

**Recommendations for Voters
Orange County and Statewide Offices
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For those of you who do not know me, I am an evangelical Christian and an attorney who is involved in local Orange County politics. I am a former President of a local California Republican Assembly (“CRA”) chapter and a former elected member of the Orange County Republican Central Committee. I review candidates, initiatives and measures from a pro-life, pro-traditional family, less taxation and less government point of view. Due to space limitations and the large number of issues & candidates, I will be giving only brief commentary on some persons and initiatives / measures. For some races there may be more positions or seats up for election than I may have recommendations. This means I simply do not have a recommendation for all those offices / seats.

Thank you for taking the time to review my recommendations and I hope you find them helpful. Also, for more election information *I highly recommend* you visit my friend Robyn Nordell’s web site at: <http://www.robynnordell.com/>. Robyn’s recommendations are there along with other good friends who also spend time researching candidates and issues. And we do not always agree with each other and that’s OK!

President & Vice President of the United States

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| Republican | Donald J. Trump https://www.donaldjtrump.com/ and Mike Pence |
| | I have never seen a politician keep so many campaign promises as Donald J. Trump. As an attorney I care about who is chosen to be on the U.S. Supreme Court. Again in 2020 President Trump put out a list of people he would consider for the high court. Joe Biden has not and apparently refuses to do so. The President delivered an extremely robust economy prior to COVID-19 including tax cuts. Joe Biden wants to raise taxes and re-instate costly government regulations that restrict the economy. President Trump has obtained peace treaties between Israel and TWO Arab nations in the middle east within 30 days of each other. He moved the US Embassy to Jerusalem right after being elected. There is so much more to say about this topic alone but space and time prevent me from doing so. |

U.S. Congress

| Office | <u>Craig’s Recommendation</u> |
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| 39 th | Young Kim |
| 45 th | Greg Raths |
| 46 th | James Waters |
| 48 th | Michelle Steel |
| 49 th | Brian Maryott (https://maryottforcongress.com/) |

State:

| Office | Craig's Recommendation |
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| 55 th Assembly District | Phillip Chen |
| 65 th Assembly District | Cynthia Thacker |
| 68 th Assembly District | Steven Choi |
| 69 th Assembly District | John Paul White |
| 72 nd Assembly District | Janet Nguyen |
| 73 rd Assembly District | Laurie Davies |
| 74 th Assembly District | Diane Dixon |
| 37 th State Senate | John Moorlach (https://moorlachforsenate.com/) |
| 29 th State Senate | Ling Ling Chang |

County, School and Water Boards:

| Office | Craig's Recommendation |
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| Orange County Supervisor: 1 st District | Andrew Do |
| Races for Judge | As far as I know there are no judicial races on the ballot for November 2020. |
| Capistrano Unified School District | |
| Trustee Area No. 2 | JIM REARDON (http://www.votereardon.com/) |
| Trustee Area No. 3 | No recommendation |
| Trustee Area No. 5 | Paul Hebbard (https://www.facebook.com/PaulHebbard2020) |
| Saddleback Valley Unified School District | Trustee Area No. 3: Tricia Yee Trustee Area No. 4: Benjamin Yu |
| South Orange Co. Comm. College District No. 7 | Sean Gawne |
| Orange Unified School District | Area 2: John Ortega Area 3: Alexia Deligianni-Brydges Area 6: Angie Schlueter-Rumsey |

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| North OC College Dist. | Area 7: Ryan Bent For all other seats contact Ryan Bent at http://www.ryanbent.org/ |
| Moulton Niguel Water District | Brian Probolsky and Duane Cave |
| Municipal Water District of Orange County | District Area 4: Allen Mansoor – Allan is one of the best! |
| Rossmoor Community Services District, Full Term | Jeffery Barke |

City Council:

| Office | Craig's Recommendation |
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| Aliso Viejo | Mike Munzing and Michael Winger |
| Dana Point | The city I live in. It is now by District and I do not live in either District that is on the ballot. Four people running for two offices – two in each district. None are Republicans. For district 4 I recommend Mike Frost as the better of the two. |
| Costa Mesa | An important city but I do not know the players there. I have two recommendations: first do not vote for Katrina Foley no matter what! The other is to go to Robyn Nordell's web site and contact Allen Mansoor (about to term out off the council) for his recommendations: allan@allanmansoor.com |
| Fullerton | Bruce Whitaker |
| Laguna Hills | Janine Heft and Bill Hunt Note: there is not enough good I can say about Janine Heft – a true conservative servant leader! |
| Laguna Woods | Kathryn Robbins |
| Irvine | I do not know enough about this important city to make recommendations except for two: Vote for Christina Shea for Mayor. Do NOT vote for Larry Agran for City Council. For more information go to Robyn Nordell's web site & contact Allan Bartlett at allanbartlett@gmail.com |
| Laguna Niguel | Sandy Rains, Rishi Paul Sharma and Kelly Jennings |
| Mission Viejo | I recommend you go to Robyn Nordell's web site and contact my friend Dale Tyler at edt@tylerent.com |
| Rancho Santa Margarita | Tony Beall and Carol Gamble |
| San Juan Capistrano | Area 5: Howard Hart – I do not know Mr. Hart but I do know his opponent who should never be elected to any public office again. |
| San Clemente | Short term seat: Steven Knoblock. Full term seat: Aron Washington |
| Santa Ana Mayor | Cecilia Iglesias https://voteiglesias.com/ For all other seats (except Ward 1 – see below) on this council I recommend going to Robyn Nordell's web site and contacting Ceci Iglesias. |

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| Santa Ana Ward 1 | Thomas Anthony Gordon |
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Statewide Ballot Propositions:

| Ballot Propositions: | <u>Craig's Recommendation</u> |
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| Prop. 14 - \$5 Billion in bonds for embryotic stem cell research - NO | No – morally repugnant and there is no proof that the earlier 2002 bonds (\$3 billion) generated any good for society. And we do not need more bond debt in California. |
| Prop. 15 – Partial repeal of Prop. 13 on property taxes – so called “Split Roll” - NO | This is a direct attack on Prop. 13 (the one from 1978). If it passes almost all commercial and retail properties would lose Prop. 13 protections and be re-assessed at fair market value. Building owners (Landlords) would raise the rent on retail and commercial tenants thus the cost of goods would go way up. All as businesses are trying to recover from the COVID-19 lockdowns. Guess who wants this: the California Teachers Association. The CTA already got us via Prop. 30 and 52 the highest state income taxes in the nation. No new taxes!!!! Vote NO |
| Prop. 16 – Repeal of Prop. 209. The return of racial discrimination. - NO | If passed this would repeal Prop. 209. Prop. 209 prohibits discrimination on things like admissions into colleges, jobs with the government and other arenas based on race, creed, color, etc. This is crazy – so now the majority party in Sacramento wants to allow discrimination in who can be admitted to colleges, jobs, etc.?!?! Prop. 209 means people get admitted / hired <i>based on merit</i> not how many of a certain race or color or ???. Prop. 16 is a big NO! |
| Prop. 17 – Allow felons on parole the right to vote - NO | This would return the right to vote to convicted felons who are out on parole. People on parole have not yet “paid their debt to society” otherwise there would be no need to have a parole system. They should complete their “sentence” then have the right to vote restored. Vote NO |
| Prop. 18 – Grants 17 year olds the right to vote in primary elections if they are 18 when the general election is taken. NO | There is a reason 17 year olds do not vote, do not have a lot of rights, etc. Maturity. A lot of 18 year olds lack maturity but lowering the voting age is a step backwards. Vote NO |
| Prop. 19 – Changes to Prop. 13 - NO | Changes the way property taxes on your home are transferred when you move if you are over a certain age. But there are some poison pills in the proposition that would cost families that lose a loved one or a family farm by having the home / farm <i>re-assessed at fair market value</i> . The only reason the people behind this want this is to encourage more home sales and <i>more taxes to the government</i> . Vote NO |
| Prop. 20 – Reducing crime - YES | This would reverse some serious weaknesses in prior years’ Prop. 47. It would require no parole for certain violent offenders; allow more arrests for shoplifting (current severely curtailed by Prop. 47 tying law enforcement’s hands) and other common sense reforms. This is a big YES vote. |

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| Prop. 21 – Imposition of rent control - NO | Rent Control is always a bad idea and usually results in not helping most renters. This is a complicated proposition that would be difficult for property owners to follow. These types of laws usually create more housing shortages. Vote NO |
| Prop. 22 – Allow App Based Drivers (Uber, Lyft, etc.) to operate - YES | Last year the legislature (under pressure from unions) passed AB5 which SEVERELY restricted the right of people to work as an independent contractor rather than as an employee. The result is many, many independent workers lost their jobs. Uber and Lyft are likely going to cease operations in California if this continues. AB5 is the legislature picking winners and losers to benefit union employees. Prop. 22 allows the voters to set this right. A big YES! |
| Prop. 23 – Imposes State Regulations on Dialysis Clinics - NO | Another attempt to enrich unions at the expense of those getting dialysis treatment (and raising health care costs again!). Plus this would create yet another state government agency. Vote NO |
| Prop. 24 – More complicated privacy laws for businesses - NO | A complicated set of rules on privacy rights in California that will apply to most small businesses who can't afford to hire law firms to help them navigate it all. A win for lawyers but not small businesses trying to recover from the COVID-19 lockdowns. Vote NO |
| Prop. 25 – Referendum to repeal a 2018 law that replaced the cash bail system - NO | This is a referendum proposition = this means to agree to repeal the 2018 law you need to vote NO (not yes which is a vote to keep the 2018 law). No cash bail allows repeat criminal offenders to be immediately released from jail to go commit more crimes. Vote NO |

Municipal Ballot Measures:

| Ballot Measures: | <u>Craig's Recommendation</u> |
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| Measure BB – City of San Clemente Term Limits - Yes | Yes – Will limit someone to two four year terms then they can run again in two or more years to serve again. I would have preferred three four year terms but this is a good compromise. |