

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
NOVEMBER 6, 2012 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote, fill in the oval like this: Vote both sides of the card.

To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the OVAL next to the candidate's name. Do not vote for more than the number of candidates allowed (i.e. vote for no more than Two). To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write in the candidate's full name on the Write-In line and fill in the OVAL next to it. To vote on a measure, fill in the OVAL next to the word "Yes" or the word "No". If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the Elections Official and get another.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES

The party label accompanying the name of a candidate for party-nominated office on the general election ballot means that the candidate is the official nominee of the party shown.

VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Vote for One

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| <input type="radio"/> | GARY JOHNSON
For President | Libertarian |
| | JAMES P. GRAY
For Vice-President | |
| <input type="radio"/> | ROSEANNE BARR
For President | Peace and Freedom |
| | CINDY SHEEHAN
For Vice-President | |
| <input type="radio"/> | BARACK OBAMA
For President | Democratic |
| | JOSEPH BIDEN
For Vice-President | |
| <input type="radio"/> | JILL STEIN
For President | Green |
| | CHERI HONKALA
For Vice-President | |
| <input type="radio"/> | THOMAS HOEFLING
For President | American Independent |
| | ROBERT ORNELAS
For Vice-President | |
| <input type="radio"/> | MITT ROMNEY
For President | Republican |
| | PAUL RYAN
For Vice-President | |

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

SCHOOL

SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Vote for One

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| <input type="radio"/> | DIANNE FEINSTEIN
Party Preference: Democratic
United States Senator |
| <input type="radio"/> | ELIZABETH EMKEN
Party Preference: Republican
Businesswoman/Nonprofit Executive |

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER TRUSTEE AREA NO. 2

Vote for One

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| <input type="radio"/> | BARBARA GEORGE
Retired Educator |
| <input type="radio"/> | DAVID MARK BALDWIN
Business Representative |
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 24th District

Vote for One

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| <input type="radio"/> | LOIS CAPPS
Party Preference: Democratic
Congresswoman/Nurse |
| <input type="radio"/> | ABEL MALDONADO
Party Preference: Republican
Farmer/Business Owner |

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Vote for no more than Four

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| <input type="radio"/> | ROBERT SIMOLA
Incumbent |
| <input type="radio"/> | JOAN SUMMERS
Retired School Secretary |
| <input type="radio"/> | NICOLETTE HARLEY
Mother/Realtor |
| <input type="radio"/> | TIM GEARHART
Incumbent |
| <input type="radio"/> | DAVID S. LAMBERT
Parent |
| <input type="radio"/> | CHRIS BAUSCH
Parent/Businessman/Realtor |
| <input type="radio"/> | JOEL PETERSON
Parent/Communications Director |
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STATE SENATOR

STATE SENATOR 17th District

Vote for One

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| <input type="radio"/> | LARRY BEAMAN
Party Preference: Republican
School Board Member |
| <input type="radio"/> | BILL MONNING
Party Preference: Democratic
Assemblymember |

SAN MIGUEL JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY 35th District

Vote for One

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| <input type="radio"/> | K.H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN
Party Preference: Republican
Small Businessman/Assemblyman |
| <input type="radio"/> | GERALD "GERRY" MANATA
Party Preference: Democratic
City Transportation Employee |

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Vote for no more than Two

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| <input type="radio"/> | STEVE CHRISTIAN
Farmer |
| <input type="radio"/> | BANDY J. SMITH
Ranch Manager/Contractor |
| <input type="radio"/> | BERKLEY J. BAKER
Businessman |
| <input type="radio"/> | KATIE PESSOLANO |
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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
STATE	
<p>PROPOSITION 30 - TEMPORARY TAXES TO FUND EDUCATION. GUARANTEED LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</p> <p>Increases taxes on earnings over \$250,000 for seven years and sales taxes by ¼ cent for four years, to fund schools. Guarantees public safety realignment funding. Fiscal Impact: Increased state tax revenues through 2018-19, averaging about \$6 billion annually over the next few years. Revenues available for funding state budget. In 2012-13, planned spending reductions, primarily to education programs, would not occur.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 35 - HUMAN TRAFFICKING. PENALTIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Increases prison sentences and fines for human trafficking convictions. Requires convicted human traffickers to register as sex offenders. Requires registered sex offenders to disclose Internet activities and identities. Fiscal Impact: Costs of a few million dollars annually to state and local governments for addressing human trafficking offenses. Potential increased annual fine revenue of a similar amount, dedicated primarily for human trafficking victims.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 31 - STATE BUDGET. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.</p> <p>Establishes two-year state budget. Sets rules for offsetting new expenditures, and Governor budget cuts in fiscal emergencies. Local governments can alter application of laws governing state-funded programs. Fiscal Impact: Decreased state sales tax revenues of \$200 million annually, with corresponding increases of funding to local governments. Other, potentially more significant changes in state and local budgets, depending on future decisions by public officials.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 36 - THREE STRIKES LAW. REPEAT FELONY OFFENDERS. PENALTIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Revises law to impose life sentence only when new felony conviction is serious or violent. May authorize re-sentencing if third strike conviction was not serious or violent. Fiscal Impact: Ongoing state correctional savings of around \$70 million annually, with even greater savings (up to \$90 million) over the next couple of decades. These savings could vary significantly depending on future state actions.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 32 - POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Prohibits unions from using payroll-deducted funds for political purposes. Applies same use prohibition to payroll deductions, if any, by corporations or government contractors. Prohibits union and corporate contributions to candidates and their committees. Prohibits government contractor contributions to elected officers or their committees. Fiscal Impact: Increased costs to state and local government, potentially exceeding \$1 million annually, to implement and enforce the measure's requirements.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 37 - GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS. LABELING. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Requires labeling of food sold to consumers made from plants or animals with genetic material changed in specified ways. Prohibits marketing such food, or other processed food, as "natural." Provides exemptions. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual state costs from a few hundred thousand dollars to over \$1 million to regulate the labeling of genetically engineered foods. Additional, but likely not significant, governmental costs to address violations under the measure.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 33 - AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES. PRICES BASED ON DRIVER'S HISTORY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Changes current law to allow insurance companies to set prices based on whether the driver previously carried auto insurance with any insurance company. Allows proportional discount for drivers with some prior coverage. Allows increased cost for drivers without history of continuous coverage. Fiscal Impact: Probably no significant fiscal effect on state insurance premium tax revenues.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 38 - TAX TO FUND EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Increases taxes on earnings using sliding scale, for twelve years. Revenues go to K-12 schools and early childhood programs, and for four years to repaying state debt. Fiscal Impact: Increased state tax revenues for 12 years--roughly \$10 billion annually in initial years, tending to grow over time. Funds used for schools, child care, and preschool, as well as providing savings on state debt payments.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 34 - DEATH PENALTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Directs \$100 million to law enforcement agencies for investigations of homicide and rape cases. Fiscal Impact: Ongoing state and county criminal justice savings of about \$130 million annually within a few years, which could vary by tens of millions of dollars. One-time state costs of \$100 million for local law enforcement grants.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 39 - TAX TREATMENT FOR MULTISTATE BUSINESSES. CLEAN ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUNDING. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</p> <p>Requires multistate businesses to pay income taxes based on percentage of their sales in California. Dedicates revenues for five years to clean/efficient energy projects. Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues of \$1 billion annually, with half of the revenues over the next five years spent on energy efficiency projects. Of the remaining revenues, a significant portion likely would be spent on schools.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
	<p>PROPOSITION 40 - REDISTRICTING. STATE SENATE DISTRICTS. REFERENDUM.</p> <p>A "Yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, new State Senate districts drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission. If rejected, districts will be adjusted by officials supervised by the California Supreme Court. Fiscal Impact: Approving the referendum would have no fiscal impact on the state and local governments. Rejecting the referendum would result in a one-time cost of about \$1 million to the state and counties.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>

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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
- Ballot Measures
- Analyses
- Arguments, Pro & Con

This pamphlet section may 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 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 statements for that same contest.

Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors

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 the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the local sample ballot booklet, at their own expense.

35th Assembly District Candidates

K. H. "Katcho" Achadjian

Gerald "Gerry" Manata

17th Senate District Candidates

Larry Beaman

Bill Monning

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

LOIS CAPPS

Occupation: Congresswoman, Nurse

Education and Qualifications: I raised my family on the Central Coast and worked as a nurse and teacher in Santa Barbara public schools. I've been honored to serve San Luis Obispo County in Congress representing your values and priorities.

That's why I have stood up for Middle Class families and voted to crack down on skyrocketing credit card fees and rate increases. It's why I voted to hold Wall Street accountable for its reckless behavior.

I know we can do more to help our economy recover. That's why I support targeted investments in infrastructure, clean energy and high tech research and development: to put people to work and promote new business. And it's why I've worked to increase financial aid to make college more affordable, so our students can compete in a competitive global marketplace.

I will continue to protect Social Security and Medicare. And I will always be a champion for our veterans and their hard-earned benefits. We must safeguard our environment, including protecting the Central Coast from more offshore oil drilling which threatens our scenic coastline, coastal economy and public health. I will continue fighting for sensible healthcare policies, including protecting a woman's right to choose, opposing efforts to block access to birth control or eliminating federal funding for Planned Parenthood. And I voted to ensure equal pay for women.

On November 6th, I would be honored to have your support so we can continue making a positive difference in people's lives.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

ABEL MALDONADO

Age: 45

Occupation: Farmer, Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: Irresponsible deficit spending has created a \$15.5 trillion national debt and done little to improve our economy. Isn't it time we hold Washington accountable and fix the failed policies that took America backwards? To spur the economic development, Congress should enact tax credits for employers who create good paying clean jobs. It should develop new energy technologies that spur economic growth by creating good paying clean jobs. Congress should simplify the tax code so employers focus on job creation.

As a boy, I picked strawberries to help my family make ends meet. Good schools took me out of the fields and taught me how to help turn a half-acre plot of land into a family business that employs hundreds of our neighbors. Our children deserve the same kind of opportunities we enjoyed. That's why Congress must invest in education and make college more affordable. It must also strengthen Medicare and Social Security to ensure America keeps its promise to seniors.

To achieve these goals, Washington must stop the irresponsible spending that has wasted billions overseas and billions more on fraud and corruption. It must prevent future bank bailouts and take care of Main Street – not Wall Street.

It should fix a broken health care system by enacting reforms that improve the quality of care, not spend trillions we don't have and raise the cost of health care insurance premiums.

The root of America's problems is that Washington cares about Washington. Isn't it time we elect someone who cares about us?

**DECLARACIÓN DE LA CANDIDATA A
DIPUTADA DE EE. UU., 24.º DISTRITO ELECTORAL**

LOIS CAPPS

Ocupación: Congresista, enfermera

Educación y competencias: Crié a mi familia en la Costa Central y trabajé como enfermera y maestra en escuelas públicas de Santa Bárbara. Ha sido un honor servir al Condado de San Luis Obispo en el Congreso representando sus valores y prioridades.

Por esa razón he defendido a las familias de clase media y he votado para tomar medidas energéticas para acabar con las tarifas que se disparan de las tarjetas de crédito y los aumentos en las tasas de interés. Por eso voté por hacer responsable a Wall Street por su comportamiento imprudente.

Sé que podemos hacer más para ayudar a nuestra economía a recuperarse. Por eso apoyo las inversiones orientadas a la infraestructura, la energía limpia, y la investigación y el desarrollo de alta tecnología: para poner a trabajar a la gente y promover nuevos negocios. Y por esta razón he trabajado para aumentar la ayuda financiera para que la universidad sea más accesible, de manera que nuestros estudiantes puedan competir en un mercado global competitivo.

Continuaré protegiendo el Seguro Social y Medicare. Y siempre seré una firme defensora de nuestros veteranos y de los beneficios que han ganado con mucho esfuerzo. Debemos salvaguardar nuestro ambiente, incluso proteger la Costa Central de la extracción marítima de petróleo que amenaza nuestra pintoresca costa, la economía de la costa y la salud pública. Continuaré luchando por políticas razonables de atención médica, incluida la protección al derecho de la mujer a decidir, oponiéndome a los esfuerzos por bloquear el acceso a los anticonceptivos o a la eliminación de los fondos federales para la planificación familiar. Y voté para asegurar una paga igualitaria para las mujeres.

El 6 de noviembre, sería un honor tener su apoyo para que podamos continuar haciendo una diferencia positiva en la vida de las personas.

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**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO A
DIPUTADO DE EE. UU., 24.º DISTRITO ELECTORAL**

ABEL MALDONADO

Edad: 45

Ocupación: Agricultor, propietario de empresa

Educación y competencias: El gasto irresponsable del déficit ha creado una deuda nacional de \$15.5 billones y ha hecho poco por mejorar nuestra economía. ¿No es tiempo de que Washington se haga responsable y arregle las políticas fallidas que hicieron que Estados Unidos retrocediera? Para estimular el desarrollo de la economía, el Congreso debe establecer créditos fiscales para los empleadores que crean trabajos transparentes con buena paga. Debe desarrollar nuevas tecnologías de energía que estimulen el crecimiento económico mediante la creación de trabajos transparentes con buena paga. El Congreso debe simplificar el código financiero para que los empleadores se enfoquen en la creación de empleos.

De niño, recogía fresas para ayudar a mi familia a salir adelante. Las buenas escuelas me sacaron de los campos y me enseñaron cómo convertir un terreno de aproximadamente 2020 metros cuadrados en un negocio familiar que emplee a cientos de nuestros vecinos. Nuestros niños merecen el mismo tipo de oportunidades de las que nosotros disfrutamos. Por eso el Congreso debe invertir en educación y hacer la universidad más accesible. También debe reforzar Medicare y el Seguro Social para asegurar que Estados Unidos cumpla su promesa a los ancianos.

Para alcanzar estos objetivos, Washington debe detener el gasto irresponsable que ha desperdiciado miles de millones en el extranjero y miles de millones más en fraude y corrupción. Debe evitar que se tengan que hacer rescates futuros a los bancos y ocuparse de Main Street y no de Wall Street.

Debe arreglar el sistema descompuesto de la atención médica mediante la promulgación de reformas que mejoren la calidad de la atención, no gastar billones que no tenemos y elevar el costo de las primas de seguros de atención médica.

La raíz de los problemas de Estados Unidos es que Washington se preocupa por Washington. ¿No es tiempo de elegir a alguien que se preocupe por nosotros?

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR, 17TH DISTRICT

LARRY BEAMAN

Age: 39

Occupation: Local Businessman, School Board Trustee, Youth Soccer Coach

Education and Qualifications: Why re-elect the same old politicians who have utterly failed to fix our problems? They tax and spend money we don't have, and we get more debt and no reform. Lawmakers have given way to the special interests and lobbyists with big money. This corrosive combination has resulted in bad laws and very poor budgeting. Disapproval ratings are at an all-time high for State Legislators from both parties. Voters have come to accept that California is broke and Sacramento is broken.

Let's start by electing someone new... with a youthful and optimistic perspective. My candidacy offers new energy & fresh leadership on how to best save our State. Your vote for Larry Beaman is a wise investment in a brighter future for California. I am married and the proud Father of three public school-aged children. Currently, I am honored to serve our community as the Board President for the Scotts Valley Unified School District. Other notable community service includes being an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and coaching youth soccer teams.

Approximately one-half of our California state budget goes to Education. Children and taxpayers need to get more accountability from that massive investment. Our State leaders must work more closely with parents, teachers & students to support excellence and performance in the classroom. California cannot afford to spend Billions for extraneous bureaucracy.

As your Senator, "We, the People" must work together as partners and discover real solutions for California. Let's begin today! Vote Larry Beaman for Senate. (831) 430-2053 or larrybeaman@sbcglobal.net

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR, 17TH DISTRICT

BILL MONNING

Occupation: Assemblymember

Education and Qualifications: Since 2008, when I was elected to the Assembly, I've used my skills in conflict resolution and mediation to tackle our state's challenges. That's why I'm asking you to send me to the State Senate. Because experience and judgment matter.

As an Assemblymember, I can tell you that in Sacramento – as bad as things seem in the headlines – persistence and determination get things done. I've had 26 bills signed into law, under both Republican and Democratic Governors.

With your support, I would be honored to represent the people of San Luis Obispo County.

I want to build on my service as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health, promoting healthy lifestyles, battling the scourge of childhood obesity, and protecting our most vulnerable, including people with mental health issues and the disabled living in long-term care facilities.

I'll continue to focus on the environment and job growth by supporting agriculture, tourism, and small businesses, including the many farms, ranches, and wineries critical to the County's economic health. I'll make sure we're providing our schools, colleges, and universities the funding that allows our kids to thrive. And, I'll keep pushing for greater highway safety improvements, and fight to give our first responders the support they need to keep our communities safe.

On November 6th, you can be part of the solution. Together, we can preserve what's special about San Luis Obispo County and keep California moving forward.

I'd be honored to receive your vote. For more information, please visit www.billmonning.org.

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DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO A SENADOR ESTATAL, 17.º DISTRITO

BILL MONNING

Ocupación: Miembro de la Asamblea

Educación y competencia: Desde 2008, cuando me eligieron para la Asamblea, he usado mis habilidades de resolución y mediación de conflictos para enfrentar los retos de nuestro estado. Es por eso que le pido que me envíe al Senado Estatal. Porque la experiencia y el juicio importan.

Como miembro de la Asamblea, le puedo decir que en Sacramento, aun cuando los titulares indican que las cosas andan mal, la persistencia y la determinación logran que las cosas se hagan. En periodos de gobernadores tanto republicanos como demócratas, he logrado que se aprueben 26 proyectos de ley.

Con su apoyo, sería un honor representar a la gente del Condado de San Luis Obispo.

Quiero ampliar mi servicio como presidente del Comité de Salud de la Asamblea, al promover estilos de vida saludables, frenar el flagelo de la obesidad infantil y proteger a la gente más vulnerable, incluidas las personas con problemas de salud mental y con discapacidades que viven en establecimientos de cuidado a largo plazo.

Seguiré concentrándome en el ambiente y el crecimiento de empleos mediante el apoyo a la agricultura, al turismo y a los pequeños negocios, incluidas las diversas granjas, ranchos y bodegas que son fundamentales en la salud económica del condado. Me aseguraré de que nuestras escuelas y universidades cuenten con los fondos para que nuestros hijos salgan adelante. Y seguiré impulsando mejoras más grandes en la seguridad de las carreteras, y lucharé para dar a nuestros socorristas el apoyo que necesiten para mantener nuestras comunidades a salvo.

El 6 de noviembre, usted puede ser parte de la solución. Juntos podemos conservar lo que hace especial al Condado de San Luis Obispo y hacer que California siga progresando.

Sería un honor para mí recibir su voto. Para obtener más información, visite la página www.billmonning.org.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 2
San Luis Obispo County Community College District**

BARBARA GEORGE

Occupation: Retired Educator

Education and Qualifications: Cuesta College is a treasure we need to preserve. I am the right person at the right time to bring leadership and vision to respond to Cuesta's challenges. I have experience in community college budget preparation and management, and in acquiring other sources of funding. I served on every Cuesta accreditation team until 2004 when it was acclaimed one of the finest colleges anywhere. I was selected to serve on accreditation teams for other colleges in California, Washington and Utah.

I have lived and worked in SLO County for 42 years--as Director of Recreation for Morro Bay and as a counselor for the County Office of Education. As a Cuesta College Administrator, I built the Cuesta Foundation, raised and managed assets of \$18 million which provided funding for students, faculty, programs and services. I collaborated to raise funds to establish the Paso Robles campus which now serves thousands of students.

As Trustee I will be informed, prepared and accessible. I am an independent thinker with success in collaborative problem-solving. I bring solid judgment, informed thinking and an abiding and deep commitment to the success of Cuesta College -- its students, faculty and staff -- and the communities it serves.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 2
San Luis Obispo County Community College District**

DAVID M. BALDWIN

Age: 45

Occupation: Business Representative, Trustee

Education and Qualifications: In my current capacity as a trustee of two employee pension plans, I am part of a team that oversees administration, ensures legal compliance, develops policy and evaluates service providers that the board hires and manages.

I take seriously the high standard of conduct required of those put in a position of trust.

I am committed to the principle of fiscal prudence that is at the heart of everything a trustee does.

Cuesta College is one of three community colleges in California that is threatened with losing its accreditation. I will use the experience and leadership I've developed over 16 years as a trustee and board chairman to ensure Cuesta is once again recognized as a leading community college.

It is time for new ideas and common sense problem solving at Cuesta.

Cuesta belongs to all of us and is at the center of educational opportunity for both traditional and non-traditional students. I feel a responsibility, a desire and a duty to the community where I have lived for 45 years to ensure Cuesta survives as an essential local institution.

My experience as a trustee gives me a unique opportunity to do so with a fresh, open-minded and informed perspective.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

ROBERT SIMOLA, PH.D.

Occupation: Incumbent, Retired High School Teacher

Education and Qualifications: Thirty years of teaching taught me that students will do the best they can to rise to the level of their teachers' expectations. The more we respect our students and the more we expect of our students the better students and people they will become. In these difficult economic times where it seems like everything in education has to be cut and reduced, the one thing I will not cut, the one thing I will not reduce, is the expectations I have for our children and the belief in their abilities, capabilities, and future. With your support I will continue to do everything I can to improve the quality of education our children receive.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

JOAN SUMMERS

Age: 62

Occupation: Retired School Secretary

Education and Qualifications: I realize the importance of allocating taxpayers' dollars in ways that most directly and effectively improve classroom instruction. School districts are facing difficult times given the growing expectations of curriculum standards in the setting of merciless budgetary cuts. Parents, teachers, staff and the school board must work together to ensure all children can be prepared for college or careers. Parental and community support is vital to achieve success for our children.

My background as a long-term resident, parent, grandparent, former school secretary, and an active classroom volunteer will bring a valuable perspective to the board. I will use this experience and knowledge to support safe schools, explore ways to reduce waste and enable the district to tackle the problems we face and stay financially solvent.

If elected, I will do my best to serve your interests and direct my efforts to expanding transparency and outreach to the community and employees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District.

I would appreciate your vote.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

TIM GEARHART

Occupation: Retired Teacher, University Supervisor

Education and Qualifications: As your representative, I will continue to promote safe, drug free, fiscally sound and accountable schools. I will continue to support programs that focus on children's health, provide educational pathways for college and careers as well as the expansion of technological experiences for our students. As a veteran teacher with experience in elementary, secondary and university classrooms, I bring a unique and valuable perspective to the board of trustees. I have significant experience in the areas of school business, organizational structures, curriculum and personnel.

I believe that we should continue to look forward, and continue to develop creative educational environments such as magnet schools, partnership programs and schools that regularly involve the community. I advocate continued support for the visual and performing arts, sports and academic enrichment. Funding reductions must be balanced with program quality and parent/teacher input. Together we can continue to serve the students of our community and support quality education. I am Tim Gearhart, and I respectfully ask you to join me in saying yes to our schools and yes to our future.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

DAVID LAMBERT

Age: 52

Occupation: Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: As a parent, community member, and active volunteer, I believe that it is essential to provide students with the best learning environment possible. I have seen kids find and pursue their passions because of opportunities they were given in school. We have seen more and more programs diminish, including academic, fine arts, and sports. I understand the importance of these programs being kept and maintained, and I will do everything in my power to keep these programs going. I believe that accountability is crucial at this financially challenging time in education, and as a board member, I will do all I can to promote openness in our District.

I have been involved with youth sports for more than 10 years, serving on several boards, including Youth Football, Sports Council, and most recently, Paso Robles High School Boosters, where I have proudly served as President for the past 5 years. Our sports programs need to be protected, and I intend to do just that. I believe that my past experience speaks for itself.

As your school board member, I will support our teachers, support staff, and our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

CHRIS BAUSCH

Age: 53

Occupation: Parent, Businessman, REALTOR®

Education and Qualifications: Active in business and as a volunteer in Paso Robles since 1987. Chairman, Flamson Middle School Site Council.

Julie, my wife of 33 years, and I were able to send four of our five children onto highly successful college then professional careers thanks in large part to the excellent education they received at Winifred Pifer, Pat Butler Elementary, St. Rose, Daniel Lewis and of course, Paso Robles High schools. Our youngest son is currently attending Flamson Middle School after completing the Spanish Immersion program at Georgia Brown. I want to return the immense blessing that PRJUSD has given our family.

This is a time to accept the fact that California is broke and is unable to fund Education at the level they are required to do so. Arguing who is to blame won't help. Until funding levels are restored, we must figure out a way to use all available resources to assist our Teachers, Staff and Administrators in providing the very best education we can. Parents need a voice to ensure that Athletics, the Arts and Special Programs are not forgotten. I will be a voice of reason.

Thank you for your vote.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

JOEL PETERSON

Age: 39

Occupation: Director of Communications, Hope Family Wines

Education and Qualifications: Public school education in California is at a critical crossroads and we need strong leadership to navigate the waters of shrinking budgets, larger class sizes, standardized testing and negative public relations. My strengths are working with people, learning about difficult issues and making tough decisions. I'm running to serve my community, my fellow parents and the children of Paso Robles, who need a voice on the school board.

I have deep roots in Paso Robles. My grandmother, Virginia Peterson, was an educator for over fifty years. I have two young daughters, both of whom are attending or will attend Paso Robles public schools. Since coming to Paso Robles over 10 years ago, I've played an active role in the community. I've served on the Planning Commission since 2007 and acted as President of the Paderewski Festival from 2007 to 2011. In my professional career I've created strategic plans, overseen budgets and led teams to success.

With hard work and thoughtful decision-making, I'm dedicated to building lasting partnerships with students, parents and educators. I am committed to enhancing the education of our students and preparing them for a successful future. I would appreciate your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO A
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE
Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles**

TIM GEARHART

Ocupación: Maestro jubilado, Jefe de estudios de Universidad

Educación y competencia: Como su representante, continuaré promoviendo escuelas seguras, libres de drogas, fiscalmente sólidas y responsables. Continuaré apoyando programas que se enfoquen en la salud de los niños, que brinden caminos educacionales para las universidades y carreras, así como la expansión de la experiencia tecnológica para nuestros estudiantes. Como maestro veterano con experiencia en salones de primaria, secundaria y universidad, apporto una perspectiva única y valiosa a la junta de administración. Tengo una importante experiencia en las áreas de administración escolar, estructuras organizacionales, plan de estudios y personal.

Considero que debemos seguir mirando hacia adelante y seguir desarrollando ambientes educacionales creativos como escuelas especializadas, programas en colaboración y escuelas que involucren con regularidad a la comunidad. Recomiendo el apoyo continuo a las artes visuales y escénicas, los deportes y el enriquecimiento académico. La reducción de los fondos debe equilibrarse con la calidad del programa y la aportación de los padres/maestros. Juntos podemos continuar al servicio de los estudiantes de nuestra comunidad y seguir apoyando la educación de calidad. Soy Tim Gearhart, y respetuosamente le pido que me acompañe diciendo sí a nuestras escuelas y sí a nuestro futuro.

WHAT'S NEW FOR THIS ELECTION

Top Two “Voter-Nominated” Candidates

What is it?

In 2010, California voters approved Proposition 14 creating the “Top-Two Primary,” which replaced the traditional party-nominated primary. Only the candidates who receive the highest and second-highest number of votes cast during the Primary election advance to the General election. Write-in candidates are no longer allowed for these contests during the General election. The new rules apply to U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, statewide and state legislative offices. The rules for non-partisan contests (i.e. counties, cities, school and special districts) did not change.

Party Preference and Political Party Endorsement

The term "party preference" is now used in place of the term "party affiliation". On the ballot, 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. The party designation is shown on the ballot for the information of the voters only and it does not constitute or imply 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.

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION

Party	Contests	Candidate
Democratic	U.S. Senate U.S. Representative, 24th State Senate, 17th State Assembly, 35th	Dianne Feinstein Lois Capps Bill Monning Gerald “Gerry” Manata
American Independent	State Assembly, 35th	K. H. “Katcho” Achadjian
Republican	U.S. Senate U.S. Representative, 24th State Senate, 17th State Assembly, 35th	Elizabeth Emken Abel Maldonado Larry Beaman K. H. “Katcho” Achadjian