

2026 California General Election

Kathy's Pics

Orange County Voting Recommendations from conservative Kathy Dittner

Kathy's Pics can be viewed on Robyn Nordell's Conservative California Election site:

<http://www.robynnordell.com/countyorange.aspx>

About Kathy

I am a Christian conservative who spends many hours researching candidates and issues. I have been involved in politics since being elected to the Orange County Central Committee in 1992. My "Pics" reflect a Biblical world view that is pro-life, pro-family, pro-Constitution, pro-choice in education, as well as a view that supports decentralized and limited government in both size and spending. I generally do not recommend anyone from the Democrat Party as it does not reflect the values and issues I support.

Vote Early!

Put your ballot in an envelope and drop it in the mail. Unfortunately, we need our votes to be counted as soon as possible. Votes on election day and after for 2 weeks are counted last. Don't waste your vote!

Track your ballot

I urge everyone to sign up for California's "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool! You can select to receive all alerts—if there are issues with your ballot, there are instructions on how to correct them and make sure your vote is counted. Don't miss out on the opportunity to track your ballot every step of the way!

<https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

I have chosen candidates who best reflect my values. They have at least one of these values: Christian, pro-life, pro-marriage, pro-liberty, conservative, endorsed by the California Republican Assembly (CRA) and Orange County Republican Party, OCGOP.

State Offices

Governor: Steve Hilton. Steve is our only hope! He has a plan to turn around California economically, socially, morally and financially. Homelessness, housing, debt, taxes, fraud and illegal benefits are a few of the policies he wants to change. He plans on making public schools and colleges more affordable as well as changing our environment excesses. Steve is endorsed by President Donald Trump and Pastor Jack Hibbs, CCCH.

Steve could win if the No Party Preference (NPP) voters go for him as well as every (R).

Lt. Governor: Gloria Romero. She was a former Democrat majority leader and recently switched to the Republican Party in 2024. She shares our conservative values including parental rights and charter schools and is against transgender issues. Gloria voted for Trump in 2024. She is the best we have and is running with Steve Hilton and Michael Gates as a team.

Attorney General: Michael Gates. He has all the requirements: Christian, conservative, pro-life, and pro-marriage. CRA and GOP endorsed. He was the City Attorney for Huntington Beach for 10 years and Attorney in Trump's administration as Deputy Asst. Attorney in Civil Rights Div. He has endorsements from all elected officials as well as my Pastor, Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills. Yes, it is legal for pastors to endorse candidates.

Secretary of State: Don Wagner. CRA endorsed. He is a solid pro-life conservative who has served Orange County well, recently as County Supervisor.

Treasurer: Jennifer Hawks. CRA endorsed.

Controller: Herb Morgan. CRA endorsed.

Insurance Commissioner: Two Democrats, no recommendation.

State Board of Equalization

District 4: Denis Bilodeau. A conservative tax fighter. No new taxes. Supports Proposition 13.

U.S. Congress

House of Representatives

District 40: Ken Calvert. Ken is a solid conservative. I am supporting Calvert instead of Young Kim because Kim is a sponsor of the mass amnesty bill for illegal immigrants.

District 46: David Pan. CRA endorsed.

District 47: Jenny Rae Le Roux. CRA, GOP.

District 49: Armen Kurdian. He is a Navy Veteran Captain. CRA, GOP, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association endorsed. This is the "new" district that was formed to get more Democrats in the Congress.

State Senate

District 36: Tony Strickland. Conservative, and co-author of the Voter ID Initiative which requires voters to show a driver's license or other ID to vote.

District 38: Laura Bassett. She is a conservative and backed by every elected Republican official. Do not vote for the liberal, union-backed Democrat, Catherine Blakespear.

State Assembly

District 71: Kate Sanchez. My assemblywoman with a very conservative voting record of 80+%; endorsed by CRA.

District 72: Gracey Van Der Mark. Conservative, endorsed by CRA.

District 73: Urson Russell. Conservative; endorsed by CRA.

District 74: Laurie Davies. Solid conservative incumbent.

Judicial

Thanks to Craig Huey for his excellent work researching these candidates.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

Joshua Groban..... **NO**

Kelli M. Evans **NO**

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 1

Julia Kelety **YES**

Jose S. Castillo **YES**

Truc T. Do..... **NO**

William S. Dato **YES**

Eran M. Bermudez **YES**

Lisa Rodriguez **YES**

David M. Rubin **YES**

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 2

Corey G. Lee..... **YES**

Michael J. Raphael..... **YES**

Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 3

Joanne Motoike **NO**

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 3

Thomas A. Delaney **YES**

Nathan R. Scott **YES**

Deborah C. Servino..... **YES**

Martha K. Gooding **YES**

Juliet O. Macaulay **NO**

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Sonia Shaw. She has all the requirements: Christian, pro-life, pro-marriage, conservative. She also opposes men in women's sports. CRA endorsed.

Orange County Races

Board of Supervisors

District 4: Tim Shaw. Conservative; supports school choice; servant leader. CRA endorsed.

District 5: Diane Dixon. Republican vs. Democrat—no contest. Endorsed by all Orange County Boards of Education and CRA.

Orange County City Councils

Aliso Viejo

District 2: Max Duncan. GOP.

District 3: Garrett Dwyer. GOP.

Dana Point

District 1: John Gabbard. Unopposed.

District 3: Hydee Riggs. Unopposed.

Laguna Hills

District 1: Laura Thies.

District 2: Joshua Sweeney.

District 4: Scott Miller. CRA endorsed.

Laguna Woods

District 1: Carol Moor. No Party Preference (NPP).

District 2: Both Democrats.

Lake Forest

District 2: Benjamin Yu. CRA endorsed.

District 3: Tom Grable. CRA endorsed.

District 4: Sheri Rhodes. CRA.

Laguna Niguel

District 2: Ray Gennewey. Unopposed.

Mission Viejo

District 1: Bob Ruesch. CRA endorsed.

District 2: Saga Conroy. CRA endorsed.

District 3: Bryan Zahn. GOP.

District 4: James Morrison. My councilman. SRA endorsed.

District 5: Steve Thorton. Unopposed, SRA endorsed.

Rancho Santa Margarita

District 1: Josh Bastian. GOP.

District 2: Anne Figueroa. GOP.

District 4: Brad McGirr. Incumbent, GOP.

San Clemente

Mayor: Victor Cabral. GOP.

District 1: Steve Camp. GOP.

District 2: Steve Knoblock. Incumbent, GOP.

San Juan Capistrano

District 2: Jeff Moore. Conservative.

District 3: Unopposed.

District 4: Unopposed.

City Measures

Lake Forest: Term Limits for City Council **YES**

San Clemente: 1% Sales Tax **NO**

Orange County Schools

Elementary and High Schools

Saddleback Unified

Area 5: Kris Spowart. Republican.

Capistrano Unified

Area 4: Marico Carralero. SRA, OC GOP.

Area 6: Mandy Bourne. Conservative; supports Parental Rights.

Area 7: Linda Shepard. SRA. A conservative Republican.

Orange County Community Colleges

South Orange College

Area 4: John Black. Republican.

Water Districts

Moulton Niguel Water District

Pat Bates (Short term): Pat has served Orange County as Mayor of Laguna Niguel, Assemblywoman, State Senator, and Board of Supervisors.

Trish Kelly (Full term): Christian Conservative, former Mayor of Mission Viejo.

Statewide Ballot Measures

I generally oppose all **BOND** measures, on the principle that when you borrow, you pay back almost twice as much plus interest! Propositions with deceptive phrases like permanent funding, raises taxes for anything, one-time tax, fair elections and spending requirements are all a NO for us, the taxpayers.

I intentionally referenced the number only and am not copying the wording of the Ballot Measures as they are so misleading and confusing.

Prop 1—**NO**

Veterans and Affordable Housing BOND Act.

Borrows \$11.25 Billion for costly Housing Projects.

This measure is mainly for rental housing and uses emotions for Veterans to get your vote. Politicians want \$10 Billion for affordable rental housing/homeownership and only \$1.25 Billion for veterans' home purchase assistance. Your tax dollars will be going to subsidize developers without stopping costly mandates. You and your children will have to pay back over \$17 Billion with interest! Many of the projects funded by this bond will cost more than \$1 Million per unit.

Prop 2—**NO**

Increases State's Rainy-Day Fund.

Guts State Budget Spending Limit and Cancels Tax Rebates.

Prop 2 would raise the rainy-day fund cap from 10% to 20% of General Fund tax proceeds and change deposit rules. It creates a new slush fund which comes from your capital gains and income tax revenues. Legislatures can then engage in more wasteful spending and fraud, eliminating any chance for a tax rebate. State Senator Tony Strickland (R) puts it like this. It would be like taking out a new credit card to pay off the old one "while continuing the same reckless spending habits that created the problem in the first place." He said Democrats are asking taxpayers to bankroll their spending.

Prop 3—**NO**

Permanent Funding for Schools and Healthcare.

Income Tax Increases.

This will *permanently* lock in the "temporary" state income tax from 2012 and allocate the funds from 50% to 89% for K-12 and 11% to community colleges. Prop 3 does nothing to reform wasteful spending and accountability on how the money is spent. What do we get for increasing our taxes? California schools are 37th in national ratings. They are taking your children without your knowledge for gender changing therapy and teaching them homosexuality is normal. Boys are allowed in girls' bathrooms that provide condoms and Trans boys can play on girls' athletic teams. Is this what we are paying for? I say No More! Give parents the \$20,000 per student it costs per year. Then, let them pick what school, public or private, they want to send their children.

Prop 4—**NO**

Fair Elections Act.

Gives Your Tax Dollars to Politicians' Campaigns.

Ten years ago, voters said that tax dollars should never be able to fund campaigns of politicians. The Democrat legislators tried to pass this in 2016. The courts threw it out and said the voters must decide.

Now, 10 years later, they are back asking you, the taxpayer, to fund their ads against political speech and policies they do not support.

Prop 5—NO

Recall of State Officers.

Weakens Citizen Right to Recall Politicians from Office.

If the voters recall the Governor, we don't get to choose the replacement—the office is automatically handed to the political machine's second-in-command. The decision will be entirely out of the voters' control.

Prop 37—NO

Middle-Income Homebuyer Loan Program.

Borrows \$25 Billion for Costly Housing Projects.

No to a \$25 billion **BOND** measure for costly taxpayer funded subsidies to housing developers. This will make California one of the biggest lenders overnight and the taxpayers will have to pick up the losses. Many housing units will end up costing \$1 million.

Prop 38—NO

Immunology Research Bonds.

Authorizes \$8.4B in **BONDS** for immunology/immunotherapy research via a UC-affiliated institute and university grants. It will cost you, the taxpayer, \$500 million annually for 25 years. The claim that Prop 38 will pay for itself is speculative. The State cannot guarantee that the investments will generate enough money to offset the billions in bond repayment.

Prop 39—YES

Voter ID and Citizenship Verification.

The State changed the ballot title at the last minute, to “**Prohibits Citizens from Voting.**” The only thing this Measure prohibits is non-citizens and ineligible people from voting. It requires ID at polls (or last-4 digits of ID for mail ballots), state-issued voter ID cards on request, and annual citizenship-verification reporting. Prop 39 protects the right of every citizen to vote and restores public trust and confidence in our elections.

Prop 40—NO

One-Time Wealth Tax.

“Billionaires” Tax that Is Really an “Everybody” Tax.

Prop 40 is backed by Service Employees International Union United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) and it will go for healthcare related programs with 90% going to health care and 10% to food assistance/education. The State and Federal Government spent over \$200 billion on health care programs. Most of it goes to Medi-Cal, insurance for low-income people. Prop 40 contains a provision allowing state politicians to expand the Wealth Tax to everyone without another vote of the public. It even can tax the value of your savings and checking account, 401k, stock portfolio, and current equity in your home. Even Gavin Newsom is an opponent, who says it could force the exodus of the state's ultrawealthy. He knows that they provide the jobs, health insurance and stability of the State's economy.

PROP 41, 42, 43—YES

PROTECTS THE TAXPAYER FROM THE DEMOCRAT LEGISLATORS WHO WANT TO RAISE YOUR TAXES. VOTE YES ON ALL THREE!

IF PROP 41 OR 42 RECEIVE MORE “YES” VOTES THAN PROP 40, THEN PROP 40 COULD BE STOPPED FROM BECOMING LAW.

Prop 41—YES

Audits Special-Tax-Funded Programs.

Makes it harder for local and State politicians to force special taxes on you! It also would require a pre-election audit of programs that would receive funding from a voter approved special tax to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.

Prop 42—YES

Bars New Personal Property/Retroactive Taxes.

Stop the Savings Tax.

It would prohibit politicians from taxing the value of your savings, checking accounts, 401k, stock portfolio, and current equity in your home. We already pay the highest taxes on income, sales, property, gas, and our cars. Don't let the Legislature tax you again on what you earn and save.

Prop 43—YES

Local Tax Limitation.

Local Taxpayer Protection Initiative (Saves Prop 13)

Makes it harder for local politicians to raise our taxes by restoring the two-thirds vote requirement on any local tax measures. The vote No crowd simply wants more of your money to fund their waste and fraud. This was a great victory for Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to save Prop 13. This measure will close the loophole that allowed special taxes to pass with less than a two-thirds vote required by Prop 13.

Prop 44—NO

Clinic Spending Requirement.

Imposes costly Mandates on Community Health Clinics.

Increases mandates and costs on community health clinics, threatening their ability to provide patient care. Big Health Care doesn't like smaller clinics taking away from them. Prop 44 would trigger \$1.7 billion in penalties in the first year alone and force local clinics across California to go out of business.

Prop 45—YES

Environmental Review Changes.

Reduces Housing Costs by Cutting Red Tape.

Reduces regulation and combats frivolous lawsuits that have increased the cost of housing projects. California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been weaponized to block and delay housing, adding years and millions of dollars to every project. This is the first time, we the people, have ever been able to have the chance to reform (CEQA) at the ballot box!

How I Vote

I will vote for the most pro-life candidate,
because God hates the shedding of innocent blood
(Proverbs 6:17).

I will vote for the most pro-Israel candidate, because
God blesses those who Bless Israel
and curses those who don't
(Genesis 12:3).

I will vote for the most pro-debt reduction candidate,
because the borrower is servant to the lender
(Proverbs 22:7).

I will vote for the most pro-work candidate because
God says if a man won't work let him not eat.
(2 Thessalonians 3:10)

I will vote for the most Pro-Marriage candidate
because God is for marriage as defined in
(Genesis 2:24).

I will vote for the candidate who most closely
believes government's purpose is
to reward good & punish evil
(Romans 13).

I will vote based as close as I can on God's Word
(2 Timothy 3:16)