

Robyn Nordell's Conservative Voter Guide for Orange County, CA
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Edition #2: 2/5/24 – UPDATES

- NEW-Recommendations for Irvine ***Measure D*** AND Westminster's ***Measure E***
- Additional presidential race comments
- **Correction:** as of 2/5, *John Moorlach* has not given a recommendation for any OC Judge race. He has simply pointed out which ones are Republicans.

Comments/resources may be added in the coming days.
Any significant updates will be noted here.

ABOUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

I (Robyn) consulted more than twenty sources/advisors in the process of making my recommendations.

DISCLAIMER

Most of the candidates on my recommendation list are good or excellent. A few, however, are simply better than the opponent or listed as a strategic way to block worse candidates. My recommendations do not imply support for every position, vote, statement, or behavior of a candidate. I have made these recommendations as a private citizen, and not as a representative of any organization.

IMPORTANT:

- IF you are unsure about how to vote in a particular race, or if you feel like you can't vote for a particular candidate - it is ok to skip that race and vote on everything else.
- It is **ok to vote for fewer candidates** than the available seats in a race (this applies to the Republican Party Central Cmte Races.)

OC Registrar of Voters: www.ocvote.com

For questions on voter registration, lost ballot, vote-center locations and hours, etc.

STATEWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

1-PROPOSITION 1: VOTE NO!

“Cots, NOT Condos”

Note: Prop 1 is this is the only statewide proposition on CA ballots. LOCAL Measure recommendations are listed at the end of this guide.

Here's Howard Jarvis Tax Association's Statement:

“Proposition 1 is a \$6.38 billion bond (bonds are how the state borrows money, which taxpayers must repay, with interest, over many years). Although Proposition 1 is advertised as a “transformational” solution to mental health care and homelessness, it is not. **The \$6.38 billion will pay for only 6,800 beds in treatment facilities and fewer than 4,500 units of housing** for the homeless, including homeless veterans, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. There are more than 170,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in California.

Existing mental health services are threatened by Proposition 1, which **raids current funding** for county mental health programs paid for by the 1% “millionaire's tax” approved by voters two decades ago. That will cause counties to scramble for funds to continue existing programs, and **it could increase pressure for tax increases in counties throughout California.** Moreover, Proposition 1 violates all the basic principles of sound bond financing, including the constitutional requirement that the money raised is for a “single work or project.” **Vote No on Proposition 1.**”

2) PRESIDENT: DONALD TRUMP

As of this writing, Donald Trump and Nikki Haley are the two remaining candidates in the Republican Presidential race, though more names appear on the ballot. Many of you have been Trump fans all along – so this is an easy and exciting vote for you.

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In an effort to bring Republicans of diverse opinions together behind the frontrunner, **respected conservative US Senator Mike Lee said this** on 1/12, “Look, whether you like Donald Trump or not, whether you agree with everything he says or not, he is our one opportunity to choose order over chaos and putting America first over America last. It's time to get behind him.”

Senator Lee then added this on X (Twitter) ... “Americans face a binary choice. Biden refuses to enforce our border, prosecutes his opponents, & embraces policies that make life unaffordable for hardworking Americans. I'll take the mean tweets. I choose Trump.”

3) U.S. SENATE: STEVE GARVEY

(Vote For Garvey for BOTH the “*Full Term*” and the “*Partial Term*” seat)

The top two vote-getters in the CA Primary will move on to compete in the November General Election. Sadly, three of the four top candidates in the polls are far-left Democrats--Adam Schiff, Katie Porter, and Barbara Lee. All three of them are TERRIBLE on issues! Even though some REP. candidates articulate more conservative positions than Garvey, the former Dodger is the only Republican who has a shot at getting into the top two. (As I write this, the latest poll has Garvey and Porter tied for 2nd place.) So, whether you are a Steve Garvey for Senator fan, or simply want an opportunity for a Republican to make it into the runoff – I strongly recommend voting for Garvey.

(I agree with State Senator John Moorlach: “I'm not personally impressed with Garvey. The stories that have come out are not flattering to him. There are times where one has to be pragmatic and voting for one of the other nine Republicans risks putting two Democrats on the November ballot, which is equivalent to contributing to the state's current one-party rule nonsense.”

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4) U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. Representative Dist 38:
[ERIC CHING](#)

U.S. Representative Dist 40:
[YOUNG KIM](#)

U.S. Representative Dist 45:
[MICHELLE STEEL](#)

U.S. Representative Dist 46:
[DAVID PAN](#)

U.S. Representative Dist 47:
[SCOTT BAUGH!](#)

I have known Scott for years.
He will make an excellent congressman!

U.S. Representative Dist 49:
[KATE MONROE](#)

5) CA. STATE SENATE, District 37:

[CRYSTAL MILES](#) Outstanding candidate!

6) STATE ASSEMBLY

Assembly, Dist 59: [PHILLIP CHEN](#)

Assembly, Dist 64: [RAUL ORTIZ, JR.](#)

Assembly, Dist 67: ELIZABETH CULVER

Assembly, Dist 68: [MIKE TARDIFF](#)

Assembly, Dist 70: [TRI TA](#)

Assembly, Dist 71: [KATE SANCHEZ](#)

Assembly, Dist 72: [DIANE DIXON](#)

Assembly, Dist 73: [SCOTT PEOTTER](#)

Assembly, Dist 74: [LAURIE DAVIES](#)

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7) CENTRAL COMMITTEES

IF you are a registered Republican, your ballot will contain one of these district lists. The choice of central committee members is important, as these members determine Party endorsements, support candidates and campaigns, help to get out the vote and more. Below are the candidates for whom I would vote if I lived in the given district. You may have your own favorites. In some races there are more than 6 good candidates.

Republican Central Committee

59th District:

Zonya Townsend
Ryan Bent
Leandra Blades
Jon Steven Fleischman
Gene Hernandez
Hope Howell

Republican Central Committee

67th District:

Bruce Whitaker – top choice in this race!
Mary Reynolds
Bonnie Peat
Debbie Baker
Steven K Mauss
Scott Minikus

Republican Central Committee

68th District:

Stephanie Towsend
Timothy “Tim” Ryan Whitacre
Gale Oliver
Pasquale Talarico
Mike Tardiff
Alberta Christy

Republican Central Committee

70th District:

1-Jim Cunneen
2-Patrick Harper
3-Julian De La O – outstanding young candidate!
4- Stephanie Klopfenstein
5- Ted Bui
For the 6th seat, I would recommend choosing one of these three conservative candidates:
KC Wolbert or Kermit Marsh or Dean Grose

Republican Central Committee

71st District:

Saga Conroy
Susan Stivers
John C Gresko
Linda Koelling
Walter Nirenberg
Nick Wilson

Republican Central Committee

72nd District:

There are lots of great candidates in this race. Here are my recommendations:
Gracey Van Der Mark
Mike Munzing
Janet Nguyen
Will O’Neil
Thomas A. T.J. Fuentes
Scott Voigts

Republican Central Committee

73rd District:

John M.W. Moorlach
Scotty Peotter
Christina Shea
Jennye Bigelow
Austin Lumbar
Christopher J. Gonzales

Republican Central Committee

74th District:

Steven Knoblock
Ray Gennawey
Aaron Washington
Michelle Morgan
Laurie Davies
Kelly Jennings

8) SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

Superior Court Judge Office No 3
JASON BAEZ – OCGOP ENDORSED

Superior Court Judge Office No 35
WHITNEY BOKOSKY – OCGOP ENDORSED

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Superior Court Judge Office No 16

BINH DANG, as the better of the two options

Office #16 is one of those tough races to decide as, from a conservative perspective, there does not appear to be an excellent JUDGE choice. I'm not so much "for" Mr. Dang, as I am concerned about the worldview of Richard Zimmer (see below.) Binh Dang is an LA County Public Defender with over 18 years of courtroom litigation experience, which includes over 100 jury trials and adjudications. He recently registered Republican. (Written 2/4- I may add more info later.)

BINH DANG is also Recommended by:
Election Forum (Craig Huey)
Nancy Sandoval of NancysPicks.com

The other Candidate for **Superior Court Judge, Office #16** is Richard Zimmer, OC Deputy DA. While I am grateful to Mr. Zimmer for his prosecutions of violent offenders and for protecting public safety, I will **Not** be recommending him for a JUDGE position. Zimmer is recommended by some key conservatives, along with some far-left individuals. Most troubling to me is that Richard Zimmer is also endorsed by the OC Democrat Party and has been a Democratic donor-giving to candidates/causes that I consider to be far-left.

2/5 Correction from 2/4 guide:

John Moorlach has not given a recommendation for any OC Judge race at this time.

9) O.C. Board of Supervisors:

Dist 1: [JANET NGUYEN](#)

Dist. 3: [DON WAGNER](#)

10) SCHOOL – Member of County Board of Education

Trustee, Area 1: [JORGE VALDES](#)

Trustee, Area 3: [DR. KEN L. WILLIAMS](#)

Trustee, Area 4: [TIM SHAW](#)

11) Vote NO!

Orange Unified School District RECALL

A knowledgeable source said, and I (Robyn) agree: Extremist activists, teacher union bosses, and other special interests are trying to oust the elected members of the Orange Unified School District for putting parents and children first by voting against explicit and inappropriate materials in schools, cutting bloated budgets, and protecting parents' rights. A NO vote keeps the current board and keeps them fighting to protect parents and children first — before special interests.

More info WHY to oppose the recall can be found here: www.ProtectOurKids.com

12) LOCAL MEASURES

HUNTINGTON BEACH – Measures A, B, and C

VOTE YES – H.B. MEASURE A

[City of Huntington Beach, Charter Amendment Measure 1:](#)

Voter ID and Election Rules Amendment

“Provides that commencing in 2026, for all municipal elections, the City: may require Voter Identification for elections; provide more in-person voting locations; and monitor ballot drop-boxes”

VOTE YES – H.B. MEASURE B

[City of Huntington Beach, Charter Amendment Measure 2](#)

FLAGS Displayed on City Property Amendment

“Provides that the only flags to be displayed by the City on City property are the United States Flag, the State of California Flag, the County of Orange Flag, the City of Huntington Beach Flag, the POW-MIA Flag, the six Armed Forces Flags, the Olympic Flag during the Summer Olympic Games, and any other flag authorized by a unanimous vote of the City Council”

VOTE YES – H.B. Measure C

[City of Huntington Beach, Charter Amendment Measure 3](#)

Biennial Budget, City Council Vacancies

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“Commencing in 2026, require the City to adopt a two-year budget; update the procedures to cancel a regular City Council meeting; update the process to fill a City Council vacancy; and amend outdated phrases, syntax, dates, pronouns, and titles”

IRVINE Measure D

I would vote NO on measure D.

[City Of Irvine, Charter Amendment To Expand City Council And Establish City Council Districts](#) (updated 2/5/24)

“At Large” voting greatly reduces a resident’s influence over the entire city council and inappropriately makes RACE a predominate factor in elections. (Having said that, I do understand the concerns of those who argue that District voting may eventually be inevitable due to likelihood of lawsuits.)

VOTE NO! WESTMINSTER Measure E Adding ANOTHER ½% SALES TAX

[City of Westminster, Westminster Safety, Services Stabilization Measure](#)

(updated 2/5/24)

IF you want details as to **WHY to VOTE NO on Westminister’s Measure E**, read [John Moorlach’s article](#): “[Will Another Sales Tax Increase Really Help This Southern California City?](#)” It begins, “The City of Westminister is pursuing the easy road to address its continuing fiscal mismanagement, again. It’s asking its residents to approve yet another sales tax increase, the second in the last two years.”