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# County of San Luis Obispo

General Flection

# Tuesday, November 8, 2022

# VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

- In accordance with new legislation, all voters will receive a Vote By Mail (VBM) ballot in the mail
- Your OFFICIAL BALLOT and your 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> through the close of polls on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The deadline for return of your official ballot is 8:00pm, Tuesday, November 8, 2022. You can:
  - Return your ballot by mail. Be sure it is postmarked on or 0 before Election Day. No postage necessary.
  - Return your ballot in person to the Clerk-Recorder's 0 offices, or to any VBM Ballot Drop Box located in the State of California. The location of drop boxes in San Luis Obispo County is listed in your Voting Instructions.
  - Return your ballot or vote in person at a Polling Place, 0 also listed in your voting instructions.
- Contact the Clerk-Recorder by phone at (805) 781-5228 or via email at elections@co.slo.ca.us with any questions.



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# POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

Parties may provide a list of candidates who have received the official endorsement of the party for printing in this booklet.

Contest	American Independent	Democratic	Republican
Governor	Brian Dahle	Gavin Newsom	Brian Dahle
Lieutenant Governor	No endorsement	Eleni Kounalakis	Angela E. Underwood Jacobs
Secretary of State	No endorsement	Dr. Shirley N. Weber	Rob Bernosky
Controller	No endorsement	Malia Cohen	Lanhee Chen
Treasurer	No endorsement	Fiona Ma	Jack M. Guerrero
Attorney General	No endorsement	Rob Bonta	Nathan Hochman
Insurance Commissioner	Robert Howell	Ricardo Lara	Robert Howell
Board of Equalization, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	No endorsement	Sally Lieber	Peter Coe Verbica
U.S. Senator, full term	Mark P. Meuser	Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser
U.S. Senator, partial term	Mark P. Meuser	Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser
U.S. Representative, 19 <sup>th</sup> District	No endorsement	Jimmy Panetta	Jeff Gorman
U.S. Representative, 24 <sup>th</sup> District	No endorsement	Salud Carbajal	Brad Allen
State Assembly, 30 <sup>th</sup> District	Vicki Nohrden	Dawn Addis	Vicki Nohrden
State Assembly, 37 <sup>th</sup> District	No endorsement	Gregg Hart	Mike Stoker
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Lance Ray Christensen	Tony Thurmond	Lance Ray Christensen

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

\* Note: Not all political parties provided an endorsement list.

## Two U.S. Senate Contests on Ballot

The office of U.S. Senate will have **TWO** separate contests on the November 8, 2022, General Election ballot. You may vote on both. The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term of office beginning on January 3, 2023 (full term). The second contest is a special vacancy election, since the current officeholder is temporarily filing a vacancy, for the remainder of the term ending on January 3, 2023 (partial/unexpired term).

# **Redistricting and Voting**

To get an updated count of the country's population, the U.S. Constitution requires a federal census every ten years. California uses that census data to redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts based on population changes. The independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) uses the new census data to redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts boundaries. The boundaries for local districts, such as county supervisorial, school districts, community services districts, special districts, and city council districts, are drawn by those governing bodies and not by the CCRC.

Changes in representation for San Luis Obispo County is as follows:

2011	2022	
Congressional		
24th District	19th & 24th Districts	
State Assembly		
35th District	30th & 37th Districts	
State Senate		
17th District	17th & 21st Districts	
Board of Equalization		
2nd District	2nd District	

For additional information regarding which San Luis Obispo County Districts you are eligible to vote in, please visit: https://clerk.slocounty.ca.gov/voterstatus/ whatsnew All-ENG SL 055-003

# **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 votegetters 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 voternominated 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.

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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 compare to the signature(s) of the voter in the voter's record, the ROV will, provide the voter with the applicable notice to cure 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* provide any sort of compensation or bribery 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 ingress, egress, 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.
- *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.
- *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 tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- *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 employee.

**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:

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

## 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, vote center, or 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 include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose 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

403, 404, 405, 406, and 407

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:	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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 October 11<sup>th</sup>, and at all Polling Places on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 403, 404, 405, 406, y 407

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:	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 11 de Octubre, y en todos los lugares de votación el 8 de Noviembre, 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) 403, 404, 405, 406, at 407

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:	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: <u>www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance</u>

## 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-11 ng Oktubre, at sa lahat ng Lugar na Botohan sa ika-8 ng Nobyembre, 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: Your ballot has automatically been sent to you. Keep safe and return your ballot by mail, drop box, or Voter Service Center.
- Vote at a Polling Place: On Election Day, you may choose up to two people to help you vote at any polling place or County Clerk-Recorder's 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 (ICX) are available at every polling place on Election Day and at the County Clerk-Recorder's office 29 days prior to the election.

- Curbside voting: If you arrive at a polling place and cannot get to the voting area, ask for assistance.
- 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**

A new voting experience can be provided by the elections staff for all voters, including those with disabilities by using web-based tools on a personal computer, printer, and one's personal assistive device(s) (screen readers, tactile switches, closed captioning, sip and puff system, etc.) to access and mark one's ballot, then returning it by mail to the Elections Office.

### Contact the Elections office for information at 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.

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# Features on the Web

# www.slovote.com

# Find the Status of Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

County of San Luis Obispo

#### **Voter Status Search**

To see your voter status, enter the following information and click "Show status".

COUNTY

SAN LUIS OBISPO

In order to maintain the privacy of the voter, the information provided must be an exact match to the voter registration on file with our office and all fields must be completed.

If you cannot view your voter status, please contact the Elections Office at 781-5228 and we will assist you.

Birth date (format: mm/dd/yyyy)	
Last 4 digits of your California driver's license number (or the last 4 digits of your California ID number)	
Street address (number only) (example: if your address is 123 Main, enter 123)	

#### Show Status

# **Find Your Polling Place**

Polling Place Search

To locate your polling place and view ballot choices, enter the following information and click "Find polling place".

The required fields are street number, street name, and zip code. If you know your street direction and street type, you may enter them, too. Then click "Find polling place".

Street Number	Street Direction	Street Name	Street Type	Zip Code
	Please select 👻		Please select ¥	

Find polling place

### View Photos, Directions to the Poll, Accessibility Features for Voters with Disabilities, and Your Sample Ballot

# **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 Measure(s)
- Impartial Analysis
- Fiscal Impact/Tax Rate Statement(s)
- Arguments and Rebuttals In Support of or In Opposition To Ballot Measures

This pamphlet section may not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your Ballot/Sample 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.

All the statements printed in Spanish 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 candidate listed below has 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.

30<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District Dawn Addis Vicki Nohrden 37<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District Mike Stoker

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### JIMMY PANETTA

Age: 52

**Occupation:** United States 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.

As we emerge from the pandemic, I'm securing federal resources to protect our lives and livelihoods and invest in American infrastructure and supply chains to boost productivity and reduce prices. I'm promoting local jobs by supporting our diverse economy of agriculture, tourism, 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 and funding to keep our communities safe. I'm pushing for accessible healthcare for all, lower prescription drug prices, and increased federal grants and tax credits for more affordable and equitable housing.

As the grandson of immigrants, I'm working to provide opportunities for legalization and citizenship for essential workers, Dreamers, and families. I'm upholding our responsibilities to democracy by ensuring equality and everybody's right to vote. I'll continue to fight for the people of the new 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 information, visit www.jimmypanetta.com

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### JEFF GORMAN

Age: 54

Occupation: Financial Advisor / Small Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: The time is now. This time it matters.

Today we show Washington DC we do not agree with its policies and leadership. I am Jeff Gorman, your candidate for US Congressional District 19 and I want to represent you. With your help, I will go to Washington representing what we believe in: truth, transparency, and trust. We believe in America and Americans first, and a government that truly represents its people, for its people.

These last years we have all seen and experienced government overreach, a betrayal of foreign policy, and a justice system full of corruption.

Our current public servants seem to serve themselves instead of the public. They have violated their commitment to represent you. This is not what America is, what it represents, or what our government should be.

We need a tough change of course. We demand better. We need to honor and uphold the Constitutional principles of our government.

Let's become energy independent again, balance our budget, and nurture our economy. Let's stop the irresponsible spending policies, letting drugs and criminals into our neighborhoods, and creating distrust in our global allies. Let's make our nation better.

Let's make that change together. Let's do this, one voice united, one vote at a time.

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA REPRESENTANTE DEL CONGRESO DE EE. UU., DISTRITO ELECTORAL 19°

#### JIMMY PANETTA

Edad: 52

Ocupación: Representante del Congreso de los Estados Unidos

Educación y Cualificaciones: Como Representante del Congreso de los Estados Unidos, lucho por brindar oportunidades a las personas para que tengan una mejor vida. Gracias a que crecí con un gran sentido del servicio público, en mi carrera me he dedicado a retribuir a nuestra comunidad y país. Ya que soy veterano de la Guerra de Afganistán, exprocurador y, ahora, Representante del Congreso de los Estados Unidos, sé cómo servir y luchar por las personas y los valores de nuestro hogar.

Conforme salimos de la pandemia, busco garantizar recursos federales para proteger nuestras vidas y nuestro sustento, e invertir en la infraestructura Americana y en cadenas de producción para aumentar la productividad y reducir los precios. Estoy promoviendo el trabajo local mediante el apoyo a nuestra economía diversa proveniente de la agricultura, el turismo, la tecnología, la educación, la investigación y las pequeñas empresas. Estoy defendiendo nuestro valioso medio ambiente y protegeré a nuestras costas inmaculadas y tierras públicas de la extracción petrolera, promoveré la sustentabilidad agrícola y crearé políticas sensatas que ayuden a prevenir incendios forestales y que combatan la crisis climática. Estoy peleando por los derechos reproductivos de las mujeres y financiando la seguridad de nuestras comunidades. Estoy luchando por que el cuidado de la salud sea accesible para todos, por bajar los precios de los medicamentos recetados y por incrementar los subsidios federales y créditos fiscales para obtener un acceso a la vivienda más asequible y equitativo.

Como nieto de inmigrantes, estoy trabajando para brindar oportunidades de legalización y ciudadanía a trabajadores esenciales, "dreamers" y familias. Estoy defendiendo nuestras responsabilidades con la democracia al asegurar la igualdad y el derecho de voto para todos. Seguiré luchando por las personas del recientemente establecido 19º Distrito Electoral con arduo trabajo, nuevas ideas y la disposición de trabajar en conjunto para lograr las metas. Sería un honor poder contar con su voto. Para más información, visite www.jimmypanetta.com

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30th DISTRICT

#### DAWN ADDIS

Occupation: City Councilmember / Teacher

#### Education and Qualifications: Dear Neighbor,

It has been my privilege to work as a public school teacher for the last 20 years, and to serve my community as a local City Councilmember. As a mother of two and a public servant, I want to help build a brighter future for California and protect the things we love about the Central Coast.

As a City Councilmember, I have worked to reduce homelessness, improve city services and outreach, protect our environment and open space, and support local workers and businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I am running for State Assembly to advance these values and causes across California, and to be a responsive and effective advocate for the residents of our district.

As a public school teacher, I have worked with children with special needs, and as a bilingual educator, I have helped develop curriculum for students learning English. My classroom experience has taught me that we need more investment across public education, from early childhood education through the UC and CSU systems.

My campaign for State Assembly has been endorsed by more than 300 organizations and leaders, including groups who represent Central Coast firefighters, paramedics, nurses, law enforcement personnel, teachers, school employees, and grocery 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. www.DawnAddis.org Para español: www.DawnAddis.org/esp

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30th DISTRICT

#### VICKI NOHRDEN

Occupation: Non-Profit Director / Educator / Family Court Advocate

**Education and Qualifications:** I'm Vicki Nohrden and I'm running to be your voice in the California Assembly. From jobs to education, our legislators are taking us for a ride to the far extremes. Our state government is increasingly ineffective, unbalanced, and out of touch.

Small businesses are struggling to survive. What do legislators do? They introduce legislation to ban independent contractors and impose harmful new regulations, taxes, and fees on businesses throughout the state. Our public schools struggle to provide quality education, leaving students behind. What do legislators do? They prioritize divisive, politically driven measures instead of working to support academic success. Our children are paying the price.

Our state had a \$90 billion budget surplus last year, yet homelessness remains at crisis levels. What do legislators do? Mismanage funding and shirk accountability, preventing the implementation of viable solutions.

I am running for office to help fix our failing model which rewards party loyalty over problemsolving. A proven leader in non-profit and business for over two decades, my public service includes standing up for children, families, and victims of crime while bridging party lines to make local government work for local people. I will take that experience and approach to our state government, working to represent you in the State Assembly.

It's time to bring checks and balances to Sacramento and most importantly, it's time for a leader who listens. Thank you for your vote. Learn more about me at www.ElectVicki.com or email me at Vicki@ElectVicki.Com. Feel free to call me (831) 200-5922.

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, 30º DISTRITO

#### VICKI NOHRDEN

**Ocupación:** Directora de una organización sin fines de lucro, educadora y defensora de la Corte de Familia

Educación y Cualificaciones: Mi nombre es Vicki Nohrden y quiero ser su representante en la Asamblea de California. Ya sea en lo laboral o lo educativo, nuestros legisladores nos han llevado de un extremo a otro. Nuestro gobierno estatal es cada vez más ineficiente, desbalanceado y alejado de la realidad.

Los pequeños negocios están teniendo dificultades para sobrevivir. ¿Qué hacen los legisladores? Aprueban leyes para prohibir a los contratistas independientes e imponen nuevas regulaciones dañinas, impuestos y tarifas a los negocios a lo largo del estado. Nuestras escuelas públicas están teniendo problemas para proveer una educación de calidad, arriesgando el aprendizaje de los estudiantes. ¿Qué hacen los legisladores? Le dan prioridad a medidas divisoras y con trasfondo político, en vez de trabajar para garantizar el éxito académico. Nuestros hijos están pagando las consecuencias.

Nuestro estado tenía un excedente de presupuesto de \$90 mil millones el año pasado. Sin embargo, la tasa de personas sin hogar aún permanece en niveles críticos. ¿Qué hacen los legisladores? Administran mal las finanzas y evaden sus responsabilidades, lo que evita que se implementen soluciones viables.

Me estoy postulando para el cargo para ayudar a corregir nuestro fallido modelo, que pone la lealtad al partido por encima de la resolución de problemas. Como líder en organizaciones sin fines de lucro y en negocios por más de dos décadas, mi servicio al público incluye mantenerme firme en nombre de los niños, las familias y las víctimas del crimen, mientras unifico las líneas del partido para que el gobierno local trabaje para la gente local. Llevaré esa experiencia y acercamiento hacia nuestro gobierno estatal, trabajando para representarlo a usted en la Asamblea Estatal.

Es la hora de mostrar cuentas claras a Sacramento, y, aún más importante, es la hora de tener una líder que escuche. Gracias por su voto. Puede obtener más información sobre mí en www.ElectVicki.com o puede mandarme un correo electrónico a Vicki@ElectVicki.Com. Siéntase en confianza de llamarme al (831) 200-5922.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1 Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

#### CHRISTOPHER AREND

Occupation: Retired Attorney

Education and Qualifications: As one of the only Americans to ever get law degrees in both the United States and Germany, I know that academic discipline is essential for academic success. After my election to the school board in 2018, when the District was in a major financial crisis, I focused on financial discipline, including personally initiating the clawback of more than half the "golden handshake" the previous board had given to the departing superintendent. Safety is essential for academic discipline, and I strongly support our increased spending for police officers on campus and improving our security systems. Academic discipline requires transparency, which is why I led the effort to change District policy and give Trustees, parents and the general public broad access to classes and course materials. Academic discipline requires critical thinking and intellectual challenge. For example, I strongly supported our ethnic studies course which objectively examines the history of ethnic groups in the American "melting pot". However, I reject all ideological indoctrination and, therefore, authored the District's 2021 resolution banning the divisive ideology of Critical Race Theory. The District has improved greatly in my first term. I want to continue contributing to the successful education of all our children.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1 Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

### PETER BYRNE

Occupation: Retired

Education and Qualifications: After graduating from UCSB, I worked for the National Park Service in Yosemite National Park. Following that I received an AS Degree in Marine Technology and worked as a commercial saturation diver off England in the North Sea and off New Zealand. I also worked as the assistant Manager of Berg Field Center in Antarctica on Ross Island running the diving locker for ice diving research scientists employed by the National .Science Foundation. Afterwards, I obtained my contractor's license, and built my own house in San Luis Obispo County. Then I was employed by the San Luis Obispo County Building Department from which I retired in 2016. Most importantly during that time, my wife and I raised two beautiful children who graduated from Paso Robles High School. But times have changed In schools since then. As a school board member, I would advocate for stopping the LGBTQ indoctrination of students and the removal of the LGBTQ section recently installed in the student library, to not allow any references to or training for transsexual conversion, vaccinations to be voluntary with parental consent, and to restrict the unions from having any input in administration policy.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1 Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

#### JIM COGAN

Occupation: Business Owner/Parent/Heritage Ranch Owners Association Board Member

**Education and Qualifications:** I am an active parent of two students in the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District and my family appreciates the great schools, athletics, and extracurricular programs. I have over 20 years of public service experience and I am running to be a School Board Trustee with four priorities:

To improve our high school graduation rates and ensure that our graduates are prepared for a career or college. To ensure fiscal responsibility. To retain and attract great teachers because we have lost too many good teachers and staff.

To protect sports and extracurricular activities. I will work to maintain excellence in academics as well as athletics and extracurricular programs in music, art and career training. We have an amazing Skills USA program. As a former high school athlete and youth football coach, I know how these programs enhance our students' development.

I am a business owner and active community leader serving as a Heritage Ranch Owners Association Director, Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Director, Chair of the Paso Robles Sales Tax Oversight Committee, Paso Robles Recreation Foundation Director and Elder at Highlands Community Church. We need qualified leaders to serve our students and parents. That's why I am asking for your vote. Together we will ensure all our children have a bright future! Go Bearcats!

Visit www.votecogan.com or e-mail me at Jim@votecogan.com.

#### SPANISH STATEMENTS FOR THIS CONTEST CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 1 Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles

#### PETER BYRNE

#### Ocupación: Jubilado

Educación y Cualificaciones: Después de graduarme de la UCSB, trabajé para el Servicio de Parques Nacionales en el Parque Nacional Yosemite. Después de eso, recibí un título de AS en Tecnología Marina y trabajé como buzo de saturación en el Mar del Norte de Inglaterra y en Nueva Zelanda. También trabaié como Gerente asistente del Berg Field Center en la Antártida en Ross Island como encargado de la tienda de buceo para científicos investigadores empleados por la Fundación Nacional de Ciencias. Después de eso, obtuve mi licencia de contratista y construí mi propia casa en el Condado de San Luis Obispo. Entonces fui empleado del Departamento de Construcción del Condado de San Luis Obispo, del cual me jubilé en el 2016. Cabe destacar que, durante ese tiempo, mi esposa y yo criamos dos bellos hijos que se graduaron de la Escuela Preparatoria Paso Robles. Pero los tiempos en las escuelas han cambiado desde entonces. Como miembro de la junta escolar, voy a abogar para detener el adoctrinamiento LGBTQ de los estudiantes y para remover la sección LGBTQ recientemente instalada en la biblioteca estudiantil, con el fin de evitar cualquier referencia o instrucción de la transición transexual, las vacunas se apliquen de manera voluntaria y con consentimiento de los padres; y también limitar a los sindicatos de tener cualquier impacto en la política de administración

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 1 Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles

#### JIM COGAN

**Ocupación:** Empresario, Padre, Miembro de la Junta de la Heritage Ranch Owners Association

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Soy el padre activo de dos estudiantes en el Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles y mi familia aprecia las grandes escuelas, los deportes y los programas extracurriculares. Tengo más de 20 años de experiencia en servicio público y me estoy postulando para ser un Miembro del Consejo Escolar con cuatro prioridades:

Mejorar nuestra tasa de graduación media superior y asegurar que nuestros graduados estén preparados para una carrera o para la universidad. Garantizar la responsabilidad fiscal. Atraer y conservar a excelentes profesores, porque hemos perdido muchos buenos profesores y personal.

Proteger los deportes y las actividades extracurriculares. Trabajaré para mantener la excelencia en el aspecto académico, así como en los deportes y los programas extracurriculares de música, arte y capacitación vocacional. Tenemos un sorprendente programa de Habilidades de EE. UU. Como ex atleta de la escuela preparatoria y entrenador de fútbol juvenil, sé lo valiosos que son estos programas para el desarrollo de nuestros estudiantes.

Soy un empresario y un líder activo de la comunidad que ejerce como Director de Heritage Ranch Owners Association, Director de la Cámara de Comercio de Paso Robles, Director de Paso Robles Sales Tax Oversight Committee, Director de Paso Robles Recreation Foundation y Veterano de la Iglesia Comunitaria Highlands. Necesitamos líderes calificados para servir a nuestros estudiantes y padres. Es por eso que pido su voto. ¡Juntos nos aseguraremos de que nuestros hijos tengan un brillante futuro! ¡Vamos, Bearcats!

Visite www.votecogan.com o envíe un correo electrónico a Jim@votecogan.com.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Two Year Term

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#### **OCCUPATION:** Real Estate Broker

**Education and Qualifications:** I am a native of Paso Robles having grown up on a cattle ranch in the Adelaide. I am submitting my candidacy as a truly non-partisan resident of Paso Robles. I have been appalled by the very divisive turn it seems all politics has become and am especially concerned by the efforts of the established parties to place their members into all positions, even the supposedly non-partisan ones.

Having served as the District One Planning Commissioner for 6 years for former Supervisor Mecham I believe my record supports my moderate, balanced, decision-making process. I am not a politician and you will not see any ads or signs for me but I hope that my candidacy will give the voters an option as they review the other candidates.

Thank you for your support and desire to do the best for our children, the future of this country.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Two Year Term

### LAURENE D. MCCOY

AGE: 37

**OCCUPATION:** Family Life Pastor / Event Planner

Education and Qualifications: As a former Bearcat class of 2003, a 23-year resident, community advocate and mother of 2 proud Georgia Brown students, I feel strongly that the solid education and well-being of our children, young and old as well as our community is vital. As a community member and mother I want us all to be represented and to not only have a voice, but to be heard. Paso Robles as a whole has come a long way, but there is still work to be done.

I want to see the families in this community prosper to the fullest, enjoy learning and setting positive examples for whomever they come in contact with. I want all children that come through Paso Schools to feel like they were treated with the utmost care and given the best education possible. If elected I promise to do my part in putting what's best for our children first, helping the unrepresented voices to be heard, and to advocate for our children who are not only our future but our today!

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Two Year Term

#### ADELITA HITESHEW OCCUPATION: Mother

**Education and Qualifications:** As a mother of three children currently enrolled in the Paso Robles School District, spanning across three of our schools, I have a personal stake in the direction of the district. I have lived in Paso Robles for 26 years and I have spent the last decade caring for and advocating for the children in our community.

I will come to this position with a focus on the issues that are unique to Paso Robles. I am excited to have the opportunity to be a voice for the parents and community members of our amazing town. I would appreciate your vote.

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AGE: 41

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles Mandato de dos años

### JIM IRVING

#### **OCUPACIÓN:** Agente de Bienes Raíces

Educación y Cualificaciones: Yo soy nativo de Paso Robles, crecí en un rancho ganadero en la zona de Adelaide. Estoy presentando mi candidatura como un residente genuinamente apartidista de Paso Robles. Me ha tenido muy consternado el giro tan divisivo que parece tener ahora toda la política y tengo una especial preocupación por los esfuerzos de los partidos establecidos para colocar a sus miembros en todos los puestos posibles, incluidos los supuestamente apartidistas.

Ya que serví como el Comisionado de Planeación del Distrito Uno durante 6 años para el Exsupervisor Mecham, creo que mis antecedentes sostienen mi moderado y balanceado proceso de toma de decisiones. Yo no soy político, y usted no verá ningún anuncio o letrero mío, pero espero que mi candidatura les dé a los votantes una opción mientras analizan a los demás candidatos.

Gracias por su apoyo y su deseo por hacer lo mejor para nuestros hijos, el futuro de este país.

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles Mandato de dos años

#### ADELITA HITESHEW OCUPACIÓN: Madre

Edad: 41

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Como madre de tres hijos actualmente inscritos en el Distrito Escolar Paso Robles, que estudian en tres de nuestras escuelas, tengo una participación personal en la dirección del distrito. He vivido en Paso Robles durante 26 años y he pasado la última década atendiendo y abogando por los hijos de nuestra comunidad.

Llegaré a este puesto enfocada en los problemas específicos que tiene Paso Robles. Estoy emocionada de tener la oportunidad de ser la voz de los padres y los miembros de la comunidad de nuestra asombrosa comunidad. Apreciare su voto.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR City of El Paso de Robles

#### MICHAEL RIVERA

Occupation: Medical Industry Businessman

Education and Qualifications: My Wife and I are 50 year residents of the Central Coast and Paso Robles. I have served in various Civic positions and several School District committees. I have both a wide understanding of issues facing our City and the experience to work with others to find solutions. Paso Roblans have been overlooked. We need to focus on our permanent residents and their needs. Crime, Roads, Water, and Weed are now major concerns in our City as is increasing taxation. Explosive growth is beginning and our infrastructure is not prepared. I will have Proactive rather than reactive solutions to what at times are complex issues like Chronic Homelessness. Being reactive has put our City into Chaos and caused negative impacts on our quality of life. We have already begun to see those impacts. Supporting public Safety, especially law enforcement, is my first priority. Looking for solutions to housing and education choices continue to be priorities. I am committed to keeping traditional Family Values that Paso Robles is known and loved for. Please help me in my run for Mayor I respectfully ask for your vote.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR City of El Paso de Robles

#### STEVEN W. MARTIN

#### Occupation: Mayor, City of Paso Robles

**Education and Qualifications**: The past three years have been challenging but even during the pandemic I have led the efforts to accomplish the goals you have set: improved public safety, street maintenance, and economic development.

I have pushed for expanded public safety services, recruiting new police officers, and building a new fire station. I have supported spending millions of dollars each year for much needed street repairs. I have spearheaded the quest for a spaceport license for our airport which will create a new tech corridor and attract thousands of high-paying jobs.

I have insisted on adequate water resources for present and future needs. I have advocated for housing development, ensuring expenses are not borne by existing residents. I have championed homeless services to alleviate human suffering while protecting all our citizens from negative consequences including vandalism and fire hazards.

I have always worked with everyone to consider all sides of every issue and make decisions for the greatest benefit for our community. I have always treated everyone with kindness and respect, replying quickly to questions, and inviting everyone into the process of governance.

Learn more at www.MartinForMayor.org.

I am proud to represent you and respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA ALCALDE Ciudad de El Paso de Robles

#### **STEVEN W. MARTIN**

Ocupación: Alcalde de la Ciudad de Paso Robles

Educación y Cualificaciones: Estos últimos tres años han sido un reto, pero incluso durante la pandemia encabecé los esfuerzos para lograr los objetivos que ustedes establecieron: mejorar la seguridad pública, el mantenimiento de las calles y el desarrollo económico.

Así, impulsé la mejora de los servicios de seguridad pública, la contratación de nuevos agentes de policía y la construcción de un nuevo cuartel de bomberos. En este sentido, respaldé el gasto de millones de dólares anualmente para la reparación de las calles, que tanto se requiere. He encabezado la búsqueda de una licencia para un puerto espacial en nuestro aeropuerto, el cual creará un nuevo corredor tecnológico capaz de atraer miles de puestos de trabajo bien remunerados.

Insisto en que hay que disponer de recursos hídricos adecuados que satisfagan las necesidades actuales y también las futuras. Abogué por la construcción de viviendas, garantizando que los gastos no fueran cubiertos por los residentes actuales. Por mi parte, he promovido la prestación de servicios a personas sin hogar para aliviar su sufrimiento y al mismo tiempo protegí a todos nuestros ciudadanos de consecuencias adversas, como el vandalismo y el peligro de incendios.

Siempre he trabajado en conjunto con cada uno de ustedes para tener en cuenta todos los aspectos de cada asunto y tomar decisiones para lograr el mayor beneficio de nuestra comunidad. En todo momento he atendido con amabilidad y respeto a todo aquel que lo ha necesitado, he respondido rápidamente a sus preguntas y he invitado a todo el mundo a participar en el proceso de gobernanza.

Para más información, visite www.MartinForMayor.org.

Estoy orgulloso de poder representarlos y les pido su voto con todo el respeto. Gracias.

#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1 City of El Paso de Robles

#### JOHN R. HAMON JR.

Occupation: Businessman / Paso Robles City Councilmember

**Education and Qualifications**: It has been an honor to serve my fellow Roblans for the past 16 years. My family has six generations of history on the central coast, and I am passionate about preserving Paso Robles' charm and character for generations to come.

I consider myself after 46 years, a successful and financially responsible businessman that understands that public tax dollars are not created by the government but come from its Citizens. That money must be used wisely for their benefit.

I promise that I will continue to support a strong, well-staffed and equipped, Police and Fire Department so they will be there when the need arises. I will protect our water rights and invest in infrastructure improvements to our recycled water and sewer facilities. I would vote for repair and maintenance dollars to resurface our west side streets, parks, and city buildings. I support expanded recreation and library programs that are inclusive of all Roblans.

Thank you for your past support and doing your part to make Paso Robles the very special place that it is.

I respectfully ask for your vote of approval for strong leadership and a conservative voice on your City Council.

"Let's build our City's future together"

#### DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL, DISTRITO 1 Ciudad de El Paso de Robles

Edad: 68

### JOHN R. HAMON JR.

**Ocupación:** Empresario y Concejal de Paso Robles **Educación y Cualificaciones:** Ha sido un honor servir por 16 años a mis Roblanos. En mi familia hay seis generaciones de historia en la costa central y me apasiona preservar el encanto y el carácter de

Paso Robles para las futuras generaciones. Me considero después de 46 años, me considero un hombre de negocios exitoso y financieramente responsable que entiende que los impuestos públicos no los crea el gobierno, sino que provienen de sus Ciudadanos. Hay que utilizar ese dinero con sabiduría para su beneficio.

Me comprometo a seguir respaldando a un Departamento de Policía y de Bomberos fuerte, bien dotado de personal y bien equipado, para que esté ahí cuando sea necesario. Preservaré nuestros derechos sobre el agua e invertiré en la mejora de las infraestructuras de nuestras plantas de tratamiento de aguas residuales y de alcantarillado. Votaré a favor de la reparación y el mantenimiento de las calles del lado oeste, los parques y los edificios de la ciudad. Respaldo la ampliación de los programas de recreación y de la biblioteca que incluyan a todos los Roblanos.

Gracias por su apoyo en el pasado y por hacer su parte para hacer de Paso Robles el lugar tan especial que es.

Pido respetuosamente su voto de aprobación para un liderazgo fuerte y una voz conservadora en su Ayuntamiento.

"Construyamos juntos el futuro de nuestra Ciudad"

Age: 68

#### CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE E-22

Measure E-22 asks Paso Robles voters whether the position of Paso Robles City Treasurer should be an appointed position or an elected one. If Measure E-22 passes, the City Treasurer would be appointed by the Paso Robles City Council and no longer elected by Paso Robles voters. The City Council would appoint the next City Treasurer when there is a vacancy in the office or when the term of the current incumbent expires in December 2024, whichever is earlier. In lieu of making the appointment the City Council may also, by resolution, delegate that authority to the City Manager.

Currently in Paso Robles, an elected City Treasurer serves a four-year term. California law requires that general law cities like Paso Robles have either an elected or appointed City Treasurer. However, a transition from an elected City Treasurer to an appointed City Treasurer must be approved by the City's voters. If Measure E-22 passes and the position becomes appointed, the City Council will decide the minimum education and training requirements for the position and periodically review the City Treasurer's performance.

A "yes" vote on Measure E-22 will convert the office of Paso Robles City Treasurer into an appointed position, with the first appointment occurring following either an office vacancy or term expiration, whichever is sooner.

A "no" vote on Measure E-22 will leave the City Treasurer as an elected office. If Measure E-22 fails, the Paso Robles City Treasurer position will remain elected.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure E-22. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (805)237-3960 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ ELIZABETH WAGNER HULL City Attorney

#### NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE E-22 WERE SUBMITTED

#### CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE F-22

On June 21, 2022, the City Council voted to place Measure F-22 on the November 8, 2022 general municipal election ballot. By placing Measure F-22 on the ballot, the City complies with Article XIII C of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), which requires a majority of the voters to approve an ordinance which establishes a general tax.

Currently, the City of Paso Robles currently imposes a 10% general tax on rent charged by the operator of any hotel, short-term rental, or similar lodging in the City of Paso Robles for guests staying fewer than 30 days. This tax is called the Transient Occupancy Tax ("TOT") and is collected by hotel and short-term rental operators at the time rent is paid by the guests. There is also a 1.5% San Luis Obispo Tourism Marketing District Assessment, and 2% Paso Robles Tourism Improvement District assessment for a total lodging assessment of 13.5%.

Measure F-22 would, beginning January 1, 2023, increase the City TOT from 10% to 11%, making the total assessment charged 14.5%. The additional 1% increase in the TOT would be reserved for the General Fund and is estimated to generate \$700,000-\$800,000 in additional annual revenue. The revenues raised from the 1% increase in the TOT would go into the City's General Fund to pay for general government use including but not limited to economic development, downtown improvements, quality of life amenities and homelessness and housing.

A "yes" vote on Measure F-22 <u>will</u> authorize the 1% increase in the City TOT from 10% to 11% and for the increase to go into the General Fund.

A "no" vote on Measure F-22 will not authorize the 1% increase in the City TOT from 10% to 11%.

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s/ ELIZABETH WAGNER HULL City Attorney

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE F-22 WERE SUBMITTED



# 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

# WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD <u>NOT</u> 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 the signature on the voter's Affidavit of Registration.

4. The ballot is returned without the I.D. Return Envelope.

**VBM Cure Process:** The law requires the Election Office to send a letter and verification form to voters who forgot to sign their return envelope or whose signatures did not match their signatures on file. In order for these ballots to be counted, voters must sign and return their form prior to the deadline.

**VOTE-BY-MAIL LOOK-UP ON THE WEB:** Check the status of your returned VBM ballot on the Internet at:

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You can track and receive notifications via email, SMS (text), or voice message on the status of your VBM ballot. Sign-up at:

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