



Penny's Picks

November 2022 Gubernatorial General Election

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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).

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.*

Please cast your vote in person. Vote Centers are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm beginning November 5, with some open beginning October 29. On Election Day, November 8, 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.

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) **NOTE: If I do not have sufficient information** make my own conservative recommendation for an office, but a candidate has the San Diego GOP endorsement I will note "**(GOP-endorsed)**" next to the name(s) for your information.

Statewide Offices

Governor – [Brian Dahle](#)

Lieutenant Governor – [Angela Underwood Jacobs](#)

Secretary of State – [Rob Bernosky](#)

Controller – [Lanhee Chen](#) (Following the Primary, Chen revealed he is pro-choice. However, he does not support late-term abortion. Still far preferable to Malia Cohen.)

Treasurer – [Jack Guerrero](#)

Attorney General – [Nathan Hochman](#) (After the Primary, Hochman revealed he is pro-choice. Still much better than Rob Bonta.)

Insurance Commissioner – [Robert Howell](#)

State Board of Equalization, Dist. 4 – Mike Schaefer (Both candidates are Democrats. No good choice, but Schaefer has [pledged to support Prop 13](#) and Dodson is endorsed by far-left groups.)

U.S. Senator (Full Term) – [Mark Meuser](#)

U.S. Senator (Partial Term) – [Mark Meuser](#)

U.S. Representative:

48th District – [Darrell Issa](#)*

49th District – [Brian Maryott](#) (Supports first trimester abortion, but much better than far-left Levin.)

50th District – [Corey Gustafson](#)

51st District – [Stan Caplan](#)

52nd District – [Tyler Geffney](#)

State Offices

State Senator

18th District – [Alejandro Galicia](#) (GOP-Endorsed)

32nd District – [Kelly Seyarto](#)*

38th District – [Matt Gunderson](#) (Gunderson states he is pro-choice, but opposes late-term abortion and supports parental notification. Much better than far left Blakespear.)

40th District – [Brian Jones](#)*

State Assembly

74th District – [Laurie Davies](#)*

75th District – [Marie Waldron](#)*

76th District – [Kristie Bruce-Lane](#)

77th District – [Dan Downey](#)

78th District – [Eric Gonzales](#)

79th District – [Corbin Sabol](#)

80th District – [David Alvarez](#) (Better choice of two Democrats. David Alvarez is endorsed by the Deputy Sheriffs Assn. Gomez is endorsed by very far left individuals and organizations.)

State Superintendent of Public Instruction – [Lance Christensen](#)

Judicial Offices (Find a helpful explanation of the judicial offices by Craig Alexander [here](#).)

San Diego Superior Court Judge, Office 35 – [Mike Murphy](#)

San Diego Superior Court Judge, Office 36 – [Pete Murray](#)

Retention votes for State Courts (judgevoterguide.com):

Chief Justice, CA Supreme Court – Patricia Guerrero, No

Assoc. Justice, CA Supreme Court – Joshua Groban, No

Assoc. Justice, CA Supreme Court – Martin Jenkins, No

Assoc. Justice, CA Supreme Court – Goodwin Liu, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. One – Judith McConnell, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. One – Truc Do, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. One – Martin Buchanan, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Two – Manuel Ramirez, Yes

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Two – Michael Raphael, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Two – Carol Codrington, Yes

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Two – Frank Menetrez, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Three – Kathleen O’Leary, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Three – William Bedsworth, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Three – Maurice Sanchez, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Three – Eileen Moore, No

Court of Appeals 4th Dist., Div. Three – Joanne Motoike, No

County Board of Education

District 3 – Marvin Attiq

District 5 – [Emily Ortiz Wichmann](#)

College/School Districts

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Comm. College Area 1 – Dawn Ivy
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Comm. College Area 2 – Megan Dunn
Palomar Community College Area 1 – [Frank Xu](#)
Palomar Community College Area 4 – [Michelle Rains](#)
Palomar Community College Area 5 – [Jacqueline Kaiser](#)
Southwestern Comm College, Area 1 – No recommendation
Southwestern Comm College, Area 4 – No recommendation
Southwestern Comm College Area 5 – [Rosemarie Ballard](#) (GOP-Endorsed)

School Boards

Alpine Union School – Glenn Dickie*, Erika Simmons (updated)
Bonsall Unified Area B – Michael Gaddis*
Bonsall Unified Area D – [Beth Klopfenstein](#) (updated)
Cajon Valley Area 1 – [Anthony Carnevale](#)
Carlsbad Unified School, Area 1 – [Sharon McKeeman](#)
Carlsbad Unified School, Area 4 – [Gretchen Vurbef](#)
Carlsbad Unified School, Area 5 – [Scott Davison](#)
Chula Vista Elementary, Seat 1 – [Jesse Vigil](#)
Chula Vista Elementary School, Seat 3 – [Delia Dominguez Cervantes](#) (GOP-Endorsed)
Chula Vista Elementary School, Seat 5 – Keren Dominguez
Coronado Unified School (Vote just for these two) – [Lisa Meglioli](#), [Scot Youngblood](#)
Coronado Unified School – Short Term – [Gerri Machin](#)
Del Mar Union School (Vote just for these two) – [Danielle Roybal](#), Scott Wooden* (both GOP-endorsed)
Encinitas Union School – [Andre Johnson](#) (I suggest a strategic vote just for him and no one else in the race.)
Escondido Union School, Area 2 – Joan Gardner*
Escondido Union School, Area 4 – [Zesty Harper](#)
Escondido Union High, Area 1 – [Bob Weller](#)
Escondido Union High, Area 5 – [Jon Peterson*](#)
Fallbrook Union High, Area 1 – Courtney Hilborn
Fallbrook Union High, Area 3 – Paul Christensen
Fallbrook Union Elementary, Area 1 – Diane Sebalj or Caron Lieber* (who is a Democrat, but has stood against vaccine mandates and supports curriculum transparency) Fallbrook, you decide. (updated)
Fallbrook Union Elementary, Area 4 – Stacey McRae
Fallbrook Union Elementary, Area 5 – [Mary McBride](#)
Grossmont Union High, Area 3 – [Dr. Gary Woods*](#), Area 4 – [Robert Shield*](#), Area 5 – [Jim Kelly*](#)
Lakeside Union School – Jim Bennett, Andrew Hayes*, Ron Kasper
Lakeside Union School, Short term – [Autumn Ellenson](#)
La Mesa-Spring Valley, Area 1 – No recommendation
La Mesa-Spring Valley, Area 2 – Myriam Moody
La Mesa-Spring Valley, Area 3 – [Kyle Hermann](#)
National School – No recommendation
Oceanside Unified School, Area 1 – [Allyson Mineau](#)
Oceanside Unified School, Area 4 – No recommendation
Poway Unified School, Area B – [Dave Nelson](#) (updated)
Poway Unified School, Area C – [Patrick Batten](#)
Poway Unified School, Area D – [Janet Bremseth](#) (GOP-endorsed)
Ramona Unified, Area 1 – Maya Phillips*
Ramona Unified, Area 5 – [Rodger Dohm*](#)
Rancho Santa Fe School – [Paul Seitz](#), [Cristian Zarcu](#) (updated)
San Diego Unified School District B – No recommendation
San Diego Unified School District C – [Becca Williams](#)

School Boards (cont.)

San Dieguito Union High, Area 1 – [David Carattini](#); San Dieguito Union High, Area 3 – [Sheila King](#)
San Dieguito Union High, Area 5 – [Phan Anderson](#)
San Marcos Unified, Area C – [Stephanie Carroll](#)
San Marcos Unified, Area E – [Sharyl Cavellier](#)
San Pasqual Union, Area 1 – [Kami Goe](#)*
Santee School, Seat 1 – Ron Burner (updated)
Santee School, Seat 5 – [Tracie Thill](#) (updated)
San Ysidro School – Zaccheri Brown (I suggest a strategic vote just for him and no one else in the race.)
Solana Beach School, Area 1 – Aubrey Huff (More conservative choice)
Solana Beach School, Area 4 – No recommendation (both candidates are Democrats)
South Bay Union School – No recommendations for any trustee areas
Sweetwater Union High, Area 3 – Rebekkah Paputi
Sweetwater Union High, Area 5 – No recommendation
Valley Center-Pauma Unified Area 3 – Julie Stroh*
Vista Unified School, Area 2 – [Debbie Morton](#)*
Vista Unified School, Area 3 – [Jennifer Telles](#)
Warner Unified School Dist – Jeannean Rombal*

County Offices

Board of Supervisors, District 4 – [Amy Reichert](#)
Board of Supervisors, District 5 – [Jim Desmond](#)
Assessor/Recorder/Clerk – [Jordan Marks](#)
District Attorney – [Summer Stephan](#)
Sheriff – [John Hemmerling](#) (Good people have endorsed both candidates. Martinez is endorsed by Planned Parenthood.
Hemmerling is my pick.)
Treasurer/Tax Collector – Dan McAllister

City Offices

Carlsbad Mayor – [Keith Blackburn](#)
Carlsbad City Council, Dist 1 – [Melanie Burkholder](#)
Carlsbad City Council, Dist 3 – [Ray Pearson](#)
Carlsbad Treasurer – Craig Lindholm*
Chula Vista City Council, Dist 1 – [Marco Contreras](#)
Chula Vista City Council, Dist 1 – [Steve Stenberg](#)
Chula Vista City Attorney – [Dan Smith](#)
Chula Vista Mayor – [John McCann](#)
Coronado City Council – [John Duncan](#) (GOP-Endorsed)
Del Mar City Council – Steve Quirk (Other two candidates are Democrat-endorsed)
El Cajon Mayor – Bill Wells*
El Cajon City Council – Gary Kendrick*
Encinitas City Council, Dist 3 – [Julie Thunder](#) (NPP candidate, best choice)
Encinitas City Council, Dist 4 – No recommendation (Suggest NOT voting for Pamela Redela)
Encinitas Mayor – No recommendation (Suggest NOT voting for Tony Kranz)
Escondido Mayor – [Dane White](#) (GOP-Endorsed)
Escondido City Council, Dist 1 – [Mike Johnson Palomares](#) (More conservative choice.)
Escondido City Council, Dist 2 – [Joe Garcia](#)*
Imperial Beach – Mayor – [Shirley Nakawatase](#)
Imperial Beach City Council, No. 1 – [Carol Seabury](#)
Imperial Beach City Council, No. 3 – Mitch McKay
La Mesa Mayor – [Kristine Alessio](#) (GOP-Endorsed)
La Mesa City Council – [Laura Lothian](#)* and [Tony Orlando](#)
La Mesa Treasurer – William Exeter

City Offices (cont.)

Lemon Grove City Council – No recommendation (Suggest not voting for Democrat-endorsed Mendoza or Snow.)
National City Mayor – Ron Morrison (May be more conservative choice – other two candidates are Democrat-endorsed)
National City City Council No. 3 – No recommendation
Oceanside City Council, Dist 1 – [Kori Jensen*](#)
Oceanside City Council, Dist 2- [Rick Robinson](#)
Poway Mayor – [Steve Vaus*](#)
Poway City Council, Dist 1 – [Brian Pepin](#) (GOP-Endorsed)
Poway City Council, Dist 3 – [Peter De Hoff](#) (GOP-Endorsed)
San Diego City Council District 2 – [Linda Lukacs](#)
San Diego City Council District 4 – [Gloria Evangelista](#)
San Diego City Council District 6 and 8 – No recommendation
San Marcos Mayor – [Rebecca Jones](#)
San Marcos City Council, Dist 2 – [Mike Sannella](#)
Solana Beach City Council, Dist 2 – No recommendation
Vista Mayor – [John Franklin](#)
Vista City Council, Dist 1 – Leave blank – do not vote for Contreras
Vista City Council, Dist 4 – [Armen Kurdian](#)

Special Districts

Alpine Fire Protection – Chase Cromwell, Thomas Girard, and Barry Willis*
Fallbrook Community Planning – [“Fallbrook 7”](#) Steve Brown*, Eileen Delaney*, Jeniene Domercq*, Kelly Hansen, Keri Ann Hoyer, J.J. Neese and Debbie Williams
Fallbrook Regional Healthcare – Zone 1 – [Sydney Lay](#)
Fallbrook Regional Healthcare – Zone 3 – William Leach* (Best option)
Fallbrook Regional Healthcare – Zone 5 – [Terry Brown](#)
Helix Water District – Jordan Lehr
Jacumba Community Services – John Hogue* and Debra Yu (Suggest just those two.)
Lakeside Community Planning – Spencer Hancock, Morgan Magill, Oleksandra Reva, Steve Robak*, Robert Rutledge
Lakeside Fire Protection, Div 5 – Robert Peterson
Olivenhain Municipal Water, Div 1 – Marco San Antonio
Olivenhain Municipal Water, Div 4 – Matthew Hahn
Otay Water District, Div 3 – Hector Gastelum
Padre Dam Municipal Water, Div. 3 – [Bill Pommering*](#)
Palomar Health, Div. 1 – [Robin Joy Maxson](#)
Palomar Health, Div. 3 – [Laurie Edwards-Tate*](#)
Palomar Health, Div. 5 – John Clark*
Palomar Health, Div. 7 – Carol Ware (Best option)
Pauma Valley Community Services – Richard Collins, Jodie Lawston* and Beth Potalivo*
Rainbow Community Planning Group – Erin Maturo and Guy Maturo are the only two candidates not Democrat-endorsed.
Rainbow Municipal Water, Div 3 – Miguel Gasca
Rainbow Municipal Water, Div 4 – Bill Stewart*
Ramona Community Planning Group – Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, Janelle Clark
Ramona Municipal Water, Div 2 – James Hickle*
Ramona Municipal Water, Div 4 – Jacob Zoria
Rincon Del Diablo Water, Div 1 – [Greg Quist*](#)
Rincon Del Diablo Water, Div 3 – [James Murtland*](#)
Rincon Del Diablo Water, Div 4 – Ronald Naves, Jr*
Spring Valley Community Planning – John Eugenio, Lora Lowes, Heaven Morgan and Christopher Pierce
Tri-City Healthcare, Zone 6 – Richard Truchinski (GOP-endorsed)
Vallecitos Water, Div 2 – [Jim Hernandez](#) Vallecitos Water, Div 3 – No recommendation
Vista Irrigation Dist – [Richard Alvarez](#)

PROPOSITIONS – Please see Frank Kacer’s excellent analysis “Kacer’s Call” [HERE](#) (summary below)

State Propositions

Proposition 1 (Unlimited Abortion Constitutional Amendment): No

*Please share widely how **extreme** this amendment is! Abortion would be legal with **no limitations** up to the moment of birth. Even pro-choice Californians [oppose](#) that! Visit [StopProp1.com](#) for resources and more information to print and distribute. Gov. Newsom just signed numerous bills expanding abortion here and creating abortion tourism in California. Prop 1 is UNNECESSARY. See what else is terribly wrong with Prop 1 [here](#).*

Proposition 26 (In-Person Sports Wagering): No

Proposition 27 (Online Sports Wagering): No

Proposition 28 (Funding for Arts and Music): No

Proposition 29 (Unionizing Kidney Dialysis Clinics): No

Proposition 30 (Income Tax Increase/Electric Charging Stations): No

Proposition 31(Flavored Tobacco Ban): No

Countywide and Local Measures

Measure A – No

Please visit Kacer’s Call [HERE](#) to find recommendations for local measures.

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 lists organizational and political party endorsements for *endorsed* 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 information on local races.

San Diego Republican Party Endorsements (Candidates and Props) – [sandiegorepublicans.org/endorsements](#) (sp)

San Diego Democratic Party Endorsements – When researching non-partisan races, it is sometimes helpful to see who the local Democratic Party has endorsed. Visit [sddemocrats.org/candidates.html](#)

Robyn Nordell’s Conservative California Election Website – [robbynordell.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](#)

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