

Information About Candidate Statements

This voter guide includes candidate statements from statewide constitutional office candidates which begins on page 10 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 June 2, 2026, Primary Election are:

- Governor—\$11,767,000
- Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, and Superintendent of Public Instruction—\$7,844,000
- Member of the Board of Equalization—\$1,961,000

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

Akinyemi Agbede*	Democratic	Matt Mahan	Democratic
Mohammad Arif*	Democratic	Amanda Martin*	No Party Preference
James Athans Jr.*	Republican	Brent Maupin*	No Party Preference
Larry Azevedo	Democratic	Daniel Mercuri*	No Party Preference
Naomi Bar-Lev*	No Qualified Party Preference	Leo Naranjo IV*	Republican
Xavier Becerra	Democratic	Tim Nelson	Republican
Chad Bianco*	Republican	Barack D. Obama Shaw*	Democratic
Carolina Buhler*	Democratic	Mauro Alberto Orozco	No Party Preference
Joseph Cabrera*	No Party Preference	Thunder Parley	Democratic
Elaine Culotti*	No Party Preference	Katie Porter*	Democratic
Patricia De Luca Basualdo*	Republican	Raji Rab*	Democratic
Louis A. DeBarraicua	Democratic	Satish Rao*	Democratic
LivingForGod AndCountry DeMott*	No Party Preference	Ramsey Robinson*	Peace and Freedom
Randeep S. Dhillon*	Republican	Reza Safarnejad*	No Party Preference
Sophia Edum-A-Sam	Democratic	Sam Sandak	No Party Preference
Serge Fiankan*	No Party Preference	Christine R. Sarmiento*	No Party Preference
Lukasz Adam Filinski	No Party Preference	Frederic C. Schultz*	No Party Preference
Max Fomin*	No Party Preference	Scott P Shields*	Democratic
Derek Grasty*	Democratic	Gretha Solórzano*	Republican
Don J. Grundmann*	No Qualified Party Preference	Tom Steyer	Democratic
Jon Henderson*	No Party Preference	Eric Swalwell	Democratic
Lewis Herms*	No Party Preference	Ebony Taylor	Republican
Rafael M. Hernandez*	Republican	Tony K. Thurmond*	Democratic
Steve Hilton	Republican	Margaret Trowe*	No Qualified Party Preference
Joel Jacob	Democratic	Antonio Villaraigosa	Democratic
Dawit E. Kellel	No Party Preference	Tom Woodard	Libertarian
Gary Howard Kidgell*	Democratic	Betty T. Yee*	Democratic
Anne Komarovsk*	No Party Preference	Nancy D. Young*	No Party Preference
Alicia Olivia Lapp*	Republican	Leo Samuel Zacky*	Republican
Matthew Chase Levy*	Democratic	Erin “Zez” Zezulak*	Democratic
Duane Terrence Loynes Jr.*	No Qualified Party Preference	David Zickefoose	Republican

Lieutenant Governor

Rakesh Christian	Republican	David Fennell*	Republican
David Collenberg	Republican	Josh Fryday*	Democratic
Sean Collinson	No Party Preference	Janelle Kellman*	Democratic

Lieutenant Governor Continued

Jason Lopez*	Democratic	Gloria Romero*	Republican
Ebie Lynch*	Republican	Skip Shelton	Republican
Fiona Ma*	Democratic	Abdur Rahman Sikder*	Democratic
Oliver Ma*	Democratic	Alice Stek*	Peace and Freedom
Tim Myers*	Democratic	Michael Tubbs*	Democratic

Secretary of State

Gary N. Blenner*	Green	Donald P. (Don) Wagner*	Republican
Michael Feinstein*	Green	Shirley N. Weber*	Democratic

Controller

Meghann Adams*	Peace and Freedom	Herb W Morgan*	Republican
Malia M. Cohen*	Democratic		

Treasurer

Anna M. Caballero*	Democratic	David Serpa*	Republican
Jennifer Hawks*	Republican	Glenn Turner*	Green
Eleni Kounalakis*	Democratic	Tony Vazquez*	Democratic

Attorney General

Rob Bonta	Democratic	Marjorie Mikels*	Green
Michael E. Gates*	Republican		

Insurance Commissioner

Eric Thor Aarnio*	Republican	Jane Kim*	Democratic
Ben Allen*	Democratic	Stacy A. Korsgaden*	Republican
Steven Craig Bradford*	Democratic	Sean Lee*	Republican
Merritt Farren*	Republican	Eduardo “Lalo” Vargas*	Peace and Freedom
Robert P Howell*	Republican	Patrick Wolff*	Democratic

Board of Equalization District 1

Dusty Beach*	Republican	Nader F Shahatit*	Republican
Nelson Esparza*	Democratic	Donald E. Williamson*	Democratic
Shannon Grove*	Republican		

Board of Equalization District 2

Sally J. Lieber*	Democratic	John Pimentel*	Democratic
J Brett Marymee*	Republican	Bill Shireman*	Republican
Mark McComas	Republican	John W. Zaruka	Republican

Board of Equalization District 3

Carlo Basail	Republican	Marie Manvel	No Party Preference
Rudy Bermudez	Democratic	Rey Portela*	Republican
Mike Gipson*	Democratic	Baru Alejandro Sanchez*	Democratic
Stephan Hohil	Republican	Samuel P. Sukaton	Democratic
Zhijing Liu	Democratic	Yvonne Yiu*	Democratic

Board of Equalization District 4

Martín Arias*	Democratic	Cody Petterson*	Democratic
Denis Bilodeau*	Republican	Tom Umberg*	Democratic
Gardner C. Osborne*	Libertarian		

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Richard Barrera*	Nonpartisan	Gus Mattammal*	Nonpartisan
Wendy Castaneda Leal	Nonpartisan	Al Muratsuchi*	Nonpartisan
Nichelle M. Henderson*	Nonpartisan	Josh Newman*	Nonpartisan
Frank Lara*	Nonpartisan	Anthony Rendon*	Nonpartisan
Ainye Long*	Nonpartisan	Sonja Shaw*	Nonpartisan

For purposes of this guide, candidates listed as having “No Party Preference” either selected that choice or did not make any selection when registering to vote. Candidates listed as having “No Qualified Party Preference” indicated a preference for a party that has not currently qualified in California when registering to vote.