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June 8, 2010 California Primary Election

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About this California Primary Election

In the June 8, 2010 Primary Election, voters will choose which candidates they want to vote on in the November General Election. Voters will be asked which candidates they want to represent their political party for each elected office. The winners of the June Primary Election for each party then run against each other in the November General Election.

This guide covers statewide candidates and five propositions that could change state laws. Your ballot may also have local races and local ballot measures.

You do not have to vote on everything. Choose what you want to learn more about and vote on that.

- **May 24, 2010** is the deadline to register to vote in this election. You need to re-register if you have moved.
- If you want to vote by mail (with an “absentee ballot”), your county elections office needs your written request by **June 1, 2010**. You can find the form to request an “absentee ballot” on the Sample Ballot mailed to every registered voter by the county elections office.
- See the back cover of this guide for more voting information.

About the Political Parties

When you sign up to vote, you will be asked if you want to register with a political party. A political party is a group of people who share the same ideas about what government should do. California has six political parties. There is no cost to join a party. You can also choose **not** to join a party by marking “No, I don’t want to register with a political party” on the voter registration form. If you want to change your party, fill out a new registration form.

Candidates for “partisan offices” run as members of a political party. Some of the partisan offices in this election are Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressperson, State Senator and State Assemblymember. Candidates for nonpartisan offices run without a party label. Nonpartisan offices in this election include the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and local officials.

How you choose to register affects what kind of ballot you will use in the June 8, 2010 Primary Election:

- If you are registered with one of the six political parties in California, your ballot will just have candidates from your party for partisan offices.
- If you registered “decline to state” (not with a party), but still want to vote on candidates for Governor and other partisan offices, you can ask for one of these party’s ballots: Democratic or Republican.

All ballots will have nonpartisan offices and ballot measures. Everything on your ballot will be listed in the Sample Ballot mailed by your county elections office.

KEY DATES

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JUNE 1, 2010

JUNE 8, 2010

ELECTION DAY

Polls open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

For more nonpartisan information about this election, visit these websites:

www.easyvoter.org

User-friendly information in five languages for new and busy voters.

www.smartvoter.org

Look up your personal ballot and polling place.

www.sos.ca.gov/elections

In-depth Voter Information Guide in different languages.

★ Political Parties

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT

We believe in liberty and justice for all under God. We want to keep America independent and safe. We'll protect the family, marriage and work. We believe in individual responsibility and free enterprise. We must obey our Constitution and promote Declaration of Independence principles.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Protect the right to life and strengthen families
- Secure the border and enforce immigration laws
- Balance state budget



This party has more than 382,000 members in California. For more information, call 707-359-4884 or visit www.aipca.org.

DEMOCRATIC

Democrats believe the role of government is to provide quality education for all citizens, protect their rights, including a woman's right to choose, and ensure a stable, prosperous, safe nation with a strong, expanding economy benefiting all Americans.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Improve health care for all
- End wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Expand jobs through smart economic stimulus and reinvestment



The party has more than 7,546,000 members in California. For more information, call 916-442-5707 or visit www.cadem.org.

GREEN

Greens stand for peace, social and economic justice, nonviolence, grassroots democracy, respect for diversity, women's rights and protection of the environment.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Living wages; health care; education for all
- Clean energy and environment
- Election reform and accountability



This party has more than 111,000 members in California. For more information, call 916-448-3437 or visit www.cagreens.org.

LIBERTARIAN

The Libertarian Party is your best choice for reasonable government. If you're socially tolerant and fiscally responsible, you're a libertarian. You, not the government, should decide how to run your life, checkbook, education and family.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Increase individual liberty and responsibility
- Shrink government, reduce taxes
- Liberate education, commerce and personal choice



This party has more than 84,000 members in California. For more information, call 877-884-1776 or visit www.ca.lp.org.

PEACE AND FREEDOM

The Peace and Freedom Party stands for democracy, cooperation and sharing. It wants to organize and educate the public to work together to meet human needs. This party believes the role of government should be to make sure that everyone has jobs, housing, education, health care and equal rights.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Bring all troops home now
- Double the minimum wage
- One system of free, quality health care for all



This party has more than 55,000 members in California. For more information, call 510-465-9414 or visit www.peaceandfreedom.org.

REPUBLICAN

The Republican Party is committed to improving our quality of life in every part of California. We are working to achieve this by creating jobs, improving schools, keeping communities safe, and improving the state's health care and environment.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Promote an economy that creates new jobs
- Improve education and health care systems
- Protect taxpayers—force government to live within its means



The party has more than 5,200,000 members in California. For more information, call 818-841-5210 or visit www.cagop.org.

The number of party members listed for each political party is from the Secretary of State's January 22, 2010 totals and has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

- Oversees most state departments and agencies
- Approves or rejects new state laws
- Presents an annual budget to the state legislature
- Appoints judges and department heads

DEMOCRAT



Richard W. Aguirre

Businessman
Age: 42
San Diego

www.AguirreForGovernor.com

I graduated from UC Berkeley in 1994. My platform, “The New California Prosperity Plan,” will build a solar panel factory and install solar panels on 10 million homes. Homeowners get free power and surplus power will be sold to rebuild California’s education, health care, and transportation.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- “The New California Prosperity Plan”: Build a solar panel factory, install solar panels on 10 million homes.
- Homeowners get free power.
- Surplus power will be sold to rebuild California’s education, health care, and transportation.



Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown

California Attorney General
Age: 71
Oakland

www.JerryBrown.org

As Attorney General, former Governor, Secretary of State and Mayor, I’ve seen our government from every angle. I know the process and the politics that shape it. When I was Governor, we added 1.9 million jobs, cut taxes, curbed government growth and became the world leader in green energy.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- We must get California working again—both its government and its people.
- We need an honest budget, a government closer to the people, and leadership that can attract investment and new jobs, promote quality education and protect public safety.

OTHER DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR:

- Lowell Darling** • www.lowelldarling.com
- Vibert Greene** • www.vibertgreene2010.homestead.com
- Charles “Chuck” Pineda, Jr.** • www.pinedaforgovernor.com
- Peter Schurman** • www.peterschurman.org
- Joe Symmon** • www.symmonsays.com

Visit www.smartvoter.org for more information about candidates.

REPUBLICAN



Douglas Hughes

Retired Business Owner
Age: 73
Fountain Valley

www.Hughes4Governor.com

As a resident of California since 1955 and small business owner for 35 years, I understand California’s needs. I know how to apply business principles to government in order to promote fast track growth. However, I believe my relationship with God and practice of moral principles are my biggest assets when serving the people of California.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Save our children by removing pedophiles from California.
- Jobs for all those who want to work.
- Complete control of our borders.

REPUBLICAN



Robert C. Newman II, Ph.D

Psychologist / Farmer
Age: 66
Redlands

I am your servant, not a politician, and a Bible-based 49-year-old married Christian with an education (AA, BA, MA, PhD) and work experience only in California, from farm labor to psychologist with experience in prisons, state hospitals, education, schools, police, fire and worker's compensation.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Budget: Keep spending under control by reviewing each line item in the budget.
- Education: Let teachers teach by increasing pupil contact time. Reduce forms and testing.
- Needs: Water to grow food; less government control to attract jobs back to California.

www.Newman4Governor.org



Steve Poizner

Businessman
Age: 53
Los Gatos

I'm a successful entrepreneur and my last company pioneered technology that put GPS receivers into cell phones. In 2006, I was one of two Republicans elected statewide. I offer both public and private sector experience as a former volunteer, teacher and White House fellow.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Cut taxes for every individual and business in California.
- Control illegal immigration.
- Cut state spending.

www.StevePoizner.com



Meg Whitman

Businesswoman
Age: 53
Atherton

I have 30 years of experience growing jobs, managing large organizations and being accountable. I will bring a fresh perspective to Sacramento and I am committed to building A New California.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Create jobs.
- Cut spending.
- Fix education.

www.MegWhitman.com

OTHER REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR:

- Bill Chambers • www.billchambers4governor.com
- Ken Miller • www.kenmiller2010.com
- Lawrence "Larry" Naritelli • www.larrynaritelli.vpweb.com
- David Tully-Smith • www.davetullysmith.org

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT



Chelene H. Nightingale

Small Business Owner
Los Angeles County

This homeschooling mother adheres to the Constitution and limited government. Political and leadership roles include a business vice-presidency, a gubernatorial campaign managing position, and a non-profit event director role.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Open up the Delta pumps to deliver water back through the Central Valley.
- Secure our southern border and ending public benefits to illegal immigrants.
- Create a sound state bank that is not part of the Federal Reserve System.

www.NightingaleForGovernor.com

★ Candidates for Governor

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT



Markham Robinson

Software Firm Owner
Age: 66
Vacaville

www.MarkhamRobinson4Gov.com

Knowledge of the Constitution and devotion to its principles; UC Berkeley degree in math; Commandant of Military School; independent business owner since 1976; Republican and American Independent Party activist; Current AIP Chairman; Sunday School Superintendent; husband of 40 years to one wife.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Rigorously apply 10th Amendment to US/California relations including our water and land rights to the 50% of California claimed by the US.
- Balance budget including selling 20% of California owned by State and other property.
- Lower taxes and deregulate California business.

GREEN



Deacon Alexander

Retired/College Student
Age: 64
Watts

www.DeaconForGov.com

My ideas for a better society are from my father, a bricklayer and political activist. As a former Black Panther, I worked to acquit all charges against Angela Davis. I joined Latino immigrants to fight for LA's South Central Farm. I am running for Governor because we must do better. We must educate, not incarcerate.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Create affordable housing, promote local farming and support small businesses.
- Support jobs which empower youth, rebuild inner cities, fight for the homeless.
- Social justice, nonviolence, ecological wisdom, grassroots democracy.



Laura Wells

Financial Systems
Consultant
Age: 62
Oakland

www.LauraWells.org

Financial and business analyst, with expertise in stocks, bonds, pension funds, real estate. I have been a Green Party Controller candidate twice and a community leader. I have a lifelong commitment to follow the money and connect budgets to values in education, health, the environment, communities, and job growth.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Start a state bank to invest in California not Wall Street.
- Pay for services for all with tax revenue passed with a 51% vote rather than Prop 13's current 2/3 majority that benefits only the super-rich and corporations.
- Sign single-payer legislation.

LIBERTARIAN



Dale F. Ogden

Business Owner/Actuary
Age: 58
San Pedro

www.DaleFOgden.org

I know what needs to be done. I don't care who likes or doesn't like me. I have no desire for further political office. Cut spending, taxes, and eliminate harmful regulations. I will significantly reduce the number of state employees and the salaries, pensions and benefits of most state employees.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Roll back spending to 1998 levels, adjusted for inflation and population.
- Eliminate state income taxes and capital gains taxes.
- Eliminate harmful regulatory agencies and regulations by not funding useless departments and bureaucrats.

PEACE AND FREEDOM



Carlos Alvarez

Retail Worker
Age: 23
Los Angeles

www.VotePSL.org

Retail worker and longtime community organizer. Son of immigrants from El Salvador. Leader of massive anti-war, immigrant rights and pro-LGBT equality marches with ANSWER Coalition. Ran for Los Angeles mayor in 2009; received more votes than any socialist since 1953.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Public works jobs program. Employment for all at a living wage. Free quality health care on demand, regardless of immigration status.
- Making education free from Pre-K through University.
- Raise taxes on banks and corporations; people over profits.

★ Candidates for Governor

Candidates are listed alphabetically within each party.
The parties are listed in the order of their size in California.

PEACE AND FREEDOM



Mohammad Arif

Businessman
Age: 41
Bakersfield

www.CalGov2010.com

I am the only immigrant candidate who will represent the poor, common, immigrant and voiceless people of California. My education is in commerce and economics. My experience: I was a former certified candidate for Governor in '03. I can do more for the poor, foster children, women and immigrants of California.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- End the illegal wars.
- Free immigration.
- Real jobs for common people of California; education funds and foster care funds released immediately.

OTHER PEACE AND FREEDOM CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR:

Stewart A. Alexander • www.stewartalexandercare.com

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★ Candidates for U.S. Senate

**OUR VOICE IN WASHINGTON D.C.
ELECTED FOR 6 YEARS**

- One of two U.S. Senators that represent the people of California in Washington D.C. in Congress
- Works with U.S. Senators from other states to make new laws
- Helps shape the budget and priorities for national government

DEMOCRAT



Barbara Boxer

United States Senator
Age: 69
Rancho Mirage

www.barbaraboxer.com

As your Senator, I'm fighting to create jobs and get California's economy back on track with clean energy jobs and help for small businesses. I'm proud to be supported by firefighters, veterans, police, farmers, nurses, educators, and entrepreneurs, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Turn the economy around and create good-paying jobs in California.
- Improve our schools to give every child a chance to succeed and help us lead in a global economy.
- Protect our environment and the health of our families.

OTHER DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATOR:

Robert M. "Mickey" Kaus • www.kausforsenate.com

Brian Quintana • www.bqforsenate.com

Visit www.smartvoter.org for more information about candidates.

REPUBLICAN



Tom Campbell

Economist,
Business Educator
Age: 57
Irvine

I served five terms in the U.S. Congress. The National Taxpayer's Union Foundation twice named me the most frugal member of Congress. I have a Ph.D in economics and was Dean of the Haas School of Business. I believe in less government, more freedom, and individual liberty.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- The key issues are the economy and the federal budget.
- I am running to help get Californians back to work.

www.Campbell.org



Chuck DeVore

Lieutenant Colonel,
Assemblyman
Age: 47
Irvine

Before being elected to the California Assembly in 2004, I worked in the aerospace industry for 13 years. I also served President Ronald Reagan as a White House appointee in the Department of Defense. I am a 27-year US Army veteran.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Restore Constitutional principles to our national governance.
- Lift the burden of heavy-handed government from our entrepreneurs.
- Curb ruinous government overspending.

www.ChuckDeVore.com



Carly Fiorina

Business Executive
Age: 55
Los Altos Hills

I began my career as a secretary and became the only woman ever to lead a Fortune 20 company. I understand the problems we face and how to create jobs. I'm a tough fiscal conservative. As a national security advisor to the State Department and Pentagon I know how to keep our country safe.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- I'm running to ensure economic growth and opportunity for all Americans.
- I'll fight to create jobs, cut federal spending, reduce the deficit and reform our government.
- I'll work to keep America safe with a tougher U.S. policy to deal with terrorists.

www.CarlyForCA.com



Al Ramirez

Businessman
Age: 41
Santa Monica

I am a sales professional who has delivered solutions for nearly two decades and implemented technology used by the Department of Homeland Security. I previously ran for City Council and State Representative as a college student while earning a BA from the University of Texas at Dallas in American Studies.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Propose eliminating quarterly estimated taxes on small businesses to lead an economic rebound.
- Tackle illegal immigration issues and slow the growth of welfare benefits.
- Put the interests of the USA first against terrorism and support our troops.

www.AIRamirez.com

OTHER REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATOR:

Tim Kalemkarian

Visit www.smartvoter.org for more information about candidates.

Visit www.easyvoter.org to download this *Easy Voter Guide* in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT



Don J. Grundmann

Chiropractor
Age: 58
San Leandro

www.TruthUSA.org

I am a citizen who has an understanding of and solutions for 1) unemployment and the loss of our industry, 2) the fraud of the Federal Reserve System, 3) the lie of the income tax, and 4) our tremendous national debt. Please read "The Restoration of America" at my website.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Rebuild the manufacturing economy, stop the outsourcing of jobs, and put America back to work at good paying jobs.
- End the lie of the income tax.
- Restore honest money and prosperity by ending the FED.

OTHER AMERICAN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATOR:

Edward C. Noonan | Al Salehi

GREEN



Duane Roberts

Community Volunteer
Age: 43
Anaheim

www.voteforduane.wordpress.com

As an activist, I've fought abusive cops, inept city bureaucrats, and corrupt public officials. I'm not a career politician seeking to get rich by serving the interests of Wall Street. I'm running because I'm going to fight the billionaires who are robbing the people of this country blind.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Eliminate for-profit health insurance companies by creating a single-payer system.
- Legalize marijuana for recreational, medical, and industrial use.
- End wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to pay for tuition-free university education for all.

LIBERTARIAN



Gail Lightfoot

Retired RN, PHN
Age: 72
Arroyo Grande

www.GailKLightfoot.com

As a nurse, I helped patients and their families use their ability to handle health problems from the very simple to the very serious at home or in hospitals. As a political party leader, I found the common ground. I understand what California and its people need.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Spend less to tax less. Cut federal funding drastically.
- Let local communities solve their own problems without federal controls.
- Open our borders to those seeking, finding and keeping jobs. More safe legal entry means less unsafe illegal entry.

PEACE AND FREEDOM



Marsha Feinland

Retired Teacher
Age: 60
Berkeley

www.FeinlandForSenate.org

I taught in our public schools for 24 years. Our children need more learning and less testing. I served on the Berkeley rent board and kept rents from rising. We can use our country's wealth to meet human needs and protect our earth. Let's bail out the people, not the banks.

TOP PRIORITIES:

- Bring all troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan now.
- Give health care to everyone without insurance company profits.
- End poverty by raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Provide income to all who cannot work. Let everyone attend college for free.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

THE NEXT IN LINE FOR GOVERNOR

- Becomes Governor if the elected Governor dies or leaves office, and has a tie-breaking vote in the State Senate
- Heads up the Economic Development Commission, and sits on the boards of the California university system

CANDIDATE	PARTY	OCCUPATION*	RESIDENCE*
Janice Hahn	Democrat	City Council Member	Los Angeles
Eric J. Korevaar	Democrat	Scientist	La Jolla
Gavin Newsom	Democrat	Mayor of San Francisco	San Francisco
Samuel M. Aanestad	Republican	Doctor/California Senator	Grass Valley
Bert Davis	Republican	Businessman	Stockton
Yvonne R. Girard	Republican	Judicial Assistant	Riverside
Dave Harris	Republican	Businessman	Discovery Bay
Scott L. Levitt	Republican	Attorney	Seal Beach
Abel Maldonado	Republican	Legislator	San Francisco
Jim King	American Independent	Real Estate Broker	Sherman Oaks
James "Jimi" Castillo	Green	Native American Spiritual Leader	Chino
Pamela J. Brown	Libertarian	Professor	Northridge
C.T. Weber	Peace & Freedom	Retired Government Analyst	Sacramento

ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF

- Makes sure laws are enforced the same way across the state
- Serves as legal advisor to the Governor, Legislature and state agencies
- Manages the state Department of Justice, plus oversees sheriffs and district attorneys across the state

CANDIDATE	PARTY	OCCUPATION*	RESIDENCE*
Rockard "Rocky" J. Delgadillo	Democrat	Attorney	Los Angeles
Kamala D. Harris	Democrat	SF District Attorney	San Francisco
Chris Kelly	Democrat	Attorney/Businessman	Palo Alto
Ted Lieu	Democrat	Military Prosecutor/Lawmaker	Torrance
Pedro Nava	Democrat	Prosecutor/Legislator	Santa Barbara
Alberto Torrico	Democrat	Attorney	Sacramento and Fremont
Mike Schmier	Democrat	Equal Employment Attorney	Emeryville
Steve Cooley	Republican	District Attorney	Toluca Lake
John C. Eastman	Republican	Constitutional Law Attorney	Long Beach
Tom Harman	Republican	State Senator/Attorney	Huntington Beach
Diane Beall Templin	American Independent	Attorney	Escondido
Peter Allen	Green	Energy/Environmental Attorney	Berkeley
Timothy J. Hannan	Libertarian	Attorney	Kenwood
Roberta J. Evans	Peace & Freedom	Criminal Defense Lawyer	Oakland

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SECRETARY OF STATE

THE ELECTIONS CHIEF

- Coordinates statewide elections; makes sure everything gets on the ballot properly
- Keeps records about campaign finances and lobbyists
- Issues official documents, like trademarks and filings for new corporations
- Runs the state archives to preserve California's history with documents like the State Constitution

CANDIDATE	PARTY	OCCUPATION*	RESIDENCE*
Debra Bowen	Democrat	California Secretary of State	Pasadena
Damon J. Dunn	Republican	Small Business Owner	Irvine
Orly Taitz	Republican	Attorney	Rancho Santa Margarita
Merton Short	American Independent	Aviator	Durham
Ann Menasche	Green	Attorney	San Diego
Christina Tobin	Libertarian	Voting Rights Advocate	El Monte
Marylou Cabral	Peace & Freedom	Community Volunteer	Long Beach

CONTROLLER

THE STATE BOOKKEEPER

- Keeps track of how the state's money is spent, plus audits and reviews state agencies
- Issues most checks from the state and manages collecting money owed to the state

CANDIDATE	PARTY	OCCUPATION*	RESIDENCE*
John Chiang	Democrat	California State Controller	Sacramento
David W. Evans	Republican	CPA/CFO	California City
Tony Strickland	Republican	State Senator/Businessman	Thousand Oaks
Lawrence G. Beliz	American Independent	Independent Businessman	Vista
Nathan Johnson	American Independent	Retired	San Diego
Ross Frankel	Green	Accountant	Lawndale
Andrew "Andy" Favor	Libertarian	Certified Public Accountant	Laguna Niguel
Karen Martinez	Peace & Freedom	Retired	Citrus Heights

TREASURER

THE STATE BANKER

- Releases money to pay the state's bills
- Manages the state's investments of \$68 billion
- Manages the sale of state bonds
- Chairs many boards related to state finances and investment

CANDIDATE	PARTY	OCCUPATION*	RESIDENCE*
Bill Lockyer	Democrat	California State Treasurer	Sacramento
Mimi Walters	Republican	Legislator	Mission Viejo
Robert E. Lauten	American Independent	Activist	Brea
Charles "Kit" Crittenden	Green	Retired Philosophy Professor	Lake View Terrace
Edward Teyssier	Libertarian	Attorney	National City
Debra L. Reiger	Peace & Freedom	Retired Technology Manager	Sacramento County

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

THE INSURANCE CHIEF

- Manages the state Department of Insurance, and enforces laws that insurance companies must follow
- Helps the public with their questions and complaints about insurance

CANDIDATE	PARTY	OCCUPATION*	RESIDENCE*
Dave Jones	Democrat	Legislator	Sacramento
Hector de la Torre	Democrat	Legislator	Los Angeles
Brian D. FitzGerald	Republican	Attorney	Napa
Michael N. Villines	Republican	Legislator	Fresno
Clayton E. "Clay" Pedersen	American Independent	Retail Manager	San Diego
William "Bill" Balderston	Green	Teacher/Union Organizer	Oakland
Richard Bronstein	Libertarian	Insurance Agent	Encino
Dina J. Padilla	Peace & Freedom	Injured Worker Advocate	Citrus Heights

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

THE STATE SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATOR

- Manages the state Department of Education
- Enforces state laws and rules about education
- Provides leadership and assistance for the state's 9,700 public schools
- Acts as a spokesperson for public education

CANDIDATE	PARTY	OCCUPATION*	RESIDENCE*
Larry Aceves	Non-Partisan	Retired Superintendent	Fremont
Karen E. Blake	Non-Partisan	Scientist	Bakersfield
Alexia L. Delgianni	Non-Partisan	School District Boardmember	Orange
Lydia A. Gutierrez	Non-Partisan	Teacher	San Pedro
Diane A. Lenning	Non-Partisan	Retired Educator/Investor	Huntington Beach
Leonard James Martin	Non-Partisan	Retired	Santa Clarita
Grant M. McMicken	Non-Partisan	High School Mathematics Teacher	Pacific Grove
Daniel Nusbaum	Non-Partisan	Teacher	Beverly Hills
Gloria Romero	Non-Partisan	Professor/Senator	Los Angeles
Faarax Dahir Sheikh Noor	Non-Partisan		Van Nuys
Tom Torlakson	Non-Partisan	Teacher	Concord
Henry L. Williams Jr.	Non-Partisan	Adjunct Professor	San Francisco

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There are five state propositions in the June 8, 2010 election. A proposition becomes state law if it gets more than 50% “YES” votes (also called a “majority” vote). Propositions 13, 14 and 15 were placed on the ballot by the State Legislature. Propositions 16 and 17 are “initiatives” that were placed on the ballot because their supporters collected enough signatures.

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This guide has short descriptions of each proposition with simplified names. For more information, read the *Voter Information Guide* that is mailed to each voter. You do not have to vote on everything! Choose what is important to you, learn more about it, and then vote on that.

13 Property Taxes & Earthquake Safety

Constitutional Amendment

The way it is now:

Taxes owed on a property are based on its “assessed value,” which is set as the amount paid at purchase. Prop 13, passed by voters in 1978, placed a 2 percent limit on how much a property’s assessed value can increase each year after that. A property gets a new assessed value (which affects its taxes) when the property is sold. It may also be subject to “reassessment” if it undergoes construction for improvements.

Amendments to Prop 13 have created various exclusions from the requirement to reassess a property’s value after construction upgrades. Two of these exclusions deal with upgrades for earthquake safety.

What this Prop 13 would do:

Two current exclusions related to earthquake safety improvements would be combined into one. The result would be that earthquake safety improvements on any property would not trigger a reassessment of the property’s value until the property is sold.

Effect on government:

There may be a minor loss of property tax revenue.



Arguments for:

- This corrects unfair policies that treat some properties differently than others and will encourage more earthquake safety upgrades for those types of properties.



Arguments against:

- Let’s not add any more exclusions to our property tax system.

Choosing to Vote “Yes” or “No” on a Proposition

- a “Yes” vote means that you support the way the proposition would change things
- a “No” vote means that you want to leave things the way they are

REMEMBER – YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE ON EVERYTHING!

If you decide to vote on just a few things, your ballot still counts.

14 Primary Elections

Constitutional Amendment

The way it is now:

California voters elect state and federal officials with a two-step process:

1. Primary election in June—each party selects a candidate for each office
2. General election in November—voters choose between the winning candidates from the Primary (one for each party)

All voters get the same ballot for the general election. In the primary, voters registered with a party get a ballot with their party's candidates. Independent voters ("decline to state") get a ballot with candidates only for nonpartisan offices. Some political parties allow independent voters to ask for their party's ballot in the primary; others do not.

What Prop 14 would do:

Change the State Constitution to start a new election process for statewide offices like Governor plus congressional and legislative representatives:

- For the primary election, all voters would get the same ballot listing all the candidates. Voters could choose any candidate for each office, regardless of political party.
- The general election ballot would contain only the top two candidates who got the most votes for each office in the primary election, even if both are in the same party.

There would be no change to how primary elections are conducted for President and political party committee members.

Effect on government:

No significant net change in election costs.



Arguments for:

- Representatives will have to win more votes from a broader cross-section of voters, not just from one party, and may be able to work together better once elected.
- Prop 14 gives independent voters an equal voice in primary elections, which may lead to higher voter turnout.



Arguments against:

- The general election would offer only two candidates per office instead of one from each party; voters would get fewer choices and small party candidates would get shut out.
- Prop 14 could lead to many races with both candidates from the same party.

15 Public Funding of Campaigns

The way it is now:

Current state laws ban the use of public funds for campaigns for elected office. Candidates need to raise funds to pay for their campaigns. The main job of California's Secretary of State is to oversee elections. Among its other duties, it reviews the activities of lobbyists. Lobbyists are people who communicate with public officials to try to influence government actions.

What Prop 15 would do:

- Lift the ban on public funding for political campaigns.
- Set up a temporary program to test public campaign funding just for candidates for Secretary of State for the 2014 and 2018 elections. Candidates who choose to participate in the test of public campaign funding must agree to spending limits and other guidelines.

Effect on government:

This new program would be funded mainly by an increase in the fees paid by lobbyists, up from \$25 to \$700 every two years. Over \$6 million would be raised for each of the Secretary of State campaigns in 2014 and 2018.



Arguments for:

- Prop 15 would help reduce political donors' influence over campaigns and politicians.
- Public campaign funding allows politicians to spend more time solving problems and focusing on the issues instead of fundraising.



Arguments against:

- With no restrictions on how candidates spend the money, public funds could pay for negative campaigns and junk mail.
- Prop 15 opens the door to use taxpayer dollars for public campaign funding for other offices.

16 Local Public Electricity

Initiative • Constitutional Amendment

The way it is now:

Most Californians get their electricity through corporate utilities, such as Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) or Southern California Edison (SCE), or through publicly owned utilities such as Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).

Cities and counties, separately or together, can choose to form their own electric service or they may contract for it with a provider other than a corporate utility. A local government's decision to contract for electricity services does not need voter approval. If service from an existing publicly-owned utility is to be expanded into a new area, voters in the existing service area do not usually need to approve the expansion.

What Prop 16 would do:

Require two-thirds of voters to approve their local government's use of public funds to start up or contract for electric service or to expand service to new areas. Prop 16 has a few exceptions to this voter approval rule, such as when electric service is provided by wind or solar or if the local government is the electric service's only customer.

Effect on government:

Short-term, there may be small changes in electricity costs in the areas where local governments are considering providing electric service, but this is unlikely to have significant statewide impact. The long-term effects are still unknown, and would depend on future actions of local governments and voters.



Arguments for:

- Any new local government spending should require a two-thirds vote.
- Prop 16 would make it more difficult for local governments to get into the uncertain retail electricity business.



Arguments against:

- Lack of competition among electricity providers could result in higher rates.
- A majority of the community should be able to decide how they want to get their electricity service, rather than require two-thirds voter approval.

17 Auto Insurance

Initiative

The way it is now:

Prop 103, passed by voters in 1988, set up rules about rates insurance companies can charge. For auto insurance, rates are based mostly on a driver's safety record, the number of miles driven each year, and the number of years a person has been driving. Insurance companies are not allowed to use gaps in auto insurance coverage as a factor in setting rates.

What Prop 17 would do:

Allow insurance companies to include whether someone has had continuous auto insurance coverage as part of how they set rates. The discount for continuous coverage could be offered to someone who did not let their auto insurance lapse for more than 90 days in the past 5 years. Insurance companies may also be able to increase rates for drivers who do not qualify for this new discount.

Effect on government:

Prop 17 would probably have no major effect on total state tax income from auto insurance.



Arguments for:

- Prop 17 will give drivers who stay insured more choices for lower cost insurance.
- Insurance companies would still be required to base rates on Prop 103 guidelines passed by voters, but this adds an additional discount that could be offered.



Arguments against:

- Insurance companies in other states charge large penalties to customers who have had gaps in their coverage; Prop 17 allows the same thing in California.
- Prop 17 could create extra costs for people who didn't need to drive for a period of time and then later started driving again.

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SIGN UP



Fill out a voter registration form by May 24, 2010.

- You can pick up a voter registration form at a library or post office. Or, you can have a registration form mailed to you: 1-800-345-8683.
- You must fill out a new voter registration form when you move to a new address, change your name or want to change your political party.

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GET READY



This Easy Voter Guide is your quick guide to the election.

- You can read more detailed information in the *Voter Information Guide*. A copy is mailed to voters. It is also available online at www.sos.ca.gov.
- You can find more information on the propositions at www.smartvoter.org. Visit www.easyvoter.org to get this *Easy Voter Guide* in other languages.

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VOTE!



Vote at your polling place or use a “vote by mail” ballot.

- You can find your polling place on the back of your *Sample Ballot* or online at www.smartvoter.org. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- A form to request a “vote by mail” ballot is in your *Sample Ballot*. When your “vote by mail” ballot comes, fill it out and mail it back to arrive by election day. You may also drop off your “vote by mail” ballot at any polling place in your county on election day.

For more information about these three easy steps visit www.easyvoter.org.

You may also want to visit www.sos.ca.gov and www.smartvoter.org for more information about how to vote and about this election.