

**Recommendations for Voters
Orange County and Statewide Offices
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Election on June 2, 2026**

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.robymordell.com/>. Robyn’s recommendations are there along with other good friends like Penny Harrington (San Diego area) who also spend time researching candidates and issues. And we do not always agree with each other and that’s OK!

The following is a good short note about the effect of the re-districting of Prop. 50 and “Top Two Primary” (Prop. 14) law on “primary” elections:

CA Open Primary (Prop 14) and its implications. In the races for Congress and state offices, voters can cross over and vote for a candidate of another party. It is possible that the “top two” for the November election could come from the same party, which occurred in some races in 2012, 2014, 2016 & 2018.

CA Prop. 50 Re-Districting: For many, many voters you will be getting voter instructions to vote for Congressional candidates and find yourself in a different Congressional District than you were two years ago. That happened to me! This is the effect of the Democrat’s gerrymandering that unfortunately the voters passed last November. All of the legal challenges were turned back so we are stuck with this until (allegedly) the Citizen’s Re-Districting Commission takes this back over after the 2030 census. Given the extremely partisan map drawing I HIGHLY recommend you cast your vote as your vote is now more important than ever.

Federal Offices: U.S. Senate & Congress

<u>Office</u>	<u>Craig’s Recommendation</u>
<u>U.S. Senate</u>	No U.S. Senate election this year
<u>District</u>	<u>US House of Representatives</u>
38 th	Pedro Antonio Casas (only Republican running)

40th	Two elected congresspersons running in the same district due to the passage of Prop. 50 re-districting. Ken Calvert and Young Kim. Both of them have pluses and minuses. But it is important that one of them advance to the general election – therefore I recommend Ken Calvert due to his voting record.
41st	Mitch Clemmons (only Republican running)
42nd	Noah Von Blom
45th	Choung Vo
46th	David Pan (only Republican running)
47th	Jenny Rae Le Roux – this is a difficult choice for me. I know one of the other candidates very well. However it does not appear his campaign is gaining traction.
49th	Armen Kurdian (Note: Star Parker is an excellent second choice but given Mr. Kurdian’s long military service record (retired Navy Captain) – he gets my hat tip to challenge Mr. Levin in the general election)

State:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Craig’s Recommendation</u>
Governor	Steve Hilton
Lt. Governor	Gloria Romero (strong on parental rights and school choice; she was a long term Democrat leader who fought the teacher unions only to be “kicked to the curb” by the Democrat Party – so much for “diversity” of thought!)
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Sonja Shaw (strong on parental rights and school choice)
Secretary of State	Don Wagner
Attorney General	Michael Gates
Controller	Herb Morgan
Treasurer	Jennifer Hawks
Insurance Commissioner	Stacy Korsgaden

Board of Equalization No. 4	Denis Bilodeau
59 th Assembly District	Phillip Chen (Phillip has a solid voting record in the Assembly).
64 th Assembly District	Raul Ortiz, Jr. (only Republican running)
67 th Assembly District	Paulo Morales (endorsed by the OCGOP)
68 th Assembly District	Mayra Ruiz (only Republican running)
70 th Assembly District	Tri Ta (a consistently good conservative vote in the Assembly)
71 st Assembly District	Kate Sanchez (a consistently good conservative vote in the Assembly)
72 nd Assembly District	Gracey Van Der Mark (endorsed by the OCGOP). This is a hard one for me – I know the other Republican candidate and he is a very good person too.
73 rd Assembly District	Urson Russell (the only Republican running)
74 th Assembly District	Laurie Davies (a consistently good conservative vote in the Assembly)
30 th State Senate	Araceli Martinez (the only Republican running)
32 nd State Senate	Kelly Seyarto (the only Republican running)
34 th State Senate	Rhonda Shader (the only Republican running)
36 th State Senate	Tony Strickland (a consistently good conservative vote and a real leader in the Senate)
38 th State Senate	Laura Bassett (the only Republican running)

County:

Office	<u>Craig's Recommendation</u>
Clerk Recorder	Hugh Nguyen
Treasurer Tax Collector	Shari Freidenrich
OC Assessor	Claude Parrish
Orange County Supervisor: 2 nd District	James Wallace

Orange County Supervisor: 4 th District	Tim Shaw
Orange County Supervisor 5 th District	Diane Dixon
Races for Judge	None of the candidates for the two judicial races are Republicans.
Judge of the Superior Court No. 13	Ann Cho
Judge of the Superior Court No. 41	Ami S. Sagel
Orange County Board of Education	Note: This is a very important board in our county education system.
Superintendent of Schools	Stefan Bean www.drbeanoc.com
Trustee Area No. 5	Lisa Sparks www.sparksforschools.com I know Lisa well and she is also doing a great job on the board.

Ballot Measures in Orange County:

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Note: there are no county ballot measures for the primary	

Statewide Initiatives / Propositions:

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None on the June 2, 2026 ballot	This time there are no statewide ballot propositions on the June ballot. Look for a long list for the November general election including Voter ID!