Penny's Picks
June 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election
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Please cast your vote in person. Vote Centers, with several in each city, are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm beginning June 4, with some open beginning May 28. On Election Day, June 7, Vote Centers will be open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Find a list of locations here. There are several in every city. Take your ballot *out of the envelope*, sign in at the Vote Center as you normally would at a precinct location and cast the ballot you were mailed right there. You may fill out your ballot in advance or after you sign in. You will place your ballot, without an envelope, in the ballot box yourself.

If you cannot physically get to a vote center and must mail your ballot or drop it at an official ballot drop location, you may help ensure your completed ballot gets where it's supposed to go by signing up for the "Where's My Ballot" tracking system at *WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.*

Have things changed on your ballot? YES! Redistricting has occurred and the names and district references may not be the same. Find a list of your new 2021 districts as well as the previous 2011 districts here.

Who is Penny? See a brief bio at the end of these recommendations.

There are many important factors to consider when reviewing candidates, but for those with a conservative biblical worldview our highest priorities are essential core values such as the sanctity of life, biblical marriage, sexuality and gender, religious liberty, proper role of (and generally smaller) government, original constitutional intent and lower taxes so that families and businesses can thrive. Other considerations, once we know a candidate shares our values (at least to a significant degree), include character (to the extent that this can be known), experience and electability (endorsements and funding). As much as we may have an emotional affinity to a candidate, elections are strategic. We should endeavor to advance the strongest conservative candidates in a Primary to the General Election in November.

Remember, there are no "perfect" candidates and sometimes none of the candidates in a race hold a biblical worldview. Try not to think in terms of voting for the lesser of evils, but of voting for candidates who would do the greater good in office (or the least damage). Some of these choices are not "conservatives," but the *more* conservative of the candidates in the race. *Keep in mind that if you prefer not to vote for any candidate in a particular contest, leaving an office blank does not invalidate your ballot.*

The following are my *personal* recommendations and not those of any organization(s) with which I am involved. In making these choices I use nonpartisan and candidate websites, organizational endorsements, voter guides, print and online media sources, interviews with various trusted sources, forums, and, sometimes, personal vetting with the candidate or campaign. (Please see "Valuable Voter Resources" below to help you do your *own* research.)

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ THESE NOTES:
1) An asterisk (*) denotes an incumbent.
2) Not all candidates listed share a biblical worldview on all core principles, but many do. I list those I consider to be the *best of the available choices* without qualifiers, although in some cases, I will add brief comments.
3) If I do not have enough information to make a conservative recommendation for an office, but a candidate has the San Diego GOP endorsement I will note "(GOP-endorsed)" next to the name(s).

Statewide Offices

Governor – Brian Dahle (Jenny Rae La Roux and Anthony Trimino are conservative candidates as well. However, Dahle is a current state senator with a strong voting record. I believe he is the best candidate to unify behind and send to the General Election.)

Lieutenant Governor – Angela Underwood Jacobs

Secretary of State – Rob Bernosky

Controller – Lanhee Chen

Treasurer – Jack Guerrero

Attorney General – Nathan Hochman

Insurance Commissioner – Robert Howell

State Board of Equalization, Dist. 4 – Denis Bilodeau

U.S. Senator (Full Term) – Cordie Williams (Mark Meuser is also a conservative candidate.)

U.S. Senator (Partial Term) – Mark Meuser (Alex Padilla was appointed to U.S. Senate when Kamala Harris became VP. This election is for the unexpired term between June and January.)

U.S. Representative:
48th District – Darrell Issa*
49th District – Brian Maryott (Josiah O'Neil is a solid conservative and a great spokesman for the Church's involvement in politics and policy. However, I believe Maryott is the strongest and best choice for this congressional seat.)
50th District – Corey Gustafson (GOP-Endorsed)
51st District – Stan Caplan
52nd District – Tyler Geffeney

State Offices

State Senator
18th District – Alejandro Galicia (GOP-Endorsed)
32nd District – Kelly Seyarto*
38th District – Matt Gunderson (Supports same-sex marriage, but better than opponents. GOP-endorsed)
40th District – Brian Jones*

State Assembly
74th District – Laurie Davies*
75th District – Marie Waldron (Randy Voepel has a strong conservative voting record as well. Both are good candidates.)
76th District – Kristie Bruce-Lane
77th District – Dan Downey (GOP-Endorsed)
78th District – Eric Gonzales
79th District – Corbin Sabol
80th District – John Vogel Garcia (GOP-Endorsed)

State Superintendent of Public Instruction – Jim Gibson (Jim is a strong conservative, solidly prolife and profamily. He served on the Vista Unified School Board for 20 years.)

San Diego Offices

Judicial Office
San Diego Superior Court Judge, Office 32 – No recommendation
San Diego Superior Court Judge, Office 35 – Mike Murphy
San Diego Superior Court Judge, Office 36 – Pete Murray

College/School Districts
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Comm. College Area 1 – Dawn Ivy
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Comm. College Area 2 – Megan Dunn
San Diego Unified School District B – Jose Velazquez
San Diego Unified School District C – Becca Williams

County Offices
Board of Supervisors, District 4 – Amy Reichert
Sheriff – John Hemmerling

City Offices
Chula Vista City Attorney – Dan Smith (GOP-Endorsed)
Chula Vista City Council District 1 – Marco Contreras
Chula Vista City Council District 2 – Steve Stenberg
Chula Vista Mayor – John McCann (GOP-Endorsed)
San Diego City Council District 2 – Linda Lukacs

San Diego City Council District 4 – No recommendation

San Diego City Council District 6 – No recommendation (Jane Glasson is a Repub, but insufficient information about her)

San Diego City Council District 8 – No recommendation, both Democrats

Valuable Voter Resources

Remember, these are recommendations. *Do your own homework!* You may have personal knowledge or other data that lead you to different conclusions. The point is: take the time to study your choices. To that end, below are links to online sources that you may find helpful in your research. You will find that even the recommendations of like-minded conservatives do not always agree. Do not let that discourage you – and please give grace to others with whom you may disagree (including me!).

FamilyVoterInfo – familyvoterinfo.org This San Diego area resource provides organizational endorsements for candidates.

Vote Smart – votesmart.org Search by candidate name to find bios, voting records (for incumbents), positions, funding, etc. for federal and state races (not much local information).

Vote Conservative San Diego Voters Guide – voteconservativesandiego.com

Voter's Edge – votersedge.org/ca This site offers self-reported information from candidates and includes more local information.

San Diego Republican Party Endorsements – sandiegorepublicans.org/endorsments (sp)

San Diego Democratic Party Endorsements – When researching non-partisan races, it is sometimes helpful to see who the local Democratic Party has endorsed, as they will generally endorse candidates who align with their beliefs. sddemocrats.org/candidates.html

Robyn Nordell's Conservative California Election Website – robynnordell.com. Find recommendations here from around the state – and my "Picks" are posted there, of course.

What's the Difference?

Official Democratic Platform (2020) – democrats.org/where-we-stand/party-platform/

Official Republican Platform (2016 and 2020) – gop.com/platform

Platform Comparisons: Well-Versed (very detailed, includes biblical references), Real Impact

Who is Penny? Penny Harrington served as California's director of legislation for a national public policy organization for 13 years and continues to volunteer as a policy analyst for a pro-life and pro-family coalition in the state. She is passionate about making a difference in support of biblical values and equipping others to do the same.

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