



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

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

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

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

## Questions?

SLO County Elections Office



(805) 781-5228



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



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



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# IMPORTANT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

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The office of California U.S. Senator has TWO separate contests on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot. You may vote on both. The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term of office beginning on January 3, 2025 (the full term).

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

## TOP TWO CANDIDATES

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The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes—regardless of party preference—move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1), a general election still

must be held. California's open primary system doesn't apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

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

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

# ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

## VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES

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

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

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

## NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election.

A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate their party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

Any candidate for a nonpartisan office who receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1) in the primary election will be elected to that office and the contest will not appear on the ballot for the general election.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office, even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation.



# ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS

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

Unless you already provided it, you will be required to show your current valid photo I.D. and/or a copy of one of the following that shows your name and address when you go to the polls on Election Day: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, government paycheck, or a government document.

You will be required to send a copy of one of the above documents with your voted Vote-by-Mail ballot. If you have questions about your status as a first-time voter, please contact the Elections Office.

## WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

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

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

2. The VBM return envelope is not signed.

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



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

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

## VBM CURE PROCESS

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The law requires the Elections Office to send a letter and verification form to voters who forgot to sign their return envelope or whose signature did not match their signatures on file.

In order for these ballots to be counted, voters must sign and return their form prior to the deadline, which is two days before the election is certified.

## WHY VOTE NOW?

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

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

# POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

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

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



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

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

# ELECTION SAFETY AND SECURITY

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

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

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

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

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

## CALIFORNIA ELECTION SECURITY SAFEGUARDS

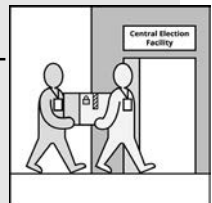
There are a number of steps that we take to ensure your vote is safe and secure throughout the election. Here are a few examples:

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

### CHECK YOUR VOTER STATUS ONLINE

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

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



# HOW YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED

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

When all polling places have reported, the Election Night counting is done; however, there are still more ballots to count and a lot more work to do before the results become official (see below).

## BALLOTS COUNTED AFTER ELECTION DAY

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

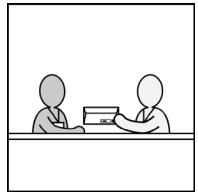
day before or on Election Day (either by mail, returned at a polling place, or deposited in an official ballot drop box) are processed and counted in the days after Election Day and therefore are **not** included in the Election Night results posted.

### **Postmarked Vote-by-Mail Ballots:**

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

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

A voter's signature on the returned Vote-by-Mail identification envelope **must** compare with the signature(s) in the voter's registration record. If the voter did not sign the ballot envelope, or if the Elections Official has determined that the signature on the envelope does not match with the signature(s) of the voter in the voter's record, the Elections Office will provide the voter with the appropriate form to correct the missing or mismatched signature. This notice must be returned to the Elections Office no later than 2 days prior to the certification of the election.



### **Provisional**

**Ballots:** These are the last ballots counted because they must be researched and verified. It may take a few weeks, but every valid vote will be counted.

## TRACK YOUR BALLOT

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

# WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED

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

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

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

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

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

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

- DO NOT forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- DO NOT alter the returns of an election.
- DO NOT tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- DO NOT display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.

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- DO NOT coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- DO NOT act as an election officer when you are not one.

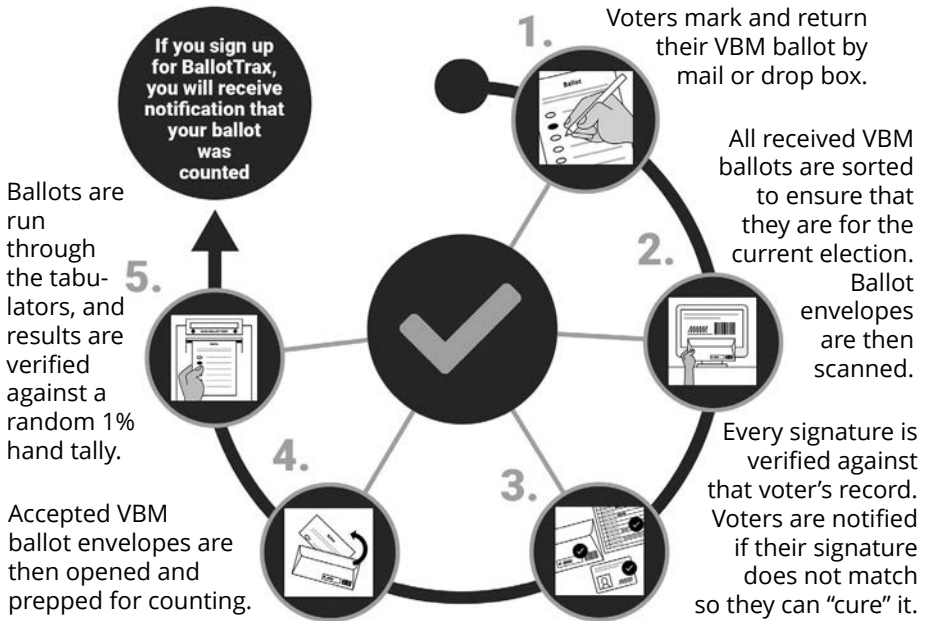
**TRACK YOUR BALLOT**  
 through BallotTrax:  
[WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov)

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

**POLL WORKERS** cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized here are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

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



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

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

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

## OBSERVING ELECTIONS

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

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

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

# LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

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As required by law, the County of San Luis Obispo offers facsimile ballots in the following languages and only for the precincts listed below:

## **Spanish**

All Precincts

All Polling Places

## **Tagalog**

Consolidated Precincts  
304, 305, 306, and 408

To determine your Consolidated Precinct, please refer to the top left corner of your Vote-By-Mail ballot, which contains your precinct information (e.g., CON 403). Facsimile ballots and instructions will be provided upon request.

You can request to view the facsimile ballot for the language that is available at a polling place listed on your Voting Instructions included with your guide.

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

By Phone: 1-805-781-5228

By E-Mail:

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

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

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

1055 Monterey Street, D120, San  
Luis Obispo or

6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd  
floor), Atascadero

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

## **SPANISH-LANGUAGE BALLOT TECHNOLOGY**

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

# ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

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Conforme lo exige la ley, el Condado de San Luis Obispo ofrece boletas electorales facsímiles en los siguientes idiomas y solo para los distritos electorales que se detallan a continuación:

## **Español**

Todos los precintos  
Todos los lugares de votación

## **Tagalo**

Precintos consolidados 304, 305, 306, y 408

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

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

Por teléfono:  
1-805-781-5228

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

Por correo postal:  
1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Personalmente: En la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro en 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo o 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2.º piso), Atascadero

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

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

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

# TULONG SA WIKA

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Ayon sa ipinag-aatas ng batas, nagbibigay ang County ng San Luis Obispo ng mga kopya ng balota na nasa mga sumusunod na wika at para lang sa mga presintong nakalista sa ibaba:

## Spanish

Lahat ng Presinto

Lahat ng Lugar na Botohan

## Tagalog

Mga Pinagsama-samang Presinto (Consolidated Precinct) 304, 305, 306, and 408

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TEKNOLOHIYA NG BALOTA SA WIKANG ESANYOL

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Sa tulong ng nagagamit na teknolohiya sa pagmarka ng balota (mga ICX na makina sa pagboto), ang karanasan sa pagboto sa wikang Espanyol ay makakatulong sa mga botante sa pagpili at pagmarka sa kanilang mga balota. Magagamit ang mga ito sa tanggapan ng Klerk na Tagapagtala ng County simula ika-7 ng Oktubre, at sa lahat ng Lugar na Botohan sa ika-5 ng Nobyembre, Araw ng Halalan.

# ASSISTANCE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Other Assistance for Visually, Hearing, or Speech Impaired:

The Secretary of State's Office has a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) to provide elections information: **1-800-TDD-VOTE**

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

# VOTER INFORMATION SECTION

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

- Candidates' Statements
- Ballot Measure(s)
- Impartial Analysis
- Fiscal Impact/Tax Rate Statement(s)
- Arguments and Rebuttals in Support Of or In Opposition To Ballot Measures

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

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

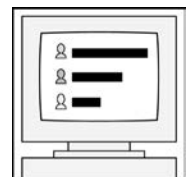
Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in this guide, at their own expense.

State Senate, 17th District:  
John Laird  
Tony Virrueta

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

State Assembly, 30th District:  
Dawn Addis  
Dalila Epperson

State Assembly, 37th District:  
Sari M. Domingues



# VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

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You have the right to vote if you are a registered voter. You are eligible to vote if you are: a U.S. citizen living in California; at least 18 years old; registered where you currently live; not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony; and not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.



You have the right to vote if you are a registered voter, even if your name is not on the list. You will vote a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.



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



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



You have the right to get a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake. You can ask an election official at a polling place for a new ballot; exchange your Vote-by-Mail ballot for a new one at an elections office or at your polling place; or vote using a provisional ballot.



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



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



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



You have the right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.



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

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

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

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



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://SaludCarbajal.com). I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
STATE SENATE, 21<sup>ST</sup> 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.

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**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, 30<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**DAWN ADDIS**

**Age: 52**

**Occupation:** State Assemblymember/Teacher

**Education and Qualifications:** Dear Neighbor,

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

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

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

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

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

**DALILA EPPERSON**

**Age: 58**

**Occupation:** Retired Nurse

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
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.

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**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.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR, DIVISION NO. 5  
Oceano Community Services District**

**SHIRLEY D. GIBSON**

**Age: 74**

**Occupation:** Retired

**Education and Qualifications:** My name is Shirley Gibson, born and raised in the south county. I am a candidate for reelection as a board member of the Oceano Community Services District, division 5, and I am asking for your vote.

I am a graduate of Arroyo Grande High School, Cuesta College, and Sacramento State College. I worked for the Sheriff's Department for many years, and am now retired. I enjoy being a local amateur historian and sharing vintage photographs with the public.

The responsibilities of the Oceano community Services District, are to provide water, sewer, garbage, as well as limited street lighting, parks and recreation services to the community of Oceano. My pledge to the residents of Oceano is to professionally manage and provide these services in the most efficient, economical manner as possible to keep water, sewer, and garbage rates as low as possible. Under my management, the district will continue to maintain and upgrade facilities and infrastructure. Additionally, the district will plan for the future, by the study of advances in water conservation, water recycling, storm-water capture/recharge, and other projects that could benefit the community. And, of course, I will seek grants and other funding to keep the district fiscally sound.

I would be honored to receive your vote.

Sincerely,

Shirley Gibson

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
DIRECTOR, DIVISIÓN NO. 5  
Distrito de Servicios Comunitarios de Oceano**

**SHIRLEY D. GIBSON**

**Edad: 74**

**Ocupación:** Jubilada

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Mi nombre es Shirley Gibson, nací y crecí en el sur del condado. Soy candidata a la reelección como miembro de la junta del Distrito de Servicios Comunitarios de Oceano, división 5, y le pido su voto.

Me gradué de la Escuela Secundaria Arroyo Grande, de la Cuesta College, y de la Universidad Estatal de Sacramento. Trabajé para el Departamento del Alguacil durante muchos años, y ahora estoy jubilada. Disfruto ser una historiadora aficionada local y compartir fotografías antiguas con el público.

Las responsabilidades del Distrito de Servicios Comunitarios de Oceano son proporcionarle agua, alcantarillado, recolección de residuos, así como alumbrado público limitado, parques y servicios de recreación a la comunidad de Oceano. Mi compromiso con los residentes de Oceano es administrar y brindar profesionalmente estos servicios de la manera más eficiente y económica posible para mantener las tarifas de agua, alcantarillado, y recolección de residuos lo más bajas posible. Durante mi gestión, el distrito continuará manteniendo y mejorando las instalaciones y la infraestructura. Además, el distrito planificará el futuro mediante el estudio de los avances en conservación de agua, reciclaje de agua, captura/recarga de aguas pluviales, y otros proyectos que podrían beneficiar a la comunidad. Y, por supuesto, buscaré subvenciones y otros fondos para mantener al distrito financieramente sólido.

Sería un honor contar con su voto.

Atentamente,

Shirley Gibson

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR, DIVISION NO. 5  
Oceano Community Services District**

**CHARLES VARNI**

**Occupation:** Ceramic Artist / Landscaper

**Education and Qualifications:** I am seeking re-election as a Director of the Oceano Community Services District. I am a strong supporter of community education and engagement in the planning process for projects that impact Oceano. Government transparency, honesty, and accountability are essential. For too long Oceano has often found itself on the receiving end of projects for which we have had little knowledge or input into the planning process. The local sanitation district, which is financed by Oceano, Grover Beach, and Arroyo Grande, is mandated by the California Coastal Commission to plan for the possible relocation of the current wastewater treatment plant to a place that is safe from creek flooding and sea level rise. Public education and engagement on projects such as this should be a high priority.

In 2023 I initiated the creation of our Parks and Recreation Committee. This empowered OCSD to apply for additional grants that benefit the entire community. I wrote a grant that provided \$16,000 for multiple fieldtrips to State Parks for all students at Oceano Elementary School. Teachers, students, and parents have been very excited about these fieldtrips. I wrote a grant that provided \$25,000 seed money for the design and engineering of a new community walking track and soccer field at Oceano Elementary School. I am leading our community fundraising campaign for this project.

Continuing to improve our water delivery system with grants and low interest loans is a high priority, as is repairing and upgrading the aging sewer system. I advocated and lobbied for a \$1,000,000 Federal grant for our water delivery system improvements. OCSD was awarded this grant by Congressman Carbajal. Finding grants and low interest loans saves taxpayer money and should be a high priority of OCSD, working in collaboration with other relevant agencies and organizations. Supporting safe water for neighborhoods that are still on unsafe wells like Halcyon and KenMar Gardens is essential.

I have worked for years with local government, elected officials like Supervisor Paulding, and Oceano Elementary School for safe routes to schools and complete streets with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. In 2024 local government committed \$980,000 to new sidewalks and safer intersections around Oceano Elementary School. They are also applying for a \$5,000,000 grant for more complete streets and bike corridors in Oceano. As a benefit, complete streets also mean less flooding in our community and homes.

An informed and engaged electorate makes better decisions for Oceano. Thank you for your vote.

## 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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