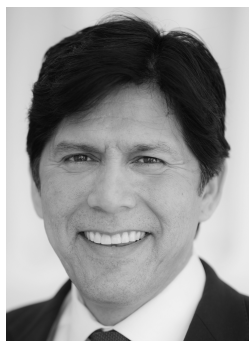


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## UNITED STATES SENATE

- 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.

### 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 The DC playbook of pandering and procrastinating is obsolete.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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### **Tim Gildersleeve** | NO PARTY PREFERENCE

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### 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](http://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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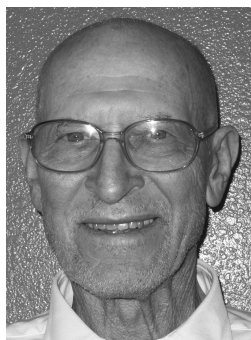
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### **Herbert G. Peters** | DEMOCRATIC



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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### 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](http://www.PierceSenate.com) Twitter @PierceUSSenate Spanish [www.douglas.com.mx](http://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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### 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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### 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](http://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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### 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 Olson | NO PARTY PREFERENCE

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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](http://www.LeeOlsonforSenate.com).

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### 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](http://www.DelaineForGovernor.com)

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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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### 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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### Christopher N. Carlson | GREEN

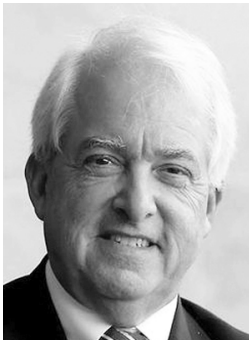


"Teach your children calculus And keep the planet safe Or *feathered stones* and *empty bowls* Will also be their fate"

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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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### 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](http://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](http://www.juanbribiesca.com)

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## GOVERNOR

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### 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](http://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](http://www.JoinTravisAllen.com)

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### **Desmond Silveira** | NO PARTY PREFERENCE

Endorsed by American Solidarity Party, which stands for sanctity and dignity of human life, social justice, environmental stewardship, and peace.

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### 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

*Why not!*



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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.

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### 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](http://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](http://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](http://Alex-Padilla.com) to learn more.

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### **Raul Rodriguez Jr.** | REPUBLICAN

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### C.T. Weber | PEACE AND FREEDOM



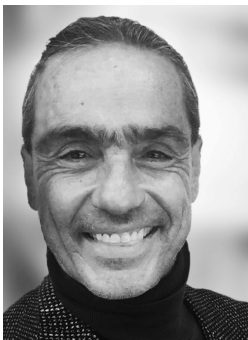
Do you feel that your vote doesn't count? No one in government is paying attention to your issues? You're not alone. Polls show large majorities want a third party, but bipartisan election laws, private money, and the corporate media prevent this and deny representation for many of us, making democracy 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](http://www.feinstein4sos.org)

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### 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 to 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](http://www.rubenmajor.com) to learn more.

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# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## 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

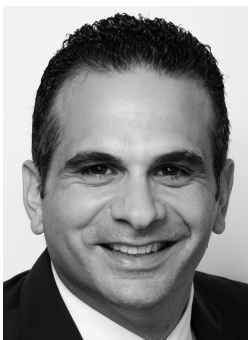


With extensive finance experience, a reputation for fairness, and a commitment to the highest degree of transparency and accountability, State Controller Betty Yee serves as California's independent fiscal watchdog with tough-minded discipline. She has safeguarded our tax dollars, uncovering with her 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](http://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](http://cacontroller.com)

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# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## CONTROLLER

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### **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.

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### Jack M. Guerrero | REPUBLICAN



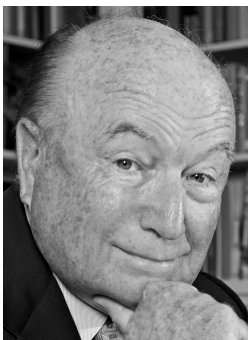
Jack Guerrero brings a unique combination of public and private sector experience, with a quintessential American story. Jack's experience as Mayor, City Councilmember, Certified Public Accountant, Stanford and Harvard University graduate, Bank Vice President, Treasury professional, auditor of municipalities 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](http://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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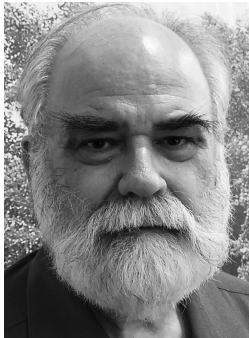
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# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## TREASURER

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### **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](http://www.vivekforca.com/platform). Join the fight for California's future. Join Vivek.

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# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## TREASURER

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### 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

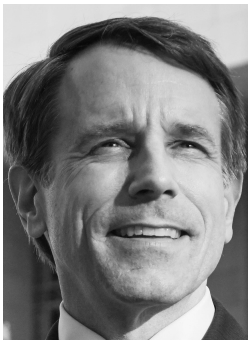


Sacramento needs a serious and major change. I am a father, businessman and attorney, not a career politician. I own a law firm (voted as one of the best in the nation). I am the only person in this race who meets payroll for many people every two weeks. For 25 years, I have fought in courts throughout 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](http://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](http://www.DaveJones2018.com)

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL

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### Xavier Becerra | DEMOCRATIC



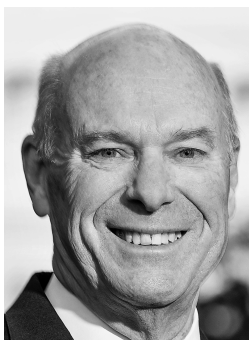
As your Attorney General and chief law enforcement officer, *I'm fighting—and winning—*for Californians and our values. I'm taking on the Trump Administration, sex traffickers, the NRA, Big Oil and Big Banks. I'm prosecuting violent street gangs, polluters and predatory for-profit colleges that are stealing 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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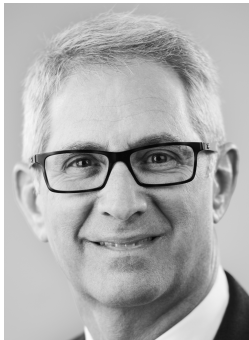
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## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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- 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](http://www.bit.ly/Poizner)

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### Nathalie Hrizi | PEACE AND FREEDOM



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## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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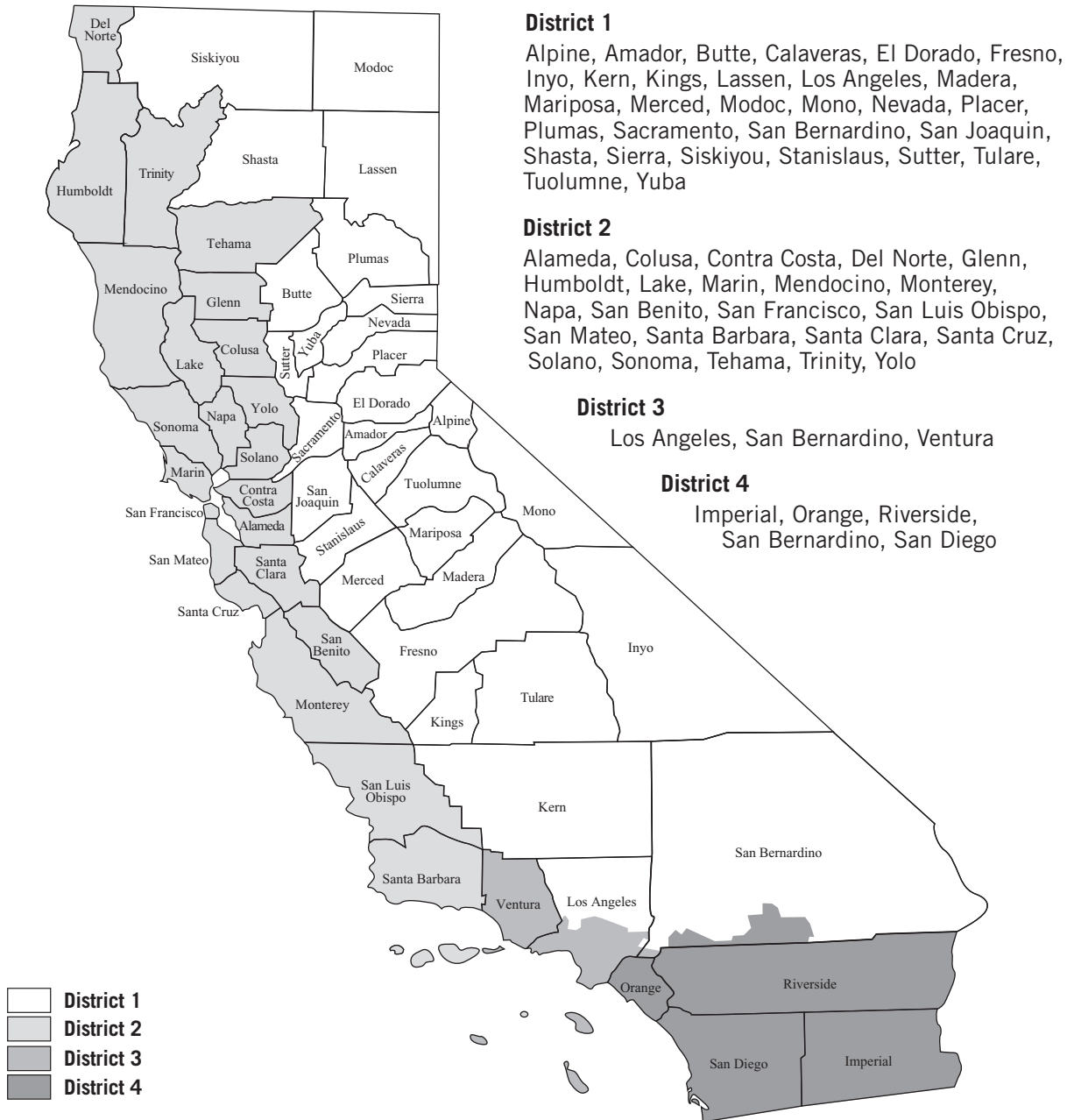
I've based my life's work on a single principle taught to me by my parents: helping others is our highest calling. That's why I became a doctor, and why I'm running for Insurance Commissioner. I was born and raised in rural Pakistan, where I attended a school that didn't have a roof let alone chairs 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



# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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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

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### David Evans | REPUBLICAN



Tax professional dedicated to protecting taxpayers.

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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](http://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

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### DISTRICT 1

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#### 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](http://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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# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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### DISTRICT 2

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#### 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](http://www.electmalia.com).

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### 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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### DISTRICT 3

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#### **Cheryl C. Turner** | DEMOCRATIC

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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### DISTRICT 3

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#### 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](http://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](http://www.tonyvazquez.org)

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### DISTRICT 4

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#### 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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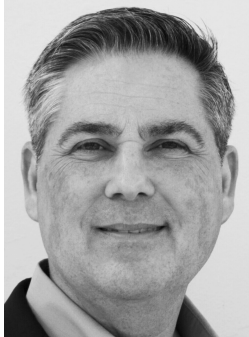
## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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### DISTRICT 4

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#### 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](http://Taxpayersforanderson.com)

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### DISTRICT 4

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#### **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](http://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.

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### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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### 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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