

**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!

One thing that comes up often now: Vote in person on election day or mail in your ballot early? For most of my adult life I have voted by mail. I now vote early but I drop my filled-out ballot at a ballot drop off box or I take it to the ROV’s office in Santa Ana. I feel the ballot drop off boxes put out by the Registrar of Voter’s office are safe. You cannot get into those boxes unless you work for the ROV or you have C-4 explosives as those boxes are extremely strong and they are bolted to the ground. Why vote early? First you make sure your vote is in and counted. This also helps your candidates not have to spend money and time following up with you to “get out the vote”. And there is always a chance that you may face an emergency on election day and not be able to case your ballot.

President & Vice President of the United States

Republican	Donald J. Trump https://www.donaldjtrump.com/ and J.D. Vance
	Were you better off during President Trump’s term in office (2017 – 2021) or during the Biden/Harris term of office (2021 to the present)? We need President Trump back in the Oval Office!

U.S. Senate – Steve Garvey

U.S. Congress

<u>Office</u>	<u>Craig’s Recommendation</u>
38th	Eric Ching
40th	Young Kim

45 th	Michelle Steele
76 th	Scott Baugh
48 th	Matt Gunderson

State:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Craig's Recommendation</u>
59 th Assembly District	Phillip Chen
64 th Assembly District	Raul Ortiz, Jr.
67 th Assembly District	Elizabeth Culver
68 th Assembly District	Mike Tardif
70 th Assembly District	Tri Ta
71 st Assembly District	Kate Sanchez
72 nd Assembly District	Diane Dixon
73 rd Assembly District	Scotty Peotter
74 th Assembly District	Laurie Davies
37 th State Senate	Steven Choi
5 th State Senate	James (Jim) Shoemaker

County, School and Water Boards:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Craig's Recommendation</u>
Orange County Supervisor: 1 st District	Janet Nguyen
Races for Judge	There are no judicial races on the ballot for November 2024.
Capistrano Unified School District	
Trustee Area No. 1	Jannifer Adnams
Trustee Area No. 2	Lisa Zollinger
Trustee Area No. 3	Lisa Davis

Trustee Area No. 5	Sonia Terwiske
Newport Mesa USD	
Trustee Area No. 1	Robin Mensinger
Trustee Area No. 3	Phillip Stemler
Trustee Area No. 6	Amy Peters
Tustin Unified SD	
Trustee Area No. 1	Joe Portera
Trustee Area No. 2	Kathy Copeland
Trustee Area No. 4	Mark McCallie
Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Trustee Area No. 1: Scott Miller
South Orange Co. Comm. College District No. 7	Carl J. David
Rancho Santiago Community College District Area 3	Cecilia “Ceci” Iglesias
North OC College Dist.	Area 7: Ryan Bent
Moulton Niguel Water District	Brian Probolsky and Duane Cave

City Council:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Craig’s Recommendation</u>
Aliso Viejo	Mike Munzing and Tim Zandbergen
Dana Point	No Recommendation
Costa Mesa	Mayor: James Peters; City Council District 1: Mike Buley; District 6: Jeff Pettis
Fullerton	Linda Whitaker

Laguna Hills	Don Caskey and Jared Mathis
Laguna Woods	No Recommendation
Irvine	I do not know enough about this important city to make recommendations for this race. I recommend you go to Robyn Nordell's web site and contact Allan Bartlett at allanbartlett@gmail.com for his recommendations for Irvine. But one thing I can say without question – do NOT vote for Larry Agran
Rancho Santa Margarita	Tony Beall (Mayor) and Carol Gamble (District 3)
San Juan Capistrano	No recommendation
San Clemente	Dist. 3 – Lois McNicoll; Dist. 4 – Zhen Wu
Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang and Tara Campbell

Statewide Ballot Propositions:

Ballot Propositions:	Craig's Recommendation
Prop. 2 Bonds for Public Schools and Comm. College Districts - NO	No – California does not need to incur even more debt in addition to the billions already making up California's red ink budget.
Prop. 3 Constitutional Right to Same Sex Marriage - NO	This would remove the constitutional amendment of Proposition 8 passed years ago but enjoined from enforcement by the United States Supreme Court. While it might sound like keeping the Prop. 8 law is a dead letter, California does not need any more removal of good laws from its Constitution. Vote NO
Prop. 4 Bonds for mostly Climate Change Initiatives - NO	No – again California does not need to incur even more debt – whether for buildings we cannot afford (Prop. 2 above) or Climate Change Initiatives that will not work. Vote NO!
Prop. 5 Lowers the percentage for passage of Bond Measures – mostly for housing projects. - NO	This is a direct attack on Proposition 13 which requires a higher percentage of voters to pass local bond measures. This has already been done for school bonds but would expand it to all bond measures. Vote NO
Prop. 6 Eliminates requiring prisoners to work while in jail. NO	Prison should be about rehabilitation and punishment for crimes committed. Not a place to “do nothing”. Vote NO
Prop. 32 – Raises Minimum Wage - NO	Will raise the minimum wage in California. Our state already has higher minimum wages than other states and that is one of the reasons businesses and those that start businesses are leaving the state. Plus the raising of the minimum wage for fast food restaurants has been a disaster – most so for those fast-food workers who were laid off or had their hours reduced. Vote NO
Prop. 33 – 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. 34 – Restricts Spending of certain	YES – Prop. 34 would bar certain non-profit health care companies from using federal funds for political causes. Endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

medical insurer funds. - YES	
Prop. 35 – Makes certain taxes on managed health care permanent - NO	Permanent higher taxes on health care for Medi-Cal Health Care Services – What will these carriers do to make up for these continued higher taxes – pass them onto other health care insureds! If these companies do not operate making some profit – they will withdraw from the California market and that is no good for anyone. Vote NO.
Prop. 36 – Reducing crime - YES	This would reverse some serious weaknesses in prior years’ Prop. 47. It would reclassify selected crimes as felonies and increase fines and sentences – one area this is sorely needed is retail crime. This is a big YES vote.

Municipal Ballot Measures:

Ballot Measures:	Craig’s Recommendation
Measure T – City of Dana Point short term housing - NO	No – Will strictly limit the city’s ability to enforce and make changes to the city passed laws on short term rentals. This measure is a bad ballot box cram down measure brought after the city worked for years to find a good middle ground on this contentious issue.
Measure BB – City of San Clemente - NO	This is a sales tax increase mostly to replace sand at the beach. The City needs to spend within its means and not ask taxpayers to foot the bill with extra taxes. Vote NO.
Measure Z – City of Orange higher sales tax measure - NO	No – another increase sales tax measure to make up for the City expanding its spending on employees and their higher and higher salaries. Tell the local politicians to live within their means and vote NO.
Measure Y – City of Missions Viejo hotel tax increase - NO	Higher taxes on those who stay at a hotel in this city. Not a good way to finance city services. The City government should spend within its means. Vote NO.
Note on other measures	There are 10 school bond measures, several city sponsored sales tax increase measures and many others dealing with voting rights, term limits, etc. Too many for me to go over all of them individually. On school bonds and sales tax increases – if you are in those areas set to vote on one or more of these – you need to ask yourself 1. Do you wish to pay more taxes? And 2. Does the school district and/or city already have outstanding bond measures that were passed in previous years – a tax on top of a tax? I would recommend a NO vote on those. For a full list with recommendations I highly recommend you review the recommendations on Robyn Nordell’s web page.