

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

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PLEASE HELP BY SHARING THIS INFORMATION!

More extensive information may be added later – check back for updates!

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

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. Some, 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](#)
[About Robyn](#)

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

SECTION 1: PROPOSITIONS

AGREEMENT - ALL of the following are in agreement on these YES or NO Proposition Recommendations:

The Orange County Republican Party, Jon Fleischman, Frank Kacer (Christian Citizenship Council), Sen. John M.W. Moorlach (Ret.), Craig Huey of Election Forum, Nancy Sandoval, Robyn Nordell, Penny Harrington (SD voter guide) and many other conservatives.

PLEASE VOTE YES on the GREEN PROPOSITIONS

YES ON PROP 39:

Institutes Voter ID to Improve Trust in Elections

YES ON PROP 41:

Requires Audits of Ballot Initiatives Proposing Special Taxes

YES ON PROP 42:

Prohibits Both Retroactive Taxes & New Taxes on Personal Property

YES ON PROP 43:

The Local Taxpayer Protection Act to **Save Proposition 13**. Requires Local Citizen Initiated Special Taxes to Pass by 2/3 Voter Approval

YES ON PROP 45:

Reduces Time Requirements to Complete Project Environmental Reviews

PLEASE VOTE NO on all the RED PROPOSITIONS

NO ON PROP 1:

Borrows \$11.25 BILLION for Costly Housing Projects (BOND)

NO ON PROP 2:

Overrides State Spending Limits and increases state funds

NO ON PROP 3:

Permanent Income Tax Increase

NO ON PROP 4:

Spends Taxpayer Funds on Political Campaigns

NO ON PROP 5:

Weakens Californian's Rights to Recall Politicians

NO ON PROP 37:

Borrows \$25 BILLION for Costly Housing Projects (BOND)

NO ON PROP 38:

\$8.4 BILLION Research BOND

NO ON PROP 40:

This is called a "BILLIONAIRE Tax" but is actually a WEALTH TAX that potentially threatens all of us!

NO ON PROP 44:

Imposes unreasonable standards upon federally funded health centers.

SECTION 2: STATEWIDE RACES

GOVERNOR: [STEVE HILTON](#)

Hilton is Conservative on most issues, articulate, capable, team-oriented, and has specific policy plans. See examples [HERE](#). He has been campaigning with many of the conservative candidates below for months.

Lt Governor - [GLORIA ROMERO](#)

(Not a prolife conservative, but strong on parental rights and education reform, and excellent on many issues.)
Endorsed by OCGOP

Secretary of State - [DON WAGNER](#)

Endorsed by multiple conservative organizations, including the HJTA, OCGOP, CRA.

Controller – [HERB MORGAN](#)

Endorsed by multiple conservative organizations, including the HJTA, OCGOP, CRA.

Treasurer – [JENNIFER HAWKS](#)

Endorsed by multiple conservative organizations, including the BEN ALLENOCGOP, CRA.

Attorney General: [MICHAEL GATES](#)

Will be an excellent AG. Critically important race!)
endorsements include: HJTA, CAGOP, and John Moorlach

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

(This race is also listed under “schools” below)
Sonja’s Endorsements include: Steve Hilton, Chad Bianco, Moms for Liberty, HJTA, CAGOP,,CRA,

STATEWIDE INSURANCE RACE:

No recommendation; Just info:
Sadly, we have two TERRIBLE Candidates.

ABOUT: DEM Senator Ben Allen has an abysmal voting record and far-left Jane Kim is a former San Francisco supervisor who pushed far-left initiatives for years and supported Bernie 2020. Whoever wins this race will lead the Insurance Department, which regulates home, auto, life, health, workers’ comp and other insurance.

1 -- You always have an option to skip a race and vote on everything else. 2--You can vote for the candidate who you think will do the least damage and the most good in this specific job.

FYI - **Elizabeth Barcohana** (“Lady with a Brain” Voter Guide) lists Ben Allen as the “least terrible candidate.”

FYI -**Craig Huey’s** Voter Guide has a 1 – 5 Star Rating System (with 5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest). Craig rates **DEM BEN ALLEN as 2 of 5 stars** (2= Only vote for this person to prevent a worse candidate from winning). Craig rates **JANE KIM as 1 of 5 stars.** (1 star =Terrible. Do not vote in this race. All your other votes will count.)

SECTION 3: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

4th District: [DENIS BILODEAU](#)

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

SECTION 4: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 38: [PEDRO ‘ANTONIO’ CASAS](#)

Endorsements include: CRA, Nancy Sandoval

District 40: [KEN CALVERT](#)

Endorsements include Riverside GOP, Nancy Sandoval, Lincoln Clubs of OC and Riverside, CRA, Nancy Sandoval

District 41: [MITCH CLEMMONS](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, Nancy Sandoval

District 42: BRIAN BURLEY

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

Endorsements include: CRA, LAGOP, Lincoln Clubs of LA and OC, and Nancy Sandoval

District 46: [DAVID PAN](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, CRA, Nancy Sandoval

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

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

49th District: [ARMEN KURDIAN](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, Nancy Sandoval, Penny Harrington (Penny’s Picks)

SECTION 5: STATE SENATORS

District 30: [ARACELI MARTINEZ](#)

Endorsements include: CRA

District 32: [KELLY SEYARTO](#)

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

District 34: [RHONDA SHADER](#)

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

District 36: [TONY STRICKLAND](#)

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

District 38: [LAURA BASSETT](#) - excellent candidate!

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

SECTION 6: STATE ASSEMBLY

District 59: [PHILLIP CHEN](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, CRA

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

Endorsements include: CRA

District 67: PAULO MORALES

Endorsements include: Michelle Steel, Janet Nguyen, Phil Chen, Cypress CC Bonnie Peat, and many more

District 68: As of 9/28: no recommendations.

Two democrats in the race.

District 70: [TRI TA](#)

Endorsements include: CAGOP, CRA

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

Excellent Assemblywoman!

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

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

Excellent candidate!

Endorsements include: CAGOP, CRA

District 73: [URSON RUSSELL](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP, CRA

District 74: [LAURIE DAVIES](#)

Endorsements include: OCGOP

SECTION 7: JUDICIAL

CA Supreme Court

& 4th District Courts of Appeal (Divisions 1, 2, 3)

SOURCE: These Justice recommendations are from the California Judicial Voter Guide, by conservative Craig Huey: [HERE](#).

Justices – Vote to Retain (Yes/No)

Associate Justice of the

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT

Associate Justice Kelli M. Evans – NO

Associate Justice Joshua Groban – NO

Associate Justice COURT OF APPEAL –

Fourth Appellate District, Division One

Associate Justice Eran M. Bermudez – YES

Associate Justice Jose S. Castillo – YES

Associate Justice Truc T. Do – NO

Associate Justice David M. Rubin – YES

Associate Justice William Dato – YES

Associate Justice Julia Kelety – YES

Associate Justice, COURT OF APPEAL-

Fourth Appellate District, Division Two

Associate Justice Corey G. Lee – YES

Associate Justice Michael J. Raphael – YES

Associate Justice, COURT OF APPEAL-

Fourth Appellate District, Division Three

Associate Justice Joanne Motoike – NO

Associate Justice Nathan Scott – YES

Associate Justice Juliet O. MacCaulay – NO

Associate Justice Martha K. Gooding – YES

Associate Justice Thomas A. Delaney – YES

Associate Justice Deborah C. Servino – YES

SECTION 8: CA SUPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

[SONJA SHAW](#)

(This race is also listed under statewide races)

Sonja's Endorsements include: Steve Hilton, Chad Bianco,
Moms for Liberty, HJTA, CAGOP, CRA

SECTION 9: OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Excellent choice! Tim's LONG list of Endorsements
Include: OCGOP, Tony Strickland, Phil Chen, Stanton
Mayor David Shawver, Dr. Stefan Bean
(Please do NOT vote for far-left Connor Traut)

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

Endorsements include: OCGOP, CRA, Lincoln Club,
HJTA, All members of the OC Board of Education,
(Please do NOT vote for far-left Katrina Foley)

SECTION 10: CITIES

Aliso Viejo City Council

Dist 2: [MAX DUNCAN](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 3: [GARRETT DWYER](#) (OCGOP END)

Anaheim City Council

Dist 2: Liberal Democrat Carlos Leon is unopposed.

Dist 3: [NATALIE RUBALCAVA](#)

Two Democrats in this race. Though not a conservative,
Rubalcava is more business friendly and is definitely a
better choice than her opponent (Elia Renteria-Garcia).

Dist 6: NATALIE MEEKS

Anaheim Mayor

[ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ](#) - Excellent Candidate!

Brea City Council (vote for up to 3)

I Recommend Voting For STEVE VARGAS

www.abetterbrea.org

FYI – Here's the List of the other candidates:

- Republican Andrew Herrera, known as the “Enjoy Brea Guy” from social media
- Republican Blaire Stewart, incumbent
- Republican Cecilia Hupp, incumbent
- *Democrat Blake Perez, endorses include: DEM Party, Sierra Club, and Cecilia Hupp*

Buena Park City Council

Dist 2: as of 9/28, no recommendation

Dist 5: as of 9/28, no recommendation

B.P. Library Dist: no recommendation

Costa Mesa City Council

Dist 3: [DANIEL MORGAN](#)

Dist 4: [FISHER DERDERIAN](#)

Dist 5: [STEVE SMITH](#) (OCGOP END)

Costa Mesa Mayor

[MIKE BULEY](#) (OCGOP END)

Cypress City Council

Dist 1: [ANNE MALLARI](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 2: [BONNIE PEAT](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 5: [RANDY HARPER](#) (OCGOP END)

Fountain Valley City Council

[JIM CUNEEN](#) (OCGOP END)

[DAN HAY](#) (OCGOP END)

KIM CONSTANTINE

Fullerton City Council

Dist 3: [DANIEL KIM](#)

Dist 5: [DAVID FISCHBEIN](#) (only Republican running,
opposed by two Democrats. Please do NOT vote for Jozef
Maldonado)

Garden Grove City Council

Dist 1: [ROGER FLANDERS](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 3: [CINDY NGOC TRAN](#)

Dist 4: [PHAT BUI](#) (OCGOP END)

Garden Grove Mayor

[STEPHANIE KLOPFENSTEIN](#) (OCGOP END)

Huntington Beach City Council – vote for 4

[PAT BURNS](#) (OCGOP END)

[ANDREW GRUEL](#) (OCGOP END)

[CASEY MCKEON](#) (OCGOP END)

[BRIAN THIENES](#)

Huntington Beach City Attorney: MIKE VIGLIOTTA

Irvine City Council

Dist 1: [JOHN PARK](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 5: [STEVEN ALVES](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 6: no recommendation

Irvine Mayor, As of 9/28, no recommendation

La Habra City Council – vote for 2

[MILES MATIAS](#) (OCGOP END)

[SUSAN PRITCHARD](#) (OCGOP END)

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La Palma City Council

Dist 2: [NITESH PATEL](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 4: as of 9/28, no recommendation

Laguna Beach City Council

[NICK ARONUFF](#) In this race, you can vote for up to three candidates. Strategically, I would instead ONLY vote for Nick in order to increase his chances of winning.

Laguna Hills City Council

Dist 1: [LAURA THIES](#)

Dist 4: [SCOTT MILLER](#) (OCGOP END)

Laguna Woods City Council

[CAROL MOORE](#) In this race, you can vote for up to two candidates. Strategically, I would instead ONLY vote for Carol in order to increase her chances of winning.

Lake Forest City Council

Dist 2: [BENJAMIN YU](#)

Dist 3: [TOM GRABLE](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 4: [SHARI RHODES](#) (OCGOP END)

Los Alamitos City Council

Dist 4: [JOE HASTIE](#)

(Please do NOT vote for Shelly Hasselbrink)

Dist 5: [EMILY HIBARD](#)

Mission Viejo City Council

Dist 1: [ROBERT RUESCH](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 2: [SAGA CONROY](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 3: [BRIAN ZAHN](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 4: [JAMES MORRISON](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 5: STEVEN THORNTON, Unopposed (OCGOP END)

Newport Beach City Council

Dist 1: [JOE STAPLETON](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 3: [ERIK WEIGAND](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 4: ROBYN GRANT, Unopposed, (OCGOP END)

Dist 6: LAUREN KLEIMAN, Unopposed, (OCGOP END)

Orange City Council

Dist 1: [ALBERT RICCI](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 4: DENIS BILODEAU

Dist 6: [BRENDON MOELLER](#)

Orange Mayor: DAN SLATER

Placentia City Council & Clerk

City Clerk: No recommendation

Dist 2: [MATT WAUGH](#)

Dist 4: [JAMES BURANDT](#)

Rancho Santa Margarita City Council

Dist 1: [JOSH BASTIAN](#)

Dist 2: [ANNE FIGUEROA](#)

Dist 4: [BRAD MCGIRR](#)

San Clemente City Council & Mayor

Dist 1: [STEVE CAMP](#) (ocgop endorse)

Dist 2: [STEVE KNOBLOCK](#) (OCGOP END)

San Clemente Mayor: [VICTOR CABRAL](#) (OCGOP END)

San Juan Capistrano City Council

Dist 2: [JEFF MOORE](#) (OCGOP END)

Santa Ana City Council

Mayor: VALERIE AMEZCUA (Though not conservative, Democrat incumbent Amezcua is the best candidate in the race.)

Ward 2: [SELICA DIAZ](#) is definitely the better of the two candidates. (Please do NOT vote for Selica's far-left opponent, Benjamin Vasquez.)

Ward 4: No good candidate in this race, but multiple advisors say that Democrat-endorsed PHIL BACERRA is definitely better than his opponent (Sandra de Anda).

Ward 6: Sadly, two terrible candidates. No recommendation

Seal Beach City Council

Dist 1: [PERLA MENDOZA](#) (OCGOP END)

Stanton City Council

Dist 1: [THOMAS FRAZIER](#) (OCGOP END)

Dist 3: [DEWAYNE NORMAND](#)

Tustin City Council

Dist 3: [RAY SCHNELL](#) (OCGOP END)

Mayor: [AUSTIN LUMBARD](#) (OCGOP END)

Westminster City Council & Mayor

The following are Not strong endorsements, but I think they are the most practical choices:

Dist 1: Amy Phan West (CRA END)

Dist 4: NamQuan Nguyen

Mayor: Chi Charlie Nguyen

Yorba Linda City Council – vote for 2
[SEAN PHAYAKAPONG](#)
[CARLOS RODRIGUEZ](#) (OCGOP END)

SECTION 11: SCHOOLS

Anaheim Elementary School

Area 2: JEFF COLE - Though not conservative, Cole is definitely the better of the available choices.
(Please do NOT vote for far-left Juan Gabriel Alvarez)

Area 4: MARK LOPEZ - Though not conservative, Lopez is the better of the available choices. (Please do NOT vote for appointed incumbent, progressive Alva Alvarez--cousin of Juan Gabriel Alvarez, both of whom are on the board.)

Anaheim Union High School Dist

Area 1: [ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ](#) - Excellent Candidate!
Has Strong Conservative Values and kids in the district.

EXPERIENCE: Parks and Recreation Commissioner, City of Anaheim; *AUHSD Teacher for 25 years*; AUHSD Athletic Director for 8 years; Coach (Pop Warner / basketball / YMCA); CIF Liaison.

Area 2: ROBERTO GARCIA
Garcia appears to be the better of the 2 choices.
(Please do NOT vote for far-left Annemarie Randle-Trejo.)

Brea Olinda Unified School Dist

Area 4: [NATALIE JOHNSON](#)
(Based on limited information, I believe Natalie is the best choice in this district)

Capistrano Unified School Dist

Area 4: [MARCO CARRALERO](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 6: [MANDY BOURNE](#)
Area 7: [LINDA SHEPARD](#) (OCGOP END)

Coast Comm College Dist, Trustee

Area 1: [AUSTIN J. EDELL](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 3: [CONRAD MAZEIKA](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 5: [XERXEZ MEGINO CALILUNG](#) (OCGOP END)

Cypress School District

Area B: [JON PEAT](#)
Area C: [VERNON MILLER](#)

Fountain Valley School District, vote up to three
[DENNIS COLE](#) Excellent choice!

[RICK NICHOLS](#) Excellent choice!
*Notes: #1 Republican Eugene M. Murray is also running.
#2 Please do NOT vote for democrat-endorsed Carl Blankenhorn*

Fullerton Joint Union, HS Dist

Area 1: [MATTHEW MATIAS](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 5: MARILYN BUCHI

Fullerton School Dist

Area 3: AMY CHOI-WON -Though not conservative on all issues, Amy is the better choice.

Garden Grove Unified School Dist

Area 2: [LAN QUOC NGUYEN](#) -Lan Quoc Nguyen is definitely the better of the choices. (Please do NOT vote for far-left, dem-endorsed Charlene Cuellar)

Area 4: [QUAN VUONG](#) – Excellent Candidate!

Huntington Beach City School Dist

Area 4: [LAURA COSTELLOE](#) (OCGOP END)

Irvine Unified School Dist

Area 2: [RON SCOLESANG](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 4: as of 9/27, no recommendation in this race.

La Habra City School Dist

Area 4: [BERTHA MANZANARES](#) (OCGOP END)

Laguna Beach Unified School Dist

Strategically, I would ONLY vote for these 2 candidates to increase their chances of winning. They are running as a team.

[DEE NAMBA PERRY](#)
[ELIZABETH BATES](#)

Lowell Joint School Dist

Area 4: [KAREN SHAW](#) (OCGOP END)

Magnolia School Dist

Area 5: [GARY SHIELDS](#) – Served on MSD Board from 2014-2022. Retired Deputy Sheriff.
Shields: “I look forward to this opportunity to return to the Board of Trustees to continue to foster an environment of collaboration, integrity, and transparency for the families here in the Magnolia School District.”

Newport-Mesa Unified School Dist

Area 2: [CRAIG HOLIDAY](#)
Area 7: [GRACE DANINO HICKOK](#)

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North OC College Dist, Trustee

Area 1: [RAMA R. MALINE](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 3: [LARRY ANDRE](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 6: [ZONYA TOWNSEND](#) (OCGOP END)
Zonya will be an excellent board member.

Ocean View School Dist

Area 5: [DAVID CLIFFORD](#) (OCGOP END)

Orange Unified School Dist

Area 1: [IVAN KOKOS](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 4: [CRYSTAL K. MILES](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 5: [CHIP AHLSEWEDE](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 7: [JACK CHANG](#) (OCGOP END)

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School Dist

Area 4: [TODD FRAZIER](#) (OCGOP END)
(Please do Not vote for either Chris Lowe or Barbara Buckley)
Area 5: [JUSTIN AGUIRRE](#) (OCGOP END)

Rancho Santiago Community College

Area 2: JOHN R. HANNA
Though not conservative, democrat John Hanna is the better of the available choices.
(Please do NOT vote for Steve Rocco)

Area 4: [DAISY TONG](#)

Saddleback Valley Unified School Dist

Area 5: Republican [KRIS SPOWART](#)
(Please do NOT vote for liberal, Dem-endorsed Edgar Montes.)

Santa Ana Unified School District

Two Excellent Candidates:
Area 4: [SYLVIA IGLESIAS](#)
Area 5: [ALEJANDRA RODRIGUEZ](#)

South OC College Dist

Area 4: [JOHN BLACK](#) (OCGOP END)

Tustin Unified School District

Area 3: [KELLY FELTON](#) (OCGOP END)
Area 5: [ZIGGY MCBRIDE](#) (OCGOP END)

SECTION 12: SPECIAL DISTRICTS
(library, water, sanitary type boards)

Buena Park Library Dist, Div 2

As of 9/28, No recommendation

El Toro Water Dist

Vote for up to 2 candidates.
I would just vote for MIKE GASKINS
(Please do NOT vote for Kathryn Freshley)

Irvine Ranch Water Dist Div 5

PEER A. SWAN is the better of the two candidates.

Mesa Water District, Div 5

SHAWN DEWANE – excellent candidate!

Midway City Sanitary District

Vote for up to 3, but it's ok to vote for fewer.
I (Robyn) am not very familiar with this race.
Just a couple of notes: MARK NGUYEN is endorsed by the conservative CRA. (Please do not vote for dem-endorsed Sergio Contreras)

Moulton Niguel Water Dist, -Full Term

You can vote for up to 3.
WILLIAM "BILL" MOORHEAD
BRIAN PARKER
PATRICIA "TRISH" KELLEY

Moulton Niguel Water District, Short Term

Pat Bates vs Joel Bishop
No recommendation in this race.

Municipal Water District Director Div 2

LARRY D. DICK

Rossmoor Community Services Dist Director

You can vote for up to 2.
Strategically, I would ONLY vote for KONYA VIVANTI to increase her chance of winning. However, If you really want to vote for 2, please make Jody Roubanis your second choice. (Please do NOT vote for Jo Shade.)

Serrano Water Dist Div 4

As of 9/28, No recommendation in this race.

Silverado-Modjeska, Recreation and Park Dist, Short Term

No recommendation

Trabuco Canyon Water District Director

You can vote for up to 3.
GLENN ACOSTA
MIKE SAFRANSKI
EDWARD MANDICH

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SECTION 13: LOCAL MEASURES:

City and School Boards C

No recommendation as of 9/28 - Hope to add these within the first week of October. Waiting on some great recommendations, please check back!