

# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS BY OFFICE

## GOVERNOR



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



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I’m running for Governor because California needs new leadership for a brighter future. We need to restore accountability and bring a new vision to the Governor’s office. California remains in the grips of an unprecedented power crisis. Our electricity bills are near the highest in the nation, and we’ve already suffered more power alerts this year. We face the largest budget deficit in history. Our schools rank near last in reading and math, and dead last in science. Children don’t feel safe in their schools. One million Californians who want to work can’t find a job. Our roads are rated the worst in the nation, access to health care is near last, and we face a water shortage that will make the energy crisis

look minor. I have the background to take on these challenges: I was a federal prosecutor with Rudy Giuliani, taking on mafia bosses, drug dealers, and corporate criminals. We prosecuted tough environmental laws and punished those who harmed our air and water. I help dozens of small businesses create and protect thousands of jobs. I’ve always conducted my business with the highest ethical standards. I devote my time to helping those in need by providing thousands of scholarships to underprivileged youth, assisting battered women, cleaning up schools and providing job training to the unemployed. I want to make sure the California Dream is available to all people regardless of background. My record proves I can do the job. I’d be honored to earn your vote.



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Every Californian knows there is something wrong in California. Our families are being pressed from all sides, higher electricity costs, water bills, gasoline, rising insurance costs, and higher taxation. It takes both Dad and Mom working just to buy the essentials. The issues that are important to Californians are God, Family and Country. I believe in a California where families come first. As Governor I will restore the value of families in our state by doubling the places where they can go hiking, camping, swimming, fishing and picnicking, and by returning more money to the family by tax reduction. California could have been well on its way to eliminating all vehicle license fees, and other taxes if we had

held the budget to a modest increase in years past. Our recent budget crisis will be small in comparison to our water concerns. We must increase water storage capacities by building new dams and pipelines in our state. These dams will also produce low-cost hydro electricity. California can return to affordable energy for business and household use, with better management and a new energy proposal. I am pro-life! When a society protects the unborn and the elderly from harm, that society will benefit greatly from the respect citizens show each other. Adoption is a loving alternative to the abortion destructiveness. Instead of voting for the lesser of two evils, why don’t you join me and just “Poke ‘em in the Eye” by voting for Reinhold Gulke for Governor. Thank You.

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As Governor, I've worked hard to make a difference in people's lives. In education, we've reduced class sizes, demanded more accountability and made historic investments in teacher recruitment and training. There's more to do, but we've increased funding by 30% and student achievement scores are up three years in a row. I've expanded tenfold the Healthy Families Program for uninsured children, provided one million kids with health insurance and established the first agency in America to help patients fight their HMO—and win. I've signed the nation's toughest gun laws, banning assault weapons and requiring trigger locks. To preserve our environment, I've signed tough new laws cleaning up our beaches, signed

the nation's first law reducing greenhouse gas emissions and sued the federal government to block more offshore drilling. As a strongly pro-choice Governor, I've signed seven new laws further protecting a woman's right to choose. As a Vietnam veteran, I'm pleased we've improved our veterans' homes and are building five more. To keep you safe, I've blocked the early release of murderers and deployed the National Guard after the attacks of Sept. 11. I'm privileged to be endorsed by nearly every major public safety organization representing cops on the beat, County Sheriffs, Police Chiefs and firefighters, as well as many District Attorneys. I'm proud California's economy has grown from the 7th to the 5th largest in the world over the last four years. I would be honored to continue working with you to keep the Golden State moving forward.



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Seeking a better alternative? Do we ignore Milton Friedman, Herbert Spencer, Gene Roddenberry—some of my favorite philosophers—at our peril? I've seen big party politicians burden California with costly boondoggles and corrupt social engineering: a “drug war” that erodes the bill of rights and promotes crime; a public school monopoly with declining quality and increasing costs; electricity “reforms” that raise prices, reduce profits, and endanger supply; “managed” health care more like the DMV every day. My goal is to make it easier to follow our dreams: Lessen tax loads. Honor parents' rights and responsibilities. Care for poor

families with vouchers—not long lines for government rationed state services. Respect property rights and personal freedoms. I am a husband, father, man of faith, and CEO of a bio-information firm. I want my children to enjoy the free and diverse society envisioned by Jefferson, Paine, and Adams. For a more prosperous—and more compassionate—California, I urge you to vote Libertarian.



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California is the world's fifth largest economy, producing at record levels, yet our state budget is billions in the red. Inflation adjusted, our minimum wage is lower than in 1968. Only 4% of our ancient forests remain. Corruption is growing. Our energy policy is a disaster. Our educational system is in sharp decline. Corporate money dominates our political system. Defending our environment and social justice will provide the best economic results, as the figures prove in my new book on socially responsible investing, *The SRI Advantage*. Democrats and Republicans are running only men. The Green slate includes three women, four men, and three different racial groups, reflecting today's

California. We offer real solutions: Dramatic expansion of renewable energy. No offshore drilling. Universal health care. Promote affordable housing. Pass a living wage. Provide gays and lesbians full rights including marriage. Defend family planning and pro-choice. Lower classroom size, empower teachers, end the counterproductive testing mania. End spoiling of elections through Instant Runoff Voting, public financing, and clean election laws. Abolish the death penalty and Three Strikes. Decriminalize marijuana. Create a minimum car insurance program and provide hard-working immigrants with amnesty and driver's licenses. Stop all racial profiling, including Muslims and Arabs. Support the World Court. Peace, democracy, and social justice will help end terrorism. The major parties are soft on corporate crime. The Greens want a society based on the rule of law, environmental protection, and social justice. They represent the past, Greens the future. *Vote Green.*

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As Governor, I will support alternative energy sources to achieve energy independence; excellence in *all* our schools; prevention-based health care; sustainable agriculture; labeling and safety testing of genetically engineered food. It's time to end "politics as usual." My experience as a business analyst has taught me that good government means prevention, not crisis management. Because I accept no special interest money, I represent the voters, freeing me to implement innovative forward-looking programs to solve critical problems, ensure a strong economy, and improve the quality of life for everyone. The power and strength of the State of California comes from an informed electorate. California should

lead the nation in education, energy alternatives and health care. Differing views must be debated by *all* parties, not just two. I believe in strengthening democracy and the power of voting by exercising my freedom of speech. That is why I am running as a third party candidate. The Natural Law Party ideals are more relevant and timely than ever. The Natural Law Party defines issues, asks questions, and provides a vision that is not bought and paid for by special interests. In fact, some of the most important ideals that this country was founded on came from Third Parties—abolition of slavery, child labor laws, and a woman's right to vote. As Governor, I will work to build a strong and secure California which leads the nation in education, true health care, and energy innovation.

