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# County of San Luis Obispo

General Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

## VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

- In accordance with new legislation, all voters will receive a Vote By Mail (VBM) ballot in the mail
- Your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** and your Voter Information Guide are contained in this packet
- **This will be the only official mailing from the County.**
- **THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT VOTING PERIOD BEGINS AS SOON AS BALLOTS ARE IN THE MAIL. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD EARLY!** Return your vote-by-mail ballot during the voting period of October 11<sup>th</sup> through the close of polls on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **The deadline for return of your official ballot is 8:00pm, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.** You can:
  - Return your ballot by mail. Be sure it is postmarked on or before Election Day. No postage necessary.
  - Return your ballot in person to the Clerk-Recorder's offices, or to any **VBM Ballot Drop Box** located in the State of California. The location of drop boxes in San Luis Obispo County is listed in your Voting Instructions.
  - Return your ballot or vote in person at a **Polling Place**, also listed in your voting instructions.
- Contact the **Clerk-Recorder** by phone at (805) 781-5228 or via email at [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us) with any questions.



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

# POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

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

<b>Contest</b>	<b>American Independent</b>	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Governor</b>	Brian Dahle	Gavin Newsom	Brian Dahle
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	No endorsement	Eleni Kounalakis	Angela E. Underwood Jacobs
<b>Secretary of State</b>	No endorsement	Dr. Shirley N. Weber	Rob Bernosky
<b>Controller</b>	No endorsement	Malia Cohen	Lanhee Chen
<b>Treasurer</b>	No endorsement	Fiona Ma	Jack M. Guerrero
<b>Attorney General</b>	No endorsement	Rob Bonta	Nathan Hochman
<b>Insurance Commissioner</b>	Robert Howell	Ricardo Lara	Robert Howell
<b>Board of Equalization, 2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Sally Lieber	Peter Coe Verbica
<b>U.S. Senator, full term</b>	Mark P. Meuser	Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser
<b>U.S. Senator, partial term</b>	Mark P. Meuser	Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser
<b>U.S. Representative, 19<sup>th</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Jimmy Panetta	Jeff Gorman
<b>U.S. Representative, 24<sup>th</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Salud Carbajal	Brad Allen
<b>State Assembly, 30<sup>th</sup> District</b>	Vicki Nohrden	Dawn Addis	Vicki Nohrden
<b>State Assembly, 37<sup>th</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Gregg Hart	Mike Stoker
<b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b>	Lance Ray Christensen	Tony Thurmond	Lance Ray Christensen

\* The order of parties follows the Randomized Alphabet Drawing conducted by the County.

\* Note: Not all political parties provided an endorsement list.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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## Two U.S. Senate Contests on Ballot

The office of U.S. Senate will have **TWO** separate contests on the November 8, 2022, 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, 2023 (full term). The second contest is a special vacancy election, since the current officeholder is temporarily filing a vacancy, for the remainder of the term ending on January 3, 2023 (partial/unexpired term).

## Redistricting and Voting

To get an updated count of the country's population, the U.S. Constitution requires a federal census every ten years. California uses that census data to redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts based on population changes. The independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) uses the new census data to redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization district boundaries. The boundaries for local districts, such as county supervisorial, school districts, community services districts, special districts, and city council districts, are drawn by those governing bodies and not by the CCRC.

Changes in representation for San Luis Obispo County is as follows:

<b>2011</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Congressional</b>	
24th District	19th & 24th Districts
<b>State Assembly</b>	
35th District	30th & 37th Districts
<b>State Senate</b>	
17th District	17th & 21st Districts
<b>Board of Equalization</b>	
2nd District	2nd District

**For additional information regarding which San Luis Obispo County Districts you are eligible to vote in, please visit:**

**<https://clerk.slocounty.ca.gov/voterstatus/>**

## **ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA**

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 does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

### **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, which will be printed in the county voter information guide.

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. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election unless the candidate is one of the two highest voter-getters at the primary election.

### **Nonpartisan 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.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST TIME VOTERS**

The Help America Vote Act requires first time federal voters to show identification when voting. 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 us.

### **Contact Information on the Front Cover**

## How Your Vote is Counted

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Polling places close at 8:00 pm on Election Night, but it can take a few hours for all locations to report results, and weeks before the final totals are known. Ever wondered why? Here's a quick look at what happens to your ballot after you cast it.

### Election Night

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

- **"Last Minute" Vote by Mail Ballots:** Vote by Mail ballots that arrive the day before or on Election Day either by mail, returned at a polling place or deposited in a Ballot Drop Box, are processed, and counted in the days after Election Day and therefore are not included in the election night results reporting.
- **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 or 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 compare to the signature(s) of the voter in the voter's record, the ROV will, provide the voter with the applicable notice to cure the missing or mismatched signature. This notice must be returned to the ROV 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.

# **WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!**

## **VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

### **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- *DO NOT* commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- *DO NOT* provide any sort of compensation or bribery 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 ingress, egress, 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.
- *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.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- *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.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- *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.

**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 employee.

**PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS** 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 above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

# **WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!**

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

## **WHERE:**

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or drop box the following activities are prohibited.

## **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- *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, vote center, or 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 include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose 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 above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

# 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

403, 404, 405, 406, and 407

To determine your Consolidated Precinct, please refer to the top left corner of your Vote By Mail ballot, which contains your precinct information (i.e. 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 page.

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

By Phone: 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Atascadero

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

## Spanish Language Ballot Technology

With new accessible ballot-marking technology (ICX voting machines), a Spanish language voting experience can assist voters with making their selections and marking their ballots. They are available at the County Clerk-Recorder's office beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>, and at all Polling Places on November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day.

# 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 distritos electorales

Todos los lugares de votación

## Tagalo

Distritos electorales consolidados

403, 404, 405, 406, y 407

Para determinar cuál es su distrito electoral consolidado, consulte la esquina superior izquierda de su boleta electoral de voto por correo, que contiene la información de su distrito electoral (por ejemplo, CON 403).

Se suministrarán, a petición, boletas electorales e instrucciones facsímiles. Puede solicitar ver la boleta electoral facsímil para el idioma que se encuentre disponible en un lugar de votación que aparezca en la página con instrucciones para el voto.

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

Por teléfono: 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)

## Tecnología de Boletas electorales en idioma español

Con la nueva tecnología para marcar boletas electorales con más accesibilidad (máquinas de votación ICX), una experiencia de votación en idioma español puede ayudar a los votantes a hacer sus selecciones y a marcar sus boletas electorales. Se encontrarán disponibles en la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro del Condado a partir del 11 de Octubre, y en todos los lugares de votación el 8 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)  
403, 404, 405, 406, at 407

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: 805-781-5228

Sa Pamamagitan ng E-Mail: [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

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

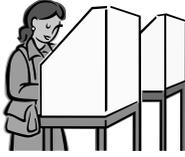
Sa Personal: Sa Tanggapan ng Klerk na Tagapagtala sa 1055  
Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo o 6565  
Capistrano Avenue (ika-2 palapag), Atascadero

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

## Teknolohiya ng Balota sa Wikang Espanyol

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-11 ng Oktubre, at sa lahat ng Lugar na Botohan sa ika-8 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 that the County offers to voters with disabilities.

- **Vote by Mail:** Your ballot has automatically been sent to you. Keep safe and return your ballot by mail, drop box, or Voter Service Center.
- **Vote at a Polling Place:** On Election Day, you may choose up to two people to help you vote at any polling place or County Clerk-Recorder's 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 machines (ICX) are available at every polling place on Election Day and at the County Clerk-Recorder's office 29 days prior to the election.

- **Curbside voting:** If you arrive at a polling place and cannot get to the voting area, ask for assistance.
- **Accessible Voter Information Guide on the Web:** Voter Information Guides are available on the County Clerk-Recorder's website with the use of personal accessible navigational tools and screen reader technology. Large print format of the County Voter Information Guide is available upon request.

## **Remote Accessible Vote by Mail**

A new voting experience can be provided by the elections staff for all voters, including those with disabilities by using web-based tools on a personal computer, printer, and one's personal assistive device(s) (screen readers, tactile switches, closed captioning, sip and puff system, etc.) to access and mark one's ballot, then returning it by mail to the Elections Office.

**Contact the Elections office for information at 805-781-5228**

## **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: **1-800-833-8683 (1-800-TDD-VOTE)**. Large print format of the state ballot measures continues to be available.



# Features on the Web

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

### Find the Status of Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot



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OBISPO

County of San Luis Obispo

#### Voter Status Search

To see your voter status, enter the following information and click "Show status".

In order to maintain the privacy of the voter, the information provided must be an exact match to the voter registration on file with our office and all fields must be completed.

If you cannot view your voter status, please contact the Elections Office at 781-5228 and we will assist you.

Birth date (format: mm/dd/yyyy)

Last 4 digits of your California driver's license number (or the last 4 digits of your California ID number)

Street address (number only)  
(example: if your address is 123 Main, enter 123)

Show Status

### Find Your Polling Place

#### Polling Place Search

To locate your polling place and view ballot choices, enter the following information and click "Find polling place".

The required fields are street number, street name, and zip code. If you know your street direction and street type, you may enter them, too. Then click "Find polling place".

Street Number	Street Direction	Street Name	Street Type	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	Please select ▼	<input type="text"/>	Please select ▼	<input type="text"/>

Find polling place

**View Photos, Directions to the Poll, Accessibility Features for Voters with Disabilities, and Your Sample Ballot**

# VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

- 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 pamphlet section may not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your Ballot/Sample Ballot. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed in English or English and Spanish at his or her expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

All the statements printed in Spanish follow the English statements for that same contest.

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 candidate listed below has 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 the local sample ballot pamphlet, at their own expense.

30<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District  
Dawn Addis  
Vicki Nohrden  
37<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District  
Mike Stoker

**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 as your Representative in Congress, I have continued to advance our Central Coast priorities and deliver for our communities.

I grew up in Ventura County, where my father worked as a farmworker. I attended UCSB while working two jobs to become the first in my family to graduate from a university. I proudly served in the Marine Corps Reserves and as a Santa Barbara County Supervisor. My wife, Gina, and I raised our family here, and now our grandchildren are growing up in this community.

In Congress, I've focused on solving challenges facing Central Coast families by passing laws that will curb inflation, lower your costs, and create good-paying jobs. I've worked to bring home million-dollar investments to expand access to public transit, high-speed internet, and clean drinking water.

I'm proud to have spearheaded efforts to bring long overdue reforms to gun safety laws, expand veterans' health benefits, and reduce the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs. I'm fighting for climate solutions that will tackle wildfire and drought responses. And I will always protect reproductive rights and marriage equality.

I would be honored to continue working for you in Congress.

For more information, please visit [SaludCarbajal.com](http://SaludCarbajal.com).

I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
REPRESENTANTE DEL CONGRESO DE EE. UU., DISTRITO ELECTORAL 24<sup>º</sup>**

**SALUD CARBAJAL**

**Ocupación:** Miembro del Congreso

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Mi nombre es Salud Carbajal, como Representante del Congreso he seguido trabajando en las prioridades de nuestra Costa Central y entregado resultados a nuestras comunidades.

Crecí en el Condado de Ventura, donde mi padre era trabajador del campo. Asistí a la UCSB mientras trabajaba en dos empleos para ser el primero de mi familia en graduarse de una universidad. Serví con orgullo a nuestro país en la Reserva del Cuerpo de Marines y como Supervisor del Condado de Santa Bárbara. Mi esposa Gina y yo criamos aquí a nuestra familia. Ahora nuestros nietos crecen en esta comunidad.

Dentro del Congreso, me he enfocado en resolver los desafíos a los que se enfrentan las familias de la Costa Central. Para ello, he aprobado leyes que disminuirán la inflación, reducirán los costos y generarán empleos bien pagados. He trabajado para conseguir inversiones millonarias con el propósito de expandir el acceso al transporte público, al internet de alta velocidad y al agua purificada.

Estoy orgulloso de haber encabezado los esfuerzos para rescatar reformas muy atrasadas a las leyes de seguridad de armas, expandir los beneficios para la salud de nuestros veteranos y reducir el costo de los servicios a la salud y medicamentos con receta. Estoy luchando por soluciones climáticas que abordarán respuestas a los incendios forestales y sequías. Y siempre protegeré los derechos reproductivos y el matrimonio igualitario.

Sería un honor para mí seguir trabajando para ustedes en el Congreso.

Para obtener más información, visite [SaludCarbajal.com](http://SaludCarbajal.com).

Con todo respeto, le pido su voto. Gracias.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 37<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT**

**MICHAEL STOKER**

**Occupation:** Small Businessman

**Education and Qualifications:** California is headed down the wrong track. Inflation is at a 40-year high; housing, gas and groceries are too expensive; and wages have remained flat for too many. All the while, extremist politicians continue to attack Prop. 13 taxpayer protections and push pro-criminal policies that cut funding for law enforcement. Career politicians are taking California in the wrong direction for parents, law enforcement, small businesses, farmers and taxpayers. They're even pushing policies that make water and energy a scarcity. It's time for a new direction for California, and it is time for San Luis Obispo County to send a small business owner to Sacramento.

For over 40 years, I have lived, worked and raised a family right here on the Central Coast. In addition to owning and operating my own business, I have always answered the call for public service. As a former County Supervisor, Deputy Secretary of State, Chair of the Agriculture Labor Relations Board and Southwest Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, I have always stood-up for taxpayers.

Like any California small business owner, I have never been one to run away from a challenge. As your next Assemblyman, I'll bring the same small business mentality to Sacramento and tackle California's issues head-on.

The question for you in this election couldn't be simpler. If you think inflation is bad and California is headed in the wrong direction, I am the candidate who will work to right the ship. Join me as we chart a new course for California. Please visit [www.StokerforAssembly.com](http://www.StokerforAssembly.com) to learn more.

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**DECLARACION DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, 37° DISTRITO**

**MICHAEL STOKER**

**Ocupación:** Pequeño empresario

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** California va por el camino equivocado. La inflación va en aumento desde hace 40 años. La vivienda, el gas y los alimentos son muy caros, mientras que los salarios han permanecido igual por demasiado tiempo. Mientras tanto, los políticos extremistas siguen atacando las protecciones a contribuyentes de la Propuesta 13 e impulsan políticas a favor de los criminales, que reducen el financiamiento de las fuerzas policiales. Políticos que solo se interesan en su carrera están llevando a California por la dirección equivocada para los padres, las fuerzas policiales, los pequeños negocios, los granjeros y los contribuyentes. Incluso están impulsando políticas que hacen escasear el agua y la energía. Es momento de que California tome una nueva dirección y de que el Condado de San Luis Obispo mande a un pequeño empresario a Sacramento.

Durante más de 40 años he vivido, trabajado y criado una familia justo aquí en la Costa Central. Además de ser dueño y operador de mi propio negocio, siempre me he puesto a disposición del servicio público. Como Exsupervisor del Condado, Secretario Representante de Estado, Presidente de la Junta de Relaciones Laborales Agrícolas y Administrador del sector Suroeste de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental, siempre he defendido a los contribuyentes.

Como cualquier pequeño empresario de California, nunca he rechazado un desafío. Como su próximo Asambleísta, llevaré la misma mentalidad de un pequeño negocio a Sacramento y abordaré los problemas de California de frente.

La pregunta para usted en esta elección no podría ser más simple. Si usted cree que la inflación es mala y que California va por la dirección equivocada, yo soy el candidato que trabajará para corregir el rumbo. Acompañeme a trazar un nuevo rumbo para California. Visite [www.StokerforAssembly.com](http://www.StokerforAssembly.com) para obtener más información.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 4  
San Luis Obispo County Community College District**

**ADRIENNE GARCIA-SPECHT**

**Age: 33**

**Occupation:** Higher Education Professional

**Education and Qualifications:** I am Adrienne Garcia-Specht, and I am running for the Cuesta College Board of Trustees. I have over a decade of experience in higher education, from working with students as a writing instructor at Cuesta, Allan Hancock, and Syracuse University to seven years as a financial aid counselor at Cal Poly. As a financial aid counselor, I manage several complex financial aid programs and work directly with low-income students to help them achieve their educational and career goals.

I know the barriers students face. I think about students who are parents, veterans, undocumented, homeless, foster youth, students who think college isn't for them. Cuesta College must serve everyone in our diverse community.

As your trustee, I will listen to the community and make sure that Cuesta College meets our needs. I will advocate for Arroyo Grande, Nipomo, and Oceano to guarantee that we have access to high quality college education and career training. I will ensure that Cuesta continues to meet accreditation standards and remains in good financial standing. Together, we can achieve educational excellence for all.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 4  
Distrito Universitario de la Comunidad del Condado de San Luis Obispo**

**ADRIENNE GARCIA-SPECHT**

**Edad: 33**

**Ocupación:** Profesional en Educación Superior

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Mi nombre es Adrienne Garcia-Specht y me estoy postulando para el Consejo Directivo de La Universidad Cuesta. Tengo más de una década de experiencia en educación superior, desde mi trabajo como instructora de escritura con estudiantes de Cuesta, Allan Hancock y la Universidad Syracuse, hasta mis siete años como consejera de apoyo financiero en Cal Poly. Como consejera de apoyo financiero, gestiono varios programas de apoyo financiero complejos y trabajo directamente con estudiantes de bajos recursos para ayudarlos a alcanzar sus metas educativas y profesionales.

Conozco las barreras a las que se enfrentan los estudiantes. Yo pienso en los estudiantes que son padres, veteranos, indocumentados, personas sin hogar y huérfanos. Personas que piensan que la universidad no es para ellos. El Colegio de Cuesta debe servir a todas las personas de nuestra diversa comunidad.

Como miembro del consejo directivo, escucharé a la comunidad y me aseguraré de que la Universidad Cuesta cubra nuestras necesidades. Voy a abogar por Arroyo Grande, Nipomo y Oceano para garantizar que tengamos acceso a educación superior y entrenamiento profesional de alta calidad. Me aseguraré de que Cuesta siga dentro de los estándares de acreditación y permanezca en un buen nivel financiero. Juntos podemos lograr excelencia académica para todos.

Con todo respeto, le pido su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 7  
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

**LUKE DAVIS**

**Age: 45**

**Occupation:** Realtor

**Education and Qualifications:** As a lifelong resident and someone who is raising their children here on the Central Coast, I have a deep-rooted love for this amazing place that we call home. I am committed to serving this community in any capacity I can. If elected to represent area 7 as a board trustee, I promise to do three things to the best of my abilities. I will first listen... Not only to the outspoken among us. But, to the whispers of the quiet members of our community as well. I want to know the thoughts and ideas of everyone that makes up the heartbeat of our beloved Central Coast. I will learn... I will study the past, look to the future and educate myself to help make the best decisions for our kids and their education. I will serve... I will serve every member of this community to the best of my abilities and then strive to do it even better. Ultimately, I am here for the kids. I am here to serve with kindness, humility, open mindedness, and grace. I hope that you will allow me the opportunity to represent you and your children on the board of Trustees moving forward.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 7  
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

**DONNA KANDEL**

**Age: 66**

**Occupation:** Retired Teacher

**Education and Qualifications:** As a 36-year resident of Nipomo, a Cal Poly graduate, and a veteran teacher in the Lucia Mar Unified School District, I am deeply committed to public education and the youth we serve. I'm the mother of two daughters who are proud alumni and graduates of LMUSD schools. I know from experience how decisions made by the School Board impact every child in every classroom. I will bring to the School Board my unique insight and experience as a classroom teacher who has spent my professional career advocating for excellence and student success. I know firsthand that district resources, thoughtfully prioritized, can build an enriching, challenging, and supportive learning environment for our youth.

My experience and my connections with district employees—from support staff, teachers, administrators, and management—have prepared me to take on this important work. Your vote for me ensures that a strong, passionate, and experienced advocate for public education has a seat at the table, promoting academic excellence, opportunities, and support for our children and our community.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 7  
Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar**

**LUKE DAVIS**

**Edad: 45**

**Ocupación:** Agente Inmobiliario

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Como residente de toda la vida y alguien que está criando a sus hijos aquí en la Costa Central, tengo un profundo amor por este maravilloso lugar al que llamamos hogar. Estoy comprometido a servir a esta comunidad en toda capacidad que me sea posible. Si resulto electo para representar al área 7 como miembro del consejo directivo, prometo llevar a cabo tres cosas con todo mi esfuerzo. En primer lugar escucharé... No solo a la gente directa que hay entre nosotros. Sino también, a los susurros de los miembros silenciosos de nuestra comunidad. Quiero conocer los pensamientos y las ideas de todos los que lleven a nuestra amada Costa Central en su corazón. Voy a aprender... Voy a estudiar el pasado, mirar hacia el futuro y educarme para ayudar a tomar las mejores decisiones para nuestros niños y su futuro. Voy a servir. Voy a servir a cada miembro de esta comunidad con todo mi esfuerzo y me esforzaré para hacerlo cada vez mejor. En última instancia, estoy aquí para los niños. Estoy aquí para servir con amabilidad, humildad, mente abierta y gracia. Espero que me permita la oportunidad de representarlo a usted y a sus hijos como miembro en el consejo directivo de aquí en adelante.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 7  
Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar**

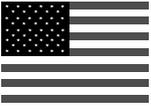
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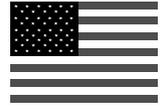
**Ocupación:** Profesora Jubilada

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Como residente de Nipomo durante 36 años, graduada de Cal Poly y profesora veterana en el Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar, estoy profundamente comprometida con la educación pública y la juventud a la que servimos. Soy la madre de dos hijas que son orgullosas alumnas y graduadas de las escuelas del Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar. Yo conozco, por experiencia, cómo la toma de decisiones por parte de la Junta Escolar tiene impacto en cada niño de cada aula. Yo traeré a la Junta Escolar mi perspicacia única y mi experiencia como profesora que ha pasado su carrera profesional abogando por la excelencia y el éxito estudiantil. Conozco de primera mano que los recursos del distrito, bien administrados, pueden construir un enriquecedor, desafiante y alentador ambiente para nuestros jóvenes.

Mi experiencia y mis conexiones con empleados del distrito – desde personal de apoyo, maestros y administradores, hasta los gestores – me han preparado para este importante trabajo. Su voto por mí asegurará que una fuerte, apasionada y experimentada defensora de la educación pública tenga un asiento en la mesa para promover la excelencia académica, oportunidades y apoyo para nuestros hijos y nuestra comunidad.



# VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS



1. 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.
2. 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.
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8. You have the right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. 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.
10. You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

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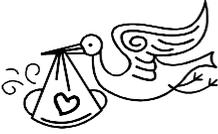
**OR**

**San Luis Obispo County Election's Toll Free Number**

**800-834-4636, Ext 5228**

**Email: [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)**

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