

Information About Candidate Statements

This voter guide includes candidate statements from statewide constitutional office candidates which begins on page 83 of this guide.

Statewide Constitutional Offices

California law includes voluntary spending limits for candidates running for state office who choose to keep their campaign expenses under specified dollar amounts. Statewide constitutional office candidates who accept the spending limits may buy space for a candidate statement (up to 250 words) in this voter guide.

Voluntary spending limits for the following offices for the November 3, 2026, General Election are:

- Governor—\$19,611,000
- Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, and Superintendent of Public Instruction—\$11,767,000
- Member of the Board of Equalization—\$2,942,000

In the following candidate lists, an asterisk (*) designates a statewide constitutional office candidate who accepted California's voluntary campaign spending limits and therefore has the option to buy space for a candidate statement in this voter guide. (Some eligible candidates who accepted the spending limits choose not to buy space for a candidate statement.) Candidates who did not accept the spending limits are not permitted to submit statements.

For the final certified list of candidates, which was due after this guide was published, go to vote.ca.gov.

Governor

Xavier Becerra	Democratic
Steve Hilton	Republican

Lieutenant Governor

Fiona Ma*	Democratic
Gloria Romero*	Republican

Secretary of State

Donald P. (Don) Wagner*	Republican
Shirley N. Weber*	Democratic

Controller

Malia M. Cohen*	Democratic
Herb W Morgan*	Republican

Treasurer

Jennifer Hawks*	Republican
Eleni Kounalakis*	Democratic

Attorney General

Rob Bonta	Democratic
Michael E. Gates*	Republican

Insurance Commissioner

Ben Allen*	Democratic
Jane Kim*	Democratic

Board of Equalization District 1

Nelson Esparza*	Democratic
Shannon Grove*	Republican

Board of Equalization District 2

Sally J. Lieber*	Democratic
John Pimentel*	Democratic

Board of Equalization District 3

Mike Gipson*	Democratic
Samuel P. Sukaton	Democratic

Board of Equalization District 4

Denis Bilodeau*	Republican
Tom Umberg*	Democratic

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Richard Barrera*	Nonpartisan
Sonja Shaw*	Nonpartisan