



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.



ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

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.

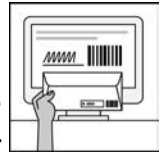
WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

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

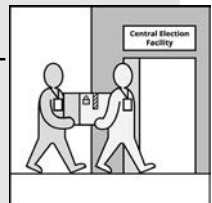
There are a number of steps that we take to ensure your vote is safe and secure throughout the election. Here are a few examples:

- 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:

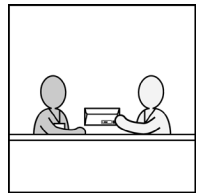
Under California law, ballots may be counted even if they arrive after Election Day, as long as they are received by mail no later than 7 days after the election and are postmarked on/before Election Day.

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.

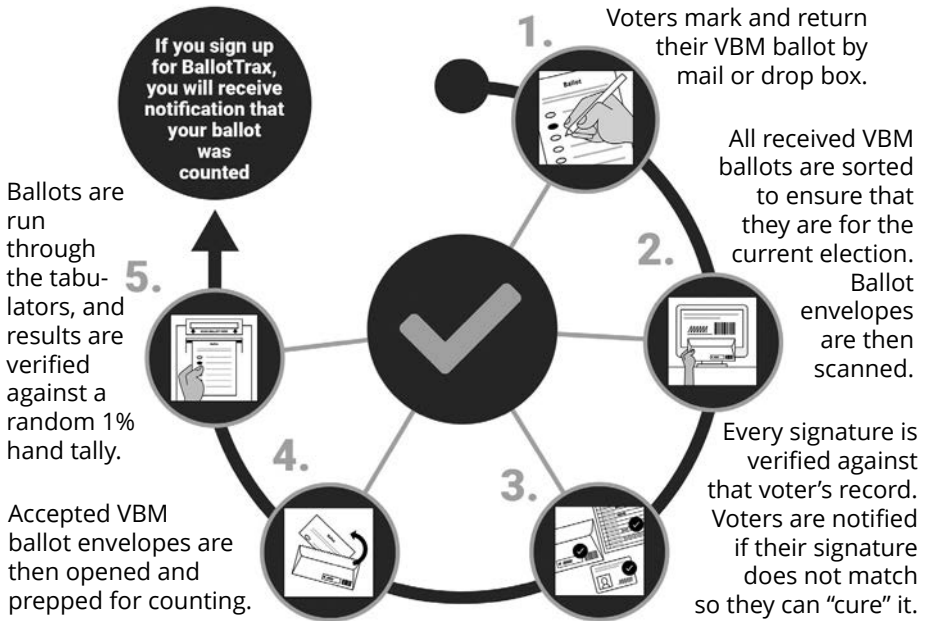
TRACK YOUR BALLOT
 through BallotTrax:
WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

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 ESPAÑOL

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.

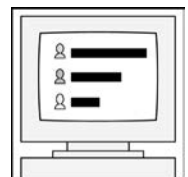
Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in this guide, at their own expense.

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, 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

SALUD CARBAJAL

Occupation: Member of Congress

Education and Qualifications: I'm Salud Carbajal, and I'm working to advance our Central Coast priorities in Congress. I grew up on the Central Coast. My father worked as a farmworker in Ventura County. I attended UCSB while working two jobs to become the first in my family to graduate from a university. I proudly served our country in the Marine Corps Reserves, and my community as Santa Barbara County Supervisor. My wife, Gina, and I raised our family here, and now are watching our grandchildren grow up here.

In Congress, I've focused on supporting hardworking families and growing the middle class. I helped pass laws that are creating jobs, investing in our infrastructure and clean energy, and lowering costs of living including housing and health care.

I'm still fighting to defend reproductive freedom and restore abortion access nationwide. And as an immigrant, I am committed to advancing overdue fixes to our broken immigration system and restoring order at our borders. I've worked on legislation that protects our environment, addresses climate change, bans new offshore drilling off our coastline, supports our veterans, and makes our communities safer by getting guns and deadly fentanyl off our streets. At a time when Washington dysfunction is at an all-time high, I've remained focused on finding common ground across the aisle to tackle homelessness, improve childcare availability, and prevent wildfires.

I would be honored to continue working for you in Congress. For more information, visit SaludCarbajal.com. I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.

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
MAYOR
City of San Luis Obispo**

ERICA A. STEWART

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: As your current Mayor, former Councilmember, and active part of this community for 27 years, I have a long-term commitment to San Luis Obispo. I'm a mother, wife, and both a Cal Poly educator and alumna. I have volunteered extensively in our schools, county, and local non-profits. My work experience has spanned from human resources to healthcare to the Superior Court, and small business ownership. I am dedicated to improving housing, climate action, inclusivity, and promoting small business success, as well as reducing homelessness and paying down the city's unfunded pension liability. I will continue to lead SLO through regional collaborations to manage our natural and financial resources responsibly.

I will continue to increase opportunities for respectful, and open communication to make SLO a healthier, stronger, and more inclusive community. I'm proud of the work we have done through the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion office, and will continue expanding community inclusion, education and participation.

A vote for me is a vote for honest, open, and civil communication to move our city into the future. Thank you for your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
ALCALDE
Ciudad de San Luis Obispo**

ERICA A. STEWART

Ocupación: Titular

Educación y Cualificaciones: Como su actual Alcaldesa, ex Miembro del Concejo, y parte activa de esta comunidad durante 27 años, tengo un compromiso a largo plazo con San Luis Obispo. Soy madre, esposa, y educadora y exalumna de Cal Poly. He trabajado como voluntaria de manera exhaustiva en nuestras escuelas, en el condado, y en organizaciones locales sin fines de lucro. Mi experiencia laboral abarca los recursos humanos, los cuidados de la salud, el Tribunal Superior, y propietaria de pequeña empresa. Me dedico a mejorar la vivienda, la acción climática, la inclusión, y a promover el éxito de las pequeñas empresas, así como a reducir la falta de vivienda y pagar las responsabilidades relacionadas no financiadas de la ciudad. Seguiré liderando en SLO a través de las colaboraciones regionales para gestionar nuestros recursos naturales y financieros de manera responsable.

Continuaré aumentando las oportunidades de comunicación respetuosa, y abierta para hacer de SLO una comunidad más saludable, fuerte, e inclusiva. Estoy orgullosa del trabajo que hemos realizado a través de la oficina de Diversidad, Equidad, e Inclusión, y continuaremos ampliando la inclusión, la educación y la participación de la comunidad.

Un voto por mí es un voto por una comunicación honesta, abierta, y civilizada para llevar nuestra ciudad hacia el futuro. Gracias por su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of San Luis Obispo**

JOHN DRAKE

Occupation: Behavioral Health Coordinator

Education and Qualifications: I've lived on the Central Coast for 20 years and I'm so thankful to have had the privilege of continuing my career in the city of SLO following my departure from Cal Poly.

I graduated from Cal Poly with an ICS degree in Political Science with concentrations in Government Policy and Public Administration. While at Cal Poly, I was on the College of Liberal Arts Student Advisory Council to the Dean and the Student Campus Computing Committee, representing the Liberal Arts Department. I am currently on the board for the LA-based Homeless-R-U's nonprofit as a Director for Public Policy focusing on local Housing Solutions for Lancaster's un-housed population. Additionally, I work with the SLO County Behavioral Health Department as a Project Manager and Coordinator, overseeing a Cal Poly research grant that addresses a multitude of client needs from Behavioral Health Treatment Court (BHTC), Mental Health Diversion Court (MHDC), Forensic Full-Service Partnership (FFSP), and Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) programs and services.

Outside of employment, I've advocated for affordable housing, education, and healthcare. I'm also a supporter of walkable cities, alternative green energy sources, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Please visit ElectDrake.com to learn more.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL
Ciudad de San Luis Obispo**

JOHN DRAKE

Ocupación: Coordinador de Salud Conductual

Educación y Cualificaciones: He vivido en la Costa Central durante 20 años y estoy muy agradecido de haber tenido el privilegio de continuar mi profesión en la ciudad de SLO tras haber estudiado en Cal Poly.

Me gradué de Cal Poly con un título ICS en Ciencias Políticas con especialización en Política Gubernamental y Administración Pública. Mientras estuve en Cal Poly, formé parte del Concejo Asesor Estudiantil de la Facultad de Artes Liberales ante el Decano y del Comité de Computación del Campus Estudiantil, en representación del Departamento de Artes Liberales. Actualmente soy miembro de la junta de la organización sin fines de lucro Homeless-R-U's con sede en LA y me desempeño como Director de Políticas Públicas centrado en Soluciones de Vivienda locales para la población sin hogar de Lancaster. Además, trabajo con el Departamento de Salud Conductual del Condado de SLO como Gerente de Proyecto y Coordinador, supervisando una subvención de investigación de Cal Poly que aborda una gran cantidad de necesidades de los clientes de los programas y servicios del Tribunal de Tratamiento de Salud Conductual (BHTC), el Tribunal de Desvío de Salud Mental (MHDC), la Asociación Forense de Servicio Completo (FFSP), y la Supervisión Comunitaria Tras la Liberación (PRCS).

Fuera del ámbito laboral, he defendido la vivienda asequible, la educación, y los cuidados de la salud. También soy partidario de las ciudades transitables, de fuentes de energía verde alternativas, y de la promoción de la diversidad, la equidad, y la inclusión. Para obtener más información visite ElectDrake.com.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of San Luis Obispo**

JAN MARX

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: I am grateful to San Luis Obispo residents for electing me Mayor for six years and Councilmember for ten. I've responded decisively and creatively to challenges, including the pandemic, economic downturn and natural disasters. I prioritize fiscal responsibility, housing, economic vitality, social fairness, environmental stewardship, neighborhood safety and climate action. Planning is important, but current residents' health, safety and wellbeing must come first.

To meet future challenges, we need a Councilmember with: 1) the experience, knowledge and practical vision to guide City policy wisely, respecting residents' values; 2) integrity, civility and willingness to listen to everyone, without playing favorites; 3) a track record of prudent budgeting, accountability, anti-discrimination, open space protection and climate action; and 4) dedication to increasing neighborhood safety, water security, affordable and workforce housing and renter protection, and homelessness solutions. A proven leader, I am the only candidate fitting that description.

I am a 36-year resident, married grandmother, Stanford graduate, attorney and businesswoman, active in Chamber, Rotary, neighborhood, conservation, arts and humanitarian organizations.

My experience, effectiveness, devotion and vision make me the most qualified candidate for Council. Working together, San Luis Obispo will become an even more extraordinary place to live, work and play. I would deeply appreciate your vote. [www.janmarx.com]

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL
Ciudad de San Luis Obispo**

JAN MARX

Ocupación: Titular

Educación y Cualificaciones: Les agradezco a los residentes de San Luis Obispo por elegirme Alcaldesa por seis años y Miembro del Concejo Municipal por diez años. He respondido de manera decisiva y creativa a los desafíos, incluida la pandemia, la crisis económica y los desastres naturales. Priorizo la responsabilidad fiscal, la vivienda, la vitalidad económica, la equidad social, la gestión ambiental, la seguridad comunitaria y la acción climática. La planificación es importante, pero la salud, la seguridad y el bienestar de los residentes actuales deben estar primero.

Para afrontar los futuros desafíos, necesitamos un Miembro del Concejo Municipal con las siguientes características: 1) la experiencia, el conocimiento y la visión práctica para guiar la política de la Ciudad de manera inteligente, respetando los valores de los residentes; 2) integridad, educación y la voluntad de escuchar a todos, sin tener favoritismo; 3) un historial de presupuesto prudente, responsabilidad, lucha contra la discriminación, preservación de los espacios abiertos y la acción climática; y 4) dedicación para incrementar la seguridad en los vecindarios, la seguridad del agua, la vivienda asequible para los trabajadores y la protección de los inquilinos, y las soluciones para la falta de vivienda. Como líder comprobada, soy la única candidata que cumple con esa descripción.

Soy residente desde hace 36 años, estoy casada y soy abuela, me gradué de Stanford, soy abogada y empresaria, me mantengo activa en la Cámara, el club Rotary, las organizaciones vecinales, de conservación, artísticas y humanitarias.

Mi experiencia, eficacia, dedicación y visión me convierten en la candidata más cualificada para el Concejo. Si trabajamos juntos, San Luis Obispo se convertirá en un lugar aún más extraordinario para vivir, trabajar y divertirse. Apreciaría enormemente su voto. [www.janmarx.com]

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of San Luis Obispo**

MIKE BOSWELL

Occupation: Professor

Education and Qualifications: I am committed to a sustainable, inclusive, and vibrant San Luis Obispo. For 26 years, my wife and I have proudly called San Luis Obispo our home.

I've gained skills for making balanced and thoughtful decisions through my background as a Cal Poly professor of city planning and my practical experience with many city issues including housing, climate change, transportation and parking, and water management.

I've long been an active community volunteer dedicated to SLO's fundamental values, including protection of open space and an economy based on solid fiscal policies. I served on the City Planning Commission, including as Chair, and on a City advisory committee assessing the municipal budget and finances. I've also been a community advocate for bicycling and pedestrian safety.

My approach to leadership is to engage in constructive debate, speak honestly, and show respect to everyone. I believe in listening to diverse opinions, working collaboratively, and doing my homework.

San Luis Obispo deserves a City Council member who has the vision, the knowledge, and the experience to turn ideas into action. We can work together to ensure our city thrives and has a bright future. Please join me! I ask for your vote. Connect with me at www.boswellforslo.org.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL
Ciudad de San Luis Obispo**

MIKE BOSWELL

Ocupación: Profesor

Educación y Cualificaciones: Estoy comprometido con un San Luis Obispo sostenible, inclusivo, y vibrante. Durante 26 años, mi esposa y yo hemos llamado con orgullo a San Luis Obispo nuestro hogar.

Adquirí habilidades para tomar decisiones equilibradas y reflexivas basadas en mi experiencia como profesor de planificación urbana en Cal Poly y mi experiencia práctica en varios temas urbanos, incluidos la vivienda, el cambio climático, el transporte y el estacionamiento, y la gestión del agua.

He sido un voluntario activo de la comunidad durante mucho tiempo y he estado dedicado a los valores fundamentales de SLO, incluida la protección de los espacios abiertos y una economía basada en políticas fiscales sólidas. Fui miembro de la Comisión de Planificación de la Ciudad, incluso como Presidente, y de un comité asesor de la Ciudad que evaluaba el presupuesto y las finanzas municipales. También he sido un defensor comunitario de la seguridad de los ciclistas y los peatones.

Mi enfoque del liderazgo es participar en debates constructivos, hablar honestamente, y mostrarles respeto a todos. Creo en escuchar opiniones diversas, trabajar de manera colaborativa, y cumplir con mis tareas.

San Luis Obispo se merece un miembro del Concejo Municipal que tenga la visión, el conocimiento, y la experiencia para convertir las ideas en acción. Podemos trabajar juntos para garantizar que nuestra ciudad prospere y tenga un futuro brillante. ¡Acompáñeme! Le pido su voto. Comuníquese conmigo en www.boswellforslo.org.

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