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County of San Luis Obispo

March 5, 2024,

Presidential Primary Election

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

- Your **OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL (VBM) BALLOT** and Voter Information Guide are contained in this packet.
- This will be the only official mailing from the County.
- **THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT VOTING PERIOD BEGINS AS SOON AS BALLOTS ARE IN THE MAIL. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD EARLY!** Return your Vote-by-Mail ballot during the voting period of February 5th through **8:00pm** on March 5th.
- You can return your ballot by:
 - **Mail.** Be sure it is postmarked on or before Election Day. No postage necessary.
 - **In person** at any **Election Office, Vote Center, Polling Place,** or **Official VBM Ballot Drop Box** located in the State of California. The location of drop boxes in San Luis Obispo County are listed on your Vote-by-Mail Instructions.
- If you wish to vote at your designated polling location listed at the top of your Official VBM Ballot, please bring your unvoted VBM ballot and identification envelope with you to the polling place to surrender.
- Contact the **Elections Office** by phone at 1-805-781-5228 or via email at **elections@co.slo.ca.us** with any questions.



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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Presidential Nominee Contest is “Party-Nominated”

- The Presidential Primary contest continues to be a partisan office, elected by voters affiliated with each party.
- Only those voters who are registered with a specific party can vote that party’s ballot (with the exception of cross over voters – see below).
- Voters registered with a qualified political party cannot vote another party’s ballot.
- Check on your voter registration status and party affiliation at www.slovote.com
- The rules for non-partisan contests (i.e. County Supervisor) did not change and will appear on every applicable ballot, regardless of registration.

Cross Over Voting

- The ballots are comprised of 6 different party ballots and a Non-Partisan ballot. Voters who are listed as No Party Preference voters can vote the Non-Partisan ballot (no Presidential race) or “cross over” and vote a party ballot from the American Independent, Democratic, and Libertarian parties only.
- To vote a Green, Peace and Freedom, or Republican party ballot, the voter must be registered with the respective party.
- Again, if you are already affiliated with one of the parties listed above, you will be issued that party’s ballot.

Every voter in San Luis Obispo County who is not registered with a qualified political party was sent a notification in December to allow them the option to choose a party ballot for this election. If the postcard was returned requesting a party ballot, that is the ballot included in their Vote-by-Mail packet.

If you are not registered with a qualified political party and you received a non-partisan ballot that does not contain a presidential contest, please contact our office if you would prefer to vote a partisan ballot. You can exchange your non-partisan ballot for a ballot from either the American Independent Party, Democratic Party, or Libertarian Party.

Top Two “Voter-Nominated” Contests

- Applies to U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, Statewide and State legislative offices.
- All voter-nominated contests will appear on every ballot. Candidates, regardless of their party preference, will appear on a single combined ballot and voters can vote for any candidate from any political party.
- Only the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes cast in the Primary Election are on the ballot for the General Election.

Two Senate Contests on Ballot

The office of the U.S. Senate will have **TWO** separate contests on the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election ballot. You may vote on both contests. The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term of office beginning on January 3, 2025 (full term). The second contest is a special primary vacancy election to fill the seat made vacant upon the death of Senator Dianne Feinstein for the remainder of the term ending on January 3, 2025 (partial/unexpired term).

Party Preference & Political Party Endorsement

- The political party preference, or No Party Preference, as indicated on the candidate’s voter registration is listed next to or below the candidate’s name on the ballot.
- The party designation shown is for the information of the voters only. It is not an endorsement by the party designated.

Parties may provide a list of candidates who have received the official endorsement of the party for printing in this booklet. A list of endorsements submitted by each qualified political party is printed on the next page.

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE MARCH 5, 2024, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

Party	Contests	Candidate
Green	U.S. Representative, 19 th District	Sean Dougherty
Peace and Freedom	U.S. Representative, 19 th District	Sean Dougherty
American Independent	U.S. Senator U.S. Representative, 19 th District U.S. Representative, 24 th District State Senate, 17 th District State Assembly, 30 th District State Assembly, 37 th District	James Bradley Jason Michael Anderson Thomas Cole Eric Tao Dalila Epperson Sari Domingues
Democratic	U.S. Representative, 19 th District U.S. Representative, 24 th District State Senate, 17 th District State Senate, 21 st District State Assembly, 30 th District State Assembly, 37 th District	Jimmy Panetta Salud Carbajal John Laird Monique Limón Dawn Addis Gregg Hart
Republican	State Senate, 17 th District State Assembly, 30 th District State Assembly, 37 th District	Tony Virrueta Dalila Epperson Sari Domingues
Libertarian	U.S. Senator State Senate, 17 th District	Gail Lightfoot Michael Oxford

* The order of parties follows the Randomized Alphabet Drawing conducted by the County.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PARTY
REGISTRATION OR THE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE,
CONTACT US.**

Contact Information on the Front Cover



ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes - regardless of party preference - move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1), a general election still must be held.

California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election.

A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have their qualified party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party.

The parties may submit a list of the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement, which will be printed in the county voter information guide.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election unless the candidate is one of the two highest voter-getters at the primary election.

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate their party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office. Any candidate for a nonpartisan office who receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1) in the primary election will be elected to that office and the contest will not appear on the ballot for the general election.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST TIME VOTERS

The Help America Vote Act requires first time federal voters to show identification when voting. You will be required to show your current valid photo I.D. and/or a copy of one of the following that shows your name and address when you go to the polls on election day: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, government paycheck, or a government document. You will be required to send a copy of one of the above documents with your voted Vote-by-Mail ballot. If you have questions about your status as a First Time Voter, please contact us.

Contact Information on the Front Cover

How Your Vote is Counted

Polling places close at 8:00 pm on Election Night, but it can take a few hours for all locations to report results, and weeks before the final totals are known. Ever wondered why? Here's a quick look at what happens to your ballot after you cast it.

Election Night

- The first results are posted shortly after 8:00 pm - these are the Vote-by-Mail ballots that were returned and processed early.
- After that, we must wait for the first of the polling places across the county to complete their paperwork, pack up their supplies, and return the ballots - this can take more than an hour.
- As polling places report in, their results are tabulated and compiled into countywide results.
- The posted results are updated periodically throughout the night.
- When all polling places have reported, the Election Night counting is done; however, there are still more ballots to count and a lot more work to do before the results become official (see below).

Ballots counted after Election Day

- **"Last Minute" Vote-by-Mail Ballots:** Vote-by-Mail ballots that arrive the day before or on Election Day either by mail, returned at a polling place or deposited in a Ballot Drop Box, are processed and counted in the days after Election Day and therefore are not included in the election night results reporting.
- **Postmarked Vote by Mail Ballots:** Under California law, ballots may be counted even if they arrive after Election Day, as long as they are received by mail no later than 7 days after the election and are postmarked on or before Election Day.
- **Missing or Mismatched Signature:** A voter's signature on the returned Vote-by-Mail identification envelope must compare with the signature(s) in the voter's registration record. If the voter did not sign the ballot envelope, or if the elections official has determined that the signature on the envelope does not match with the signature(s) of the voter in the voter's record, the elections office will provide the voter with the appropriate form to correct the missing or mismatched signature. This notice must be returned to the ROV no later than 2 days prior to the certification of the election.
- **Provisional Ballots:** These are the last ballots counted because they must be researched and verified; it may take a few weeks, but every valid vote will be counted.

WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- *DO NOT* bribe or provide any sort of compensation to, in any fashion, or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- *DO NOT* illegally vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- *DO NOT* engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct the entrance, exit, or parking.
- *DO NOT* challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- *DO NOT* possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions per Elections Code 18544(b).
- *DO NOT* appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions per Elections Code 18544(b).
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- *DO NOT* forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.

- *DO NOT* alter the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- *DO NOT* display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- *DO NOT* coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- *DO NOT* act as an election officer when you are not one.

EMPLOYERS cannot require or ask their employee to bring their Vote-by-Mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employees.

PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

WHERE:

- The following activities are prohibited within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place, curbside voting, or official ballot drop box.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- *DO NOT* ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- *DO NOT* block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- *DO NOT* provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place or official ballot drop box.
- *DO NOT* circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.
- *DO NOT* distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that includes a candidate's name, image and/or logo, or that supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

As required by law, the County of San Luis Obispo offers facsimile ballots in the following languages and only for the precincts listed below:

Spanish

All Precincts

All Polling Places

Tagalog

Consolidated Precincts

302, 305, 306, 307, and 408

To determine your Consolidated Precinct, please refer to the top left corner of your Vote By Mail ballot, which contains your precinct information (i.e. CON 403).

Facsimile ballots and instructions will be provided upon request. You can request to view the facsimile ballot for the language that is available at a Polling Place listed on your Voting Instructions page.

You can request a facsimile ballot in one of the languages available:

By Phone: 1-805-781-5228

By E-Mail: elections@co.slo.ca.us

By Mail: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

In Person: At the Clerk-Recorder's Office at 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo or 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd floor), Atascadero

Online: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance

Spanish Language Ballot Technology

With new accessible ballot-marking technology (ICX voting machines), a Spanish language voting experience can assist voters with making their selections and marking their ballots. They are available at the County Clerk-Recorder's office beginning February 5th, and at all Polling Places on March 5th, Election Day.

ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

Conforme lo exige la ley, el Condado de San Luis Obispo ofrece boletas electorales facsímiles en los siguientes idiomas y solo para los distritos electorales que se detallan a continuación:

Español

Todos los distritos electorales

Todos los lugares de votación

Tagalo

Distritos electorales consolidados
302, 305, 306, 307, y 408

Para determinar cuál es su distrito electoral consolidado, consulte la esquina superior izquierda de su boleta electoral de voto por correo, que contiene la información de su distrito electoral (por ejemplo, CON 403).

Se suministrarán, a petición, boletas electorales e instrucciones facsímiles. Puede solicitar ver la boleta electoral facsímil para el idioma que se encuentre disponible en un lugar de votación que aparezca en la página con instrucciones para el voto.

Puede solicitar una boleta electoral facsímil en uno de los idiomas disponibles:

Por teléfono: 1-805-781-5228

Por correo electrónico: elections@co.slo.ca.us

Por correo postal: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Personalmente: En la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro
en 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo
o 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2.º piso), Atascadero

En línea: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance

Tecnología de Boletas electorales en idioma español

Con la nueva tecnología para marcar boletas electorales con más accesibilidad (máquinas de votación ICX), una experiencia de votación en idioma español puede ayudar a los votantes a hacer sus selecciones y a marcar sus boletas electorales. Se encontrarán disponibles en la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro del Condado a partir del 5 de Febrero, y en todos los lugares de votación el 5 de Marzo, el día de la elección.

TULONG SA WIKA

Ayon sa ipinag-aatas ng batas, nagbibigay ang County ng San Luis Obispo ng mga kopya ng balota na nasa mga sumusunod na wika at para lang sa mga presintong nakalista sa ibaba:

Spanish

Lahat ng Presinto

Lahat ng Lugar na Botohan

Tagalog

Mga Pinagsama-samang Presinto (Consolidated Precinct)
302, 305, 306, 307, at 408

Upang alamin kung ano ang inyong Pinagsama-samang Presinto, mangyaring sumangguni sa kaliwang sulok sa itaas ng inyong balota sa Pagboto sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo, na naglalaman ng impormasyon ng inyong presinto (ibig sabihin, CON 403).

Magbibigay ng mga kopya ng balota at tagubilin kapag hiniling. Maaari ninyong hilinging makita ang kopya ng balota para sa wikang ginagamit sa Lugar na Botohan, na nakalista sa inyong pahina sa mga Tagubilin sa Pagboto.

Maaari kayong humiling ng kopya ng balota sa isa sa mga wikang magagamit:

Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono: 1-805-781-5228

Sa Pamamagitan ng E-Mail: elections@co.slo.ca.us

Sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Sa Personal: Sa Tanggapan ng Klerk na Tagapagtala sa 1055
Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo o 6565
Capistrano Avenue (ika-2 palapag), Atascadero

Online: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance

Teknolohiya ng Balota sa Wikang Espanyol

Sa tulong ng nagagamit na teknolohiya sa pagmarka ng balota (mga ICX na makina sa pagboto), ang karanasan sa pagboto sa wikang Espanyol ay makakatulong sa mga botante sa pagpili at pagmarka sa kanilang mga balota. Magagamit ang mga ito sa tanggapan ng Klerk na Tagapagtala ng County simula ika-5 ng Pebrero, at sa lahat ng Lugar na Botohan sa ika-5 ng Marso, Araw ng Halalan.

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities



San Luis Obispo County is committed to ensuring every voter can cast their ballot privately and independently. Below is detailed information about assistance that the County offers to voters with disabilities.

- **Vote-by-Mail:** Mark your ballot. Once completed, sign and seal your envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have a witness sign in the designated spot. Return your ballot by mail, or in-person at any drop box, elections office, or polling site in California.
- **Vote at a Polling Place:** On Election Day, you may choose up to two people to help you vote at any polling place or at the County Elections office. This person cannot be your employer or anyone who works for your employer, your labor union leader, or anyone who works for your labor union.

Accessible ballot-marking machines are available at every polling place on Election Day and at the County Clerk-Recorder's office beginning 29 days prior to the election.

- **Curbside Voting:** If you arrive at a polling place and cannot get to the voting area, call for assistance. **1-805-781-1888**
- **Accessible Voter Information Guide on the Web:** Voter Information Guides are available on the County Clerk-Recorder's website with the use of personal accessible navigational tools and screen reader technology. Large print format of the County Voter Information Guide is available upon request.

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM)

The Elections Office offers voters the use of a Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail system that allows a voter to mark their selections on a personal computer, using their own compatible technology or assistive device(s) (screen readers, tactile switches, closed captioning, sip and puff system, etc.) as needed, to vote independently and privately in the comfort of their own home.

Contact the Elections office for information at 1-805-781-5228

Other Assistance for Visually, Hearing or Speech Impaired:

The Secretary of State's Office has a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) to provide elections information: **1-800-833-8683 (1-800-TDD-VOTE)**. Large print format of the state ballot measures continues to be available.

VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include any/all of the following items:

- Candidates' Statements

This pamphlet section might not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your ballot. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed in English or English and Spanish at his or her expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

Please note that all the statements printed in Spanish, at the candidates' request, follow the English statement for that candidate.

Campaign Finance Reform

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidates listed below have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in California Government Code 85600. Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the local sample ballot pamphlet, at their own expense.

17th State Senate District

Michael Oxford
Eric Tao
Tony Virrueta
John Laird

21st State Senate District

Elijah Mack
S. Monique Limón

30th Assembly District

Dawn Addis
Dalila Epperson

37th Assembly District

Sari M. Domingues

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

SEAN DOUGHERTY

Age: 44

Occupation: Software Engineer

Education and Qualifications: The biggest problems facing our nation--climate change, housing, student debt, healthcare, and endless war--won't be solved while our policymakers are in thrall to corporations for campaign donations. That's why I'm running within a political party that prohibits its members from taking corporate money.

I've worked as an engineer for the past 20+ years. It's never been my ambition to run for office. I'm running because I have a toddler, and I don't believe our government will do what is necessary to provide him with a habitable planet and a just society when he's older. Congress failed to solve the problem of universal healthcare during the pandemic due to big donations from the private health insurers, and I believe it will similarly fail to address the climate crisis due to donations from the fossil fuel industry.

If elected, I'll prioritize getting money out of politics through publicly financed elections. I'll also prioritize keeping oil in the ground. And I'll push to slash our military budget by 50% and instead spend our money on providing high-quality public housing, education, transportation, and healthcare. The focus on many of our so-called problems (crime, immigration) is a way of deflecting attention from the root causes of those problems: destruction and disenfranchisement caused by corporate greed, lack of public services, and militarism.

This is a nonpartisan primary so the top two vote-getters go to the general. Your vote for me doesn't risk electing a candidate you oppose. Learn more at seanforpeace.org

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE LOS EE. UU., 19.º DISTRITO DEL CONGRESO**

SEAN DOUGHERTY

Edad: 44

Ocupación: Ingeniero de software

Educación y Cualificaciones: Los mayores problemas que enfrenta nuestra nación--cambio climático, vivienda, deuda estudiantil, atención médica y guerras interminables--no se resolverán mientras nuestros formuladores de políticas sigan siendo esclavos de las corporaciones para obtener donaciones de campaña. Por eso, me postulo dentro de un partido político que prohíbe a sus miembros aceptar dinero corporativo.

He trabajado como ingeniero durante más de 20 años. Nunca ha sido mi ambición postularme para un cargo. Lo hago porque tengo un niño pequeño y no creo que nuestro gobierno haga lo necesario para proporcionarle un planeta habitable y una sociedad justa cuando sea mayor. El Congreso no logró resolver el problema de la atención médica universal durante la pandemia debido a las grandes donaciones de las aseguradoras de salud privadas, y creo que tampoco logrará abordar la crisis climática debido a las donaciones de la industria de los combustibles fósiles.

Si resulto electo, daré prioridad a sacar dinero de la política a través de elecciones financiadas con fondos públicos. También daré prioridad a mantener el petróleo bajo tierra. Y presionaré para recortar nuestro presupuesto militar en un 50% y, en su lugar, gastar nuestro dinero en brindar vivienda pública, educación, transporte y atención médica de alta calidad. El enfoque en muchos de nuestros supuestos problemas (delitos, inmigración) es una forma de desviar la atención de las causas fundamentales de esos problemas: la destrucción y la privación de derechos causada por la avaricia corporativa, la falta de servicios públicos y el militarismo.

Esta es una elección primaria no partidaria, por lo que los dos candidatos que obtengan más votos pasarán a la elección general. Votar por mí no implica elegir a un candidato al que usted se opone. Obtenga más información en seanforpeace.org

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

JIMMY PANETTA

Occupation: U.S. Representative

Education and Qualifications: As a United States Representative, I'm fighting to give people opportunities for a better life. Having grown up with a deep sense of public service, I've dedicated my career to giving back to our community and country. As an Afghanistan War veteran, former prosecutor, and now, a U.S. Representative, I know how to serve and fight for the people and values of our home.

I'm working to reduce the cost of living for working families with more affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and lower prescription drug prices. I'm securing federal resources to protect our lives and livelihoods with investments in local infrastructure and national supply chains to boost productivity and prosperity. I'm promoting local jobs by supporting our diverse economy of agriculture, hospitality, technology, education, research, and small businesses. I'm defending our precious environment by protecting our pristine coastline and public lands from oil drilling, promoting agricultural sustainability, and creating sound policies to help prevent wildfires and combat the climate crisis. I'm fighting for women's reproductive rights, equality, and funding to keep our communities safe.

As the grandson of immigrants, I'm working to invest in our border and create pathways for legalization and citizenship. I'm upholding our democratic values by ensuring our right to vote and supporting international partners fighting for peace. I'll continue to fight for the people of the 19th Congressional District with hard work, new ideas, and the will to work together to get things done. I'd be honored by your vote. For more information, please visit www.jimmypanetta.com

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE LOS EE. UU., 19.º DISTRITO DEL CONGRESO**

JIMMY PANETTA

Ocupación: Representante de los EE. UU.

Educación y Cualificaciones: Como Representante de los Estados Unidos, lucho para brindar a las personas oportunidades para una vida mejor. Crecí con un profundo sentido de servicio público y dediqué mi carrera a contribuir a nuestra comunidad y a nuestro país. Como veterano de la guerra de Afganistán, exfiscal y ahora Representante de los Estados Unidos, sé cómo servir y luchar por las personas y los valores de nuestro hogar.

Estoy trabajando para reducir el costo de vida de las familias trabajadoras con viviendas más asequibles, atención médica accesible y precios más bajos de medicamentos recetados. Estoy asegurando recursos federales para proteger nuestras vidas y medios de subsistencia con inversiones en infraestructura local y cadenas de suministro nacionales para impulsar la productividad y la prosperidad. Estoy promoviendo empleos locales al apoyar nuestra diversa economía de agricultura, hotelería, tecnología, educación, investigación y pequeñas empresas. Defiendo nuestro precioso medioambiente al proteger nuestra prístina costa y tierras públicas de la extracción de petróleo, al promover la sostenibilidad agrícola y al crear políticas sólidas para ayudar a prevenir incendios forestales y combatir la crisis climática. Estoy luchando por los derechos reproductivos de las mujeres, la igualdad y la financiación para mantener seguras nuestras comunidades.

Como nieto de inmigrantes, estoy trabajando para invertir en nuestra frontera y crear vías para la legalización y la ciudadanía. Defiendo nuestros valores democráticos al garantizar nuestro derecho al voto y apoyar a los aliados internacionales que luchan por la paz. Continuaré luchando por los habitantes del Distrito 19 del Congreso con trabajo duro, nuevas ideas y la voluntad de trabajar juntos para obtener resultados. Sería un honor contar con su voto. Para obtener más información, visite www.jimmypanetta.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
STATE SENATE, 17TH DISTRICT**

ERIC TAO

Occupation: Computer Science Professor / Economic Institute Director

Education and Qualifications: Vote Eric Tao to build "A Brighter California." California is at a pivotal moment. We face increasing crime, uncontrolled homelessness, high cost of living, skyrocketing housing prices, and intrusion of radical ideologies in our schools, all stemming from one-party dominance. It is time for a new direction!

As your next State Senator, I will leverage my extensive experience in economic development, education, and technology to lead impactful policy-making decisions. I eagerly anticipate engaging in meaningful conversations with you, understanding your concerns, and working tirelessly to bring about positive change. Being a Professor and Director of the Computer Science program at California State University Monterey Bay, I have witnessed the transformative power of education and technology in people's lives. That is why I started the Institute for Innovation and Economic Development at CSUMB. Our Central Coast community is served by this commitment to fostering growth and prosperity for our futures.

Having the joy of being married for over 27 years and raising two wonderful children on the Monterey Peninsula, I share your concerns about the future of our State and the serious challenges facing the next generation. I strongly believe in personal responsibility and freedom. I will make sure your rights as parents and property owners are protected. I promise to spend your tax money wisely. Together let us build "A Brighter California" that reflects the values and aspirations of our beautiful Central Coast. Please visit EricTao4Senate.com to join our cause. Vote Eric Tao for State Senate.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE, 17TH DISTRICT

JOHN LAIRD

Occupation: California State Senator

Education and Qualifications: Four years ago, I pledged to tackle climate change, work for affordable housing and universal health insurance, and improve public education – using my experience as Mayor, Councilmember, Transit Director, Transportation Commissioner, Nonprofit Director, Community College Trustee, State Assemblymember, and Cabinet Secretary. As Senator, I have done just that – authoring 46 bills signed into law – including strengthening climate goals; improving fire prevention efforts; increasing sea level rise planning; and requiring more efficient state buildings. And when the children of local fallen officers did not get the same survivor benefits as others, I authored a law to fix that. As Education Budget Subcommittee Chair, a substantial increase in public education funding was approved. I fought for higher education student housing, resulting in 624 units for the district. I achieved restoration of UC's Cooperative Agriculture Extension – helping small farmers with needed science and technical help. I was a leader in saving Watsonville Hospital. I helped get Santa Cruz support that contributed to a reduction in unhoused people. I negotiated the future footprint of the Coastal Trail through Big Sur, and created a path to preserve Diablo Canyon lands. When atmospheric rivers hit the Central Coast, I secured support for communities in Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo Counties, as well as for evacuated residents who needed help. There is much more to do. I want to continue to contribute my experience, drive, and commitment to Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz Counties to serve our local communities. I respectfully ask for your vote.

DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA EL SENADO ESTATAL, 17.º DISTRITO

JOHN LAIRD

Ocupación: Senador Estatal de California

Educación y Cualificaciones: Hace cuatro años, me comprometí a abordar el cambio climático, trabajar por viviendas asequibles y un seguro médico universal, y mejorar la educación pública, mediante el uso de mi experiencia como Alcalde, Miembro del Concejo, Director de Tránsito, Comisionado de Transporte, Director de Organizaciones sin Fines de Lucro, Síndico de Colegios Comunitarios, Miembro de la Asamblea Estatal y Secretario de Gabinete. Como Senador, he hecho precisamente eso: redactar 46 proyectos de ley convertidos en ley, incluidos el fortalecimiento de los objetivos climáticos; mejorar los esfuerzos de prevención de incendios; aumentar la planificación en relación con el aumento del nivel del mar; y exigir edificios estatales más eficientes. Cuando los hijos de oficiales locales caídos no obtuvieron los mismos beneficios que los demás sobrevivientes, redacté una ley para solucionarlo. Como Presidente del Subcomité de Presupuesto para Educación, se aprobó un aumento sustancial en el financiación de la educación pública. Luché por viviendas para estudiantes de educación superior, lo que dio lugar a 624 unidades para el Distrito. Logré restaurar la Extensión de Agricultura Cooperativa de la UC, y asistí a los pequeños agricultores con la ayuda científica y técnica necesaria. Fui líder esencial en la salvación del Hospital Watsonville. Ayudé a conseguir el apoyo de Santa Cruz que contribuyó a reducir el número de personas sin vivienda. Negocié la huella futura del Coastal Trail a través de Big Sur y creé un camino para preservar las tierras de Diablo Canyon. Cuando los ríos atmosféricos llegaron a la Costa Central, conseguí apoyo para las comunidades de los Condados de Santa Cruz, Monterey y San Luis Obispo, así como para los residentes evacuados que necesitaban ayuda. Hay mucho más por hacer. Quiero seguir aportando mi experiencia, impulso y compromiso a los Condados de Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo y Santa Cruz para servir a nuestras comunidades locales. Respetuosamente le pido su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30TH DISTRICT**

DAWN ADDIS

Occupation: State Assemblymember / Teacher

Education and Qualifications: Dear Neighbor, It has been my honor to represent the Central Coast in the California State Assembly since 2022. As your representative I've worked hard to listen to local residents, advance meaningful legislation, and deliver important funding to our region of the Central Coast.

As your Assemblymember, I'm fighting to fully fund public schools, combat the climate crisis, reduce homelessness, ensure safe neighborhoods, and expand healthcare access. I serve as the State Assembly appointee to the California Ocean Protection Council and am the Chair of the California Legislative Central Coast Caucus. I've authored important legislation to expand paid parental leave, improve housing for students and seniors, and help survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Prior to my election to the legislature, I worked as a classroom teacher and teacher-leader. I also served on a local City Council and founded a 10,000 person women's march. My husband, Marcus, and I are the proud parents of two children and two rescue pets.

My campaign is endorsed by groups who represent Central Coast firefighters, paramedics, nurses, law enforcement personal, teachers, and grocery store workers. I would be honored to earn your vote for State Assembly. If you have questions or thoughts about my campaign, please do not hesitate to call me at (805) 749-3751 or email me at Dawn@DawnAddis.org.

Dawn Addis www.DawnAddis.org Se habla español.

**DECLARACIÓN DE LA CANDIDATA PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, 30.º DISTRITO**

DAWN ADDIS

Ocupación: Miembro de la Asamblea Estatal/Maestra

Educación y Cualificaciones: Estimado vecino: Ha sido un honor para mí representar a la Costa Central en la Asamblea del Estado de California desde 2022. Como su representante, he trabajado arduamente para escuchar a los residentes locales, promover una legislación significativa y brindar fondos importantes a nuestra región de la Costa Central.

Como Miembro de la Asamblea, me esfuerzo por financiar completamente las escuelas públicas, combatir la crisis climática, reducir la falta de vivienda, garantizar vecindarios seguros y ampliar el acceso a la atención médica. Soy la persona designada por la Asamblea Estatal para el Consejo de Protección del Océano de California y soy la Presidenta del Caucus Legislativo de la Costa Central de California. Soy autora de legislación importante para ampliar el permiso parental remunerado, mejorar las viviendas para estudiantes y personas mayores, y ayudar a los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil.

Antes de mi elección a la legislatura, trabajé como maestra de aula y maestra-líder. También formé parte del Concejo Municipal local y fundé una marcha de mujeres de 10,000 personas. Mi esposo, Marcus, y yo somos padres orgullosos de dos hijos y dos mascotas rescatadas.

Mi campaña cuenta con el respaldo de grupos que representan a los bomberos, paramédicos, personal de enfermería, personal del orden público, maestros y trabajadores de tiendas de comestibles de la Costa Central. Me sentiría honrada de recibir su voto para la Asamblea Estatal. Si tiene preguntas o ideas sobre mi campaña, no dude en llamarme al (805) 749-3751 o enviarme un correo electrónico a Dawn@DawnAddis.org.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1ST DISTRICT**

JOHN PESCHONG

Occupation: San Luis Obispo County Supervisor

Education and Qualifications: Over the past two decades, my family and I have served our community to maintain San Luis Obispo County as a great place to raise a family, start a business, and make a living.

When I asked for your vote four years ago, I promised to work for you every day to deliver results on the issues that matter. Since then, I am proud to have led the charge for more resources to combat drug addiction, improved housing programs for those experiencing homelessness, and improved mental health access to help those with psychiatric emergencies. I have stood by our first responders to make sure they have the resources they need— adding more Sheriff's deputies and strengthening our county fire departments. We have stood up for family farms to protect their access to water resources. In the face of sky-high inflation, I have opposed tax and fee increases that would have further increased the cost of living.

Now, I am running for reelection to continue this fight for more efficient government, safe neighborhoods, lower taxes, and more personal freedom.

I would be honored to have your vote. If you have questions, call me at (805) 440-7818 and for more information, please visit www.JohnPeschong.com

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES, 1.^{ER} DISTRITO**

JOHN PESCHONG

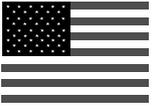
Ocupación: Supervisor del Condado de San Luis Obispo

Educación y Cualificaciones: Durante las últimas dos décadas, mi familia y yo hemos servido a nuestra comunidad para mantener el Condado de San Luis Obispo como un gran lugar para formar una familia, iniciar un negocio y ganarse la vida.

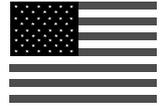
Cuando le pedí su voto hace cuatro años, prometí trabajar para usted todos los días para lograr resultados en los temas que importan. Desde entonces, estoy orgulloso de haber liderado la lucha para más recursos para combatir la adicción a las drogas, mejores programas de vivienda para quienes se encuentran sin hogar y un mejor acceso a la salud mental para ayudar a quienes tienen emergencias psiquiátricas. He apoyado a nuestros socorristas para asegurar que tengan los recursos que necesitan, agregando más ayudantes de Alguacil y fortaleciendo los Departamentos de Bomberos del Condado. Defendimos las granjas familiares para proteger su acceso a los recursos hídricos. Frente a una inflación altísima, me he opuesto a aumentos de impuestos y tarifas que habrían incrementado aún más el costo de vida.

Ahora me postulo para la reelección con el objetivo de continuar esta lucha por un gobierno más eficiente, vecindarios seguros, impuestos más bajos y más libertad personal.

Me sentiría honrado de recibir su voto. Si tiene preguntas, llámeme al (805) 440-7818 y, para obtener más información, visite www.JohnPeschong.com



VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS



1. You have the right to vote if you are a registered voter. You are eligible to vote if you are: a U.S. citizen living in California; at least 18 years old; registered where you currently live; not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony; and not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.
2. You have the right to vote if you are a registered voter, even if your name is not on the list. You will vote a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. You have the right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.
4. You have the right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. You have the right to get a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake. You can ask an election official at a polling place for a new ballot, exchange your Vote-by-Mail ballot for a new one at an elections office or at your polling place, or vote using a provisional ballot.
6. You have the right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. You have the right to drop off your completed Vote-by-Mail ballot at any polling place in California.
8. You have the right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. You have the right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
10. You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

Website: www.sos.ca.gov

**Voter Protection Hotline
1-800-345-VOTE (8683)**

OR

**San Luis Obispo County Election's Toll Free Number
800-834-4636, Ext 5228**

Email: elections@sos.ca.gov

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You already know us as the Registrar of Voters. The Clerk-Recorder also functions as the County Recorder, County Clerk and Commissioner of Civil Marriages.

What other services does the department perform? Here are just a few...

- File Fictitious Business Name Statements
- Maintain Official Records (Land Records)
- Issue Marriage Licenses
- Perform Wedding Ceremonies
- Provide Certified Copies of Vital Records for events that occurred in San Luis Obispo County (Births, Deaths and Marriages)

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WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

1. Ballot arrives after the deadline.
2. The VBM Return Envelope is not signed.
3. The signature on the VBM Return Envelope does not match any signature in the voter's record.
4. The ballot is returned without the VBM Return Envelope.

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