



# County of San Luis Obispo

019, 074

November 5, 2024,  
General Election


## VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE


Your **OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT** is included with this Voter Information Guide and is accompanied by a postage-paid return envelope. This will be your only official mailing from the County.

**THE VOTE-BY-MAIL PERIOD BEGINS NOW.** As soon as you are ready, return your VBM ballot and **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD EARLY!**

Return your Vote-by-Mail ballot during the voting period of October 7th through **8:00 pm** on November 5th.

**You can return your ballot by:**

 **Mail.** Be sure it is post-marked **on or before Election Day.** No postage necessary.

 **In person** at any **Elections Office, Vote Center, Polling Place, or Official VBM Ballot Drop Box** located in the State of California. The location of drop boxes in San Luis Obispo County can be found on the Vote-by-Mail instructions included with your guide or at [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com).

Prefer to vote at your designated **polling location** between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm on Election Day?

To do that, please **bring your un-voted Vote-by-Mail ballot AND its return envelope** with you to surrender at your polling place.

The location of your polling place is listed at the top of your Vote-by-Mail ballot.

## Questions?

SLO County Elections Office



(805) 781-5228



[elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)



[www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)



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# IMPORTANT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

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The office of California U.S. Senator has TWO separate contests on the November 5, 2024, 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, 2025 (the full term).

The second contest is a special vacancy election, since the current officeholder is temporarily filling the vacancy. This contest is for the remainder of the term ending on January 3, 2025 (the partial/unexpired term).

## TOP TWO CANDIDATES

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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 doesn't apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

In a direct primary, voters directly select their preferred candidate for a particular political party to run in the general election. This means that each voter can vote for their chosen candidate, and the one with the most votes becomes the party's nominee.

On the other hand, voting for electors, such as in the presidential election in CA, involves voters choosing *electors* who are pledged to a specific candidate. Each state, including CA, has a specific number of electors based on its representation in Congress (the sum of its Senators and Representatives).

# ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

## VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

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

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

The parties may submit a list of the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement (see the Political Party Endorsements page).

## NON-PARTISAN 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.

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.



# ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires first-time federal voters to show identification prior to voting.

Unless you already provided it, 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 the Elections Office.

## WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

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Your voice is important. The Elections Office makes every effort to ensure that each vote cast is counted. That said, the following are reasons that a ballot would NOT be counted:

1. The ballot is not postmarked by November 5 and/or does not arrive within 7 days after Election Day.

2. The VBM return envelope is not signed.

3. The signature on the VBM return envelope does not match any signature in the voter's record.



4. The ballot is returned without the VBM return envelope.

5. There are multiple ballots in one VBM return envelope.

## VBM CURE PROCESS

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The law requires the Elections Office to send a letter and verification form to voters who forgot to sign their return envelope or whose signature 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, which is two days before the election is certified.

## WHY VOTE NOW?

**Because VBM ballots received before Election Day are counted and included in the Election Night results**

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**But don't worry: Every VBM ballot postmarked correctly and received within 7 days of the election will be counted**

# POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

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

<b>Contest</b>	<b>American Independent</b>	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>President and Vice President of the United States</b>	No endorsement	Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz	No endorsement
<b>U.S. Senator, full term</b>	No endorsement	Adam B. Schiff	No endorsement
<b>U.S. Senator, partial term</b>	No endorsement	Adam B. Schiff	No endorsement
<b>U.S. Representative, 19th District</b>	Jason Michael Anderson	Jimmy Panetta	Jason Michael Anderson
<b>U.S. Representative, 24th District</b>	Thomas Cole	Salud Carbajal	Thomas Cole
<b>State Senator, 17th District</b>	No endorsement	John Laird	Tony Virrueta
<b>State Senator, 21st District</b>	Elijah Mack	S. Monique Limón	Elijah Mack
<b>State Assembly, 30th District</b>	Dalila Epperson	Dawn Addis	Dalila Epperson
<b>State Assembly, 37th District</b>	Sari M. Domingues	Gregg Hart	Sari M. Domingues



**My voter registration changed, even though I didn't make an update. What's going on?**

We sometimes hear this question from people who don't realize that their voter registration can be updated as part of DMV processes. So, if you find your registration is different from what you remember, it may have been updated during a DMV transaction. If you give us a call, we can look it up and verify that for you.

# ELECTION SAFETY AND SECURITY

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California's election systems are extremely safe and secure, and all 58 counties have a proven track record of conducting accessible and accurate elections. The California Secretary of State's Office makes this possible by overseeing one of the most extensive voting system testing and certification programs in the nation.

Unfortunately, misinformation about elections is widespread, and it continues to confuse voters and lead to distrust in the process.

The fact remains that the Elections Office in San Luis Obispo County carefully follows statewide elections code and takes many steps to ensure election security locally, including making the processing and counting of ballots publicly observable.

**Remember that your Elections Office is your best source for timely, accurate, and trustworthy election information.** You can find us anytime at [slovote.com](http://slovote.com), where we have a #TrustedInfo2024 page, or feel free to reach out to us at (805) 781-5228 or [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us).

Have misinformation to report? Contact the Secretary of State at [votensure@sos.ca.gov](mailto:votensure@sos.ca.gov).

## CALIFORNIA ELECTION SECURITY SAFEGUARDS

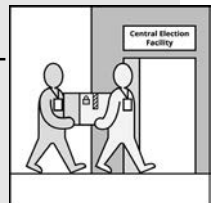
There are a number of steps that we take to ensure your vote is safe and secure throughout the election. Here are a few examples:

- County voting systems are not connected to the Internet, and all ballots are paper.
- Only authorized staff have access to systems relevant to their role.
- We conduct routine threat monitoring, vulnerability scanning, and security assessments in collaboration with our state and federal partners.

### CHECK YOUR VOTER STATUS ONLINE

[VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov](http://VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov)

- VoteCal is a centralized statewide voter registration database. VoteCal checks against official records and is regularly updated.
- Ballot drop boxes are secured and monitored.
- Signatures are verified on all Vote-by-Mail envelopes.
- Ballots remain in dual (two-person) custody at all times.



# HOW YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED

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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

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The first results are posted shortly after 8:00 pm—these are the Vote-by-Mail ballots that were returned and processed early, prior to Election Day.

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 at [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com).

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

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**Vote-by-Mail Ballots Received After the First Weekend in November:** Vote-by-Mail ballots that arrive the

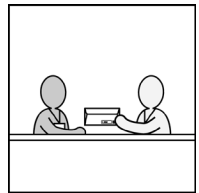
day before or on Election Day (either by mail, returned at a polling place, or deposited in an official ballot drop box) are processed and counted in the days after Election Day and therefore are **not** included in the Election Night results posted.

### **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/before Election Day.

### **Missing or Mismatched Signature:**

A voter's signature on the returned Vote-by-Mail identification envelope **must** compare with the signature(s) in the voter's registration record. If the voter did not sign the ballot envelope, or if the Elections Official has determined that the signature on the envelope does not match with the signature(s) of the voter in the voter's record, the Elections Office will provide the voter with the appropriate form to correct the missing or mismatched signature. This notice must be returned to the Elections Office 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.

## TRACK YOUR BALLOT

and get updates from  
[WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov)

# WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED

**VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT**

## **IT IS PROHIBITED TO ENGAGE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:**

- DO NOT commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- DO NOT bribe or provide any sort of compensation to, in any fashion, or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- DO NOT illegally vote.
- DO NOT attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- DO NOT engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct the entrance, exit, or parking.
- DO NOT challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- DO NOT attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- DO NOT possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate

vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions per Elections Code 18544(b).

- DO NOT appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions per Elections Code 18544(b).
- DO NOT tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.

**The corruption of voting prohibitions summarized here are set forth in Articles 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.**

- 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.

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- 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.

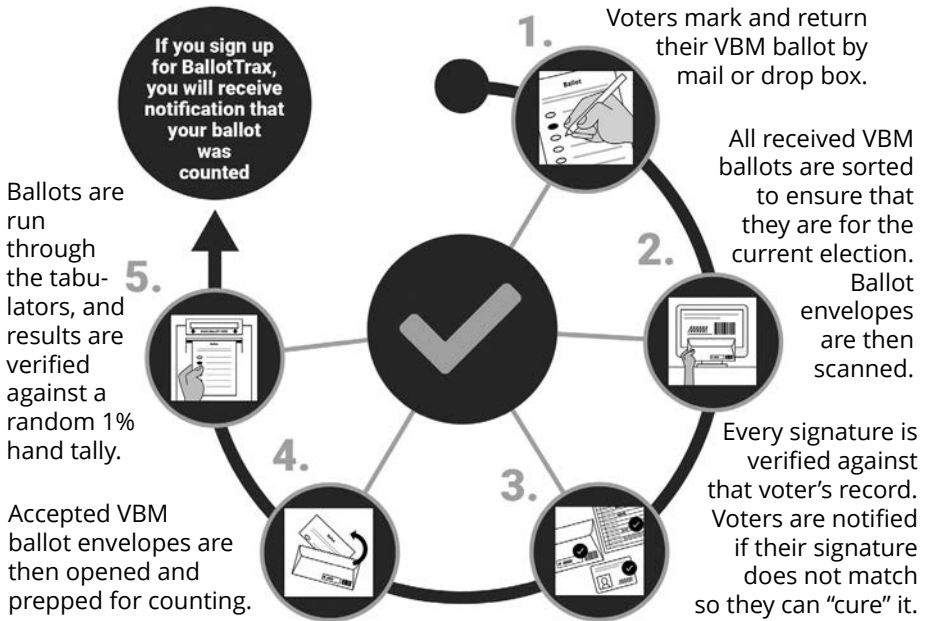
**TRACK YOUR BALLOT**  
 through BallotTrax:  
[WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov)

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

**POLL WORKERS** 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 here are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

# A VOTE-BY-MAIL (VBM) BALLOT FROM VOTE TO TABULATION



# ELECTIONEERING IS PROHIBITED

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

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

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

## OBSERVING ELECTIONS

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The public is invited to participate as a poll watcher or election observer. Both roles provide important insight into the process.

Rules for conduct are outlined in the California Elections Code, and more information can be found online at [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com).

Poll watchers observe operations at polling locations on Election Day, while election observers check in at the County Elections Office and are then able to observe various steps in the ballot processing and tabulation process. In both cases, there may be space limitations that impact how many can participate.

# LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

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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  
304, 305, 306, and 408

To determine your Consolidated Precinct, please refer to the top left corner of your Vote-By-Mail ballot, which contains your precinct information (e.g., 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 included with your guide.

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

By Phone: 1-805-781-5228

By E-Mail:

[elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

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

In Person: At the Clerk-Recorder's  
Office at

1055 Monterey Street, D120, San  
Luis Obispo or

6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd  
floor), Atascadero

**Online:** [www.slocounty.ca.gov/  
LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## **SPANISH-LANGUAGE BALLOT TECHNOLOGY**

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Accessible ballot-marking technology (ICX voting machines) provide a Spanish-language voting experience and are available at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office beginning October 7th, and at all polling places on Election Day, November 5th.

# ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

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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 precintos  
Todos los lugares de votación

## **Tagalo**

Precintos consolidados 304, 305, 306, y 408

Para determinar cuál es su distrito precinto consolidado, consulte la esquina superior a la izquierda de su boleta electoral de voto por correo, que contiene la información de su precinto electoral (por ejemplo, CON 403). Se suministrarán, a petición, boletas electorales e instrucciones facsímiles. Puede solicitar ver la boleta electoral facsímil del idioma que se encuentre disponible en el lugar de votación que esta incluida en la página con instrucciones para el voto.

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

Por teléfono:  
1-805-781-5228

Por correo electrónico: [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto: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](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## **TECNOLOGIA DE BOLETAS ELECTORALES EN IDIOMA ESPAÑOL**

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Con la tecnología para marcar boletas electorales (máquinas de votación ICX), brinda una experiencia de votación en español y se encontrarán disponibles en la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro del Condado a partir del 7 de Octubre, y en todos los lugares de votación el 5 de Noviembre, el día de la elección.

# TULONG SA WIKA

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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) 304, 305, 306, and 408

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## TEKNOLOHIYA NG BALOTA SA WIKANG ESANYOL

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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-7 ng Oktubre, at sa lahat ng Lugar na Botohan sa ika-5 ng Nobyembre, Araw ng Halalan.

# ASSISTANCE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

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

**Vote-by-Mail:** Mark your ballot. Once completed, sign and seal your envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have a witness sign in the designated spot. Return your ballot by mail, or in person at any drop box, elections office, or polling site in California.

**Vote at a Polling Place:** On Election Day, you may choose up to two people to help you vote at any polling place or at the County Elections Office. This person cannot be your employer or anyone who works for your employer, your labor union leader, or anyone who works for your labor union.

- Accessible ballot-marking (ICX) machines are available at every polling place on Election Day and at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office beginning 29 days prior to the election. The ICX can mark a ballot in a number of ways and generate a paper ballot with a QR code for tabulating.

- Curbside Voting: If you arrive at a polling place and cannot get to the voting area, call for assistance: **1-805-781-1888**

- Voter Information Guides are available on the County Clerk-Recorder's website for use with personal accessible navigational tools and screen reader technology.

- Large print format of the County Voter Information Guide and of the state ballot measures is available upon request.

## REMOTE ACCESSIBLE VOTE-BY-MAIL (RAVBM)

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

## 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-TDD-VOTE**

Contact the Elections Office for information at 1-805-781-5228.

# VOTER INFORMATION SECTION

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

- 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 section might not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates you are eligible to vote for appears on your ballot.

Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed in English or English and Spanish at their expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

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

## **Still have questions about how to vote?**

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (Voter FAQs) online at [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)

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

## **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

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Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidates listed on this page have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in California Government Code 85600.

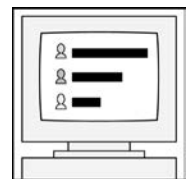
Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in this guide, at their own expense.

State Senate, 17th District:  
John Laird  
Tony Virrueta

State Senate, 21st District:  
S. Monique Limón  
Elijah Mack

State Assembly, 30th District:  
Dawn Addis  
Dalila Epperson

State Assembly, 37th District:  
Sari M. Domingues



# VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

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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.



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.



You have the right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.



You have the right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.



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.



You have the right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.



You have the right to drop off your completed Vote-by-Mail ballot at any polling place in California.



You have the right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.



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.



You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's Office.

**VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE: 1-800-345-VOTE (8683)**

**CA Secretary of State: [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) | [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)**

**SLO County Elections Toll-Free Number: 800-834-4636, ext. 5228**



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

**JIMMY PANETTA**

**Occupation:** U.S. Representative

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

I'm working to reduce the cost of living for working families with more affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and lower prescription drug prices. I'm securing federal resources to protect our livelihoods with investments in local infrastructure and national supply chains to boost productivity and prosperity. I'm promoting local jobs by supporting our diverse economy of technology, hospitality, agriculture, 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 standing up for women's reproductive rights and equality. I'm working to secure our border and, as the grandson of immigrants, create pathways for legalization. I'm delivering federal funding for law local enforcement to fight crime.

I'm upholding democratic values by ensuring our right to vote and supporting international partners fighting for peace. I'll continue to fight for the people of California's 19th Congressional District with hard work, new ideas, and the will to work together to get things done. I'd be honored by your vote. For more information, please visit [www.jimmypanetta.com](http://www.jimmypanetta.com)

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

**JIMMY PANETTA**

**Ocupación:** Representante de EE. UU.

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Como Representante de los Estados Unidos, lucho para darle a la gente oportunidades para una vida mejor. Habiendo crecido con un profundo sentido de servicio público, he dedicado mi carrera a contribuir a nuestra comunidad y a nuestro país. Como veterano de la Guerra en Afganistán, exfiscal, y actual Representante de EE. UU., sé cómo servir y luchar por la gente y los valores de nuestro hogar.

Trabajo para reducir el costo de vida de las familias trabajadoras mediante viviendas más asequibles, atención médica accesible, y precios más bajos de medicamentos recetados. Aseguro recursos federales para proteger nuestros medios de vida con inversiones en infraestructura local y cadenas de suministro nacionales para impulsar la productividad y la prosperidad. Promuevo empleos locales apoyando a nuestra economía variada de tecnología, hotelería, agricultura, educación, investigación, y pequeñas empresas.

Defiendo nuestro preciado medio ambiente mediante la protección de nuestra costa inmaculada y tierras públicas de la perforación petrolera, promoviendo la sostenibilidad agrícola, y creando políticas sólidas para ayudar a prevenir incendios forestales y combatir la crisis climática. Defiendo los derechos reproductivos y la igualdad de las mujeres. Trabajo para asegurar nuestra frontera y, como nieto de inmigrantes, busco vías para la legalización. Entrego fondos federales a las fuerzas de seguridad locales para combatir el crimen.

Defiendo los valores democráticos garantizando nuestro derecho a votar y apoyando a los socios internacionales que luchan por la paz. Seguiré luchando por la gente del Distrito 19° del Congreso de California con trabajo duro, nuevas ideas, y la voluntad de trabajar juntos para lograr resultados. Me sentiría honrado de contar con su voto. Para obtener más información, visite [www.jimmypanetta.com](http://www.jimmypanetta.com)

## STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE, 17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

### JOHN LAIRD

**Occupation:** California State Senator, District 17

**Education and Qualifications:** It has been an honor to represent San Luis Obispo County. Over the past four years, I have visited every city hall, as well as parks, schools and special districts, and met with residents throughout the county. When atmospheric rivers slammed the Central Coast, I worked to get support to affected communities. When Cal Poly's Swanton Campus was decimated by fire, I worked to get the rebuilding fully funded. When Atascadero could not recover loans made for redevelopment, I worked to resolve the issue. I finished the bi-partisan effort to name a stretch of Highway 101 for Katcho Achadjian.

When the Governor wanted to extend the life of Diablo Canyon Power Plant, I worked to make sure local workers and businesses did not have to pay back their transition funds. I also ensured lands surrounding the plant are preserved, and that the Coastal Trail is extended into new areas of San Luis Obispo County. As Senator, I have authored 46 bills signed into law – including strengthening climate goals; improving fire prevention efforts; increasing sea level rise planning; requiring more efficient state buildings; and ensuring children of local fallen officers get the same survivor benefits as others. As Education Budget Subcommittee Chair, a substantial increase in public education funding was approved. I achieved restoration of UC's Cooperative Agriculture Extension – supporting local 4-H clubs and helping small farmers with needed technical help. There is much more to do. I'm energized and ready to continue contributing my experience, drive and commitment to serve San Luis Obispo County. I respectfully ask for your vote. [www.LairdforCASenate.com](http://www.LairdforCASenate.com)

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## DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA SENADOR DEL ESTADO, DISTRITO 17º

### JOHN LAIRD

**Occupación:** Senador del Estado de California, Distrito 17

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Ha sido un honor representar al Condado de San Luis Obispo. Durante los últimos cuatro años, he visitado todos los ayuntamientos, así como parques, escuelas y distritos especiales, y me he reunido con residentes de todo el condado. Cuando los ríos atmosféricos azotaron la Costa Central, trabajé para conseguir apoyo para las comunidades afectadas. Cuando el Campus Swanton de Cal Poly fue diezmado por un incendio, trabajé para conseguir la financiación completa para la reconstrucción. Cuando Atascadero no pudo recuperar los préstamos otorgados para la reurbanización, trabajé para resolver el problema. Terminé el esfuerzo bipartidista para nombrar un tramo de la Autopista 101 en honor a Katcho Achadjian.

Cuando el Gobernador quiso extender la vida útil de la Planta de Energía Diablo Canyon, trabajé para asegurarme de que los trabajadores y las empresas locales no tuvieran que devolver sus fondos de transición. También me aseguré de que las tierras que rodean la planta se preserven, y de que el Sendero Costero se extienda a nuevas áreas del Condado de San Luis Obispo. Como Senador, he sido autor de 46 proyectos de ley que se convirtieron en ley – incluidos el fortalecimiento de los objetivos climáticos; la mejora de los esfuerzos de prevención contra incendios; el aumento de la planificación del aumento del nivel del mar; la exigencia de edificios estatales más eficientes; y la garantía de que los hijos de los oficiales locales caídos obtengan los mismos beneficios para sobrevivientes que los demás. Como Presidente del Subcomité de Presupuesto de Educación, se aprobó un aumento sustancial en la financiación de la educación pública. Logré la restauración de la Extensión Agrícola Cooperativa de la UC – que brinda apoyo a los clubes 4-H locales y ayuda a los pequeños agricultores con la asistencia técnica necesaria. Hay mucho más por hacer. Me siento lleno de energía y listo para seguir aportando mi experiencia, dirección y compromiso para servir al Condado de San Luis Obispo. Con todo respeto le pido su voto. [www.LairdforCASenate.com](http://www.LairdforCASenate.com)

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**DAWN ADDIS**

**Age: 52**

**Occupation:** State Assemblymember/Teacher

**Education and Qualifications:** Dear Neighbor,

It has been my honor to represent the Central Coast in the State Assembly since 2022. In this role, I've listened to local residents and worked hard to advance meaningful legislation and deliver our region's fair share of state funding. As your Assemblymember, I'm working to improve public schools, reduce homelessness, combat the climate crisis, and help Central Coast residents navigate the high costs of gas, groceries, insurance, and housing. I'm also working with legislators from both parties to address the fentanyl epidemic and ensure safe communities.

I serve as the State Assembly appointee to the California Ocean Protection Council. I have authored important legislation to expand paid parental leave, improve housing opportunities for community college students, and help victims of childhood sexual abuse.

Prior to my election to the legislature, I worked as a classroom teacher and educational program developer. I also served on a local City Council and helped co-found a 10,000-person women's march. My husband, Marcus, and I are the proud parents of two children. My campaign has been endorsed by groups who represent Central Coast firefighters, paramedics, nurses, law enforcement personnel, teachers, and grocery store workers.

I would be honored to earn your vote for State Assembly. If you have questions or thoughts about my campaign, please do not hesitate to call me at (805) 749-3751 or email me at [Dawn@DawnAddis.org](mailto:Dawn@DawnAddis.org). [www.DawnAddis.org](http://www.DawnAddis.org)

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**DALILA EPPERSON**

**Age: 58**

**Occupation:** Retired Nurse

**Education and Qualifications:** I am running for the California State Assembly to champion much needed educational reform for our children, support law enforcement and local business owners, and to advance personal liberties.

My goal is to create an environment where every family can thrive, a position I hold dear as a devoted mother, grandmother, wife, and as an entrepreneur.

I love our precious Central Coast and the families who call it home as I do. That's why I have long been a committed community member. This includes actively participating in school board meetings and standing strong as a voice for parents. I also supported the reopening of businesses that the government cruelly shut down by attending multiple Board of Supervisor and City Council meetings. I walk the walk!

Understanding the challenges of local business owners which is based on my experience owning two small businesses, my entrepreneurial spirit drives me to support local businesses and advocate for policies that foster a thriving economy, e.g., less regulations!

My firefighter husband, a Navy veteran, embodies bravery and dedication that inspires my journey in public service. I believe we can unite by pursuing liberty, prosperity and safety.

Vote for strength and common sense; Someone who will always stand strong and represent us all: vote for me, Dalila Epperson for State Assembly.

For more information about my campaign, please visit [DalilaForAssembly.com](http://DalilaForAssembly.com)

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 5  
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

**LAURENE D. MCCOY**

**Age: 39**

**Occupation:** Incumbent / Mom / Development Coordinator

**Education and Qualifications:** As a trustee of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board and a parent within the district, I am seeking your support for re-election. My commitment to local control in education is deeply personal. I believe that decisions affecting our student's education and well-being should be made by parents first, community members, and our local school board, not dictated by the state. It is essential to empower local voices to shape our schools' policies and curricula. During my tenure, I have consistently advocated for transparency and parental involvement. I firmly believe that our students should be free from divisive ideologies that can create unnecessary tension and hinder their educational experience. We should focus on fostering a balanced education that promotes critical thinking, empathy, and mutual respect among students. Students should be allowed to enjoy their childhood, free from undue social and political influences, allowing them to learn and grow in a supportive & healthy environment. In line with the timeless wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "The time is always right to do what is right," I have worked diligently to create an educational environment where all students can thrive. This includes prioritizing academic excellence, supporting our dedicated teachers, and ensuring that every student has access to the necessary resources to succeed. But we still have work to do. Our schools should be places where students feel encouraged to excel, respect one another, and prepare for a bright and successful future. This November, I ask for your vote to continue my work on the school board and bring a dedicated and experienced perspective to our district's leadership. As a parent in the district, I am deeply invested in ensuring that our schools provide the best possible education and environment for all students. Together, we can create a nurturing and inclusive educational environment that reflects our community's values and aspirations. Let's work together to build a future where our schools are safe, supportive, healthy, and excellent places for learning. For more information about my campaign and vision, please follow me on Facebook: Laurene D. McCoy for Paso Robles School Board (Area #5). Your support and engagement are crucial as we strive to make positive changes in our district. Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to continuing to serve our community with integrity and dedication.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DE SÍNDICO NO. 5  
Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles**

**LAURENE D. MCCOY**

**Edad: 39**

**Ocupación:** Titular / Mamá / Coordinadora de Desarrollo

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Como síndica de la Junta Gobernante del Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles y madre dentro del distrito, busco su apoyo para la reelección. El control local en la educación es un compromiso sumamente personal. Considero que las decisiones que afectan la educación y el bienestar de nuestros estudiantes deben ser tratadas primero por los padres, los miembros de la comunidad, y nuestra junta escolar local, no dictadas por el estado. Es esencial empoderar las voces locales para dar forma a las políticas y los planes de estudio de nuestras escuelas. Durante mi mandato, he defendido constantemente la transparencia y la participación de los padres. Creo firmemente que nuestros estudiantes deben estar libres de ideologías divisorias que pueden crear tensiones innecesarias y obstaculizar su experiencia educativa. Deberíamos centrarnos en fomentar una educación equilibrada que promueva el pensamiento crítico, la empatía, y el respeto mutuo entre los estudiantes. Los estudiantes deben tener la posibilidad de disfrutar de su infancia, sin influencias sociales y políticas indebidas, lo que les permite aprender y crecer en un entorno saludable y de apoyo. En consonancia con la sabiduría eterna del Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., quien dijo, "Siempre es el momento adecuado para hacer lo correcto," he trabajado diligentemente para crear un entorno educativo donde todos los estudiantes puedan prosperar. Esto incluye priorizar la excelencia académica, apoyar a nuestros dedicados maestros, y garantizar que cada estudiante tenga acceso a los recursos necesarios para tener éxito. Pero aún tenemos trabajo por hacer. Nuestras escuelas deberían ser lugares donde los estudiantes se sientan animados a sobresalir, a respetarse mutuamente, y a prepararse para un futuro próspero y exitoso. Este Noviembre, le pido su voto para continuar mi trabajo en la junta escolar y aportar una perspectiva dedicada y experimentada al liderazgo de nuestro distrito. Como madre dentro del distrito, estoy profundamente comprometida a garantizar que nuestras escuelas brinden la mejor educación y el mejor entorno posibles para todos los estudiantes. Juntos, podemos crear un ambiente educativo enriquecedor e inclusivo que refleje los valores y aspiraciones de nuestra comunidad. Trabajemos juntos para construir un futuro donde nuestras escuelas sean lugares seguros, solidarios, saludables, y excelentes para el aprendizaje. Para obtener más información sobre mi campaña y visión, sígame en Facebook: Laurene D. McCoy para la Junta Escolar de Paso Robles (Área #5). Su apoyo y compromiso son fundamentales a medida que nos esforzamos por realizar cambios positivos en nuestro distrito. Gracias por su consideración, espero seguir sirviendo a nuestra comunidad con integridad y dedicación.

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