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1 Introduction

Hello!

Welcome to the ballot guide. I try to include as much information as possible without directly recreating the official ballot guide. The information is sourced from the official ballot guide, calmatters, Ballotpedia, LA Times, voter's edge, and Mercury News. I have included sources links where appropriate.

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 simplify their ballots for them and since I was, in their words, "into politics." Democracy relies on an informed and participatory citizenry, but this isn't an easy task. This ballot guide is meant to alleviate some of the burden. If you notice any errors, you feel like I've missed something, or you've found this guide helpful, feel free to email me at lizmuehlmann@gmail.com.

If you're looking for a different city, county, or state, additionally guides are available on my Github here: https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election_Guides or on my website here: https://liz-muehlmann.github.io/pages/election_guides.html

Helpful Resources:
1. Check your registration status: https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/
2. Access the official voter guide: https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov /
3. Early voting & ballot drop off locations: https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/
4. Track your ballot: https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/
5. 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. If you feel unsafe going to your polling place, I will also go with you.

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2 The Ballot

Bolded titles are in *this* guide. For other guides: https://liz-muehlmann.github.io/pages/election_guides.html	
State Senator, 22nd District **Member of the State Assembly, 41st District** **US Representative, 31st District** Bonita Unified School District Measure A County Sheriff Assessor Superior Court Judge, Office No. 2 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 14 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 39 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 60 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 64 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 65 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 66 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 81 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 87 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 116 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 131 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 141 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 176 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 181 Superior Court Judge, Office No. 196 County Measure ER	**Governor** **Lieutenant Governor** **Secretary of State** **Controller** **Treasurer** **Attorney General** **Insurance Commissioner** State Board of Equalization, Member 3rd District **Superintendent of Public Instruction**

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3 State Offices

The decisions made in statewide offices affect all Californians. These decisions often have national implications, but their primary role is to serve California's residents.

3.1 Governor

Job Description: The Governor is responsible for implementing state laws and overseeing the operation of the state's executive branch. Our current Governor, Gavin Newsom, is ineligible to run for a third term so there are *a lot* of candidates vying for the position. A recent poll conducted by Evitarus shows Steve Hilton (22%), Xavier Becerra (21%), Tom Steyer (15%), Chad Bianco (10%), Katie Porter (4%), and Matt Mahan (4%) all polling above 1% (Evitarus, May 16th Poll). I urge you to vote for who you believe will improve California based on your own metrics. I've included polling data as information only because there are a lot of candidates and it can be overwhelming. As a reminder, California has a top two governor rule, where the top two candidates are who is on the ballot come November – regardless of party. That is, we can have two Republican, two Democratic, or one Republican and one Democratic candidate in the general election in November.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
Tom Steyer	Democratic	Billionaire	- Paid influencers to promote his candidacy - Wants to create a climate friendly California - Has expressed regret over funding ICE/for-profit detention centers (no longer funds them) - Increase taxes on billionaires (including himself) - Build more affordable housing
Eric Swalwell	Democratic	Former US Representative	- Dropped out of the race over sexual assault allegations - Swalwell's behavior suggests a pattern of believing he's untouchable (Politico)
Scott P. Shields	Democratic	CEO	- Wants to combat the "mind virus of atheist Marxism" which "leads to the societal cancer of socialism and metastasizes into communism" - Wants to create a "California-issued digital token anchored in the Bitcoin standard" - Wants to rewrite the CA tax code.
Federic C. Shultz	None	Lawyer	- Wants to enact a state of emergency to "ensure our human rights" - Believes that all people have a right to do whatever they want with their body ("no victim, no crime"). - Promises to never lock down schools for disease but will stockpile N95 masks.

			- Increase state militia numbers as a means to combat school shootings
Christine R. Sarmiento	None	Nurse	- Increase transparency - Lower the cost of living - Enact no new taxes - Was a frontline director of the Covid-19 vaccine
Reza Safarnejad	None	Scientist	- Use imminent domain to rehabilitate dying areas - Audit CA budget - Break up monopolies - Focus on locally owned agriculture
Sam Sandak	None	Filmmaker	- Believes that CA is restricting filmmakers - Film subsidies should go to small filmmakers - Governorship would be focused on doing whatever is necessary for "making great movies" in California. - Filmmakers should have to be licensed.
Gretha Solorzano	Republican	Engineer	- Christian, Zionist - Impose a flat tax rate on all earners. - Bring nuclear power back to CA - Uses AI campaign images - Open CA to drilling to reduce costs
James Athans, Jr.	Republican	Realtor	- Wants to institute DOGE in CA - "Make California Great Again" - Build "prosperity zones" which include small houses, community parks, and updated infrastructure
Larry Azevedo	Democratic	Businessman	- Invest in sustainability and clean energy - Improve basic income and expand community college - LGBTQ+ inclusive education
Mohammad Arif	Democratic/Peace & Freedom	Politician	- End of the wealthy's power over working people - Free education for all - Environmental restoration and clean energy
Akinyemi Agbede	Democratic	Mathematician	- Reasonable limits on campaign contributions - Protect intellectual property - Reform the criminal justice system
Derek Grasty	Democratic	Teacher	- Champion DEI - Use CAs position to push national policy - Require all law enforcement to have id and prohibit them from wearing face coverings

			- Institute minimum requirements for superintendents
Don J. Grundmann	None	Small business owner	- Believes that Israel is responsible for Charlie Kirk's death and for 9/11 (OC Register) - Wants to end the IRS - Ban gay marriage, institute "Straight pride" - Believes that global warming is a hoax
Dawit Kellel	None	Retired Vetran	- Freeze non-essential spending - Pro-choice and pro 2nd amendment - Wants to implement voter ID - Anti-socialist
Anne Komarovsk	None	Journalist	- Very little information available - Four-year ban on gas tax, sales tax, and income tax - Eliminate front license plate mandate
Gary Howard Kidgell	Democratic	Building Consultant	- Commuter tax credit - Affordable EV access - Shrinkflation transparency
Sophia Edum-A-Sam	Democratic	Architect	- Prevention-first, integrated healthcare to reduce healthcare costs (mental health first approach) - Encourage AI reskilling - Universal Basic Income - Opposes Flock cameras
Mauro Alberto Orozsco	None	Truck Driver	- Allow for concealed carry - Relocate homeless to facilities - Eliminate the California Air Resource Board - Increase CA oil drilling to reduce costs
Barack D. Obama Shaw	Democratic	Entertainer	- Increase school drills with police to ensure student safety - Get to the root cause of homelessness - Increase safety for immigrant workers
Antonio Villaraigosa	Democratic	Assemblyman	- Will stand up to Trump - Fast track new home construction - Invest in all energy solutions – solar, wind, nuclear, natural gas, and oil
Margaret Trowe	None	Housekeeper	- Socialist workers party - Not much information available.
Tony K. Thurmond	Democratic	Superintendent	- Establish universal childcare - Fight to Abolish ICE - Establish single-payer healthcare

			- Secure a bond to build more housing
Thunder Parley	Democratic	Software Engineer	- Fairly certain the entire campaign website is AI generated - Reform or end the CA Public Utilities Commission - Modernize CA's electrical grid - Improve our roads.
Katie Porter	Democratic	Congressman	- Accused of having an explosive temper (yelled at staffers and got caught on video) - Abolish ICE - Protect LGBTQ+ rights - End homelessness
Tom Woodard	Libertarian	Businessman	- Candidate dropped out, endorses Steve Hilton. - Secure the border - Suspend fuel taxes - Cancel the high-speed rail. - Mandate detox for all homeless benefits
Leo Samuel Zacky	Republican	Entrepreneur	- Part of the Zacky poultry family - Wants to "blow up" and "rebuild" California - End the "homeless industrial complex," by requiring drug treatment and mental health care for all homeless people - Explore desalination and prioritize farms.
Erin "Zez" Zezulak	Democratic	Nurse	- Down-payment assistance for low- and middle- class families - Increase taxes on alcohol to fund homelessness help - Prevent ICE from operating in CA
David Zickefoose	Republican	Real estate entrepreneur	- Cap income taxes at 10% - Cut excessive fuel taxes - Enforce anti-bullying policies - Recruit and retain more policies officers.
Amanda Martin	None	Business owner	- Audit state spending - Decentralize education and return power to educators and parents - Invest in workforce housing and employment infrastructure - Expand community-based, outcome-driven mental health and addiction

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Matt Mahan	Democratic	Mayor of San Jose	- AI for all and increase AI literacy - Gas tax hiatus - Demand Trump release money being held back for CA healthcare - Unmask ICE officers - Housing-first approach to homelessness.
Brent Maupin	None	Civil Engineer	- Believes California has reached a "tipping point" and needs to become "who God made us to be" - God has called him to be governor and bring about a "dimensional shift" - Wants to end all school shootings, PFAS in food, and provide up to 100,000 transitional housing units for the homeless.
Daniel Mercuri	None	CFO of his own Private Equity Company	- A constitutional conservative who thinks CA Republicans have been "infiltrated by the very ideals they claim to stand against" (Register Guard) - Wrote a book arguing that political corruption occurs because of Lucifer (book) - Anti-Socialist, Marxist, and Communistic ideologies - End federal income tax, cut the wealth tax in half, become a stand your ground state, institute the death penalty for pedophiles, end "forestry and fire fighting DEI programs." - Will fight against the "deep state"
Betty T. Yee	Democratic	Board member (Ceres)	- Candidate dropped out of the race (Cal Matters) - Tackle the affordability crisis, address climate change, and build an inclusive CA
Nancy D. Young	None	Mayor of Tracy, CA Pastor	- Expand connected transportation - Pursue people-first housing solutions - Cut barriers for small businesses
Alicia Olivia Lapp	Republican		- Deport all illegal immigrants - Use the state guard to build more trails - Move all county court systems into one central system. - Clear any legal hurdle that prevents people from establishing their own energy company.
Matthew Chase Levy	Democratic	Venture Capitalist	- Develop CA as AI leader - Keep CA as clean energy leader

			- Science-based approach to land, water, and environment - Coordinate with federal law enforcement regarding the border.
Duane Terrence Loynes Jr.	None		- Focus CA's economy to "secure and family-sustaining jobs" - Focus on building houses to promote walkable communities
Randeep S. Dhillon	Republican	Farmer	- "Make Affordable California Again" - Support farmers with less than 10 acres - Maintain current minimum wage - Streamline process for building new houses
Livingforgod andcountry Demott	None	Business owner	- Increase training and use of CA state militia - Restore the family as the primary source of moral education - Decouple from the federal economy
Patricia De Luca Barraicua	Republican		- No information available. I believe this is their campaign website. If it is, they appear to be an issue-candidate where they want to convert California to a direct democracy.
Raji Rab	Democratic	Business Owner – Computer Infrastructure	- Uses an AI candidate photo - Wants to "reverse" CAs position on welfare - Fund seniors, welfare, and a rescue ranch for the homeless - Cut student debt with high paying jobs - Free choice
Satish Rao	Democratic	Professor	- Wants to focus on "intelligent tradeoff calculations," - Wants to reconsider "forced DEI" statements in favor of real change - Reduce administrative bloat
Ramsey Robinson	Peace & Freedom	Social Worker	- Tax the rich - Free universal healthcare - Fund public education - Housing as a human right
Lewis Herms	None	Documentarian	- Mega MAHA for California (return, religious exemptions, end gender education and gender affirming care, ban mRNA vaccines – i.e., the covid vaccine) - Clear, honest labeling of food

			- Reduce abortions by improving women's access to housing, healthcare, and family resources - Require voter ID
Rafael M. Hernandez	Republican	Singer / Song writer	- Amnesty for immigrants - Build affordable homes - End homelessness - End high cost of living
Jon Henderson	None		- Thin CA's forests buy building more housing - Create employment hubs where people will clean streets, build houses, etc. to earn money - CA should lead AI
Steve Hilton	Republican	CEO Golden Together Policy Org	- Reduce taxes for workers & red tape for employers - Single family home for all Californians - No income tax below $100,000; 7.5% flat tax above - Add sunsets to all our regulatory code to end them unless renewed.
Naomi Bar-Lev	None	Musician	- Review all CA agencies to address corruption - CA residents have been "defrauded," and we'll use this money to bring in business and tourism - Has "uncovered" a mass network of fraud and corruption that they will combat as governor
Xavier Becerra	Democratic	Former US Secretary of Health and Human Services	- Questionable handling of migrant children in dangerous jobs (NYT) that he will not discuss - Accepted campaign financing from Chevron - Work with tech companies and communities to drive AI - Will direct all agencies in CA to treat the housing crisis as the number one priority
Carolina Buhler	Democratic	NASA	- Lift the burden off average Californians - Tax the ultra wealthy - Believes many "Many politicians have 'adopted' her frameworks without crediting Buhler. Consultants continue to use Buhler's campaign to advise mainstream candidates, while ignoring her contributions for change." - 10% tax refund for people who pay their rent on time - Support community-led disaster planning - Investigate illegal detentions, fight ICE
Chad Bianco	Republican	Sheriff, Riverside County	- Improve public safety and defend victims' rights

			- Prevent over-regulation and support California's tech sector - Secure the border - Modernize the energy grid and hold regulators accountable to lower costs
Joseph Cabrera	None	Business owner	- Return CA public universities to "the merit-based, accessible model" that made them good - Redirect resources to address homelessness and mental health
Elaine Culotti	None	"Star of discovery+ reality series 'Undercover Billionaire'"	- No information is available about her candidacy. The information on her website is about her farm in Fallbrook and her stint on Discovery+ - "Passionate about the food we're putting in our bodies"
Joel E. Jacob	Democratic		- The only information available is on TikTok and I do not have TikTok.
Max Fomin	None		- No to foreign investments - Limit corporate involvement in housing - Guarantee jobs to homeless individuals via Homeless Rehabilitation Centers - Veto and undo any laws that limit law enforcement's ability to punish shoplifters and people who damage private and state property
Lukasz Adam Filnski	None		- AI website that has a 6-7 and cross as the main image - Will introduce the "hold" amendment where any new bill has to pass with a 67% majority - Will offer $900-$3,200 to people with spare rooms to take in a homeless person - "AI-powered objective permitting" to build more houses - Become an AI state.
Serge Fiankan	None	Realtor	- Introduce paid parental leave - Build affordable tiny homes - Link childcare support with workforce participation - Pilot telehealth and public-option healthcare
Leo Naranjo IV	Republican	Retried military	- Wants to prevent the US from following socialism - End CA's sanctuary status - End taxes on Veteran retirement - Ensure our second amendment rights

Tim Nelson	Republican	US Diplomat	- Lower the tax burden by instituting accountable oversight - Improve our infrastructure - Conserve our natural resources

3.2 Lieutenant Governor

Job Description: Lieutenant Governor serves as Acting Governor whenever the Governor is absent from the state and automatically becomes Governor if a vacancy occurs in the Office of Governor. The Lieutenant Governor is also President of the Senate and votes in case of a tie.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
David Collenberg	Republican	Farmer	- Advocate for polices that lower electricity and fuel costs - Faster permitting for building affordable houses - Promote trade education - Oppose zero-bail policies for violent and repeat offenders
Dean Collinson		Mediator	- No information available
Josh Fryday	Democratic	Governor's Cabinet Member	- Endorse by Newsom - Accelerate CA's transition to clean energy - Provide debt-free college through community service - Create job training and apprenticeship programs
David Fennell	Republican	Businessman	- Meet with CA's counties and municipalities to determine how to bring jobs back to CA - Enforce laws preventing the "violent, property and white-collar crime wave" that CA is currently facing - Negotiate a plan to improve intellectual property rights
Alice Stek	Peace & Freedom	OBGYN	- Free day care - Accessible higher education for all - Criminalize ICE in healthcare facilities - Demilitarize police and end the war on drugs
Skip Shelton	Republican	Defense Tech Executive	- Streamline housing permits to reduce homelessness - Expand first-time home-owner programs - Fund law enforcement and retention - Provide tax incentives for small businesses

			- Partner with tech companies and national security agencies
Abur Rahman Sikder	Democratic	Professor	- No information available
Janelle Kellman	Democratic	Climate Risk Executive	- Cut electricity costs - Require large energy users to reduce electricity during peak times - Invest in fire prevention - Make community college free
Michael Tubbs	Democratic	Non-profit director	- Created a guaranteed basic income as Stockton Mayor - Make higher education and trade school affordable to all - Build more housing - Accelerate clean energy solutions and wetlands restoration
Tim Myers	Democratic	Musician	- Former member of One Republic (Bassist) - Stand up more to Trump, particularly by combating ICE in CA streets
Fiona Ma	Democratic	CA State Treasurer	- Led the sale of $20 billion in state debt - Funding building projects, saved taxpayers $1.8 billion - Supports increasing diversity on corporate boards - Constructing high-speed rail to Las Vegas - Divest from fossil fuels - Has been accused of sexual harassment and wrongful termination - Also accused of accepting improper gifts
Oliver Ma	Democratic	Civil Rights Lawyer	- Ban corporate landlords from buying houses - Protect CA coastlines from fossil fuel companies - Divest from Israel - $21 minimum wage - Shift the burden from regular Americans to the rich
Ebie Lynch	Republican	Nurse	- Incentivize companies to invest locally - Expand primary care and emergency services - Eliminate outdated zoning laws to improve the housing crisis
Jeyson Lopez	Democratic		- Immigration reform, including deporting immigrants with violent histories - Cooperate with the Department of Homeland Security, but abolish ICE

			- Ask the Department of Industrial Relations to stand up to corporate greed - Re-introduce a 2-year BA by eliminating general requirements
Gloria Romero	Republican	Former CA Senator	- Restore merit-based admission for colleges and universities - Protect women's sports - Fully integrate K-12 with higher education to improve education for all - Protect the environment by stopping controlled burns or "let it burn malfeasance"
Rakesh Christian	None		- Website is from their mayoral candidacy (Antioch) - No additional information

3.3 Secretary of State

Job description: The Secretary of State is responsible for safeguarding California's history in the State Archives. The Archives staff collect, organize and preserve the state's permanent government records and other historical materials such as maps, architectural drawings, photographs, video and audio tapes, and artifacts.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
Donald P. (Don) Wagner	Republican	OC Supervisor	- "Only eligible voters can vote" - Institute voter ID - Collaborate more with the federal government
Shirley N. Weber	Democratic	CA Secretary of State	- Inclusive, trustworthy, and transparent elections - Expand voting franchise - Monitor and upgrade the Secretary of State's cybersecurity policies - Institute aggressive voter outreach programs
Gary N. Blenner	Green	Teacher	- Institute Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)* * RCV allows voters to list their first, second, third, etc. choices for each office. If the first candidate fails to reach a majority, the next candidate is picked, if they fail, the next, and so on.

			- Wants to replace CA's congressional districts (58) with four 13-member districts to enact proportional voting where the seats are apportioned by the proportion of people who voted for that party. If 20% of people vote for party A, then 20% of seats are apportioned to party A. - Wants to expand the CA assembly to 91 members and institute proportional voting
Michael Feinstein	Green	Consultant	- Institute proportional representation and rank choice voting - Create a voting holiday so people have the day off work to vote - Enact campaign finance limits to ensure individuals and small donors fund elections

3.4 Controller

Job description: Account for and control disbursement of all state funds. Determine legality and accuracy of every claim against the State. Issue warrants in payment of the State's bills including lottery prizes. Administer the Uniform State Payroll System.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
Malia M. Cohen	Democratic	Current State Controller	- Has published CA's financial audits late for the last 6 years (calmatters) - Led a task force to uncover a massive fraud scheme in San Diego - Faced criticism for not trying to find people with lost property* * the state holds returned checks and other accounts that people fail to claim. CA has a bad track record of finding people who the money belongs to (CBS). Find your lost property here: SOS Lost Property Website
Meghann Adams	Peace & Freedom	School bus driver	- Expand public services - Crack down on corruption - Address the affordability crisis - Medi-Cal for all

Herb W. Morgan	Republican	Chief Investment Officer	- Conduct a top-down audit of all CA's money and accounts - Expose waste in the Employment Development Department and other social welfare programs - Modernize oversight by employing blockchain* * blockchain is decentralized and each block forms a chain with previous blocks using cryptography. More about blockchain for public services here: Science Direct * blockchain has some inherent security, but is not 100% secure (nothing is)

3.5 Treasurer

Job description: The treasurer acts as the chief investment officer, banker, and financier of the state government and is responsible for managing the state's pooled money investment account.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
Eleni Kounalakis	Democratic	Lt. Gov. of CA	- No information about what she would like to do as Treasurer. The information below is from her (successful) campaign to become Lieutenant Governor (2022 election) Oppose tuition increases for UC and CSU students - Clean up CA polluted rivers - Protect women from sexual harassment - Pro-Choice - Extended renter protections
Tony Vazquez	Member	State Board of Equalization, Member	- Streamline permitting process and offer tax incentives for building new houses - Prioritize state educational institutions - Champion for the Latinx community which is frequently disenfranchised -
Glenn Turner	Green		- Stop the war in Iran - Divest CA pension funds from funding Israel and war in general

			- Move California towards universal healthcare - Champion worker-owned enterprises, union jobs, and community-based businesses.
Jennifer Hawks	Republican	Retired	- Believes that CA's biggest failures are the high-speed rail program, homeless programs, and infrastructure - Institute per-unit, per-person accounting of all funds towards homelessness - Performance disclosures before any transportation projects are issued.
Anna M. Caballero	Democratic	CA State Senator	- Streamline regulations and expand state investments to accelerate building affordable housing - Use state investments to support community health centers, expand clinic infrastructures, and to reduce health disparities - Strengthen CalSavers and the public retirement system
David Serpa	Republic	Businessman	- Defund "stop adding unproductive debt" - Redirect money to citizen needs like housing, water, energy, and schools - Shut down inefficient programs

3.6 Attorney General

Job description: The Attorney General's responsibilities include safeguarding Californians from harm and promoting community safety, preserving California's spectacular natural resources, enforcing civil rights laws, and helping victims of identity theft, mortgage-related fraud, illegal business practices, and other consumer crimes.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
Rob Bonta	Democratic	Current Attorney General	- Stop gun violence - Fight hate and protect civil rights - Stop transnational criminal organizations - Protect healthcare, pro-choice - More safety and fairness in justice system - Take on big polluters - Created gun violence prevention office - Yale & Oxford educated

			- Given a Sierra Club award for work protecting the environment
Michael E. Gates	Republican	Deputy US Attorney	- Stand up to Sacramento to protect voters - Fully fund the police - Prioritize prosecuting violent and repeat offenders - Partner with prosecutors to keep citizens safe - Defend the Second Amendment
Marjorie Mikels	Green	Attorney	- End CA's collaboration with big tech (e.g., Flock automated plate readers, ShotSpotter microphones, and Palantir) - Move away from fossil fuels and nuclear to clean energy - Uphold the First Amendment - Reject "Genocidal imperialism"

3.7 Insurance Commissioner

Job description: Licenses, regulates, and examines insurance companies. Answers public questions and complaints regarding the insurance industry. Enforces the laws of the California Insurance Code and adopts regulations to implement the laws.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
Eric Thor Aarnio	Republican	Contractor	- People in high-risk areas should pay more for insurance and services - Insurance companies and rebuilding should prioritize individuals not the bottom line
Stacy A. Korsgaden	Republican	Insurance Agent	- Increase competition among insurance companies so that it lowers prices - Establish robust "consumer advocacy hub" tracking key metrics and a trust marker for company - Cut down on insurance fraud - Assist with science-based fire mitigation strategies
Jane Kim	Democratic	Attorney General	- Endorsed by Bernie Sanders and the Democratic Socialists of LA - Natural disaster insurance for everyone by creating a public option - Enforce minimum coverage standards for all insurers

			- Fast and fair claims, freeze rates after claims are filed.
Parick Wolff	Democratic	Financial Analyst	- Endorsed by the SF Chronicle, OC Register, and Sacramento Bee - Make sure insurance is fair, affordable, and available to everyone - Reform how health care is regulated - Force transparency for claims denials
Sean Lee	Republican	Financial Services Executive	- Create a public-private reinsurance pool (i.e., support private insurers using public money) to cover the cost of earthquakes and extreme fires - Institute tax breaks for homeowners and communities that implement defensible spaces against disasters
Keith W. Davis	Independent	Insurance Agent	- Work with insurers and policymakers to increase competition - Create a claim review panel to ensure denied claims are reviewed - Protect consumers without driving out insurers.
Robert P. Howell	Republican	CEO (cybersecurity)	- Hold insurers accountable for unfair cancellations and hidden fees - Restore transparency and accessible reporting - Expand resources for prevention against wildfires - Support small businesses
Seven Craif Bradford	Democratic	Boardmember (education)	- Require insurance companies to publish how they calculate risk and set prices - Create a system that rewards and encourages preventative measures against disaster - Hold insurance companies accountable for tying price increases to actual risk rather than company bottom lines
Merrit Farren	Republican	Attorney	- Lead a big ground-up reform - State-back reinsurance authority (eliminate the FAIR plan, which provides basic fire coverage for people living in places where traditional insurance companies won't insure) - Full payout within 30 days of complete structural loss - Establish minimum community fire protection standards
Ben Allen	Democratic	CA State Senator	- Implement reforms that allow for wildfire models to be used in rate setting

			- Streamline rate review timelines - Ensure fossil fuel companies bear financial responsibility for climate damages

3.8 Superintendent of Public Instruction

Job description: State Superintendent of Public Instruction are responsible for enforcing education law and regulations; and for continuing to reform and improve public elementary school programs, secondary school programs, adult education, some preschool programs, and child care programs.

Name	Job (if known)	Notable Positions / Comments
Gus Mattammal	Director of a testing facility	- Content-driven reforms in all subjects - Robust support for school choice options - Increase support for micro and home schooling - Performance based pay for teachers
Al Muratsuchi	State Assemblymember	- Wants to stand up to Trump's attacks on education - Wrote the law that keeps ICE out of CA schools - Wants to ban cell phones in school - Will institute programs to guarantee literacy by 3rd grade
Frank Lara	Teacher, Union VP	- Fully fund CA's public schools - Free childcare and pre-K education for all - Reduce class sizes - Expand free college and trade school programs
Aiyne Long	Public school teacher	- Expand learning opportunities and a guarantee that every student will be, at minimum, at grade level - Creative sustainable funding solutions by shifting from attendance to enrollment-based funding - Interim assessments to support growth-centered support for students
Anthony Rendon	Former assemblymember	- Limit screentime and AI in the classroom - Stand against Trump's attacks on education - Breakdown administrative silos between different education levels so that students can succeed.
Nichelle M. Henderson	College trustee	- Fully funded and staffed public schools - Focus on the basics: reading, writing, math, science, and life skills

		- Improve and increase student access to mental health care, special education services, English learner supports, etc.
Richard Barrera	State Superintendent Advisor	- Build a strong teacher pipeline by expanding paid apprenticeships and investing in current teachers - Expand early childhood education - Secure, substantial, sustainable funding for schools
Wendy Castaneda Leal	School District Superintendent	- Ensure educational equity to ensure every school has equal opportunity to the same funding - Expand dual language programs - Low-income advocacy so no student goes hungry or lacks the same opportunity to learn.
Josh Newman	Educator and Advisor	- Evidence based instruction so every student knows how to read, write, and do basic mathematics - Prepare college students for the workforce through hands-on learning - Close the gap so that all students are prepared for college - Encourage civic participation and leadership
Sonja Shaw	School District President	- Protect women's sports by preventing men and transwomen from competing in women's leagues - Refocus on the essentials: reading, writing, and math - Put families first, to challenge things like mask mandates and school closures.

3.9 State Senator [22nd District]

Job description: Represent constituents at the state level, inform the public about important issues the senator's constituent's faces, and introduce legislation. The 22nd district includes Azusa, El Monte, Baldwin Park, West Covina, Covina, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Chino, and Ontario. A map of Senate District 22 can be found below and at this link. You can find your California districts here: https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/ and your national districts here: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

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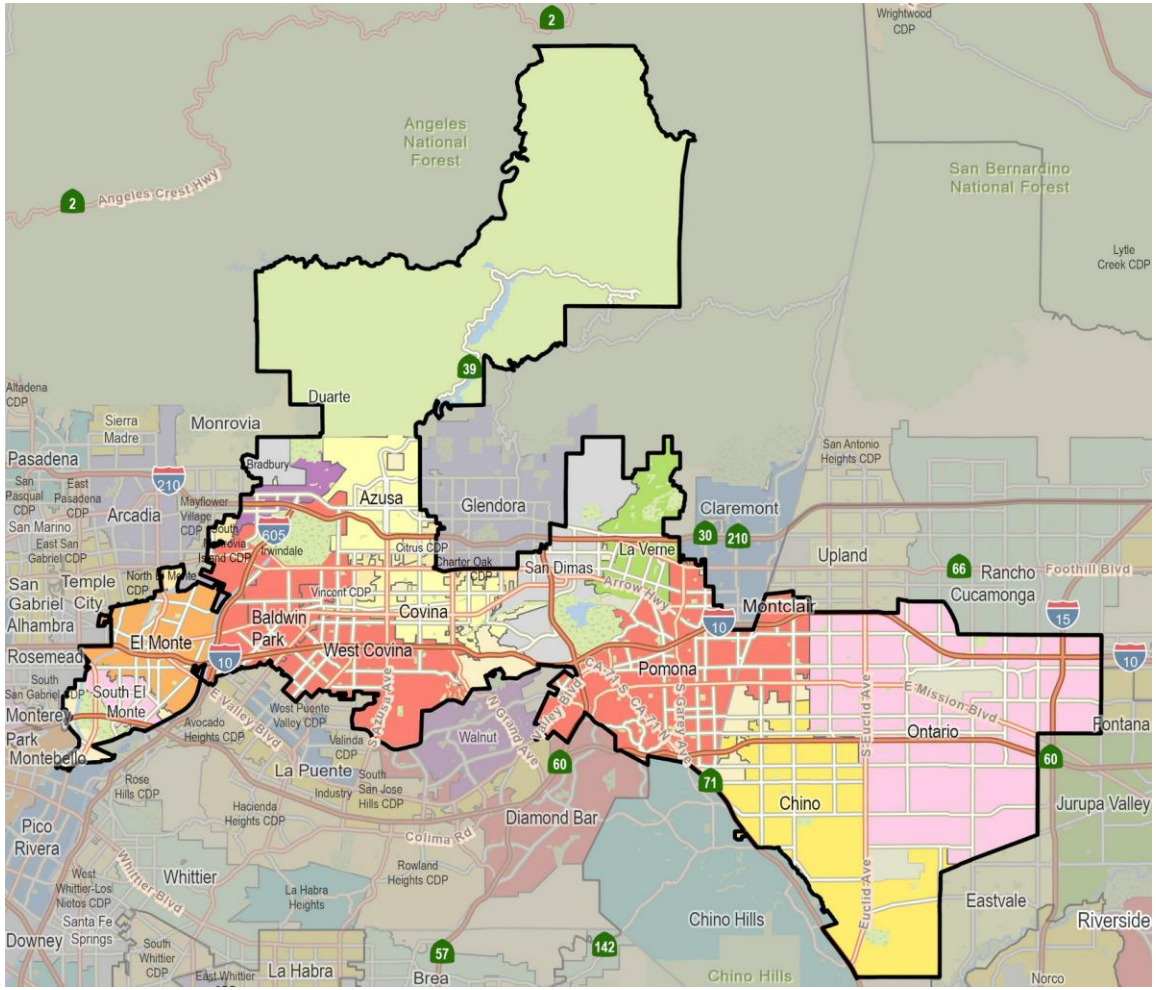

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Mike Netter	Republican		- No campaign website - Entered politics while trying to recall Gavin Newsom - Wants to reduce taxes by 28% for people making under $150,000 - Partner with builders to make building houses economically rational

			- Believes it is "fiscal insanity" to build homes for homeless people because they "generate no recurring tax base" - Wants to increase energy production by allowing building and reinstalling dams to push hydroelectric (Source) - Anti-"woke"
R.R. Jimenez	Independent		- Cut taxes, utility rate surcharges, and regulations - Believes that California's environmental leadership will lead to "serfdom" and constitutes "thiefdom" - "Taxes are theft" - Prevent undocumented individuals from becoming state police officers - Protect our infrastructure and public parks
Susan Rubio	Democratic	State Senator (Incumbent)	- Helped build tiny homes and create a fund for affordable housing units - Helped homeless encampment cleanup by transitioning people into permanent housing - Created the Dream for All program to make homeownership more achievable. - Coauthored bills to streamline environmental review for large housing projects, tightened requirements around using the recycling logo, and for establishing goals to transition to energy generated by wind

3.10 Member of the State Assembly [41st District]

Job description: 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. The 41st district includes Altadena, Bradbury, Claremont, Duarte, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, San Pasqual, Sierra Madre, Oak Hills, Phelan, Upland, and parts of LA and San Bernardino Counties. A map of Assembly District 41 can be found below and at this link. You can find your California districts here: https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/ and your national districts here: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

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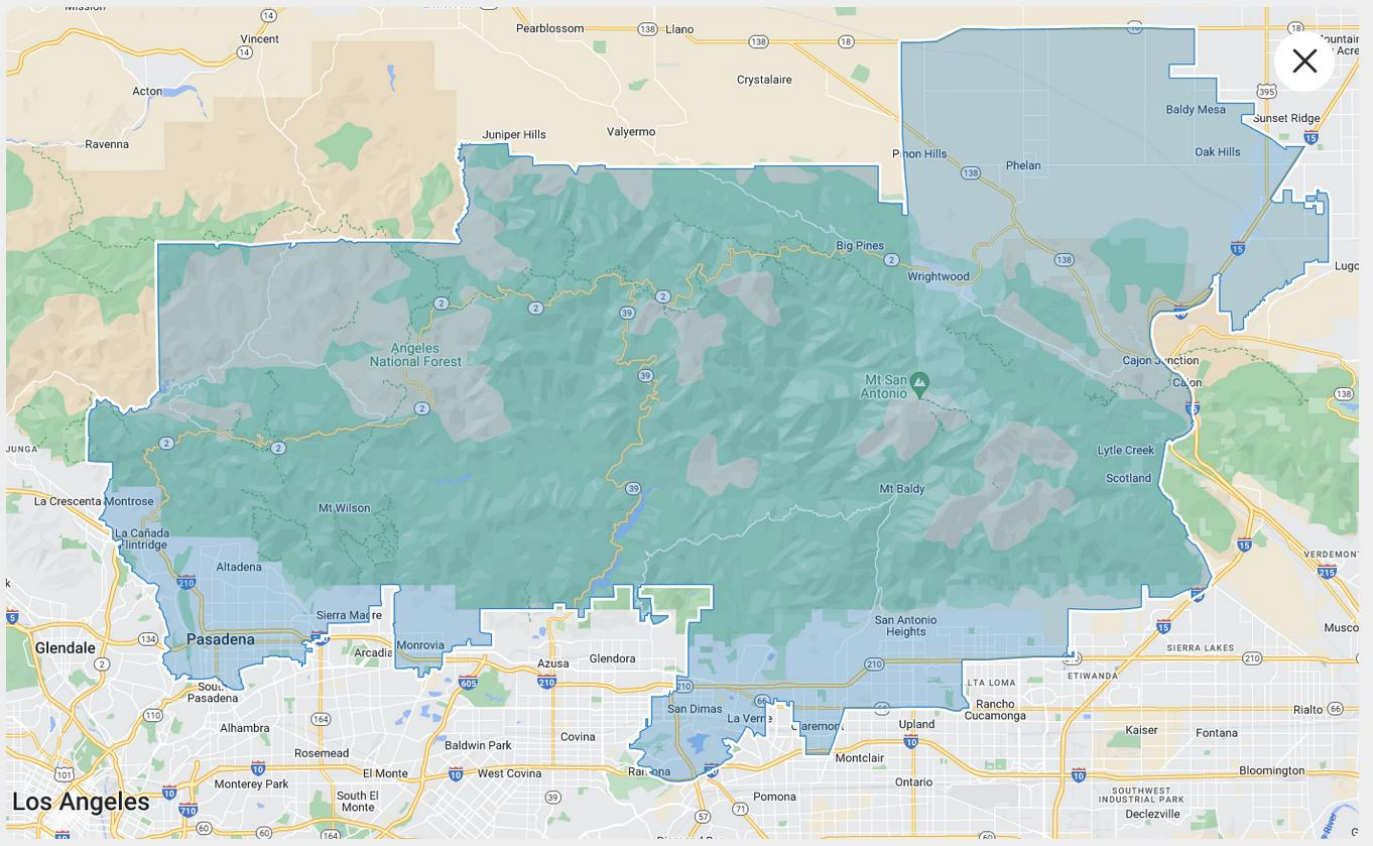

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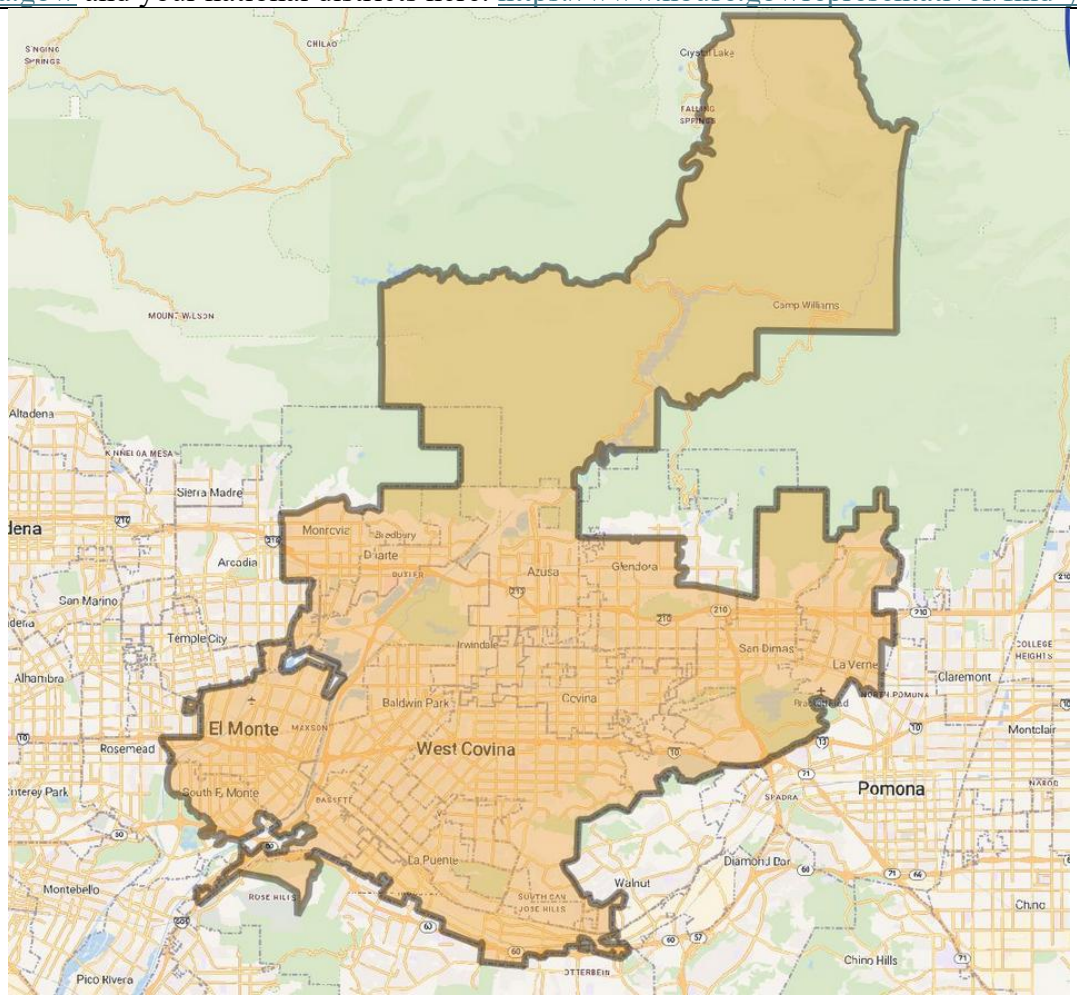
John Harabedian	Democratic	CA State Assemblymember (Incumbent)	- Working to build affordable housing, combat climate change, fund mental health, and invest in higher education - Has an 86% lifetime score for environmental leadership - Voted to safeguard the right to organize and to protect migratory birds
Adam Christopher Vena	Republican	Sanitation Worker	- Conservative influencer - No campaign website - Credibly accused of domestic violence - Has berated and yelled at his daughter (because she is transgender). Believes that she is a victim of child abuse

			because the mother (and court system) has allowed her to transition.

3.11 United States Representative [31st District]

Job description: US Representatives represent the state in the House of Representatives by passing federal laws. They are part of the "lower" chamber in partnership with the Senate. The 31st district includes Monrovia, Duarte, San Dimas, La Verne, and Azusa (among others). A map of US Congressional District 31 can be found below and at this link. You can find your California districts here: https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/ and your national districts here: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative



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Erskine Levi	Republican	Retired	- Wants to “take back America” - Supports Israel - Prevent homeless encampments - Teach civics “correctly” (unclear what “correctly” means, but it is in quotation marks on his campaign website) - Defund planned parenthood and end abortion everywhere - Supports voter ID and wants to end sanctuary cities - Enforce current immigration laws (cooperate with ICE) - Eliminate “Chinese Police Departments” and “Chinese Farmlands” while also ending “Sharia Law” in CA.
Eric Ching	Republican	Entrepreneur	- Support and defend the constitution, including the Second Amendment - Support due process and prohibit self-incrimination - Supports school choice - Endorsed by the LA Deputy Sheriffs - Called to serve by God.
Gil Cisneros	Democratic	US Congressman (Incumbent)	- Refuses to sponsor Medicare for All - Denounces “socialism” in all forms - Received an “F” rating by the NRA for promoting gun safety - Protects women’s right to choose - Supports legislation for clean energy while ensuring that we maintain our advanced manufacturing and sustainable agriculture.