

CONTROLLER



- As the state’s chief fiscal officer, acts as the state’s accountant and bookkeeper of all public funds.
- Administers the state payroll system and unclaimed property laws.
- Serves on numerous boards and commissions including the Board of Equalization and the Board of Control.
- Conducts audits and reviews of state operations.



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I will be an independent fiscal watchdog fighting to strengthen California’s economy and make government more efficient. I am the only candidate for Controller with over twenty years experience in business, government, and education. I taught at Stanford’s Graduate School of Business and led economic development for the City of San Jose. I demonstrated my financial management skills helping build eBay, a true California new-economy success story. Our success was built on creativity, sound business practices, and honesty. *As your Controller, I will follow these same fundamental values.* I will vigorously protect California’s retirement funds from bad investments and unscrupulous businesses. I will make certain

that every corporation doing business in California honors its responsibility to investors and the public. *I want to move California into the 21st Century by creating jobs and streamlining government.* I will use the power of the audit to cut government waste and eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy so that we can spend more money reducing class size and improving infrastructure. As the only candidate with business experience, I will improve customer service so that taxpayers get fast and accurate refunds. I’m also the only candidate for Controller who will protect a woman’s right to choose, support public schools, oppose vouchers, oppose off-shore oil drilling, and fight for clean air and water. *Please join US Senator Dianne Feinstein, California’s nurses, teachers, firefighters and police as well as religious and business leaders—from both parties—in supporting my campaign.*



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Women and people of color have proved they deserve to be at the decision-making table. In the Green Party, respect for diversity is a key value. Unlike the business-as-usual parties, our statewide slate puts this value into practice. As Controller, I pledge to *Follow The Money*. I will report my findings to the people so we can regain control of our finances. Californians want great schools. Instead we’ve seen our wealthy state become a low spender on education while the very wealthy get richer through big contracts for prisons. *In 25 years, despite the values of the people, California built 21 new prisons and only 2 new universities.* When people voted for Proposition 13 in 1978, they wanted to reduce their

taxes, especially so fixed-income seniors would not be forced out of their homes. Since then a large share of the benefit has gone to commercial properties. This is not how the proposition was promoted, and not what voters intended. First-time homebuyers have been hurt, while giant corporations have profited. As Controller I will apply Green Party values of social justice and community-based economics and audit these betrayals so the public can correct the situation. With 25 years experience in administration and financial systems, I’m ready to be Controller. *We can unite and make our efforts count, while living happier lives.* To understand what’s going on, Follow The Money. To know what to do, ask critical questions and Follow Your Heart.

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I am 61 years old. My education consists of: a B.A. in Psychology, a M.A. in Education, and a Ph.D. in Pastoral Psychology. One of the main jobs of Controller is issuing warrants that are paid by the Treasurer and that these warrants are legal and constitutional. I will attempt to do this job as defined by law. I support the proposed *State Grand Jury Initiative*. I am treasurer of three organizations: the Sacramento County A.I.P., the SCNRA Members Council, and of my local church. I am in agreement with the A.I.P. Platform, and the 2nd Amendment.

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As California's Controller, I will use my expertise garnered over several decades as a business owner/entrepreneur to hold our state government accountable by auditing state agencies and cutting wasteful spending. In general, government is lax and inefficient compared to most private industry when it comes to fiscal accountability and responsibility to the stakeholders, in this case you, the taxpayers. I will use my extensive experience to uncover any improprieties such as financial fraud, while wielding the considerable power of the Controller to influence the state's spending policy towards areas such as education, infrastructure and public safety. I am a 3rd generation California native, Vietnam veteran and concerned father who understands the importance of honest government and is deeply committed to working for and representing every California citizen.

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This election is a referendum on California's wasteful spending. The Controller is the watchdog of the state treasury—with legal authority to root out corruption, fraud and waste. As Controller, I will not only audit the state's wasteful bureaucracies, but I'll also target the special interests who try to use government to line their own pockets. This new breed of get-rich-quick corporate schemers give free enterprise a bad name by seeking lucrative government contracts in return for their campaign contributions. That's wrong, and it needs to stop now. I'm an experienced waste cutter, with a proven record of defending taxpayers, ratepayers and shareholders. As Controller, I'll take on wasteful government

bureaucrats, corrupt politicians and big-dollar contributors, through regular performance audits and true across-the-board competitive bidding. Am I up to the job? You bet. I led the drive to abolish California's car tax. I sued to stop the \$14 Billion rip-off of California ratepayers by the energy monopolies. I authored the Bureaucracy Reduction and Closure Commission Act. I've fought against waste and fraud in both Republican and Democratic administrations. And I'm endorsed by every major taxpayer organization. Our local schools suffer, our taxes rise, and we spend hours each day stuck in traffic, because our tax dollars are being plundered and wasted. As your State Controller, I will bring the full force of the law to the fight against waste, fraud and corruption. Because it's your money, not theirs. You can help by visiting www.TomMcClintock.com