



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).

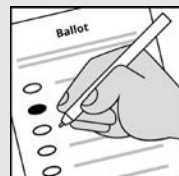
NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

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

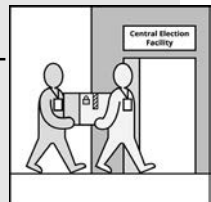
There are a number of steps that we take to ensure your vote is safe and secure throughout the election. Here are a few examples:

- 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

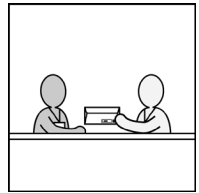
day before or on Election Day (either by mail, returned at a polling place, or deposited in an official ballot drop box) are processed and counted in the days after Election Day and therefore are **not** included in the Election Night results posted.

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.

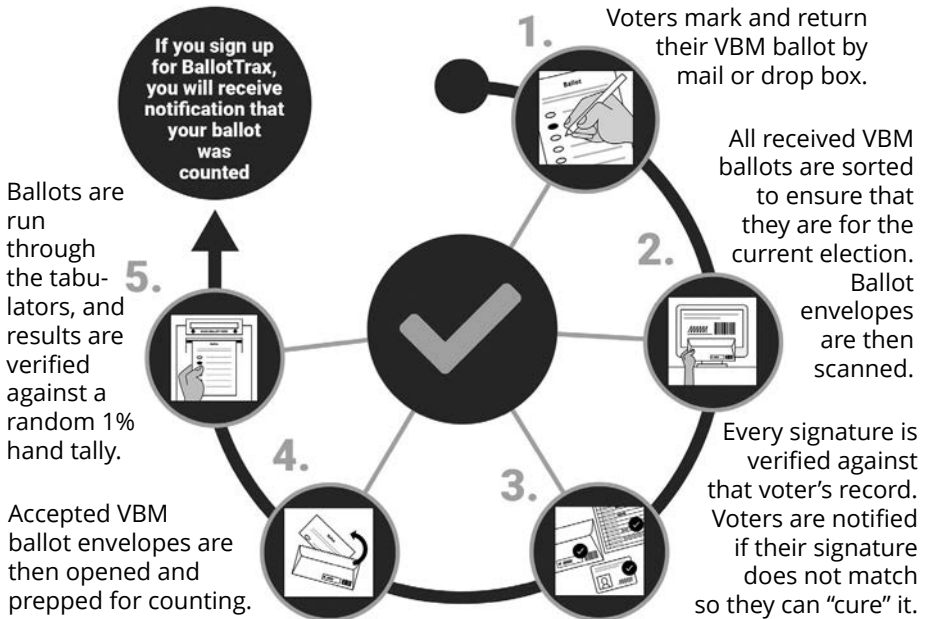
TRACK YOUR BALLOT
 through BallotTrax:
WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

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, 21ST DISTRICT**

S. MONIQUE LIMÓN

Occupation: California State Senator

Education and Qualifications: As a lifelong resident, I'm honored to represent the Central Coast in the State Legislature – and I look forward to representing San Luis Obispo County. I have a proven record of working to improve our schools, protect our environment, expand job training, advance women's health care, protect consumers, combat the high cost of living, and bring resources to our area to prevent and fight wildfires. That's why I am proud to be supported by a broad range of community leaders including teachers, nurses, and firefighters.

Since being elected, I've worked to tackle climate change, protect consumer privacy, improve mental health care and long-term strategies to prevent homelessness, improve access to quality healthcare including aging and Alzheimer's, and help safeguard human trafficking survivors. Access to healthcare continues to be a priority for our community and I have worked with a coalition to protect and improve it. I earned a 100% voting record with Health Access California. I've worked to protect our air, water and coastline, and earned a 100% rating from the Sierra Club and California Environmental Voters. In response to the Supreme Court's overruling of Roe v. Wade, I co-authored Proposition 1, which passed overwhelmingly by the voters of California, to enshrine the right to choose for women in our State Constitution. These challenging times require effective leadership and the integrity to stand up for the people of the Tri-Counties. I believe my record reflects both. I would be honored to earn your vote for my re-election to the State Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

www.MoniqueLimonforSenate.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
SENADOR DEL ESTADO, DISTRITO 21°**

S. MONIQUE LIMÓN

Ocupación: Senadora del Estado de California

Educación y Cualificaciones: Como residente de toda la vida, es un honor para mí representar a la Costa Central en la Legislatura del Estado – y espero representar al Condado de San Luis Obispo. Tengo un historial comprobado de trabajo para mejorar nuestras escuelas, proteger nuestro medio ambiente, ampliar la capacitación laboral, promover la atención médica de las mujeres, proteger a los consumidores, combatir el alto costo de vida, y brindar recursos a nuestra zona para prevenir y combatir los incendios forestales. Por eso me enorgullece contar con el apoyo de una gran cantidad de líderes comunitarios, incluidos maestros, enfermeros, y bomberos.

Desde que me eligieron, he trabajado para abordar el cambio climático, proteger la privacidad del consumidor, mejorar la atención de la salud mental y las estrategias a largo plazo para prevenir la falta de vivienda, mejorar el acceso a una atención médica de calidad, incluido el envejecimiento y el Alzheimer, y ayudar a proteger a los sobrevivientes de la trata de personas. El acceso a los cuidados de la salud sigue siendo una prioridad para nuestra comunidad y he trabajado con una coalición para protegerlo y mejorarlo. Obtuve un récord de votación del 100% con Health Access California. Trabajé para proteger nuestro aire, agua y costa, y obtuve una calificación del 100% del Sierra Club y los Votantes Ambientales de California. En respuesta a la anulación del fallo de la Corte Suprema en el caso Roe contra Wade, fui coautora de la Propuesta 1, que fue aprobada por una abrumadora mayoría de los votantes de California, para consagrar el derecho de las mujeres a elegir en nuestra Constitución Estatal. Estos tiempos desafiantes requieren un liderazgo eficaz y la integridad para defender a la gente de los Tres Condados. Considero que mi historial refleja ambas cosas. Sería un honor para mí obtener su voto para mi reelección al Senado Estatal. Gracias por su consideración.

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**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 Grover Beach**

KASSI DEE

Age: 29

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: I would be honored to represent Grover Beach as Mayor and ask for your vote. As a young professional female, and local small business owner, I have aspired to serve Grover Beach ever since I can remember. I am deeply rooted in this community, having lived here for the majority of my life, and will bring fresh ideas and a passion for progress. Public service is part of who I am and I have demonstrated the ability to work with others through community engagement. I've sat on local boards, commissions and nonprofits including serving as your Chair to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee.

Those you elect are the foundation for trust and collaboration in our government. Creating a positive quality of life for residents and being a conduit for communication with your government is crucial to ensuring that public safety, economic development, infrastructure and community are done efficiently and economically. I see and understand the challenges we face as a community. Together we can overcome these obstacles and make Grover Beach an even better place for us all.

I ask for your confidence, your trust and your vote to be your next Mayor of Grover Beach.
www.kassidee4gb.com (805) 556-2440

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
ALCALDE
Ciudad de Grover Beach**

KASSI DEE

Edad: 29

Ocupación: Propietaria de Pequeña Empresa

Educación y Cualificaciones: Sería un honor para mí representar a Grover Beach como Alcaldesa y le pido su voto. Como mujer joven profesional, y propietaria de una pequeña empresa local, he aspirado por servir a Grover Beach desde que tengo memoria. Estoy fuertemente arraigada a esta comunidad, ya que he vivido aquí la mayor parte de mi vida, y aportaré ideas nuevas y pasión por el progreso. El servicio público es mi esencia y he demostrado la capacidad de trabajar con otros a través del compromiso comunitario. He formado parte de juntas locales, comisiones y organizaciones sin fines de lucro, incluido el cargo de Presidenta del Comité de Parques, Recreación y Embellecimiento.

Aquellos que ustedes eligen son la base de la confianza y la colaboración en nuestro gobierno. Desarrollar una calidad de vida positiva para los residentes y ser un canal de comunicación con su gobierno es crucial para garantizar que la seguridad pública, el desarrollo económico, la infraestructura y la comunidad se realicen de manera eficiente y económica. Veo y entiendo los desafíos que enfrentamos como comunidad. Juntos podemos superar estos obstáculos y hacer de Grover Beach un lugar aún mejor para todos.

Les pido su confianza, su seguridad y su voto para ser la próxima Alcaldesa de Grover Beach.
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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR
City of Grover Beach**

ROBERT ROBERT

Occupation: Electrical Contractor

Education and Qualifications: Hello. My name is Robert Robert. I have had the privilege of calling Grover Beach home for over 24 years. I am the owner of Dr. Electric, an electrical contracting company. I am an experienced electrical contractor.

I have always been committed to serving our community. Currently, I am serving as Mayor Pro Tem. My passion for Grover Beach is straight forward. It propels me to continue contributing to the well-being of the City of Grover Beach.

As Mayor Pro Tem, I am dedicated to ensuring our growth. I am accessible to you. I maintain an open-door policy. As Mayor, my vision is to see Grover Beach thrive as a strong residential community. We have a wholesome environment. a vibrant business hub, and a welcoming place for families and their children.

I need your help to move the City of Grover Beach forward. This is not a task for one person. It is a task for the entire community. Together we can form a City Council that represents all residents in our city and our business community. Let us work together to shape the future of our City. It is our coastal city. Be proud of who we are.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
ALCALDE
Ciudad de Grover Beach**

ROBERT ROBERT

Ocupación: Contratista Eléctrico

Educación y Cualificaciones: Hola. Mi nombre es Robert Robert. He tenido el privilegio de llamar hogar a Grover Beach por más de 24 años. Soy el propietario de Dr. Electric, una empresa contratista de electricidad. Soy un contratista eléctrico experimentado.

Siempre he estado comprometido a servir a nuestra comunidad. Actualmente me desempeño como Alcalde Pro Tempore. Mi pasión por Grover Beach es sincera. Me impulsa a seguir contribuyendo al bienestar de la ciudad de Grover Beach.

Como Alcalde Pro Tempore, me dedico a garantizar nuestro crecimiento. Estoy a su disposición. Mantengo una política de puertas abiertas. Como Alcalde, mi visión es ver a Grover Beach prosperar como una comunidad residencial fuerte. Contamos con un ambiente saludable, un centro de negocios vibrante, y un lugar acogedor para las familias y sus hijos.

Necesito su ayuda para sacar la ciudad de Grover Beach adelante. Esta no es una tarea para una sola persona. Es una tarea de toda la comunidad. Juntos podemos formar un Concejo Municipal que represente a todos los residentes de nuestra ciudad y a nuestra comunidad empresarial. Trabajemos juntos para dar forma al futuro de nuestra Ciudad. Es nuestra ciudad costera. Estemos orgullosos de quienes somos.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR
City of Grover Beach**

DEBBIE PETERSON

Occupation: Businessperson/Author

Education and Qualifications: Bachelor of Science, Communications. My family moved to Grover Beach in the 1990s. From 2004-2019 I was a planning commissioner, councilperson, and mayor. I am the mayor who got the streets fixed and the Local Coastal Plan passed by the Coastal Commission, confirming sufficient water for growth, and the 2004 Community Vision ocean view corridors. I brought the first successful beachfront restaurant. I support local business; the lifeblood of our community providing jobs, funding residential street repairs, and millions in sales tax income.

Grover Beach properties capture rainwater on site returning as much groundwater as removed. I uphold the voices of 4,000 Grover Beach voters through GroverH2O, the organization generating recent water rate refunds. I support socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable solutions to capture rain in times of plenty to cover drought years. I brought the graywater ordinance to Grover Beach.

I back fiscal accountability and department audits every five years. I will ensure your tax dollars are used wisely in the public interest. I will honor the vision and voices of Grover Beach everywhere, so our community is what we the people choose it to be. Your voice matters. I'm listening.

<https://MayorDebbie.com> 805-550-4490 Debbie@MayorDebbie.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
ALCALDE
Ciudad de Grover Beach**

DEBBIE PETERSON

Ocupación: Empresaria/Autora

Educación y Cualificaciones: Licenciatura en Ciencias, Comunicaciones. Mi familia se mudó a Grover Beach en la década de 1990. De 2004-2019 fui comisionada de planificación, concejal, y alcaldesa. Soy la alcaldesa que consiguió arreglar las calles y quien logró que la Comisión Costera aprobara el Plan Costero Local, confirmando que había suficiente agua para el crecimiento, y los corredores con vistas al mar de la Visión Comunitaria del 2004. Traje el primer restaurante exitoso situado frente al mar. Apoyo a las empresas locales, que son el alma de nuestra comunidad y brindan empleo, financian reparaciones de calles residenciales, y generan millones en ingresos por impuestos sobre las ventas.

Las propiedades de Grover Beach capturan el agua de lluvia en el lugar y recuperan tanta agua subterránea como la eliminada. Defiendo las voces de 4,000 votantes de Grover Beach a través de GroverH2O, la organización que generó reembolsos recientes de tarifas de agua. Apoyo las soluciones sostenibles desde la perspectiva social, económica, y ambiental para captar la lluvia en épocas de abundancia y cubrir los años de sequía. Traje la ordenanza de aguas grises a Grover Beach.

Apoyo la responsabilidad fiscal y las auditorías departamentales cada cinco años. Me aseguraré de que sus dólares de impuestos se utilicen sabiamente en el interés público. Honraré la visión y las voces de Grover Beach en todas partes, para que nuestra comunidad sea lo que nosotros, la gente, elijamos que sea. Su voz importa. Le estoy escuchando.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4
City of Grover Beach**

CLINT WEIRICK

Age: 39

Occupation: District Representative

Education and Qualifications: I currently serve as your Grover Beach City Councilmember from District 4 and would be honored to continue representing you. Born and raised in Grover Beach, I actively served our local nonprofits and community organizations well over the past decade. Through my involvement and leadership positions together with many community members, we have helped our youth, seniors, and those in need with compassion and respect.

My next term, I will continue to listen and respond to our hardworking residents as we continue fixing our residential streets and plan for future maintenance; fighting for our residents' affordability while growing the middle class; economic revitalization supporting our small businesses and their employees; advancing police and fire services that are fully staff, well-equipped, and ready when you need them most; and addressing homelessness. All under strong fiscal responsibility with a balanced budget.

As your Councilmember, I am working hard as your advocate so you can live your daily life with peace of mind. Connect with me and learn more at www.ClintWeirick.org. I humbly ask for your vote on or before November 5, 2024 to continue serving as your committed community Councilmember. "Let's Keep Clint"

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
MIEMBRO DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL, DISTRITO 4
Ciudad de Grover Beach**

CLINT WEIRICK

Edad: 39

Ocupación: Representante del Distrito

Educación y Cualificaciones: Actualmente me desempeño como su Miembro del Concejo Municipal de Grover Beach, Distrito 4 y sería un honor seguir representándolo. Nacido y criado en Grover Beach, serví activamente a nuestras organizaciones comunitarias y sin fines de lucro locales durante la última década. A través de mi participación y posiciones de liderazgo junto con muchos miembros de la comunidad, hemos ayudado a nuestros jóvenes, adultos mayores, y personas necesitadas con compasión y respeto.

En mi próximo mandato, seguiré escuchando y respondiendo a nuestros residentes trabajadores mientras continuamos arreglando nuestras calles residenciales y planificando el mantenimiento futuro; luchando por la asequibilidad de nuestros residentes mientras crece la clase media; buscando la revitalización económica a través del apoyo a nuestras pequeñas empresas y a sus empleados; avanzando en los servicios de policía y bomberos que cuentan con todo el personal, están bien equipados, y listos para cuando más se les necesita; y abordando el problema de la falta de vivienda. Todo esto bajo una fuerte responsabilidad fiscal y con un presupuesto equilibrado.

Como Miembro del Concejo, trabajo con esfuerzo para defenderle y ayudarle a vivir su vida con tranquilidad. Comuníquese conmigo y obtenga más información en www.ClintWeirick.org. Le pido humildemente su voto el próximo 5 de Noviembre de 2024 para seguir sirviendo como su Miembro del Concejo comprometido con la comunidad. "Continuemos con Clint"

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COMMISSIONER, DIVISION NO. 2
Port San Luis Harbor District**

KATIE LICHTIG

Occupation: Retired City Executive

Education and Qualifications: Port San Luis is a gem on the Central Coast. I want to support the port community to ensure that it continues to thrive. After completing my Master of Public Administration, I spent my career serving the public to ensure that facilities, programs and service are top notch. I will bring that experience, knowledge and passion to the role of Division 2 Commissioner.

Port San Luis is a special place for so many and supports diverse interests including commercial fishing, ocean recreation, and tourism just to name a few. By maintaining and enhancing existing infrastructure while ensuring financial health of the District, Port San Luis will prosper in the future. I ask for your vote so I can support the treasure that is Port San Luis.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
COMISIONADO, DIVISIÓN NO. 2
Distrito del Puerto de Port San Luis**

KATIE LICHTIG

Ocupación: Ejecutiva Municipal Jubilada

Educación y Cualificaciones: Port San Luis es una joya de la Costa Central. Quiero apoyar a la comunidad del puerto para garantizar que siga prosperando. Después de completar mi Maestría en Administración Pública, dediqué mi carrera a servir al público para garantizar que las instalaciones, los programas y los servicios sean de primera categoría. Aportaré esa experiencia, conocimiento y pasión al cargo de Comisionada, División 2.

Port San Luis es un lugar especial para muchos y apoya diversos intereses, entre ellos la pesca comercial, la recreación oceánica, y el turismo, por nombrar solo algunos. Al mantener y mejorar la infraestructura existente y al mismo tiempo garantizar la salud financiera del Distrito, Port San Luis prosperará en el futuro. Les pido su voto para poder apoyar el tesoro que es Port San Luis.

**CITY OF GROVER BEACH
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE G-24**

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 23-37 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RESOLUTION NO. 23-37, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES", adopted December 11, 2023, IS HEREBY REPEALED in accordance with Section 3 of Article XIII C of the Constitution of the State of California.

SECTION 2. This measure may not be amended, except upon voter approval.

**CITY OF GROVER BEACH
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G-24**

Initiative Measure G-24 asks the voters whether City of Grover Beach Resolution No. 23-37, setting new and increased water and wastewater rates, should be repealed.

Background. On December 11, 2023, the Grover Beach City Council approved Resolution No. 23-37 and implemented new water and wastewater rates to address increased operations, maintenance, and planned capital project costs. On April 22, 2024, City Council discussed the increasing costs related to the Central Coast Blue (“CCB”) project, the City’s current water supply, and its future water needs. Council voted to withdraw from the CCB project and reduced water rates to those in effect immediately prior to approval of Resolution No. 23-37.

Proposed Initiative Measure. On January 8, 2024, a citizen’s ballot initiative was proposed to repeal Resolution No. 23-37, thereby reducing water and wastewater rates to the levels in effect prior to the approval of Resolution No. 23-37 on December 11, 2023. The initiative petition gathered sufficient signatures for placement on the ballot and was certified by the City Clerk.

Effect of Measure. If Initiative Measure G-24 is approved by a majority of voters, Resolution No. 23-37 will be repealed. The repeal of Resolution No. 23-37 will reduce the City’s water and wastewater rates to the levels in place immediately prior to the adoption of Resolution No. 23-37. The water and wastewater fees collected by the City are utilized for ongoing costs related to the operation of the City’s water and wastewater systems, including ongoing maintenance, repair, upgrades and replacement. The fees ensure that water and wastewater systems will remain operational, reliable, and compliant with health and environmental standards. Under California law, water and wastewater rates must be based on the cost of service. Any revenue collected from these fees must be allocated to their respective enterprise funds to ensure they are ultimately used for water and wastewater-related services and projects. Revenue from water and wastewater fees is essential for the City to obtain bonding because it provides a reliable source of income to service debt, ensuring investors of the City’s ability to repay bonds used for infrastructure projects. This financial stability and assurance make the bonds more attractive to investors, facilitating the City’s access to necessary funding. Adoption of the initiative measure will reduce the revenues for both water and wastewater funds. Any shortfall in funds within the City’s enterprise funds will require supplementation from the City’s general fund.

s/ Robert Lomeli
City Attorney

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF INITIATIVE MEASURE G-24. IF YOU DESIRE A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE, PLEASE CALL THE CITY CLERK, WENDI SIMS, AT 805-473-4568 OR EMAIL AT wsims@groverbeach.org, AND A COPY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU AT NO COST.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G-24

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A YES vote on this initiative returns water and sewer rates to where they were before the December 11, 2023 vote by the City Council to double the rates over five years. YES compels the City Council to include the community next time they want to raise water and sewer rates.

A NO vote lets just three council members raise rates again, even higher, without a vote of the people. It has taken recall and repeal activity, to get the Council to somewhat reduce water rates, but not sewer rates.

Grover Beach City Council raised rates to fund the Central Coast Blue Recycled Water Project (CCB) and provide water for hundreds of new residences in new city high rise complexes, adding \$150 per billing cycle for the average citizen. On May 13, 2024, the city withdrew from the CCB project.

A YES vote for the previous rate schedule includes 4% annual increases and the sale of CCB land for enough money for system maintenance and upgrades.

The City has failed to notify customers of price hikes, implemented early increases without authority, often issued excessive bills, misinformed the public, and violated election law and a judicial order. Rather than collecting development impact fees, as other cities do to fund water for new housing, the City wants existing residents who already cover the cost of their water supply to also pay for new development.

Over 4,000 Grover Beach voters and water customers have asked the city for a current independent technical review of fiscally and environmentally sustainable water sources and to allow citizen participation in the process. Join them to vote YES on this citizens' initiative to assure your voice matters regarding the location and cost of new water & sewer infrastructure.

s/ Debbie Peterson, Proponent / Founder, Grover H2O Yes on Measure G-24

s/ Pamela Storton, Citizen of Grover Beach

s/ David W. Swift, Principal Officer, Grover H2O

s/ Adolfo J. Medina, Proponent – Measure G-24

s/ Andrea Seastrand, Proponent – Measure G-24

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G-24

Vote NO on Measure G-24. The City's aging water and sewer systems are up to 60 years old. This measure risks our community's public health, safety and forward progress.

For many years Grover Beach has maintained the lowest water and sewer rates in the County. This reckless measure reverts rates to levels that cannot possibly fund the necessary repairs to fix current system deficiencies, ensure safe water and sewer systems for the future, and completion of planned street repairs.

Our City has evolved into a vibrant, action-oriented community with a clear sense of purpose and pride. Thriving neighborhoods and businesses are a testament to our recent investments in street and infrastructure improvements. Let's continue to go forward not backward to a time of underfunded utilities, horrible roads and other unmet community needs.

Vote NO on Measure G-24

s/ Sue Glass

s/ Rachel Mann

s/ Jim Joffee

s/ Zach Zimmerman

s/ Karen Bright

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G-24

Did you know Grover Beach has the lowest water & sewer rates in our county?

NO one wants to see their water and sewer bills increase. It is easy to take simple things for granted – like safe drinking water from the tap or flushing the toilet knowing it will work. All of us want clean water and a safe sewer system.

A small community group is using scare tactics, inaccurate information, and aggressive behavior at city council meetings to hijack our community and force this ballot measure.

Sadly, they do not understand this ballot measure is unnecessary, and makes no sense.

In May 2024, the City Council returned water rates back to where they were in 2021, therefore this measure has NO impact on your current water rates.

Grover Beach has come a long way. Potholed streets are rapidly being fixed, increasing your property values. Developments planned decades ago are finally moving forward. The long empty lots and vacant buildings along Grand Avenue are being revitalized, but many of our sewer pipes are nearly 60 years old and need to be replaced.

Grover Beach is a vibrant bedroom community made up of active seniors, young families, and growing businesses. A NO vote keeps Grover Beach from sliding backwards.

A NO vote keeps our water and sewer rates the lowest in the county. We as concerned citizens encourage you to make an informed choice without being misled or intimidated.

Vote NO on Measure G-24.

s/ Stephen C. Lieberman

s/ Nancy J. Allison

s/ Bruce Brown

s/ Mary Moyers-Lee

s/ Robert J. Perrault

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G-24

A YES vote returns the power to the people of Grover Beach to play a part in the future of their public infrastructure. We fully support the maintenance, operation and upgrades of our water and sewer systems. Without a YES vote your rates could double again or worse.

A YES vote returns us to the 2021 rate structure that city leaders promised is sufficient to fund water and sewer operation, maintenance, and upgrades, especially with the \$719,000 boost to reserves from the failed Central Coast Blue Project (CCB). The rates we are repealing were intended to fund CCB.

Since incorporation in 1959 it has been the City's responsibility to maintain the water and sewer systems. The City has done an excellent job upgrading the 60-year-old sewer system in the ongoing process of repairing the streets. We support a rate structure that enables continued system upgrades along with the street repairs.

This measure compels the city to return to the ratepayers with a responsible and reasonable rate increase. GROVER H2O is a group of your neighbors and friends representing the interests of the ratepayers of Grover Beach, whether tenants, property owners, or businesses. Join your neighbors and vote YES on Measure G-24. A responsible YES vote returns the future water and sewer rates to the people.

s/ David Swift, Principal Officer, Grover H2O

s/ Ronald Arnoldsen, Grover Beach Citizen

s/ Robert Newton, Grover H2O

s/ Melanie Black, Grover Beach Citizen

s/ Deborah Aguirre, Grover Beach Citizen

LUCIA MAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FULL TEXT OF MEASURE H-24

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Lucia Mar Unified School District.

“To repair and improve aging neighborhood schools; fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical; remove asbestos/ lead pipes; repair, construct/ acquire classrooms, labs, sites, facilities and equipment; support student achievement and college/career readiness in math, science, technology, engineering, arts and skilled trades; shall Lucia Mar Unified School District's measure authorizing \$143,220,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying 2¢ per \$100 assessed value (\$9,030,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight, independent audits, and all money locally-controlled?”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Education of the Lucia Mar Unified School District is committed to **improving the quality of education** in our local public schools by providing safe, secure, modern classrooms, labs and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, technology and the skilled trades. To that end, the Board evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size reduction, **basic repairs**, computer and information technology in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below.

In approving this Project List, the Board of Education determines that the District **must**:

- (i) **REPAIR or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines, heating, and electrical systems, where needed; and**
- (ii) **UPDATE the classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology; and**
- (iii) **REMOVE hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older schools, where encountered; and**
- (iv) **UPGRADE older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities; and**
- (v) **PROVIDE modern labs, career technical education facilities and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology and skilled trades; and**
- (vi) **REPLACE aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern permanent classrooms.**

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

UPGRADE AGING SCHOOLS, CLASSROOMS, LABS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES TO IMPROVE STUDENT PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE AND IN-DEMAND CAREERS

School Repair and Upgrade Projects

Goals and Purposes:

Most schools were built in the 1960s or earlier, are over 60 years old. Most classrooms, labs and school facilities have not been upgraded in over 20 years. For example, thousands of students attend class in 93 portable classrooms that are decades old, are falling apart and most have structural damage or water leaks. Older schools have hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes. Most schools do not meet current health codes, building safety codes or provide full access for students with disabilities. This measure will remedy these problems.

All money raised by this measure will stay local to support our students and cannot be taken by the State or used for other purposes.

- **Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older school sites**, where encountered.
- **Replace aging portable classrooms** that are too expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms.
- **Improve student safety** and campus security systems, including security fencing, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers.
- Upgrade older schools so they **meet current health codes**, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities.
- **Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines, heating, and electrical systems**, where needed.
- Ensure that children's playground equipment and athletic facilities meet current health codes, safety standards and are **accessible to those with disabilities**.

LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDING TO SUPPORT HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN MATH, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Projects That Improve Student Success

Goals and Purposes:

Some schools built so long ago that underground pipes and infrastructure are failing, resulting in gas leaks, water leaks and sewage backups. We need to fix these problems.

If we want our kids to succeed in college and in-demand careers, they must be skilled in the use of today's technologies and have advanced classes in science, math, engineering and technology. This measure will make this possible.

- **Provide modern labs and career technical education facilities and equipment**, so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.
- Create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction and learning-by-doing.
- Keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date.
- Provide the classrooms and facilities needed to support high quality instruction in music, visual and performing arts.

- **Provide the classrooms, facilities and instructional technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.**

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and upgrade electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies and financial savings; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, floors, doors and drinking fountains/hydration stations; construct or renovate offices and facilities for multipurpose and indoor/outdoor learning spaces, more efficient areas for professional development and administration and for the safety of students on campuses; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; upgrade or construct support facilities including administrative, physical education, music, art, and performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, science, computer labs/classrooms, career technical facilities, media centers/libraries and buildings, covered eating areas, shade and rain shelter, playgrounds, administrative and maintenance facilities and yards; acquire modular/portable classrooms; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications, public address and security systems; improve facilities to satisfy ADA and seismic requirements; as needed, removal of hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint from older schools; resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve hard courts, turf, tracks, irrigation, and downspout drainage systems and campus landscaping; install signage, solar panels systems and fencing; improve recycling and composting facilities; expand parking and improve pick-up and drop-off areas; improve all site utilities; acquire land; construct new school buildings; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering, including carpets, and school facades; demolition; upgrade kitchens, food service and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve outdoor learning environments and quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems and back-up power generators; improve playgrounds, play structures, athletic fields, lockers and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety; construct aquatic facilities, pool filtration systems, plaster and decking; replace outdated security fences and security systems (including access control systems), provide lunch shelters, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade music labs, multi-purpose rooms, learning centers and media centers; add or upgrade parking lots. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; 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, DSA oversight, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects.

The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, cabling, computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, scanners and copiers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, clock/telephone/ intercom systems, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, archiving and preservation, phones, identity cards and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for the District's enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

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. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable or modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation or drainage systems, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, connection fees, program and project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District bond audits and staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: THIS MEASURE REQUIRES A CLEAR SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING A PROJECT LIST DETAILING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED, A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY.

In accordance with Education Code Section 15272, the Board of Education will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on District projects and for no other purpose. The expenditure of bond money on these projects is subject to stringent financial accountability requirements. By law, performance and financial audits will be performed annually, and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that funds are spent as promised and specified. The citizens' oversight committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers association, a business organization and a senior citizens organization. No District employees or vendors are allowed to serve on the citizens' oversight committee.

No Administrator Salaries: Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE H-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 district boundaries who are voting on a measure authorizing the issuance of bonds. Obtaining voter approval for the issuance of bonds is a common financing method used by school districts for funding new school construction and improvements to existing school facilities. 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 taxable real property within the school district's jurisdiction, calculated on the current assessed value of each property ("an *ad valorem* tax").

The Board of Education of the Lucia Mar Unified School District ("the District") has placed Measure H-24 on the ballot, proposing the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$143,220,000 and at interest rates not exceeding the legal limits. The District's Tax Rate Statement, included in the voter information guide mailed to voters of the District, 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. The general purposes are to upgrade, repair, expand, improve and modernize school facilities and infrastructure, including to ensure school facilities meet current health and safety standards and are accessible to those with disabilities. The specific types of projects to be funded by the sale of bonds are more specifically described in the full text of the measure. Depending on the final costs of each project, certain projects listed in the measure may be delayed or not completed.

The law prohibits use of bond proceeds to pay for teacher and administrator salaries or other 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, the 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 2 cents per \$100 (or \$20 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2059-60.

A "yes" vote on this measure is a vote in favor of issuing \$143,220,000 in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure H-24.

A "no" vote on this measure is a vote against issuing \$143,220,000 in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure H-24.

s/ RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE H-24

An election will be held in the Lucia Mar Unified School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$143,220,000 in bonds of the District to finance improvements to educational facilities as described in the proposition. 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.

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 this statement, is 1.976 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$19.76 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation). The final fiscal year in which it is anticipated that the tax will be collected is 2059-60.
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 this statement, is 2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$20.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation). It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal year 2025-26.
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 \$320.6 million.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the San Luis Obispo County official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation 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/ Dr. Paul Fawcett, Superintendent
Lucia Mar Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H-24

EVERY student deserves to THRIVE in a school with safe, modern, creative spaces that support teaching and learning. **VOTING YES on Measure H will help make that possible in Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, Nipomo, Oceano, Pismo Beach, and Shell Beach neighborhood schools.**

Our community has generously supported **Lucia Mar Unified School District (LMUSD)** schools in the past. But over time and with constant use, once again Lucia Mar schools need attention. Schools built 60+ years ago, are aging; underground pipes/infrastructure are failing, resulting in gas leaks, water leaks, and sewage backups. Our school facilities need continuing repairs/upgrades that far exceed LMUSD's available maintenance budget.

LMUSD has provided a quality education for generations of local children. Unfortunately, **LMUSD school facilities** do not match the exceptional teaching/learning happening inside them. **Measure H** provides a prudent, responsible plan to continue repairing/modernizing LMUSD schools for improved student safety and equal access to quality instruction/ learning.

Measure H will:

- **Remove** hazardous materials like asbestos/lead pipes where needed
- **Repair/replace** deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines, and electrical systems
- **Provide** the classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology
- **Modernize** labs, career technical education facilities/equipment so students are prepared for college and in- demand careers
- **Upgrade** older schools so they meet current health/building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities

Taxpayer safeguards are REQUIRED:

- ALL funds STAY LOCAL
- The State CANNOT take this funding away
- NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries/pensions
- Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory audits ensure funds are spent properly

Passing Measure H qualifies LMUSD to receive millions in State matching funds when they become available, leveraging tax dollars even further.

Join teachers, parents, and residents in **VOTING YES on H for safe, modern, Lucia Mar elementary, middle and high schools.** Thank you.

s/ Chad Robertson, Local Business Owner & Lucia Mar Graduate

s/ Nancy DePue, Retired – Superintendent

s/ Carrol Pruett, Retired Bank President/CEO, Lifelong Resident

s/ Mike Miner, Retired Local Business Owner and Lifelong Resident

s/ Juan Olivarria, Retired Lucia Mar Educator, County Office of Education Board Member, and Longtime Resident

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H-24 WAS SUBMITTED

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