

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

UNITED STATES SENATOR

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



I am honored to be the California Democratic Party's endorsed candidate for the U.S. Senate. The President is hell-bent on dividing our people and demeaning our California ideals. The Washington status quo is either unwilling or incapable of fighting back. Californians deserve a Senator who will fight 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 healthcare 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 *Medicare-for-all* and climate change, fearing oil and drug company lobbyists. As California Senate President, I never settled for small thinking. I took on big insurance companies, fighting to provide healthcare for everyone. I fought *Trump's tax hikes* to protect the middle class; advanced *tuition-free college, pay equity, immigrant rights and civil rights*; and made California a world leader in the *fight against climate change*. We need bold leadership in the Senate to get this country on the right track, with an economy that works for all of us, not just the rich. I will bring proven California leadership to the U.S. Senate.

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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, and I was proud to win the California Primary election with 70% of the Democratic vote. I'm a consistent advocate for universal health care, women's rights, LGBTQ rights and the rights of immigrants. I've taken on the NRA to get assault weapons off our streets, fought for equal pay for women, and sponsored legislation to protect Dreamers and end the outrageous policy of separating children from their parents at the border. I've championed economic opportunity that lifts all Californians, especially working families who struggle in today's economy. I strongly oppose Donald Trump and his agenda that divides our nation and diminishes our alliances around the world. I helped defeat Republican efforts to repeal and sabotage the Affordable Care Act. As ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, I have strenuously opposed Trump's nomination of extremist judges. I am fighting to protect women in the workplace and passed a law this year that protects young women gymnasts and other amateur athletes from sexual predators. And I will continue to confront and stop Trump's reckless anti-environment agenda, including his rejection of climate change, his attacks on California's protected lands and his threats to grant new oil drilling permits off California's coast. Endorsed by President Barack Obama and Senator Kamala Harris, I ask for your vote so that I can continue to stand up for California in these challenging times.

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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.
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John H. Cox | REPUBLICAN



I wasn't supposed to make it into this run-off for Governor. I'm not part of the political class, wasn't born rich, no family with political connections. My name is John Cox, and I think what the political class has done to working people in California is a crime. They've rigged the game, trading favors and enriching themselves, while millions of forgotten Californians have been left behind. We have sky-high gas prices and vehicle fees, with the highest poverty rate in the country. Where millions commute to cities they love, but can't afford to live in. So, they commute on roads that are a mess. They send their children to failing schools. Sacramento politicians ration water in our homes, while emptying our abundant water supply into the ocean. Our friends and family are moving out of California—not because they want to, but because they have to. Where for too many Californians, it's a choice between buying gas to get to work, or groceries to feed the family. That's a choice none of us should have to make. The good news—we don't have to put up with this, *because help is on the way*. We can stop the water rationing, repeal the gas tax, fix our schools, and make housing affordable again, but only if we're willing to hold our failed political leaders accountable. I'm John Cox and I want to be *your* governor.

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Gavin Newsom | DEMOCRATIC

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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.
- 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.
- Serves as president of the State Senate and has a tie-breaking vote.

Eleni Kounalakis | DEMOCRATIC



I am a businesswoman, mother, and former U.S. Ambassador under President Obama. I'm running for Lieutenant Governor to protect California's values of diversity and opportunity—because they power our economy. I'm proud to be endorsed by *Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Dianne Feinstein, California League of Conservation Voters, National Organization for Women and California Federation of Teachers*. As the daughter of an immigrant and the first college graduate in my family, I'll fight for affordable education by *opposing tuition hikes* at our UCs, CSUs, and community colleges. I'll work to change the political culture in Sacramento to *stop sexual harassment* in workplaces everywhere, hold perpetrators accountable, and ensure *women receive equal pay* for equal work. As a U.S. Ambassador, I traveled with our military and know that promoting Democracy abroad means *supporting our veterans* when they come home. I believe in quality, *affordable childcare* and *universal healthcare*. I'll Chair the State Lands Commission and fight against Donald Trump's plan to open California's coast for more offshore oil drilling. As a businesswoman, I built major infrastructure projects, created jobs for Californians, and delivered affordable housing for working families. I understand that we must build an economy that lifts up all Californians and protects the American Dream. *I traveled to all 58 counties* and heard your stories. I'll always listen to the voices of all Californians. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

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Ed Hernandez | DEMOCRATIC



Dr. 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 a working-class community in 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. 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. Hernandez is endorsed by California's Teachers, Firefighters, Police, Nurses, Planned Parenthood, State Controller Betty Yee, and California Attorney General Xavier Becerra because they know he will stand up for families against corporate special interests. Vote Senator Ed Hernandez for California Lieutenant Governor.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

SECRETARY OF STATE

- 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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Alex Padilla | DEMOCRATIC



I'm running to continue serving as your Secretary of State. This is a critical time for voting rights and I have a proven record of getting results. In my first term, I've worked to expand access to the ballot box, protect our elections' security, and *because of my work, California is now adding millions of eligible voters to its rolls*. Our Secretary of State must deliver for Californians. *As President of Los Angeles City Council, State Senator, and your Secretary of State, I've done just that*. I respectfully ask for your vote. Visit Alex-Padilla.com to learn more.

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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. I am native Californian who practices Constitutional and Election law. When I see an injustice, I stand up and help those in need. I have fought for the rights of the disabled and the free speech rights of college students, and I have won. Now I ask you to vote for me to clean up California's bloated voter rolls. I will use technology and databases to clean up our voter rolls so that unauthorized votes do not dilute our voice. *Elections Matter*.

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CONTROLLER

- 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.

Betty T. Yee | DEMOCRATIC



Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve as State Controller, California's independent fiscal watchdog. I am proud of the accomplishments of my office during my first term to safeguard our tax dollars: expertly managing the State's cash, avoiding any external borrowing to pay the bills for California; diligently uncovering close to \$4 billion in public funds directed towards unallowed uses during state and local agency audits; aggressively improving state and local government financial reporting for increased transparency; and successfully reforming the State Board of Equalization to ensure uniform application of state tax laws and protecting taxpayer rights. With respect to my policy work on numerous boards and commissions, I am focused on providing retirement security for public and private sector workers and environmental stewardship to protect access to public trust lands and beaches and to address community impacts from port air quality and sea level rise. Looking ahead, I will continue to prepare California for the next economic downturn as well as serve as a leading voice on the economic effects to Californians of the changing nature of work and global climate change. I am grateful for the support of California's educators, women's organizations, environmental community, the women and men of the building and construction trades and law enforcement, and more who recognize the need for my 35 years of state and local finance experience, reputation for fairness, commitment to accountability, and tough-minded discipline in the office of State Controller. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Konstantinos Roditis | REPUBLICAN



The Controller's office doesn't think you pay enough taxes. They want to tax your doctor's visit, childcare, home and vehicle repairs, haircut, you name it they want to tax it. The result, you will pay hundreds if not thousands more a year in taxes. No on a Service and Labor Tax. We can't afford it. As Controller, I will fight to make California affordable, not seeking new ways to tax you. *Yes on Prop 6*: Politicians waste billions and only use 20% of gas tax funds towards road repairs. We pay four times more to fix a road than Texas. We have the money. As Controller, I will expose and stop the corrupt political backroom deals and end the waste, fraud, and abuse. *Defund the High-Speed Rail*: As Controller, I will Audit and Defund HSR on day-one. *Environmentally Smart Policies*: Don't waste billions of gallons of water and refuse to capture it and then look to tax us for using more than 55-gallons of water a day for our entire family. I will focus on solutions, not tax increases. Since the Controller is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of California, doesn't it makes sense to have a CFO and visionary businessman that understands economics, fiscal responsibility, and balancing a budget as your next Controller? It's time for a principled independent-minded Controller with no union, corporate, or special interest money. Vote to make California affordable. Vote for solutions, not tax increases. Vote Konstantinos Roditis for Controller.

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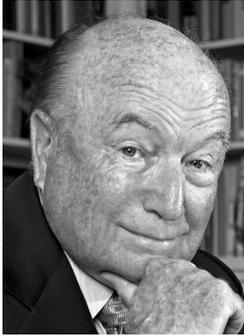
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TREASURER

- 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.

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 has caused irresponsible unfunded pension and health care liabilities of nearly \$300 billion. California’s Treasurer serves on both State Pension Plan Boards—CalPERS and CalSTRS. I will bring my experience “to get the job done” on these Boards by addressing the unfunded pension liabilities by working to start a new defined contribution plan for new employees. My 20-plus years of experience as a CPA with an international public accounting firm will bring the financial knowledge needed to prudently invest California’s funds and improve the State’s low credit rating. I also will work to *eliminate the \$800 minimum State Franchise Income Tax* to help start-up corporations. I have public-sector experience relevant to the State Treasurer’s office. This includes running the California Public Utilities Commission as its President and serving on the California Transportation Commission. I also headed the Finance Committee of the Town of Atherton. I hold a bachelor’s degree in business at the University of Utah, Executive Business Training Program at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley and a J.D. degree from University of San Francisco. I served as an Air Force pilot. I have received numerous endorsements, including the California Republican Party and former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz. I humbly ask for your vote and pledge to work every day, so our great State of California can become a stronger economy.

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Fiona Ma | DEMOCRATIC



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 have been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1992, and have a B.S. in Accounting, M.S. in Taxation and an MBA in Finance.* I stand for *checks & balances and public 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. 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 the importance of investing in our first responders. As State Treasurer, I will oversee investments in *affordable housing, infrastructure, schools, hospitals, environmental protection and transportation.* 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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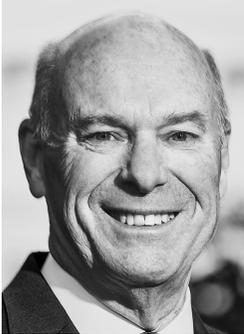
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

- 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.

Steven Bailey | REPUBLICAN



As a retired Judge of the California Superior Court, I know how to keep Californians safe from violent crime, which is now rising because of three dangerous laws passed in recent years—Propositions 47, 57 and AB 109. These dangerous experiments led to the early release of sex offenders, reduced the penalties for many offenses, and reduced or eliminated important tools used by judges to keep dangerous criminals—including gang members and repeat offenders—away from our homes and neighborhoods. Women, the elderly, and young people are increasingly the victims of violent crime—this must end. My first priority as Attorney General will be the safety and security of all Californians. That's why crime victim advocates and law enforcement groups including Crime Victims United of CA, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, California Peace Officers Association, county sheriffs and district attorneys support me to be California's next Attorney General. As a Superior Court Judge, I saw firsthand when the criminal justice system was working and now how it fails us. I know exactly what must be done to protect Californians from violent crime, including ensuring convicted felons no longer have access to firearms and restoring safety to every neighborhood. The Attorney General must be above partisanship. This isn't about the Democrat answer or the Republican answer—it's about the right answer to ensure every Californian can feel safe on the streets, at work and in their home. I would be honored to have your vote.

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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 sex traffickers, the NRA, Big Oil, Big Banks and the Trump Administration. I'm prosecuting violent street gangs and taking thousands of guns off our streets. I'm fighting predatory for-profit colleges that steal from our students. I sued Trump—and won—to stop him from gutting our air quality protections and restricting women's access to birth control. I've fought and won to protect the Dreamers—immigrants brought to the U.S. as young children. And, I'm in court protecting Californians' right to health care. 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 defending the mentally ill and then served as a Deputy Attorney General in the very 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 sex traffickers, Big Oil, the NRA, or the Trump Administration. I'm proud to have earned the support of Governor Brown, the Democratic Party, Sierra Club California, Planned Parenthood, the California State Law Enforcement Association and California's nurses, teachers and firefighters. I'd be honored to have your vote.

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

- Heads the Department of Insurance, which enforces California insurance laws and adopts regulations to implement the laws.
 - Licenses, regulates, and examines insurance companies.
 - Answers public questions and complaints about the insurance industry.
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Ricardo Lara | DEMOCRATIC



Dear Californian, I am writing to share with you my core and simple belief—what we have in common is more important than what divides us. My mother was a seamstress. My father was a factory worker. They believed in the value of having insurance for the modest house they worked so hard to buy, and for the car that took them to their jobs. As they aged, they sacrificed a little more to buy life insurance. They did it because they knew they were one accident, one fire, one burglary, one serious illness away from losing everything they had worked for. Sadly, for many years they could not afford health insurance for their children. As a California Senator, I wrote the law to provide health insurance for 250,000 kids who didn't have it—so their parents wouldn't face bankruptcy if a child ends up in a serious accident or with a complex disease. I have a deep appreciation for the security people need. I believe that a healthy, honest, and competitive insurance market is one of the most important ways to provide the security we all need. The job of California's Insurance Commissioner is really about two things—making sure that insurance is priced fairly and that if we ever need to use it, our claim will be handled fairly. I won't have as much campaign money as others. So I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and consider my candidacy. Sincerely, Ricardo Lara

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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. *Why I am running as an Independent:* The California Insurance Commissioner is a regulator requiring fierce independence from insurance companies and partisan party politics. With your support, I will be the first Independent to get elected statewide in California history. This will pave a path for others who are tired of partisan bickering and divisiveness. I will also refuse insurance industry contributions to my campaign like I did during my first term. *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 cancelled policies.

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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DISTRICTS

Counties in Each Board of Equalization District



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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

- Assesses the property of regulated railroads and specific public utilities, and assesses and collects the private railroad car tax.
 - Oversees the assessment practices of the state's 58 county assessors.
 - Assesses and collects the alcoholic beverage tax, and jointly administers the tax on insurers.
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DISTRICT 1

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 am endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association because I vigorously defend Prop. 13. I will be your Watchdog and will fight to repeal the outrageous new gas and car tax, which hits the pocketbooks of middle-class families. As the owner of a small family business my background gives me firsthand experience with overbearing government regulations. As a Taxpayer Advocate I work to lower your tax bills, streamline regulations and remove roadblocks to job growth and will continue to do so on the Board of Equalization. I will fight to eliminate government waste, trim budgets and stop tax increases disguised as fees. I am a fifth-generation Californian, husband and father. I want my children and yours to be able to afford to live, work and raise their families here. I would be honored to earn your vote and pledge to fight for you, the taxpayer. Visit www.tedgaines.com to learn more and see why Taxpayer Groups and past Taxpayer Advocates on the Board of Equalization endorse me. Thank you.

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Tom Hallinan | DEMOCRATIC



The Board of Equalization is no longer necessary. I will work to close it down. If you agree, I'd appreciate your consideration. Thank you, Tom Hallinan www.tomhallinan.com

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 2

Malia Cohen | DEMOCRATIC



I'm running for the Board of Equalization to put people's interests before special interests. As President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I have been a fearless advocate for working people, championing the \$15 minimum wage, investing in affordable housing, fighting for reproductive rights, and advocating to provide low-income families with healthcare. I am the only candidate in this race with the financial experience needed to get results. As Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, I oversee an \$11 billion budget and manage the city's taxes, fees, revenue measures, redevelopment, and real estate. If elected, I will bring *transparency, accountability and fairness* to the Board of Equalization, and push hard to establish standards and rules that prevent exploitation of our property tax system. With more than a decade of experience in public service, I have a proven track record of taking on special interests. I proudly spearheaded legislation to ban flavored tobacco products in San Francisco, defeating Big Tobacco companies that were disproportionately advertising to youth, communities of color, and LGBTQ+ individuals. That's why I am endorsed by *U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, California Democratic Party, California Professional Firefighters, California Federation of Teachers, California Nurses Association, AFSCME California, Equality California*, and leaders across the state. In this historic moment, strong leadership is more important than ever. I'm ready to take on the urgent challenges faced by Californians and fight for working families. Learn more at www.electmalia.com.

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Mark Burns | REPUBLICAN



It is time to end the status quo of 'More Taxes will fix our problems.' 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 residential 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 constant efforts to raise taxes further and without meaningful purpose except to back-fund increased spending and over-commitment by representatives and legislators. I will fight to improve accountability and efficiency within the Board of Equalization. I've Chaired Citizen's Oversight Committees for K-8 and 9-12 school districts in my Community for nearly a decade. I've fought (twice) in my own home county to preserve Prop 90 for Seniors. I deal with property taxes and their impact on families and individuals every day. Housing affordability affects everyone and a big part of that are property taxes. It is time to elect someone who understands the issues and will make every effort to reduce the burden we all face living in California. Please visit www.burnsforboe2018.com for more info.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 3

Tony Vazquez | DEMOCRATIC

No candidate statement.

G. Rick Marshall | REPUBLICAN



I am the CFO of the California Taxpayers Action Network. Our efforts have saved untold taxpayer dollars by ferreting out waste and corruption in public spending. When elected to the State Board of Equalization (BOE), I will work diligently to protect our taxpayer dollars from similar waste and corruption. I am a Husband, Father, and Planning Commissioner. Most importantly, like you, I am a Taxpayer. Protecting the integrity of our BOE is paramount. As a BOE member, the cornerstone of my service will be “Public Service”, not “Self Service”. It guided me when raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy, delivering presents to children of prisoners at Christmas and mentoring young men and women through Junior Achievement. In all my years in local government service first as a Water Commissioner and then as a Planning Commissioner, I have *never* been under the cloud of multiple state and/or federal investigations. I have *never* been the target of a Criminal Investigation. *Honesty. Integrity. Transparency. Public Service.* It's the Rick Marshall promise to you. I'm for the gas tax repeal and against the storm water parcel tax. I will protect and defend Prop 13. That's why the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC has honored me with their endorsement. The political class has failed you. If you're sick of politics as usual with government wasting your tax dollars—taxing too much while solving too little—Vote G. Rick Marshall for State Board of Equalization. May I have your vote?

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISTRICT 4

Mike Schaefer | DEMOCRATIC



Meet *Mike Schaefer* Best-educated, Most-experienced, Educated UC Berkeley, Notre Dame, USC, San Diego State and Georgetown Law Official of city, county, state and federal government, from Prosecutor, Councilman, to SEC and California securities investigator, Member Board of Public Health, experienced successful challenger to excess real estate valuations before Boards of Equalization. Endorsed in prior elections by Police Officers Association, County Sheriffs. Endorses *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association* protecting all of us from unfair increases in any of our taxes. Native of San Diego, competitive major businessman, knows that we must be vigilant that government at all levels respects homeowner and small businessman. Frequent speaker at civic groups. Active Catholic leader. Successful son Derek in management of Coachella Music Festival (meeting a Beatle and Rolling Stones). Mike's worked with leaders from Dr. Seuss 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. Supporter, San Diego Animal Rescue mission.

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Joel Anderson | REPUBLICAN



Visit taxpayersforanderson.com for more information. In 1978, Howard Jarvis wrote Prop 13, and after it passed he founded the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to protect Prop 13 and taxpayers from abusive taxing policies. (hjta.org) *Joel Anderson* is endorsed by California's leading Prop. 13 defender, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. Anderson will continue to protect our Prop. 13 rights and join with working families against tax increases because everyone deserves to be treated with fairness. He was called a "rock star for taxpayers" by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association President and was given the group's highest legislative rating. *He led the opposition to the gas tax increase* because it was the right thing to do—to stand up for the people against funding special interest giveaways. He was honored with highest ratings from the *California Taxpayers Association*, *National Federation of Independent Business*, and *California Chamber of Commerce* for his work to help grow jobs and the economy. He was named "California State Senate Legislator of the Year" by *California Small Business Association* and *California Small Business Roundtable* for his leadership working to boost small businesses and create career opportunities. He was recognized with six 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. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona while working full-time as a real estate appraiser for Pomona First Federal Savings and Loan Association. Education & Experience—The most qualified candidate for Board of Equalization with decades of business experience and a public record defending taxpayers.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (NONPARTISAN OFFICE)

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- 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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Tony K. Thurmond



I am running for State Superintendent of Public Instruction because I believe high-quality public schools are the key to California's future. Education saved my life, enabling me to overcome humble beginnings. I was raised by a single mother who emigrated from Panama to become a teacher. She lost her battle to cancer when I was just 6 years old—so I grew up thinking college was out of reach. But with the help of supportive teachers and a strong public education, I became student body president at my university, and went on to earn two master's degrees. As a lifelong advocate for youth and families, I spent 12 years working in schools, and started my career running after-school programs and counseling at-risk youth. I proudly served on the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board, Richmond City Council, and now in the California State Assembly. As Superintendent, I will work to ensure all California kids have access to a high-quality neighborhood school. To accomplish that, I will: 1) *Modernize our curriculum* to prepare students for jobs in our fast-growing, 21st Century economy—2) *Improve vocational job training* education, emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts, and math—3) *Invest in our teachers* by raising their wages, offering professional development, and providing teachers with affordable housing so they can afford to live in the communities where they teach—4) *Prioritize critical thinking*, not teaching to the test, and—5) *Fight to stop Betsy DeVos's anti-education agenda* from harming California's kids. I'm endorsed by *U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, California Democratic Party, current Superintendent Tom Torlakson, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, Sierra Club, Equality California, Los Angeles Times, Sacramento Bee, teachers, nurses, firefighters*, and many more.

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Marshall Tuck



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

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