shifting millions from prisons into early education and after-school programs. I'll create an education rainy day fund to protect against President Trump and Betsy DeVos's agenda to defund our public schools. I'm endorsed by *U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, current Superintendent Tom Torlakson, the California Federation of Teachers, the California Teachers Association, and the California Association of Bilingual Educators*. I hope to earn your vote on June 5th.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (NONPARTISAN OFFICE)

Lily (Espinoza) Ploski



Lily (Espinoza) Ploski is California born and was raised in the City of Fullerton. She wrote the book, *Not getting stuck: Success stories of being Latina and transferring from a California community college*. Ploski completed her Master of Arts degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in the City of New York, and Doctorate in Education degree from the College of Education, California State University, Fullerton.

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Alameda County

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www.acgov.org/rov/index.htm

Alpine County

(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov

Amador County

(209) 223-6465
<http://www.co.amador.ca.us/government/recorder-clerk>

Butte County

(530) 538-7761 or (800) 894-7761
(within Butte County)
<http://buttevotes.net>

Calaveras County

(209) 754-6376 or (209) 754-6375
www.calaverasgov.us

Colusa County

(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501
www.countyofcolusa.org/elections

Contra Costa County

(925) 335-7800
www.contracostacore.us

Del Norte County

(707) 465-0383 or (707) 464-7216
www.co.del-norte.ca.us

El Dorado County

(530) 621-7480 or (800) 730-4322
www.edcgov.us/Elections

Fresno County

(559) 600-8683
www.fresnovote.com

Glenn County

(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections/welcome

Humboldt County

(707) 445-7481
www.humboldtgov.org/elections

Imperial County

(442) 265-1060 or (442) 265-1074
www.co.imperial.ca.us

Inyo County

(760) 878-0224
<http://elections.inyocounty.us/>

Kern County

(661) 868-3590
www.kernvote.com

Kings County

(559) 852-2439
www.countyofkings.com

Lake County

(707) 263-2372
www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/ROV.htm

Lassen County

(530) 251-8217
www.lassencounty.org/dept/registrar-voters-elections

Los Angeles County

(800) 815-2666 (LA County only) or
(562) 466-1310
www.lavote.net

Madera County

(559) 675-7782 or (800) 435-0509
www.votemadera.com

Marin County

(415) 473-6456
marinvotes.org

Mariposa County

(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org

Mendocino County

(707) 234-6819
www.mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections

Merced County

(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619
www.mercedelections.org

Modoc County

(530) 233-6205
www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections

Mono County

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530
monocounty.ca.gov/elections

Monterey County

(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274
www.montereycountyelections.us/

Napa County

(707) 253-4321
www.countyofnapa.org

Nevada County

(530) 265-1298
<http://www.mynevadacounty.com/1847/Elections-Voting>

Orange County

(714) 567-7600
www.ocvote.com

Placer County

(530) 886-5650
www.placerelections.com

Plumas County

(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE
www.countyofplumas.com

Riverside County

(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County

(916) 875-6451
www.elections.saccounty.net

San Benito County

(831) 636-4016
sbcvote.us

San Bernardino County

(909) 387-8300
www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County

(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136
www.sdvote.com/

San Francisco County

(415) 554-4375
sfelections.org

San Joaquin County

(209) 468-2890 or (209) 468-2885
www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo County

(805) 781-5228 or (805) 781-5080
www.slovote.com

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Santa Cruz County

(831) 454-2060
www.votescount.com

Shasta County

(530) 225-5730 or (888) 560-8683
www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us

Sierra County

(530) 289-3295
www.sierracounty.ca.gov

Siskiyou County

(530) 842-8084 or (888) 854-2000 ext. 8084
www.sisqvotes.org

Solano County

(707) 784-6675
www.solanocounty.com/elections

Sonoma County

(707) 565-6800
vote.sonoma-county.org

Stanislaus County

(209) 525-5211
<http://www.stanvote.com>

Sutter County

(530) 822-7122
www.suttercounty.org/elections

Tehama County

(530) 527-8190
www.co.tehama.ca.us

Trinity County

(530) 623-1220
www.trinitycounty.org/index.aspx?page=58

Tulare County

(559) 624-7300
<http://www.tularecoelections.org/elections/>

Tuolumne County

(209) 533-5570
www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Ventura County

(805) 654-2664
www.venturavote.org

Yolo County

(530) 666-8133
yoloelections.org

Yuba County

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The text of proposed laws is *not* printed in this guide.

However, the text is now available online at
<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>.

If you would like a printed copy of the text:



Email the Secretary of State at
vigfeedback@sos.ca.gov



Contact the Secretary of State's toll-free
voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

POLITICAL PARTY STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

★ GREEN PARTY ★

People vote Green because Greens support viable solutions to our greatest challenges from inequality to climate change. Greens' actions can match their values because Greens refuse contributions from corporations. In California, over 70 Greens hold elected office.

Voting Green means:

ECONOMIC FAIRNESS

- Living wages, green jobs, universal health care, workers' rights, affordable housing and food security for all
- Public banks to invest in California, not Wall Street
- Tuition-free higher education
- Reforming Proposition 13 to close corporate loopholes and restore schools and public services
- Taxing the super-rich

ACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

- Going 100% renewable through publicly-owned clean energy and efficiency programs
- Switching from fossil fuels to clean electric-powered public transportation
- Restoring groundwater and watersheds

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- Reforestation, restorative agriculture
- HUMAN RIGHTS**
- Ending oppression based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or economic status
- Defending immigrants from dangerous raids and deportations
- Black Lives Matter, police accountability
- Gun control/safety
- Abolishing the death penalty, ending private prisons, reducing prison populations

ELECTORAL REFORM

- Eliminating corporate money through publicly-financed elections
- Proportional representation, ranked choice voting
- Overturning the Top Two primary

VISION

- Greens early leadership led to recent successes including cannabis legalization and closing California's last nuclear power plant.

Register and vote Green to help us do more.

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★ LIBERTARIAN PARTY ★

Libertarians stand for something: Freedom.

We believe that the most peaceful, most prosperous, most socially fair and tolerant and progressive society is one that solves its problems without government force. We believe that social woes like inaccessible healthcare, inadequate social justice, economic instability, and racial disparity are caused and perpetuated by officials who would rather increase their power instead of truly solving peoples' problems.

We believe in freedom—first and foremost. For 46 years, the Libertarian Party has been the means of advancing once radical issues like marijuana legalization, gay marriage, gun rights, school choice, transportation competition, ending

mandatory minimum sentences, ending asset forfeiture laws, and ending eminent domain. We oppose foreign wars and want to bring our troops home from overseas.

We want to end graft that robs the poor, destroys honest businesses and corrupts education, police, courts and elections. We believe that Americans are being taxed to death to support a failed system full of waste and corruption.

We want to stop giving money and power to the same people who have caused the problems we face today.

It's time for a big change. If you are tired of throwing away your vote, send a message—Vote Libertarian.

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★ PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY ★

The Peace and Freedom Party is a working-class party in a country run by and for the wealthy and their corporations. We should not have to sacrifice our health, our livelihoods, and our planet for our bosses' profits. We can tax the rich, whose wealth is created by workers, to pay for society's needs.

We favor:

Social justice & equality: *Free universal health care for all. *Decent jobs and labor rights for all. *Free education for everyone, preschool through university. *Ending all discrimination. *Comprehensive services for disabled people. *Marriage equality. *Full rights for immigrants. Justice reform: *Abolishing the death penalty. *Stopping police abuse and prison torture.

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Peace: *Bringing the troops home now. *Ending drone attacks. Environment: *Reversing climate change. *Restoring and protecting the environment.

Legislative: *Repealing California's "top two" election law, restoring voters' general election choices. * Establishing a State Bank.

While capitalism puts the wealthy first we will continue to suffer war, police brutality, low wages, unsafe workplaces, and pollution. We advocate socialism, the ownership and democratic control of the economy by working people. By joining together to take back our industries and natural resources, we can make progress for the common good. Register Peace and Freedom Party!

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POLITICAL PARTY STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

★ DEMOCRATIC PARTY ★

California Democrats are committed to working for the future Californians deserve, while resisting Washington, D.C.'s assault on progress.

We believe that every person should have a job that lets them provide for themselves and their family, live in safe and affordable housing, and have comprehensive, universal, exceptional healthcare.

We believe in the Labor Movement and collective bargaining rights for workers, and we want to expand education and childcare opportunities for California's children.

Democrats believe California must lead the fight against the existential threat of Climate Change, and that our Coast must be 100% off-limits to oil drilling. We believe everyone

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has the right to breathe clean air, drink clean water and enjoy pristine natural spaces.

We believe in an inclusive society for all. We strongly support legal protections for Dreamers, and for immigration reform that honors our history as a nation of immigrants.

We believe no person should ever be subjected to bullying, harassment, assault or discrimination because of race, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, physical disability, economic status or religion.

California Democrats believe in compassion, fiscal responsibility, progress and inclusion. We invite you to join our effort to build the future California deserves.

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★ REPUBLICAN PARTY ★

The California Republican Party is focused on listening to all Californians. We are working to restore our state as the leader in economic growth, job creation and, most of all, affordability.

We recognize that the cost of living is harming Californians' ability to provide a good life for their families. We want to make California the land of opportunity again—where everyone can get a slice of the American Dream. California should be a state where residents feel safe to run their businesses and raise their families.

Jim Brulte, State Chairperson
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We see a future with opportunity, where hard work leads to better jobs and pay. We envision a California where communities are safe, roads are built, air is clean and water is plentiful. Republicans want every child to have access to well-paid, effective teachers for a world-class education.

Our doors are open to you and we hope you will make the decision today to protect, improve and rebuild this state by joining the California Republican Party. Visit us at cagop.org to learn more.

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★ AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY ★

The American Independent Party is the party of ordered liberty in a nation under God. We believe in strict adherence to written law. We believe the Constitution is the contract America has with itself. Its willful distortion has led to the violation of our Tenth Amendment guaranteed right to limited government—which inevitably requires oppressive taxation. Its faithful application will lift that burden.

Freed from the lawless oppression of Progressive rule, we may then compassionately and justly use our energy and ingenuity to provide for ourselves and our families. We will then establish truly free and responsible enterprise and reassert the basic human right to property.

We believe in protecting all human life however weak,

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defenseless, or disheartened; endorse the family as the essential bulwark of liberty, compassion, responsibility, and industry; and declare the family's right and responsibility to nurture, discipline, and educate their children.

We assert the absolute, concurrent Second Amendment guaranteed individual right to self defense coupled with a strong common defense, a common defense which requires a national sovereignty not damaged by imprudent treaties. We oppose all illegal immigration.

We support secure borders and immigration policies inviting the best of the world to join us in freedom.

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Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

Check your county Voter Information Guide



Your county Voter Information Guide will:

- Describe how persons with disabilities can vote privately and independently
- Display a wheelchair symbol if your polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities

At the polling place or vote center

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you. This person cannot be:

- your employer or anyone who works for your employer
- your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union

Curbside voting allows you to park as close as possible to the voting area. Elections officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a curb or in a car.

Contact your county elections office to see if curbside voting is available at your polling place or vote center.

All vote centers are required to be accessible to voters with disabilities and will have accessible voting machines. Remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM) systems provide an accessible option for voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials.

Vote centers are available for voters living in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties. See page 33 for more information on the Voter's Choice Act and vote centers.

Audio & large print Voter Information Guides

This guide is available at no cost in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

To order:



Call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Visit www.sos.ca.gov



Download an audio MP3 version at voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio

Tips for California's Military and Overseas Voters

Taking part in elections is more convenient than ever for Californians serving in the military or living outside the United States. It begins when you register to vote as a military or overseas voter and receive election materials by mail, fax, or email.

- **Start early.** California's county elections officials begin sending ballots to military and overseas voters 60 days before Election Day. Fill out a voter registration application early at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/) to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time.
- **Know your options.** When registering to vote as a military or overseas voter, you can choose to have your ballot mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections official by mail or, in certain circumstances, by fax. If you meet the requirements to return your ballot by fax, you must also fax the Oath of Voter form (available from your county elections official) waiving your right to a confidential ballot.
- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each election. We encourage you to update your registration each year, if needed; however, you *must* re-register to vote if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference, or if you do not participate in four consecutive statewide general elections. Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/ for more election resources designed especially for you.

Dates to remember:

May 21: last day to register to vote and request your ballot

May 29: last day to update or change how you want to receive your ballot

June 5: Election Day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day **and** received by your county elections office no later than June 8. Faxed ballots must be delivered to your county elections office by close of polls, no later than 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, on Election Day.

For more information contact:

California Secretary of State



(800) 345-VOTE



www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/

Federal Voting Assistance Program



(800) 438-VOTE



www.fvap.gov

Earn money and make a difference— Serve as a Poll Worker on Election Day!

Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important day in our democracy—Election Day!

Who can be a poll worker?

To serve as a poll worker you must be:

- ✓ A U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident; or
- ✓ An eligible high school student

What does a poll worker do?

- ✓ Sets up and closes a polling place
- ✓ Helps voters understand their rights
- ✓ Protects ballots and voting equipment

Why be a poll worker?

- ✓ Get involved and assist voters
- ✓ Contribute to your community and meet your neighbors
- ✓ Earn extra money (amount varies by county)

High School Poll Workers

To serve as a high school poll worker, a student must:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
- ✓ Be at least 16 years old on Election Day
- ✓ Attend a public or private high school
- ✓ Have at least a 2.5 grade point average
- ✓ Get permission from your parents and school
- ✓ Attend a training session

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office (see page 86 of this guide) or call the California Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

Check Your Voter Status Online



Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov, where you can check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

Use **My Voter Status** to:

- See if you are registered to vote and if so, in what county
- Check your political party preference
- Find your polling place
- Find a vote center (for voters living in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties)
- Find upcoming elections in your area
- Receive your Voter Information Guide (VIG) by email before each statewide election (see below for more information on opting-out of the VIG)
- Find contact information for your county elections office
- Check the status of your vote-by-mail ballot or provisional ballot

To check your voter status you will need some personal information like first name, last name, California driver license or identification card number, social security number (last 4 numbers), and date of birth.

You can use the My Voter Status tool to opt out of receiving the state VIG. However, if another registered voter in your household requests to get it by mail, a state VIG will still be mailed to your address. If you have opted out and do not receive the state VIG in the mail, information on statewide candidates and ballot measures will still be available at the VIG website (<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>) before each statewide election.

Go to VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov to get started.

Pre-register at sixteen. Vote at eighteen.

Online Pre-registration is now available for eligible 16 and 17 year olds at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or via the paper voter registration form. California youth who Pre-register to vote will have their registration become active once they turn 18 years old.

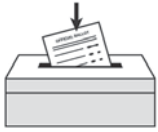
Pre-register in 4 easy steps:

1. Visit www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov
2. Click the "Pre-register to Vote" button
3. Become automatically registered on your 18th birthday
4. Cast your ballot on Election Day!

What is Pre-registration?

If you are 16 or 17 years old and meet all other voter eligibility requirements, you can Pre-register to vote at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Simply complete the online Pre-registration application and on your 18th birthday, you will automatically be registered to vote.



Election Day Information

Polls and vote centers are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote. Do you live in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, or Sacramento county? Visit page 33 for additional information on vote centers and ways you can vote in these counties.

5 ways to find your polling place or a vote center:



Check your county Voter Information Guide your county elections official mailed to you



Call (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place or voterstatus.sos.ca.gov



Text *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683)



On the “Vote California” mobile app (available at the iOS or Android store)

Just Moved?

If you moved to your new address after **May 21**, and did not re-register, you may vote at your former polling place. Or, you may “conditionally” register and vote at your county elections office or vote center after the May 21, 2018, voter registration deadline. Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/.

Conditional Voter Registration

Did you forget to register? No problem! Did you know that during the period of 14 days prior to Election Day through and including Election Day, you can go to the office of your county elections official or a vote center to conditionally register to vote and vote? This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR). Here’s how it works:

1. Visit your county elections office or a vote center (a full list of county contact information can be found here: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>)
2. Complete a voter registration card or register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov
3. Vote your CVR provisional ballot at your county elections office or vote center

Once the county elections official processes the affidavit of registration, determines that you’re eligible to register, and validates your information, the registration becomes permanent and your CVR provisional ballot will be counted.

To learn more visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/>

Vote centers are available for voters living in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento counties. Visit VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov or see page 33 for more information on the Voter’s Choice Act and vote centers.

Voter Registration

If you have already registered to vote, you do not need to reregister **unless** you change your name, home address, mailing address or if you want to change or select a political party.

You can register to vote online at *RegisterToVote.ca.gov*, or call the Secretary of State's *free* Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to get a form mailed to you.

Voter registration forms can be found at most post offices, libraries, city and county government offices, county elections offices, and the California Secretary of State's Office.

Conditional Voter Registration

During the period of 14 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day, you can go to the office of your county elections official or a vote center to conditionally register to vote and vote. To learn more visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-reg/.

Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening (i.e. domestic violence, stalking victims) situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home/.

Voter Information Privacy: Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place and the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration card, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Provisional voting

If your name is not on the voter list at your polling place or vote center, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot.

What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a regular ballot that is placed in a special envelope prior to being put in the ballot box.

Who casts a provisional ballot?

Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place or vote center.

Vote by mail voters may need to cast provisional ballots if the voter wants to vote in person at a polling place or vote center, but did not receive their ballot or does not have their ballot with them.

Will my provisional ballot be counted?

Your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and you did not already vote in that election.

You may vote a provisional ballot at any polling place or vote center in the county in which you are registered to vote, however, only the elections contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

How can you check the status of your provisional ballot?



You can check the status of your provisional ballot at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

Alternatively, every voter who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted.



Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/ for a list of county contacts and information on how to check the status of your provisional ballot.

DATES TO REMEMBER!



REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

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May 7, 2018

First day to vote-by-mail.

May 21, 2018

Last day to register to vote. You can “Conditionally” register and vote at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline.

May 29, 2018

Last day that county elections officials will accept any voter’s application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

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June 5, 2018

Election Day!

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Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Remember to Vote!

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

May 7

First day to vote-by-mail.

May 21*

Last day to register to vote.

May 29

Last day that county elections officials will accept any voter's application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

For additional copies of the Voter Information Guide in any of the following languages, please call:

English: (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

TDD: (800) 833-8683

Español/Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

中文/Chinese: (800) 339-2857

हिन्दी/Hindi: (888) 345-2692

日本語/Japanese: (800) 339-2865

ខ្មែរ/Khmer: (888) 345-4917

한국어/Korean: (866) 575-1558

Tagalog: (800) 339-2957

ภาษาไทย/Thai: (855) 345-3933

Việt ngữ/Vietnamese: (800) 339-8163



Text Vote to GOVOTE (468683) to find the location of your polling place.

* You can still "conditionally" register and vote at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline.

In an effort to reduce election costs, the State Legislature has authorized the State and counties to mail only one guide to addresses where more than one voter with the same surname resides. You may obtain additional copies by contacting your county elections official or by calling (800) 345-VOTE.

