

Robyn Nordell's Conservative Voter Guide for Orange County, CA

June 2, 2026, CA Primary Election

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About These Recommendations

I (Robyn) consulted more than twenty sources and advisors in the process of making my recommendations. I list those candidates whom I believe are the *best of the available choices* within a given race.

Many of the candidates on my voter guide are excellent or good. A couple, however, are simply better than the opponent. Disclaimer: My recommendations do not imply support for every position, vote, statement, or behavior of a candidate.

[Basis for Robyn's Election Decisions](#)
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Additional Notes:

If you are uncertain about a race, it's ok to leave that one blank and vote on everything else.

Robyn has made these recommendations as a private citizen, and not as a representative of any organization.

1) STATEWIDE RACES

Governor: I'm voting for STEVE HILTON

Both STEVE HILTON and CHAD BIANCO are (mostly) conservative and either of them would make a good governor.

Having said that, I believe that Steve has better policy plans and better strategies for governing.

SEE [Steve's Key Policies](#). Some of you may be especially interested in checking out his "Family First Agenda" policies.

I especially like the strategy of "the Golden Ticket" slate that Hilton has created, along with the following candidates: Gloria Romero (for Lt. Gov), Michael Gates (for AG), and Herb Morgan (for Controller). They have been developing plans so that they can hit the ground running when/if elected, working synergistically and efficiently on important issues. Gloria Romero explains it [HERE](#). Gloria is an expert on the legislative process.

Important: Please do *not* vote for any candidate other than Hilton or Bianco (especially not a write-in candidate). A vote for any other candidate hurts the Republicans and helps the Democrats.

Lieutenant Governor: [GLORIA ROMERO](#)

Part of the "Golden Ticket" slate.

Gloria Romero is a former democrat legislator and was the CA Senate Majority Leader from 2005 to 2008. She is an expert on the legislative process and on dealing with various unions.

Over the years she became a big advocate of charter schools, often working with people (regardless of their political affiliations) to promote and defend them. She re-registered as a Republican in the Fall 2024.

While she is not a solid conservative on every issue, she voted for Trump in 2024. She is strong on parental rights, education issues, and is excellent on protecting girls sports. She opposes Democrat authoritarianism, including on the COVID lockdowns, gender identity, crime, and the Democrats war on gas appliances.

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Gloria's many Endorsements include: CAGOP, Reform California, and Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.). OC Board of Education member Mari Barke is a big supporter of Gloria's and says that she is great on education issues!

Secretary Of State: [DON WAGNER](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA

Controller: [HERB MORGAN](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA

Treasurer: [JENNIFER HAWKS](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA

Attorney General: [MICHAEL GATES](#)

Michael's long list of endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA, and Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

Michael's Priorities include:

- Combatting Fraud, Waste, Mismanagement
 - Ensuring Election Integrity
 - Protecting Girls & Upholding Parents' Rights
 - Protecting Local Control from SAC Overreach
 - Public Safety & Supporting Law Enforcement
 - Tackling Homelessness
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Insurance Commissioner: [STACY KORSGADEN](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, and many county Republican Party clubs.

CA Supt. Of Public Instruction: [SONJA SHAW](#)

(This race is also listed under "schools" below)
Endorsements include: Steve Hilton, Chad Bianco, Riley Gaines, Moms for Liberty, CAGOP, REF CA, CRA, Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

Board Of Equalization, 4th District

[DENIS BILODEAU](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, HJTA, Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

2) U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 38: [PEDRO 'ANTONIO' CASAS](#)

Endorsements include: REF CA, CRA

District 40: [KEN CALVERT](#)

Ken's long list of endorsements include: REP Party of Riverside, REF CA, NancysPicks.com, Lincoln Clubs of OC and Riverside, CRA

District 41: [MITCH CLEMMONS](#)

Endorsements include: REF CA

District 42: [NOAH VON BLOM](#)

Endorsements include: REF CA, NB & HB Police & Fire, Lincoln Club, Michael Gates, Steve Hilton, all the members of the HB city council, and 6 out of 7 NB city council members.

District 45: [CHUONG V. VO](#)

Chuong's an outstanding candidate!
Endorsements include: REF CA, CRA, LAGOP, Lincoln Clubs of LA and OC, and NancysPicks.com

District 46: [DAVID PAN](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, REF CA, CRA

47th District: [JENNY RAE LE ROUX](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, REF CA, Nancy Sandoval, the full OC Board of Education, and Michael Gates

49th District: [STAR PARKER](#)

Excellent candidate! Can't wait to see her face off in congressional committees opposite of progressive members.

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3) STATE SENATORS

District 30: [ARACELI MARTINEZ](#)

Endorsements include: REF CA, CRA

District 32: [KELLY SEYARTO](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA,
Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

District 34: [RHONDA SHADER](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA,
Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

District 36: [TONY STRICKLAND](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA,
Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

District 38: [LAURA BASSETT](#)

Endorsements include: REP Party of OC & SD, REF CA,
Lincoln Club of OC & SD,

4) STATE ASSEMBLY

District 59: [PHILLIP CHEN](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA

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

Endorsements include: REF CA, CRA

District 67: [PAULO MORALES](#)

Endorsements include: REF CA, former Congresswoman Michelle Steel, Senator Janet Nguyen, Assemblyman Phil Chen, from Cypress: CC member Bonnie Peat, former Mayors: Rob Johnson, Anne Marrari, Scott Minikus, Jon Peat and Chief of Police Mark Lauderback

District 68: [MAYRA RUIZ](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA, CA
Hispanic Republican Club

District 70: [TRI TA](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA

District 71: ["KATE" KATHRYN SANCHEZ](#)

Excellent Assemblywoman!

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA,
Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

District 72: [GRACEY VAN DER MARK](#)

Excellent candidate!

Endorsements include: CAGOP, REF CA, CRA

District 73: [URSON RUSSELL](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, REF CA, CRA,
Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

District 74: [LAURIE DAVIES](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, REF CA

5) JUDICIAL: SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

There are the two contested Orange County Superior Court races. None of these judge candidates are Republicans. These recommendations were made after researching and consulting with several advisors. These are not strong endorsements. I'm simply listing the candidate in each race that I think is the better choice.

SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #13:

ANN CHO is the better of the 2 candidates in this race.

[Cho's Ballot Statement](#)

(Please do NOT vote for Robert Mestman.)

Ann Cho's endorsements include the Honorable Megan Wagner, OC Sheriff Don Barnes, and OC Supervisor Don Wagner. Supervisor Wagner says: *"I am proud to endorse Ann Cho for Judge. She has a great reputation for protecting the public as a Deputy District Attorney, and the character and ability to be an outstanding judge."*

SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #41:

[AMI S. SAGEL](#) is the better of the 2 candidates in this race.

[Sagel's Ballot Statement](#)

Sagel's endorsements include the Honorable Megan Wagner, OC Sheriff Don Barnes and OC Supervisor Don Wagner,

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6) SCHOOL

State Supt of Public Instruction
OC County Supt of Schools
County Board of Education (for some districts)

CA Supt. Of Public Instruction: [SONJA SHAW](#)

(This same race is also listed under the statewide races, above.)

Endorsements include: Steve Hilton, Chad Bianco, Riley Gaines, Moms for Liberty, CAGOP, REF CA, CRA, and Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

OC SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

[DR STEFAN BEAN](#) excellent candidate!

Endorsements include: OCGOP, CRA, Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

OC BOARD OF EDUCATION

O.C. Board of Education, Area 5: [LISA SPARKS](#)

Excellent candidate!

Endorsements include: OCGOP, REF CA, Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.), Sheriff Don Barnes, OC Sup't of Schools Dr. Stefan Bean, and OCBOE members Tim Shaw, Ken Williams, Jorge Valdes, and Mari Barke.

7) COUNTY OF ORANGE

COUNTY OF OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Only three of the five districts have races this year.)

Supervisor, Dist 2: [JAMES WALLACE](#)

Endorsements include: CRA, NancysPicks.com, Sonja Shaw, President of Chino Valley USD board (and a Candidate for CA State Superintendent), Crystal Miles, Villa Park City Councilwoman and Former Mayor of Villa Park, Rhonda Shader, Former Mayor of Placentia and Candidate for California State Senate District 34.

Supervisor, Dist. 4: Definitely [TIM SHAW!](#)

Tim is a life-long Republican who has a proven track record of supporting conservative causes. As a member of the conservative OC Board of Education, Shaw and his

colleagues have significantly expanded school choice in OC, stood against Sacramento's over-reaction to school shut-downs during COVID, and brought attention to left-wing agenda in education like Critical Race Theory. Shaw authored the "no" argument against La Habra's sales tax increase in 2024.

Tim's Endorsements Include:

OCGOP, REFORM CA, the OC Register, Senator Tony Strickland, Assemblyman Phil Chen, Stanton Mayor David Shawver, OC Sup't of Schools Dr. Stefan Bean, and All members of the OC Board of Education, and the CRA.

Please do NOT vote for Fred Jung, mayor of Fullerton (While he has recently changed his party registration from DEM to NPP, he has continued to endorse progressive Democratic candidates and is currently pushing more taxes to deal with his city's budget.)

Supervisor, Dist 5: Definitely [DIANE DIXON!](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, REFORM, CRA, Lincoln Club, HJTA, All members of the OC Board of Education, OC Sup't of Schools Dr. Stefan Bean, and CA Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

(Please do NOT vote for far-left Katrina Foley)

Assessor: **CLAUDE PARRISH**

Endorsements include: OCGOP, REFORM CA, CRA

Auditor-Controller: [ANDREW HAMILTON](#)

Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

Clerk-Recorder: [HUGH NGUYEN](#)

OCGOP, REFORM CA, CRA, Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.)

Treasurer-Tax Collector:

[SHARI FREIDENRICH](#)

OCGOP, REFORM CA, CRA, Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.) See Shari's LONG list of endorsements [HERE](#).