

# This guide is for **California Statewide Offices** 2022 Primary Election: Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

## Introduction

I try to include as much information as possible without directly recreating the ballot guide. The information is sourced from the ballotguide, calmatters, ballotpedia, LA Times, voter's edge, and Mercury News.

I have done my best to keep my views out of it.

I started this to help my two aunts. They would ask me to tell them about ballots and candidates, so I made them a guide. Democracy relies on an informed and participatory citizenry, but it's not always easy. This is meant to alleviate some of the burden to make voting easier. Hopefully this guide helps.

If you notice any errors or feel like I've missed something, you can email me at [lizmuehlmann@gmail.com](mailto:lizmuehlmann@gmail.com).

## How to use this guide:

The guide is broken up by office with a description of the office and responsibilities at the start. A list of candidates, their preferred party, their current occupation, notable positions, and whether they agreed to **voluntary** spending limits. Also some info on who's donated to their campaign.

## Helpful Resources:

1. Register to vote (Deadline May 23): <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
2. Check your registration status: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>
3. Access the official voter guide: <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>
4. Early voting & ballot drop off locations: <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>
5. Track your ballot: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>
6. If you are in the Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange County area and need help getting to your polling place I will either find you resources or help you get there. I also offer to go with you to vote (and I will bring my two large German Shepherds) if you feel unsafe going to vote alone.

What's on this ballot?

**Bolded Titles are in this Guide**

**For other guides:** [https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election\\_Guides](https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election_Guides)

What's on the ballot?

Governor, Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Controller  
Treasurer  
Attorney General  
Insurance Commissioner  
Superior Court Judge

Board of Equalization  
US Representative, US Senator  
**State Senator, State Assembly Member**  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
County Board of Supervisors  
Sheriff  
Assessor  
Local District & City Contests

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I. National Candidates

National candidates split their time between their district and Washington D.C. Their job is to represent their constituents in Washinton DC by securing federal funds for their area.

a. United States Senator [Full-Term]

Job Title: United States Senator

Represent constituents at the national level, inform the public about important issues the senator's state faces, and introduce legislation.

California is in a weird position because we'll vote for US Senator twice this year since Kamala Harris vacated her seat to become Vice President. When Harris became VP, Gavin Newsom appointed Alex Padilla. Typically, appointees can't serve in elected positions. So, we're going to see who will fill the seat for the remainder of Harris' term which ends January 3, 2023. The winner of the *Short-Term Senator Election* will advance to the November election. The winner of the November election will serve the remainder of the term.

If Padilla loses the short-term senator race in November but wins the full-term senator race, then he'll vacate the office until January 3<sup>rd</sup> when he'll return.

*Full Term Senator (6 Years)*

The person you select for this will advance to the November election. If elected, they'll serve a full 6-year term as a US Senator.

*Short Term Senator (Unexpired term ending January 3)*

The person you vote for here (if they win) will advance to the November election. If elected in November, they'll fill the Senator position until January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If they win both the short term and Full-term senator positions they'll be California's new senator for 6 years and a few months

Candidates that are listed for *both* Full- and Short-Term Senator are denoted by \*\*

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Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	• Notable Positions
<a href="#">Pamela Elizondo</a>	Green	Marijuana Plastic Entrepreneur / Environmental Healing Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legalize marijuana</li> <li>• Stop global warming</li> <li>• Restoring Earth</li> <li>• Stop war</li> <li>• Employment not imprisonment</li> <li>• Limit the judiciary, prisons, and jails</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Dan O'Dowd</a> **	Democratic	Tech Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Make computers safe for humanity”</li> <li>• To elevate the issue of computer safety</li> <li>• Ban Tesla’s fully autonomous driving software</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Cordie Williams</a>	Republican	Chiropractor / Business Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent the erosion of personal freedom</li> <li>• Prevent California from being turned into a “third world” nation</li> <li>• Medical freedom, end mandates</li> <li>• School Choice</li> <li>• Ban Critical Race Theory</li> <li>• Prevent Voter Fraud (Forensic Audits of all elections, clean voter rolls, prohibit ballot harvesting, enact voter ID)</li> <li>• America first foreign policy</li> <li>• Limit government</li> <li>• Prevent “Conservative censorship on social media”</li> <li>• Pro-Life</li> <li>• Increased police funding</li> <li>• Build a physical barrier</li> <li>• Reduce Taxes</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only confirm “strict constitutionalists” for the Supreme Court</li> <li>• Task force to study homelessness</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Deon D. Jenkins</a>	None	Grassroots Hip Hop Organizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reparations for Black people descended from people enslaved in America (\$3.1 million per person)</li> <li>• Special military, law enforcement, and court systems for Black people</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Carlos Guillermo Tapia</a>	Republican	Business Owner / Relator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase Baja California and make it the 51<sup>st</sup> state or unite it with CA</li> <li>• Create USA manufacturing industry along the Bible belt or Rust Belt</li> <li>• “Free” community college.</li> <li>• Introduce a law that makes banks and financial institutions provide low interest student loans.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Mark P. Meuser</a> **	Republican	Constitutional Attorney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase domestic oil production</li> <li>• Combat rising California crime</li> <li>• Border security</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Chuck Smith</a>	Republican	Retired Law Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make America Great Again</li> <li>• God and Country first</li> <li>• Individual Freedom</li> <li>• Gun Rights</li> <li>• Pro-life</li> <li>• School choice</li> <li>• Ban Critical Race Theory</li> <li>• Strong military</li> <li>• Secure borders</li> <li>• Energy independence</li> </ul>
<a href="#">John Thompson Parker</a>	Peace & Freedom Socialist Unity Party	Social Justice Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smash white supremacy</li> <li>• End political brutality</li> <li>• End gender oppression</li> <li>• Fund healthcare, not war</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No war on Russia (Ukraine was the aggressor)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Alex Padilla</a> **	Democratic	Appointed US Senator (after Kamala Harris became VP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fight climate change</li> <li>• Protect the environment</li> <li>• Expand educational opportunity</li> <li>• Universal health care</li> <li>• Combat the diabetes and obesity epidemics</li> <li>• Increased gun safety</li> <li>• Ethical advancement of science &amp; tech</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Obaidul Huq Pirjada</a>	Democratic	Attorney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce inflation</li> <li>• Raise the minimum wage (\$20)</li> <li>• Expand child credits</li> <li>• Get people back to work</li> <li>• Increase homeless shelters</li> <li>• Protect and enhance Social Security and Medicare benefits for seniors</li> <li>• More infrastructure investment</li> <li>• World-class education</li> <li>• Uninterrupted water to the central valley</li> <li>• Protect women's and civil rights</li> <li>• Disrupt domestic and international terrorism</li> <li>• Protect voter rights &amp; declare voting day a public holiday</li> <li>• Strengthen unions</li> <li>• End discrimination against all races</li> <li>• US "not only the super power but also super most in respect of human rights, freedom moral decency and dignity"</li> <li>• Fix campaign finance</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pragmatically address climate change</li> <li>• Adaptable immigration</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Douglas Howard Pierce</a>	Democratic	Missing Children's Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Patriot</li> <li>• Centrist, social equity and some social hierarchy</li> <li>• No significant shift in society</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Myron L. Hall</a> **	Republican	Podiatric Physician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• America First</li> <li>• Re-engage the fossil fuel energy sector</li> <li>• Re-energize the agriculture and manufacturing industries</li> <li>• Rebuild and fund the image and authority of the law and order</li> <li>• Smaller government</li> <li>• Lower taxes</li> <li>• Individual freedoms</li> <li>• Pro-life</li> <li>• Pro-second amendment</li> <li>• End Covid 19 protections</li> <li>• Close southern border</li> <li>• Lower corporate tax rates</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Timothy J. Ursich</a> **	Democratic	Doctor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End the bullet train fund redistribution</li> <li>• Reintroduce trade classes in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades</li> <li>• Global, American, and Local history</li> <li>• Reduce gas taxes in CA</li> <li>• New police training protocols</li> <li>• Refund the police to train them better</li> <li>• Guaranteed funding for no-kill shelters and rescues</li> <li>• Generational Representation</li> <li>• Regulate cryptocurrency</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No auto-refilling of opioids</li> <li>• Lower taxes</li> <li>• Term limits (4 year/2 term limit on all offices, including the Supreme Court)</li> <li>• Allow children to “develop without outside pressure that is presented sociologically”</li> <li>• Transform malls and abandoned property into homeless shelters</li> <li>• Trade school vouchers</li> <li>• Allow properties to extend people’s mortgages so they can offer rent relief now</li> <li>• End Covid-19 mandates</li> <li>• “end the smoke and mirrors as it relates to social media” (He advocates for free speech here but also kind of that it needs to be regulated.</li> <li>• All votes in the senate have to have an explanation of why they voted for or against it</li> <li>• California minimum wage continues to increase, but federal minimum wage doesn’t so we should incentivize people to pursue federal work</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>James “Henk” Conn</u></a>	Green	Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace</li> <li>• Ecology</li> <li>• Social Justice</li> <li>• Living Wage</li> <li>• Publicly financed elections</li> <li>• Open debates</li> <li>• Renewable energy</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">Don J. Grundmann</a>	None	Chiropractor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heterosexual pride (“Straight pride”)</li> <li>• Promote and defend “Western Civilization”, “Caucasians”, heterosexuality, and a “God ordained natural nuclear family.</li> <li>• Nationalist</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Eleanor Garcia</a>	None, Socialist Worker’s Party	Industrial Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public works program at union wages</li> <li>• End to the embargo against Cuba</li> <li>• US out of Guantanamo</li> <li>• US out of Middle East</li> <li>• Replace Capitalism with Workers and Farmers Government</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Robert George Lucero, Jr.</a>	Republican	Executive Business Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent nuclear war by aligning with Russia &amp; China</li> <li>• Solve homelessness, more police, and economic justice</li> <li>• Create Jobs with our historic allies (China &amp; Russia).</li> <li>• Start steel production again</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Sarah Sun Liew</a>	Republican	Entrepreneur / Non-Profit Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebuild broken businesses</li> <li>• K-12 STEM</li> <li>• Support charter schools and job placement internship programs</li> <li>• Support landlords and tenants by enforcing ethical laws</li> <li>• Affordable housing for the elderly</li> <li>• Fill in the gaps by promoting non-profit organizations, businesses, churches</li> <li>• Reduce health care costs</li> <li>• Special tax breaks for health care workers</li> <li>• Legal immigration</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">Daphne Bradford</a> **	None	Education Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Affordable health care</li> <li>• Safe neighborhoods</li> <li>• Law enforcement reforms</li> <li>• Equal and affordable education</li> <li>• Pro Choice</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Akinyemi Agbede</a>	Democratic	Mathematician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonable limits on campaign contributions</li> <li>• Protect intellectual property</li> <li>• Reform the criminal justice system</li> <li>• Bring down the costs of higher education</li> <li>• Invest in renewable energy</li> <li>• Low cost health care for low income children and families, seniors, pregnant women, and people with disabilities</li> <li>• Housing reform</li> <li>• Comprehensive and nondiscrimination protections for LGTBQIA+</li> <li>• Stronger privacy protections</li> <li>• National Security</li> <li>• Maintain social security</li> <li>• Reduce traffic</li> <li>• Fair compensation and support for veterans</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Jon Elist</a> **	Republican	Small Business Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend gas taxes</li> <li>• Hire more police and increase their pay</li> <li>• Parents should have a say in whether their children are taught Critical Race Theory or sexual content</li> </ul>

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b. United States Senator [Short-Term]

**Job Title: United States Senator**  
 Represent constituents at the national level, inform the public about important issues the senator’s state faces, and introduce legislation.

See above note: Alex Padilla, Myron L. Hall, Timothy Ursich Jr., Daphne Bradford, Jon Elist, Dan O’Dowd, Mark P. Meuser are all listed under long- and short-term senator

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<a href="#">James P. Bradley</a>	Republican	CEO / Business Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeal AB-5 AB-5 extended labor protections to all workers (the burden of proof will no longer be on the employer to prove their employees are independent contractors, it will shift to employees if AB-5 is repealed)</li> <li>• Stimulate start ups</li> <li>• Tax incentives for small businesses</li> <li>• Limit government regulations</li> <li>• Free Market</li> <li>• Increase water storage</li> <li>• Reduce regulations</li> <li>• Revive farming</li> <li>• No Critical Race Theory</li> <li>• Healthcare price controls</li> <li>• Protect and defend tribal sovereignty</li> <li>• End inflation</li> <li>• Bolster US-Israel relations</li> <li>• Travel ban on terrorists</li> <li>• Pro voter ID</li> <li>• Strict originalist constitutionalists to the Supreme Court</li> <li>• Pro second amendment</li> <li>• America First</li> </ul>

II. State Candidates

a. State Senator – 22<sup>nd</sup> District

Job Title: State Senator
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Represent constituents at the state level, inform the public about important issues the senator's constituent's faces, and introduce legislation.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
<a href="#">Vincent Tsai</a>	Republican	Deputy Sheriff	Medical Freedom – vaccinate choice Ban any Chinese-US relationships Pro-second amendment Raise funding for police officers
<a href="#">Susan Rubio</a>	Democratic	State Senator / Teacher	Expand eligibility for youth child tax credit Mandatory kindergarten Assist low-income households to become more energy independent Pause visitation if there's signs of violence Protect Women's Rights Urban Renewal to help end the homelessness crisis Environmental Protection
<a href="#">Kimo Mateo</a>	Republican	Father / Operations Manager	Pro-God Pro-Life Pro-Second Amendment Pro-First Amendment Pro-Police Pro-Border Patrol Reopen churches Stop the attack on the constitution Stop the indoctrination of students More police Closed borders

b. State Assembly Member – 41<sup>st</sup> District

Job Title: State Assembly Member

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Represent constituents at the state level, inform the public about important issues the assembly member's constituents face, and introduce legislation. The Assemblymember is similar to a US house member in that they serve in the lower chamber of Congress.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
<a href="#">Chris Holden</a>	Democratic	Assemblymember	Job creation Improve transportation Preserve natural resources Quality education Duty to intervene Force training

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III. US Representative – 31<sup>st</sup> District

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
<a href="#">Grace F. Napolitano</a>	Democratic	US Representative	\$412 Whittier Narrows revitalization Clean Water Youth Challenge Mental Health
<a href="#">Rocco Anthony De Luca</a>	Democratic	Construction Project Manager	Make housing more affordable Bipartisanship Stop oil companies from taking advantage Defend the rights of all citizens Affordable healthcare End qualified immunity for police officers, but do not defund them End foreign dependence on oil, drill domestically Strong borders, but make it easier to qualify for citizenship
<a href="#">Daniel Bocic Martinez</a>	Republican	Attorney/Entrepreneur/Education	End the bullet train Change federal tax codes to make it easier to build homes. End the Ukraine conflict No citizenship for undocumented individuals NGOs and Community groups need to be empowered to help people with mental health, not the government Fast track FDA trials to prevent veteran suicides Open primaries Ranked Choice Voting Voter ID



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IV. County Sheriff

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Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions
<a href="#">Karla Yesenia Carranza</a>	LA Sheriff Sergeant	Zero tolerance for inter-police gangs or groups Increase women in the department Stay inside LA jurisdiction (stop clearing Venice homeless encampments)
<a href="#">Cecil Rhambo</a>	LAX Police Chief	Clean up LA Sheriff's office Collaborate with the Board of Supervisors Expand mental health services Decertify cops that are convicted of misconduct Allow for greater oversight Close the central jail Educate more, incarcerate less
<a href="#">Matt Rodriguez</a>	Retired Sheriff's Captain	Blue Lives Matter Pro second amendment Recall Gascon Work with faith-based organizations to reduce homelessness Constitutional right to concealed carry
<a href="#">Robert Luna</a>	Long Beach Police Chief	Reduce Violent Crime & Property Crime Address Homelessness Restore Public Trust Long-term solutions to end crime Neighborhood Walks Long term solutions for homelessness Increase transparency and accountability Re-examine force procedures Eradicate intra-departmental gangs.
<a href="#">Eli Vera</a>	Law Enforcement Chief	Reduce violent crime Gang and drug reduction Work with civilian Oversight Depoliticize the department Get more funding

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<a href="#">Alex Villanueva</a>	Sheriff, LA County	Body cams Ban deputy gangs Increase departmental diversity Banned ICE transfers Duty to report and cooperate with incidents of excessive force
<a href="#">April Saucedo Hood</a>	Parole Agent	Partner with the Board of Supervisors, Office of the Inspector General Outside oversight Increase transparency
<a href="#">Eric Strong</a>	Sheriff Lieutenant / Father	Not support building a new Men's jail Alternates to incarceration Divert people to support rather than incarceration Attend Citizens Advisory Committee Extend mental health training to cops Co-responder model Neighborhood-specific crime reduction and community affairs Require cultural competency of deputies Make LASD policies transparent
<a href="#">Britta S. Steinbrenner</a>	Sheriff's Captain	Community Policing Increase deputy involvement Create relationships with the media No deputy gangs Jail Reform Modernize the operations center