



County of San Luis Obispo

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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.

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



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IMPORTANT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

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

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.



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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

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

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

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.

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

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, where we have a #TrustedInfo2024 page, or feel free to reach out to us at (805) 781-5228 or elections@co.slo.ca.us.

Have misinformation to report? Contact the Secretary of State at votensure@sos.ca.gov.

CALIFORNIA ELECTION SECURITY SAFEGUARDS

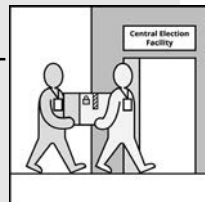
There are a number of steps that we take to ensure your vote is safe and secure throughout the election. Here are a few examples:

- 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

- 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

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, 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.

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

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.

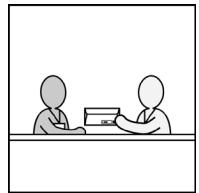
Postmarked Vote-by-Mail Ballots:

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

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.

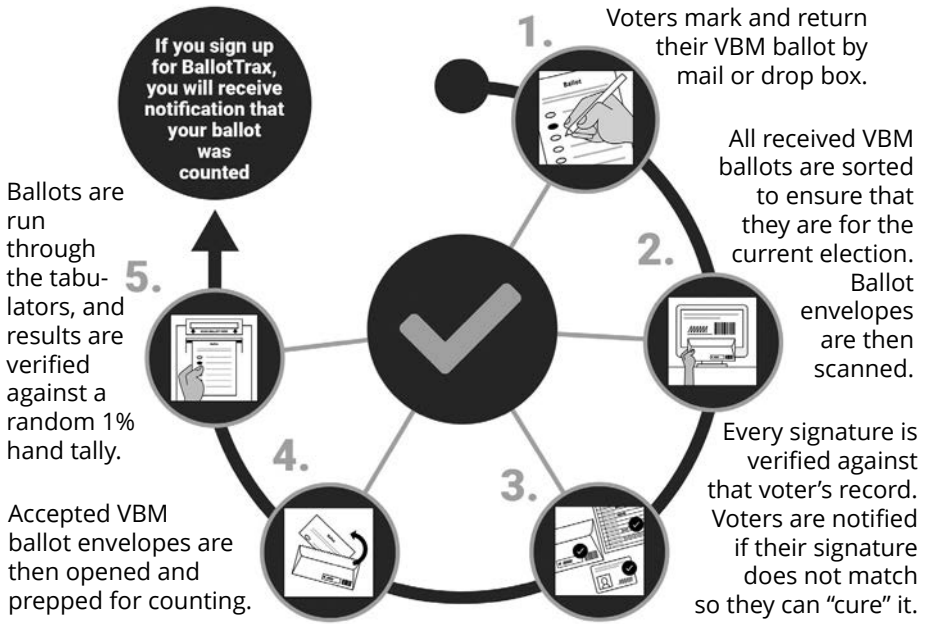
TRACK YOUR BALLOT
 through BallotTrax:
WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

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

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TECNOLOGIA DE BOLETAS ELECTORALES EN IDIOMA ESPANOL

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

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

TEKNOLOHIYA NG BALOTA SA WIKANG ESANYOL

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

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)

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

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

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

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidates listed 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



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 | elections@sos.ca.gov

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

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

JIMMY PANETTA

Occupation: U.S. Representative

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

I'm working to reduce the cost of living for working families with more affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and lower prescription drug prices. I'm securing federal resources to protect our 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

**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

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE, 17TH 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

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

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30TH 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. www.DawnAddis.org

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

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Templeton Unified School District**

MATT ALLISON

Occupation: Parent/Director of Facilities for Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes

Education and Qualifications: My name is Matt Allison and I am an 18 year resident of Templeton. I am the parent of 3 children in Templeton schools and I strive to be a committed community member. I have served the Templeton community through coaching youth sports for nearly 12 years, serving on the TUSD H-12 School Improvement Oversight Committee, as Treasurer for the Templeton Youth Baseball League, and as a member of the Templeton Youth Soccer Board. I am a proud graduate of Cal Poly, alumni of Leadership SLO, and a Marine Corps veteran.

Student success should be at the forefront of all board decisions and I will use this philosophy to make decisions to ensure that all of our students can be career and/or college ready, our schools provide a safe and healthy learning environment, we attract and retain excellent teachers and staff, and to maintain strong fiscal responsibility and transparency.

I will make student centered decisions that support success for all students, TUSD goals, and community values. I seek your support in this journey. Together, we can tackle the challenges facing our schools and we can work towards a future where every student thrives.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Templeton**

MATT ALLISON

Ocupación: Padre/Director de Instalaciones en Procesos de Aprendizaje de Lindamood-Bell

Educación y Cualificaciones: Mi nombre es Matt Allison y soy residente de Templeton desde hace 18 años. Soy padre de tres niños que asisten a las escuelas de Templeton y me esfuerzo por ser un miembro comprometido de la comunidad. He servido a la comunidad de Templeton entrenando deportes juveniles durante casi 12 años, sirviendo en el Comité de Supervisión de Mejoras Escolares de TUSD H-12, como Tesorero de la Liga de Béisbol Juvenil de Templeton, y como miembro de la Junta de Fútbol Juvenil de Templeton. Soy un orgulloso graduado de Cal Poly, exalumno del programa Leadership SLO, y veterano del Cuerpo de Marineros.

El éxito de los estudiantes debe estar al frente de todas las decisiones de la junta y utilizaré esta filosofía para tomar decisiones que aseguren que todos nuestros estudiantes puedan estar preparados para la carrera o la universidad, que nuestras escuelas brinden un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y saludable, que atraeremos y retenemos excelentes maestros y personal, y que mantengamos una fuerte responsabilidad fiscal y transparencia.

Tomaré decisiones centradas en los estudiantes con el objetivo de apoyar el éxito de todos los estudiantes, los objetivos de TUSD, y los valores de la comunidad. Busco su apoyo en este viaje. Juntos, podemos abordar los desafíos que enfrentan nuestras escuelas y podemos trabajar hacia un futuro en el que cada estudiante prospere.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Templeton Unified School District**

TED DUBOST

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: It has been my honor to serve on the Templeton USD Governing Board for the last 8 years. As the current Board President, we have seen budget cuts, the hiring of a new superintendent, approval to seek a bond measure, and the implementation of new curriculum. We are a generational family in the area, own several businesses, and have 2 children currently attending the district. I wish to continue to help Templeton thrive and return to an academic focus after the distractions of recent years. My primary goal is a return to the academic excellence for which we have come to be known.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Templeton Unified School District**

CHERYL PARKS

Occupation: Appointed Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: As the parent of a THS grad, I have observed and been an active part of the school community from kindergarten through high school. This broad experience helps connect the dots as the students move from one grade or one school to the next. In my role with the district for more than 25 years, I worked closely with the trustees and observed firsthand what it takes to be an excellent trustee. I understand the responsibility that comes with serving on the board, the many challenges trustees are faced with, and the limitations that come with this position.

As a school trustee, I want to keep the focus on the students and the education we are providing them by working together with the other trustees. This means having an understanding that I am one of a team of five and learning to agree to disagree at times. It also means working effectively with the new Superintendent and supporting his administrative team, the certificated staff, and the classified staff.

I believe my unique background, perspective, history, and experience translate well in serving as a trustee and representing the TUSD school community. Thank you for your vote.

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT FULL TEXT OF MEASURE C-24

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by the requisite number of registered voters voting on the proposition, the Cambria Community Healthcare District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$5,900,000 in aggregate principal amount (the "Bonds") to provide financing for the facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List below, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the District's voters and taxpayers may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District.

- The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the Projects specified in this Resolution, and not for any other purpose, including District employee salaries and other operating expenses.
- The District has evaluated alternative funding sources for the Projects.
- The District shall create a separate account into which Bond proceeds shall be deposited.
- The District shall conduct or cause an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond funds are expended in accordance with the Project list, and such audits will be posted in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.
- The District shall conduct or cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the public infrastructure Projects, and such audits will be posted in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.
- The District shall appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that Bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes described in the measure approved by the voters.
- The District's Administrator will file with the Board an annual report as required by Government Code Section 53411 no later than the first December 31 following the first issuance of the Bonds and at least once a year thereafter.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Specific Purposes. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, and shall constitute the specific purposes of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purposes, pursuant to Government Code Section 53410.

Rate of Interest. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding the statutory maximum, payable at the time or times permitted by law.

Term of Bonds. The number of years the whole or any part of the bonds are to run shall not exceed the legal limit, though this shall not preclude bonds from being sold which mature prior to the legal limit.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The specific projects authorized to be financed pursuant to the Proposition (the “Projects”) are described below. Listed projects will be completed as needed according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. Until all project costs and funding sources are known, the Board cannot determine the amount of bond proceeds available to be spent on each project, nor guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Completion of certain projects may be subject to further government approvals or appropriation by State officials and boards, to local environmental review, and to input from the public. For these reasons, inclusion of a project on this list is not a guarantee that the project will be funded or completed. The following types of projects are authorized at all existing sites of the District and all sites that may be acquired by the District in the future:

- Replace existing 67-year-old ambulance station with a modern facility that meets current County codes and standards.
- Make safety and security improvements for ambulance crews and medication storage facilities.
- Provide housing for two 24-hour ambulance crews to improve 911 ambulance response times.
- Provide whole-facility solar energy with battery and emergency generator back-up.
- Provide central heating to ambulance bays that can double as evacuation collection points for people in the event of disasters such as wildfires, earthquakes or floods.
- House ambulances indoors to extend their useful lives.

Each project is assumed to include its share of architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the list also includes installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary relocation of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District’s control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, including ingress, egress, curb, gutter and sidewalk if required, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects and the costs of issuing the bonds. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C-24

Under existing provisions of the California Constitution, special districts may issue general obligation bonds if approved by at least two-thirds of voters within the district boundaries who are voting on a measure authorizing the issuance of bonds. A pending constitutional amendment, which will be on the November 2024 ballot, if approved, would allow special districts to issue bonds to fund public infrastructure improvement projects with only a 55% voter approval requirement.

Bonds are financial instruments used to borrow money. Obtaining voter approval to issue bonds is a common financing method used by special districts for funding health and safety protection services, such as ambulance and fire protection services. The bonds are sold to the public and constitute a debt of the district. The principal and interest on the bonds are repaid by an annual property tax levy on all real property within the district's jurisdiction, calculated on the current assessed value of each property ("an *ad valorem* tax").

The Board of Directors of the Cambria Community Healthcare District ("the District") has placed Measure C-24 on the ballot, proposing the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5.9 million and at interest rates not to exceed legal limits. The District's Tax Rate Statement, included in the voter information guide mailed to District voters, reflects an estimate of the maximum property tax levies required to service the bonds.

Proceeds from the bond sales (i.e., funds generated by the bonds) may only be used for the purposes identified in the measure, which generally include improvements of public infrastructure to modernize, enhance and improve ambulance services provided by the District. (The specific types of projects to be funded are more specifically described in the full text of the measure.) Depending on the final costs of each project, certain projects may be delayed or not completed.

The law prohibits use of bond proceeds to pay for district employee salaries and operational expenses. The District must follow certain accountability requirements for overseeing the funds collected and expended, including the establishment of an independent citizens' oversight committee, annual completion of performance and financial audits, and issuance of annual reports detailing the proceeds received by bond sales and the expenditures made. These requirements are reflected in the full text of measure.

The District's Tax Rate Statement provides the District's best estimate of the highest tax rate to be levied, which is \$7.9 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation while the bonds are outstanding. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2049-50. If the constitutional amendment is approved in the November 2024 election, this measure will be approved if 55% of the voters voting on the measure approve it; if the constitutional amendment fails, the measure will require two-thirds voter approval.

A "yes" vote on this measure is a vote in favor of issuing \$5.9 million in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure C-24.

A "no" vote on this measure is a vote against issuing \$5.9 million in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure C-24.

s/ RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE C-24

An election will be held in the Cambria Community Health Care District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$5,900,000 in general obligation bonds of the District (the "Bonds") to finance the acquisition and improvement of real property for healthcare related purposes. If such Bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement is \$7.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2049-50.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$7.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply in each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding.

3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the Bonds are issued and sold, is \$11,005,995.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

s/ Linda Hendy, Administrator
Cambria Community Health Care District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C-24

Maintaining high-quality, local emergency response services is critical to protecting and saving the lives of our residents and visitors. Our highly-trained Paramedics provide emergency services 24/7, 365. Our current ambulance facility was built to house light-use medical offices and is outdated and inadequate to meet building standards for a 24-hour, essential services facility. This is why a **YES vote on Measure C-24 is so important!**

Our facility was first built in 1957 and needs major upgrades and infrastructure improvements to continue to provide high-quality emergency services to residents, now and into the future. Measure C-24 would allow the District to replace our local station, become energy efficient, and provide upgraded medical services.

If passed, Measure C-24 will:

- Replace the existing 67-year-old ambulance station with an energy-efficient facility that meets current County codes and standards.
- Improve working conditions for our 24-hour ambulance crews.
- Provide a multipurpose garage to house ambulances, provide secure storage for medical equipment and supplies, and provide an indoor decontamination area for ambulance crews.
- Provide whole-facility solar energy with battery backup.

Measure C-24 makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.

- Listening to our community, the facility size was reduced.
- All funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State.
- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- Funds can only be spent on replacing the ambulance station and not on District salaries or operating costs.
- Measure C-24 is very affordable: the average homeowner in the District would pay approximately \$50 per year.

If passed, Measure C-24 will ensure that our community will continue to receive the highest quality emergency medical services now and in the future. That's something we can all support. Please join us and **VOTE YES ON MEASURE C-24!**

s/ John R. Linn, Owner, Linn's Fruit Bin

s/ Richard David Griffith, M.D., Owner, Coastal Pines Medical Group

s/ Brian C. Glusovich, Private Citizen

s/ Tala C. Romero, Center Supervisor, Cambria Headstart

s/ Lorienne E. Schwenk, Exec Director, Cambria Chamber of Commerce

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C-24 WAS SUBMITTED

TEMPLETON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FULL TEXT OF MEASURE D-24

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Templeton Unified School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$52.3 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish or empower an existing independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. An existing Citizens' Oversight Committee may be empowered by the Board to oversee the expenditure of bond proceeds from this measure. The committee shall be so empowered, or a new committee established, within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

BOND PROJECT LIST

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this measure, describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. All information contained within this "Bond Project List" comprises the Bond Project List and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including joint-use funds or contributions, development impact fees, and state funding (if available). The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available and, if received, they will be used for projects on the Bond Project List or

other high-priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted by law. Approval of this measure does not guarantee that all projects on this Bond Project List at all listed sites will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of some state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. Bond funds may be used to meet any matching share contribution requirements.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, all as listed on the Bond Project List. All projects to be financed with bonds authorized by this measure listed on the Bond Project List have been determined by the District to be "school facilities" as that term is used in the California Constitution. "School facilities" include projects at school sites as well as administrative and teacher/staff support facilities which are necessary for, and related to, the delivery of high-quality education services. Projects listed below may be completed at any and all properties, school sites and facilities where such project is determined necessary, and projects are authorized to be performed at each and all of the District's schools, sites and facilities, including administrative and ancillary support facilities, whether owned, leased or yet to be acquired.

Examples included in this list are not intended to limit the broader types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The types of projects authorized are the following:

- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms, science labs and school facilities for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math ("STEAM") instruction
- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms and school facilities for vocational, technical education and career training programs
- Replace, repair and modernize deteriorating roofs, leaking pipes, outdated plumbing, sewer and gas lines, waterlines, storm drains and valves, heating, cooling, ventilation systems and electrical systems
- Make health and safety improvements, such as installing necessary seismic reinforcements, repairing termite damage and repairing and/or replacing aging building materials including removal of hazardous materials identified either prior to or during construction
- Improve student access to updated and modern technology, including acquiring and installing all necessary network infrastructure, computer labs, wiring, hardware, software, computers, devices, classroom technology tools, data backup systems, remote learning software, internet, wi-fi, and other equipment conducive to a modern learning environment
- Repair and modernize outdated portable classrooms or replace with permanent modern facilities
- Modernize, upgrade, expand and construct classrooms for Art, Music and Ceramics programs
- Renovate and repair restrooms
- Renovate and modernize classrooms and school facilities including flooring, windows, window coverings, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, and paint
- Construct and equip new transitional kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classrooms, learning spaces, and play areas
- Provide adequate furniture and equipment for all classrooms

- Renovate, repair, replace, construct and/or install playfields, playgrounds, play surfaces, all-weather track, turf on outdoor athletic fields, lighting for tennis courts, gyms, courts, other indoor and outdoor physical education and athletic facilities, locker rooms and all related improvements and equipment
- Acquire, install and/or upgrade campus safety and security systems, including intercom and emergency communications systems, video surveillance systems, lighting systems, bell systems, fire and life safety systems, installing additional fencing and gates, pedestrian access, walkways, reconfiguring entrances and drop-off/pickup locations, point of entry access and upgrading door locks
- Develop, construct, install and improve outdoor areas including playgrounds, outdoor learning and meeting areas, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation improvements, and building/installing shade structures and seating
- Repair, repave or replace deteriorating asphalt, concrete, sidewalks, parking lots, driveways and walkways
- Modernize, upgrade, renovate existing classrooms and construct new classrooms
- Federal and State mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades district-wide including site access, walkways, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment and classrooms

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board of Education priorities and available funding. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary. Bond projects are anticipated to provide benefit to all users of school facilities, sites and buildings, including charter schools that occupy school campuses, community members and other organizations.

Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Bond Project List will be made solely by the Board of Education by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project. Where terms such as “renovate,” “upgrade,” “replace,” “improve” and “repair” are used in the Bond Project List, the Board of Education has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project’s objective, including the use of new construction. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building’s age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. Where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal, accounting and similar planning costs and professional services; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and

project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State Architect (DSA) - related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing, storage and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List are permissible bond expenditures. Land may be acquired for any project, and all projects may be furnished and equipped using bond proceeds to ensure the functionality and usability of facilities and sites constructed or reconstructed with bond proceeds. Bond proceeds may be used to retire any interim funding incurred to advance fund projects described on the Bond Project List. The upgrading of technology infrastructure listed above includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.

The Board of Education hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the Board of Education and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D-24

Bonds are financial instruments used to borrow money. Under the California Constitution, school districts may issue bonds if approved by at least 55 percent of voters within the boundaries of the district who are voting on a measure to authorize the issuance of bonds. Voter-approved bond financing is a common financing method in California for funding new school construction and other improvements to school facilities. Bonds are sold to the public and constitute a debt of the district. The principal and interest on the bonds are repaid by an annual property tax levy on all taxable real property within the jurisdiction of the school district, calculated on the current assessed value of each property (an “*ad valorem*” tax).

The Board of Trustees of the Templeton Unified School District (“the District”) has placed Measure D-24 on the ballot, proposing the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$52.3 million at interest rates not to exceed legal limits. The District’s Tax Rate Statement, included in the voter information guide, which was mailed to voters of the District, reflects an estimate of the maximum property tax levies required to service the bonds.

Proceeds from the sale of the bonds (i.e., funds generated by the bonds) may only be used for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities. (The specific types of improvement projects are more fully described in the full text of the measure.) The law prohibits the use of bond proceeds to pay for teacher and administrator salaries or other operational expenses.

Approval of the measure does not guarantee that all proposed projects to be improved with bond proceeds will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The District’s proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

As required by law, the District must follow certain accountability provisions to oversee the funds collected and expended, including the establishment of an independent citizens’ oversight committee, the annual completion of performance and financial audits, and issuance of an annual report detailing the proceeds received by the sale of the bonds and the expenditures made. All of these requirements are reflected in the full text of measure.

The District’s Tax Rate Statement provides the District’s best estimate of the highest tax rate to be levied is \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation while the bonds are outstanding. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2053-54.

A “yes” vote on this measure is a vote in favor of the issuance of \$52.3 million in general obligation bonds to be used for the purposes set forth in Measure D-24.

A “no” vote on this measure is a vote against the issuance of \$52.3 million in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure D-24.

s/ RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE D-24

An election will be held in the Templeton Unified School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$52.3 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of ad valorem tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$59.06 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2053-54.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$60.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal year 2025-26 through 2049-50.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$90.3 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

s/ Aaron Asplund, Superintendent
Templeton Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D-24

Templeton's public schools are vital to our community's success. They enhance the value of our homes and businesses and teach our children critical skills. Investing in our schools represents an investment in preparing Templeton's future generations for success.

Vote YES on Measure D to improve Templeton's classrooms and schools, including science, engineering and vocational training facilities. By doing this, we will provide our children with a strong educational foundation.

Measure D offers critical protections and benefits for our community:

- **Guaranteed Local Investment:** By law, Measure D funds cannot be taken by the state and must be spent on our local schools
- **Transparency and Accountability:** Independent citizen oversight, full public disclosure of all spending and annual audits ensure the responsible use of funds
- **State Matching Funds:** Measure D qualifies Templeton USD for additional state matching funds, maximizing your investment

Measure D will provide essential updates, including:

- **Updating STEAM Classrooms:** Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics facilities for a comprehensive and advanced education
- **Modernizing Vocational Education:** Updating classrooms to offer state-of-the-art vocational training
- **Critical Infrastructure Repairs:** Replacing leaky roofs and aging plumbing systems
- **Technology Upgrades:** Updating and upgrading technology infrastructure
- **Energy Efficiency Improvements:** Repairing and replacing deteriorating and aging heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- **Enhanced Security Measures:** Installing security systems, cameras and lighting
- **Classroom Renovations:** Renovating or replacing outdated or deteriorating classrooms

To help ensure that our children succeed and to protect the value of our community's homes and businesses, join parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, neighbors, business owners and community leaders in voting **YES on Measure D**.

Together, we can make a lasting investment in our children's future and our community.

s/ Nancy Whitt, Retired R.N. – Twin Cities Hospital

s/ Fred W. Bogart, C.P.A.

s/ Charles Chalekson, MD

s/ Jeanne R. Hunt, The Children's Garden (Owner)

s/ Melinda A. Reed, President, Templeton Community Library Association

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE D-24 WAS SUBMITTED

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- 🐾 License revenues help support Animal Services efforts to address the needs of homeless and neglected pets and to resolve our community's animal-related problems.
- 🐾 It's the law.

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- 🐾 The metal tag your vet gives you when your pet is vaccinated is not a license tag.
- 🐾 State law requires all dogs to have a current rabies vaccination before they can be licensed. If your dog doesn't have vaccination information on file with Animal Services, you will need to submit it with your application.
- 🐾 License fees are significantly discounted if your dog has been spayed or neutered.
- 🐾 By law, the duration of your dog's license validity cannot exceed the expiration date of his current rabies vaccine.

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1

VOTE YOUR BALLOT

- Completely fill the oval of your choice
- It's okay if you don't vote in every contest

2

SIGN YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE

- Make sure the envelope has your name preprinted on it
- It's okay to re-seal with tape if needed

3

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

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