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# County of San Luis Obispo

General Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

## VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

- In accordance with new legislation, all voters will receive a Vote By Mail (VBM) ballot in the mail
- Your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** and your Voter Information Guide are contained in this packet
- **This will be the only official mailing from the County.**
- **THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT VOTING PERIOD BEGINS AS SOON AS BALLOTS ARE IN THE MAIL. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD EARLY!** Return your vote-by-mail ballot during the voting period of October 11<sup>th</sup> through the close of polls on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **The deadline for return of your official ballot is 8:00pm, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.** You can:
  - Return your ballot by mail. Be sure it is postmarked on or before Election Day. No postage necessary.
  - Return your ballot in person to the Clerk-Recorder's offices, or to any **VBM Ballot Drop Box** located in the State of California. The location of drop boxes in San Luis Obispo County is listed in your Voting Instructions.
  - Return your ballot or vote in person at a **Polling Place**, also listed in your voting instructions.
- Contact the **Clerk-Recorder** by phone at (805) 781-5228 or via email at [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us) with any questions.



[www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)

# POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

Parties may provide a list of candidates who have received the official endorsement of the party for printing in this booklet.

<b>Contest</b>	<b>American Independent</b>	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Governor</b>	Brian Dahle	Gavin Newsom	Brian Dahle
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	No endorsement	Eleni Kounalakis	Angela E. Underwood Jacobs
<b>Secretary of State</b>	No endorsement	Dr. Shirley N. Weber	Rob Bernosky
<b>Controller</b>	No endorsement	Malia Cohen	Lanhee Chen
<b>Treasurer</b>	No endorsement	Fiona Ma	Jack M. Guerrero
<b>Attorney General</b>	No endorsement	Rob Bonta	Nathan Hochman
<b>Insurance Commissioner</b>	Robert Howell	Ricardo Lara	Robert Howell
<b>Board of Equalization, 2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Sally Lieber	Peter Coe Verbica
<b>U.S. Senator, full term</b>	Mark P. Meuser	Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser
<b>U.S. Senator, partial term</b>	Mark P. Meuser	Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser
<b>U.S. Representative, 19<sup>th</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Jimmy Panetta	Jeff Gorman
<b>U.S. Representative, 24<sup>th</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Salud Carbajal	Brad Allen
<b>State Assembly, 30<sup>th</sup> District</b>	Vicki Nohrden	Dawn Addis	Vicki Nohrden
<b>State Assembly, 37<sup>th</sup> District</b>	No endorsement	Gregg Hart	Mike Stoker
<b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b>	Lance Ray Christensen	Tony Thurmond	Lance Ray Christensen

\* The order of parties follows the Randomized Alphabet Drawing conducted by the County.

\* Note: Not all political parties provided an endorsement list.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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## Two U.S. Senate Contests on Ballot

The office of U.S. Senate will have **TWO** separate contests on the November 8, 2022, General Election ballot. You may vote on both. The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term of office beginning on January 3, 2023 (full term). The second contest is a special vacancy election, since the current officeholder is temporarily filing a vacancy, for the remainder of the term ending on January 3, 2023 (partial/unexpired term).

## Redistricting and Voting

To get an updated count of the country's population, the U.S. Constitution requires a federal census every ten years. California uses that census data to redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts based on population changes. The independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) uses the new census data to redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization district boundaries. The boundaries for local districts, such as county supervisorial, school districts, community services districts, special districts, and city council districts, are drawn by those governing bodies and not by the CCRC.

Changes in representation for San Luis Obispo County is as follows:

<b>2011</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Congressional</b>	
24th District	19th & 24th Districts
<b>State Assembly</b>	
35th District	30th & 37th Districts
<b>State Senate</b>	
17th District	17th & 21st Districts
<b>Board of Equalization</b>	
2nd District	2nd District

**For additional information regarding which San Luis Obispo County Districts you are eligible to vote in, please visit:**

**<https://clerk.slocounty.ca.gov/voterstatus/>**

## **ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA**

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes - regardless of party preference – move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1), a general election still must be held.

California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices can still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate can only move on to the general election if the candidate is one of the top two vote-getters in the primary election. Additionally, there is no independent nomination process for a general election.

### **Voter-Nominated Offices**

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have their qualified party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. The parties may submit a list of the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement, which will be printed in the county voter information guide.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election unless the candidate is one of the two highest voter-getters at the primary election.

### **Nonpartisan Offices**

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate their party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office. Any candidate for a nonpartisan office who receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent + 1) in the primary election will be elected to that office and the contest will not appear on the ballot for the general election.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST TIME VOTERS**

The Help America Vote Act requires first time federal voters to show identification when voting. You will be required to show your current valid photo I.D. and/or a copy of one of the following that shows your name and address when you go to the polls on election day: Current utility bill, bank statement, government check, government paycheck, or a government document. You will be required to send a copy of one of the above documents with your voted vote-by-mail ballot. If you have questions about your status as a First Time Voter, please contact us.

### **Contact Information on the Front Cover**

## How Your Vote is Counted

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Polling places close at 8:00 pm on Election Night, but it can take a few hours for all locations to report results, and weeks before the final totals are known. Ever wondered why? Here's a quick look at what happens to your ballot after you cast it.

### Election Night

- The first results are posted shortly after 8:00 pm - these are the Vote by Mail ballots that were returned and processed early.
- After that, we must wait for the first of the polling places across the county to complete their paperwork, pack up their supplies, and return the ballots - this can take more than an hour.
- As polling places report in, their results are tabulated and compiled into countywide results.
- The posted results are updated periodically throughout the night.
- When all polling places have reported, the Election Night counting is done; however, there are still more ballots to count and a lot more work to do before the results become official (see below).

### Ballots counted after Election Day

- **"Last Minute" Vote by Mail Ballots:** Vote by Mail ballots that arrive the day before or on Election Day either by mail, returned at a polling place or deposited in a Ballot Drop Box, are processed, and counted in the days after Election Day and therefore are not included in the election night results reporting.
- **Postmarked Vote by Mail Ballots:** Under California law, ballots may be counted even if they arrive after Election Day, as long as they are received by mail no later than 7 days after the election and are postmarked on or before Election Day.
- **Missing or Mismatched Signature:** A voter's signature on the returned vote-by-mail identification envelope must compare with the signature(s) in the voter's registration record. If the voter did not sign the ballot envelope, or if the elections official has determined that the signature on the envelope does not compare to the signature(s) of the voter in the voter's record, the ROV will, provide the voter with the applicable notice to cure the missing or mismatched signature. This notice must be returned to the ROV no later than 2 days prior to the certification of the election.
- **Provisional Ballots:** These are the last ballots counted because they must be researched and verified; it may take a few weeks, but every valid vote will be counted.

# **WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!**

## **VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

### **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- *DO NOT* commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- *DO NOT* provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- *DO NOT* illegally vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- *DO NOT* engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- *DO NOT* challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- *DO NOT* attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- *DO NOT* possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- *DO NOT* forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.

- *DO NOT* alter the returns of an election.
- *DO NOT* tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- *DO NOT* display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- *DO NOT* tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- *DO NOT* coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- *DO NOT* act as an election officer when you are not one.

**EMPLOYERS** cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote by mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

**PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS** cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

# **WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!**

**VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

## **WHERE:**

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting or drop box the following activities are prohibited.

## **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- *DO NOT* ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- *DO NOT* block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- *DO NOT* provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- *DO NOT* circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recall, or candidate nominations.
- *DO NOT* distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- *DO NOT* display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

# LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

As required by law, the County of San Luis Obispo offers facsimile ballots in the following languages and only for the precincts listed below:

## Spanish

All Precincts

All Polling Places

## Tagalog

Consolidated Precincts

403, 404, 405, 406, and 407

To determine your Consolidated Precinct, please refer to the top left corner of your Vote By Mail ballot, which contains your precinct information (i.e. CON 403).

Facsimile ballots and instructions will be provided upon request. You can request to view the facsimile ballot for the language that is available at a Polling Place listed on your Voting Instructions page.

You can request a facsimile ballot in one of the languages available:

By Phone: 805-781-5228

By E-Mail: [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

By Mail: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

In Person: At the Clerk-Recorder's Office at 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo or 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Atascadero

Online: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## Spanish Language Ballot Technology

With new accessible ballot-marking technology (ICX voting machines), a Spanish language voting experience can assist voters with making their selections and marking their ballots. They are available at the County Clerk-Recorder's office beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>, and at all Polling Places on November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day.

# ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

Conforme lo exige la ley, el Condado de San Luis Obispo ofrece boletas electorales facsímiles en los siguientes idiomas y solo para los distritos electorales que se detallan a continuación:

## Español

Todos los distritos electorales

Todos los lugares de votación

## Tagalo

Distritos electorales consolidados

403, 404, 405, 406, y 407

Para determinar cuál es su distrito electoral consolidado, consulte la esquina superior izquierda de su boleta electoral de voto por correo, que contiene la información de su distrito electoral (por ejemplo, CON 403).

Se suministrarán, a petición, boletas electorales e instrucciones facsímiles. Puede solicitar ver la boleta electoral facsímil para el idioma que se encuentre disponible en un lugar de votación que aparezca en la página con instrucciones para el voto.

Puede solicitar una boleta electoral facsímil en uno de los idiomas disponibles:

Por teléfono: 805-781-5228

Por correo electrónico: [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

Por correo postal: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Personalmente: En la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro  
en 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo  
o 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2.º piso), Atascadero

En línea: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## Tecnología de Boletas electorales en idioma español

Con la nueva tecnología para marcar boletas electorales con más accesibilidad (máquinas de votación ICX), una experiencia de votación en idioma español puede ayudar a los votantes a hacer sus selecciones y a marcar sus boletas electorales. Se encontrarán disponibles en la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro del Condado a partir del 11 de Octubre, y en todos los lugares de votación el 8 de Noviembre, el día de la elección.

# TULONG SA WIKA

Ayon sa ipinag-aatas ng batas, nagbibigay ang County ng San Luis Obispo ng mga kopya ng balota na nasa mga sumusunod na wika at para lang sa mga presintong nakalista sa ibaba:

## Spanish

Lahat ng Presinto

Lahat ng Lugar na Botohan

## Tagalog

Mga Pinagsama-samang Presinto (Consolidated Precinct)  
403, 404, 405, 406, at 407

Upang alamin kung ano ang inyong Pinagsama-samang Presinto, mangyaring sumangguni sa kaliwang sulok sa itaas ng inyong balota sa Pagboto sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo, na naglalaman ng impormasyon ng inyong presinto (ibig sabihin, CON 403).

Magbibigay ng mga kopya ng balota at tagubilin kapag hiniling. Maaari ninyong hilinging makita ang kopya ng balota para sa wikang ginagamit sa Lugar na Botohan, na nakalista sa inyong pahina sa mga Tagubilin sa Pagboto.

Maaari kayong humiling ng kopya ng balota sa isa sa mga wikang magagamit:

Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono: 805-781-5228

Sa Pamamagitan ng E-Mail: [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

Sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

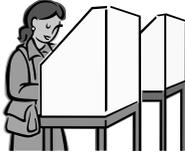
Sa Personal: Sa Tanggapan ng Klerk na Tagapagtala sa 1055  
Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo o 6565  
Capistrano Avenue (ika-2 palapag), Atascadero

Online: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## Teknolohiya ng Balota sa Wikang Espanyol

Sa tulong ng nagagamit na teknolohiya sa pagmarka ng balota (mga ICX na makina sa pagboto), ang karanasan sa pagboto sa wikang Espanyol ay makakatulong sa mga botante sa pagpili at pagmarka sa kanilang mga balota. Magagamit ang mga ito sa tanggapan ng Klerk na Tagapagtala ng County simula ika-11 ng Oktubre, at sa lahat ng Lugar na Botohan sa ika-8 ng Nobyembre, Araw ng Halalan.

# Assistance for Voters with Disabilities



San Luis Obispo County is committed to ensuring every voter can cast their ballot privately and independently. Below is detailed information about assistance that the County offers to voters with disabilities.

- **Vote by Mail:** Your ballot has automatically been sent to you. Keep safe and return your ballot by mail, drop box, or Voter Service Center.
- **Vote at a Polling Place:** On Election Day, you may choose up to two people to help you vote at any polling place or County Clerk-Recorder's office. This person cannot be: • your employer or anyone who works for your employer • your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union.

Accessible ballot-marking machines (ICX) are available at every polling place on Election Day and at the County Clerk-Recorder's office 29 days prior to the election.

- **Curbside voting:** If you arrive at a polling place and cannot get to the voting area, ask for assistance.
- **Accessible Voter Information Guide on the Web:** Voter Information Guides are available on the County Clerk-Recorder's website with the use of personal accessible navigational tools and screen reader technology. Large print format of the County Voter Information Guide is available upon request.

## **Remote Accessible Vote by Mail**

A new voting experience can be provided by the elections staff for all voters, including those with disabilities by using web-based tools on a personal computer, printer, and one's personal assistive device(s) (screen readers, tactile switches, closed captioning, sip and puff system, etc.) to access and mark one's ballot, then returning it by mail to the Elections Office.

**Contact the Elections office for information at 805-781-5228**

## **Other Assistance for Visually, Hearing or Speech Impaired:**

The Secretary of State's Office has a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) to provide elections information: **1-800-833-8683 (1-800-TDD-VOTE)**. Large print format of the state ballot measures continues to be available.



# Features on the Web

## [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)

### Find the Status of Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot



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County of San Luis Obispo

#### Voter Status Search

To see your voter status, enter the following information and click "Show status".

In order to maintain the privacy of the voter, the information provided must be an exact match to the voter registration on file with our office and all fields must be completed.

If you cannot view your voter status, please contact the Elections Office at 781-5228 and we will assist you.

Birth date (format: mm/dd/yyyy)

Last 4 digits of your California driver's license number (or the last 4 digits of your California ID number)

Street address (number only)  
(example: if your address is 123 Main, enter 123)

Show Status

### Find Your Polling Place

#### Polling Place Search

To locate your polling place and view ballot choices, enter the following information and click "Find polling place".

The required fields are street number, street name, and zip code. If you know your street direction and street type, you may enter them, too. Then click "Find polling place".

Street Number	Street Direction	Street Name	Street Type	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	Please select ▼	<input type="text"/>	Please select ▼	<input type="text"/>

Find polling place

### View Photos, Directions to the Poll, Accessibility Features for Voters with Disabilities, and Your Sample Ballot

# VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include any/all of the following items:

- Candidates' Statements
- Ballot Measure(s)
- Impartial Analysis
- Fiscal Impact/Tax Rate Statement(s)
- Arguments and Rebuttals In Support of or In Opposition To Ballot Measures

This pamphlet section may not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your Ballot/Sample Ballot. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed in English or English and Spanish at his or her expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

All the statements printed in Spanish follow the English statements for that same contest.

Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

## **Campaign Finance Reform**

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidate listed below has pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in California Government Code 85600. Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the local sample ballot pamphlet, at their own expense.

30<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District  
Dawn Addis  
Vicki Nohrden  
37<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District  
Mike Stoker

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**SALUD CARBAJAL**

**Occupation:** Member of Congress

**Education and Qualifications:** I'm Salud Carbajal, and as your Representative in Congress, I have continued to advance our Central Coast priorities and deliver for our communities.

I grew up in Ventura County, where my father worked as a farmworker. I attended UCSB while working two jobs to become the first in my family to graduate from a university. I proudly served in the Marine Corps Reserves and as a Santa Barbara County Supervisor. My wife, Gina, and I raised our family here, and now our grandchildren are growing up in this community.

In Congress, I've focused on solving challenges facing Central Coast families by passing laws that will curb inflation, lower your costs, and create good-paying jobs. I've worked to bring home million-dollar investments to expand access to public transit, high-speed internet, and clean drinking water.

I'm proud to have spearheaded efforts to bring long overdue reforms to gun safety laws, expand veterans' health benefits, and reduce the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs. I'm fighting for climate solutions that will tackle wildfire and drought responses. And I will always protect reproductive rights and marriage equality.

I would be honored to continue working for you in Congress.

For more information, please visit [SaludCarbajal.com](http://SaludCarbajal.com).

I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
REPRESENTANTE DEL CONGRESO DE EE. UU., DISTRITO ELECTORAL 24<sup>º</sup>**

**SALUD CARBAJAL**

**Ocupación:** Miembro del Congreso

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Mi nombre es Salud Carbajal, como Representante del Congreso he seguido trabajando en las prioridades de nuestra Costa Central y entregado resultados a nuestras comunidades.

Crecí en el Condado de Ventura, donde mi padre era trabajador del campo. Asistí a la UCSB mientras trabajaba en dos empleos para ser el primero de mi familia en graduarse de una universidad. Serví con orgullo a nuestro país en la Reserva del Cuerpo de Marines y como Supervisor del Condado de Santa Bárbara. Mi esposa Gina y yo criamos aquí a nuestra familia. Ahora nuestros nietos crecen en esta comunidad.

Dentro del Congreso, me he enfocado en resolver los desafíos a los que se enfrentan las familias de la Costa Central. Para ello, he aprobado leyes que disminuirán la inflación, reducirán los costos y generarán empleos bien pagados. He trabajado para conseguir inversiones millonarias con el propósito de expandir el acceso al transporte público, al internet de alta velocidad y al agua purificada.

Estoy orgulloso de haber encabezado los esfuerzos para rescatar reformas muy atrasadas a las leyes de seguridad de armas, expandir los beneficios para la salud de nuestros veteranos y reducir el costo de los servicios a la salud y medicamentos con receta. Estoy luchando por soluciones climáticas que abordarán respuestas a los incendios forestales y sequías. Y siempre protegeré los derechos reproductivos y el matrimonio igualitario.

Sería un honor para mí seguir trabajando para ustedes en el Congreso.

Para obtener más información, visite [SaludCarbajal.com](http://SaludCarbajal.com).

Con todo respeto, le pido su voto. Gracias.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT**

**DAWN ADDIS**

**AGE: 50**

**Occupation:** City Councilmember / Teacher

**Education and Qualifications:** Dear Neighbor,

It has been my privilege to work as a public school teacher for the last 20 years, and to serve my community as a local City Councilmember. As a mother of two and a public servant, I want to help build a brighter future for California and protect the things we love about the Central Coast.

As a City Councilmember, I have worked to reduce homelessness, improve city services and outreach, protect our environment and open space, and support local workers and businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I am running for State Assembly to advance these values and causes across California, and to be a responsive and effective advocate for the residents of our district.

As a public school teacher, I have worked with children with special needs, and as a bilingual educator, I have helped develop curriculum for students learning English. My classroom experience has taught me that we need more investment across public education, from early childhood education through the UC and CSU systems.

My campaign for State Assembly has been endorsed by more than 300 organizations and leaders, including groups who represent Central Coast firefighters, paramedics, nurses, law enforcement personnel, teachers, school employees, and grocery workers.

I would be honored to earn your vote for State Assembly. If you have questions or thoughts about my campaign, please do not hesitate to call me at (805) 749-3751 or email me at Dawn@DawnAddis.org. www.DawnAddis.org Para español: www.DawnAddis.org/esp

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT**

**VICKI NOHRDEN**

**Occupation:** Non-Profit Director / Educator / Family Court Advocate

**Education and Qualifications:** I'm Vicki Nohrden and I'm running to be your voice in the California Assembly. From jobs to education, our legislators are taking us for a ride to the far extremes. Our state government is increasingly ineffective, unbalanced, and out of touch.

Small businesses are struggling to survive. What do legislators do? They introduce legislation to ban independent contractors and impose harmful new regulations, taxes, and fees on businesses throughout the state. Our public schools struggle to provide quality education, leaving students behind. What do legislators do? They prioritize divisive, politically driven measures instead of working to support academic success. Our children are paying the price.

Our state had a \$90 billion budget surplus last year, yet homelessness remains at crisis levels. What do legislators do? Mismanage funding and shirk accountability, preventing the implementation of viable solutions.

I am running for office to help fix our failing model which rewards party loyalty over problem-solving. A proven leader in non-profit and business for over two decades, my public service includes standing up for children, families, and victims of crime while bridging party lines to make local government work for local people. I will take that experience and approach to our state government, working to represent you in the State Assembly.

It's time to bring checks and balances to Sacramento and most importantly, it's time for a leader who listens. Thank you for your vote. Learn more about me at [www.ElectVicki.com](http://www.ElectVicki.com) or email me at [Vicki@ElectVicki.Com](mailto:Vicki@ElectVicki.Com). Feel free to call me (831) 200-5922.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, 30° DISTRITO**

**VICKI NOHRDEN**

**Ocupación:** Directora de una organización sin fines de lucro, educadora y defensora de la Corte de Familia

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Mi nombre es Vicki Nohrden y quiero ser su representante en la Asamblea de California. Ya sea en lo laboral o lo educativo, nuestros legisladores nos han llevado de un extremo a otro. Nuestro gobierno estatal es cada vez más ineficiente, desbalanceado y alejado de la realidad.

Los pequeños negocios están teniendo dificultades para sobrevivir. ¿Qué hacen los legisladores? Aprueban leyes para prohibir a los contratistas independientes e imponen nuevas regulaciones dañinas, impuestos y tarifas a los negocios a lo largo del estado. Nuestras escuelas públicas están teniendo problemas para proveer una educación de calidad, arriesgando el aprendizaje de los estudiantes. ¿Qué hacen los legisladores? Le dan prioridad a medidas divisoras y con trasfondo político, en vez de trabajar para garantizar el éxito académico. Nuestros hijos están pagando las consecuencias.

Nuestro estado tenía un excedente de presupuesto de \$90 mil millones el año pasado. Sin embargo, la tasa de personas sin hogar aún permanece en niveles críticos. ¿Qué hacen los legisladores? Administran mal las finanzas y evaden sus responsabilidades, lo que evita que se implementen soluciones viables.

Me estoy postulando para el cargo para ayudar a corregir nuestro fallido modelo, que pone la lealtad al partido por encima de la resolución de problemas. Como líder en organizaciones sin fines de lucro y en negocios por más de dos décadas, mi servicio al público incluye mantenerme firme en nombre de los niños, las familias y las víctimas del crimen, mientras unifico las líneas del partido para que el gobierno local trabaje para la gente local. Llevaré esa experiencia y acercamiento hacia nuestro gobierno estatal, trabajando para representarlo a usted en la Asamblea Estatal.

Es la hora de mostrar cuentas claras a Sacramento, y, aún más importante, es la hora de tener una líder que escuche. Gracias por su voto. Puede obtener más información sobre mí en [www.ElectVicki.com](http://www.ElectVicki.com) o puede mandarme un correo electrónico a [Vicki@ElectVicki.Com](mailto:Vicki@ElectVicki.Com). Siéntase en confianza de llamarme al (831) 200-5922.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 4  
San Luis Obispo County Community College District**

**ADRIENNE GARCIA-SPECHT**

**Age: 33**

**Occupation:** Higher Education Professional

**Education and Qualifications:** I am Adrienne Garcia-Specht, and I am running for the Cuesta College Board of Trustees. I have over a decade of experience in higher education, from working with students as a writing instructor at Cuesta, Allan Hancock, and Syracuse University to seven years as a financial aid counselor at Cal Poly. As a financial aid counselor, I manage several complex financial aid programs and work directly with low-income students to help them achieve their educational and career goals.

I know the barriers students face. I think about students who are parents, veterans, undocumented, homeless, foster youth, students who think college isn't for them. Cuesta College must serve everyone in our diverse community.

As your trustee, I will listen to the community and make sure that Cuesta College meets our needs. I will advocate for Arroyo Grande, Nipomo, and Oceano to guarantee that we have access to high quality college education and career training. I will ensure that Cuesta continues to meet accreditation standards and remains in good financial standing. Together, we can achieve educational excellence for all.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 4  
Distrito Universitario de la Comunidad del Condado de San Luis Obispo**

**ADRIENNE GARCIA-SPECHT**

**Edad: 33**

**Ocupación:** Profesional en Educación Superior

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Mi nombre es Adrienne Garcia-Specht y me estoy postulando para el Consejo Directivo de La Universidad Cuesta. Tengo más de una década de experiencia en educación superior, desde mi trabajo como instructora de escritura con estudiantes de Cuesta, Allan Hancock y la Universidad Syracuse, hasta mis siete años como consejera de apoyo financiero en Cal Poly. Como consejera de apoyo financiero, gestiono varios programas de apoyo financiero complejos y trabajo directamente con estudiantes de bajos recursos para ayudarlos a alcanzar sus metas educativas y profesionales.

Conozco las barreras a las que se enfrentan los estudiantes. Yo pienso en los estudiantes que son padres, veteranos, indocumentados, personas sin hogar y huérfanos. Personas que piensan que la universidad no es para ellos. El Colegio de Cuesta debe servir a todas las personas de nuestra diversa comunidad.

Como miembro del consejo directivo, escucharé a la comunidad y me aseguraré de que la Universidad Cuesta cubra nuestras necesidades. Voy a abogar por Arroyo Grande, Nipomo y Oceano para garantizar que tengamos acceso a educación superior y entrenamiento profesional de alta calidad. Me aseguraré de que Cuesta siga dentro de los estándares de acreditación y permanezca en un buen nivel financiero. Juntos podemos lograr excelencia académica para todos.

Con todo respeto, le pido su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 3  
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

**ANDREA NAEMI-VERGNE**

**Age: 62**

**Occupation:** Educational Advocate

**Education and Qualifications:** Having resided in Board Trustee Area #3 during the past 24 years, with children graduating from AGHS, and as a former Governor Appointee, I am strongly dedicated to all students, a team-player, tenacious, and passionately committed to positive change in the LMUSD. I intend to exercise and promote accountability, transparency, and facilitate building effective bridges between the district and all stakeholders. This is a critical time for students. More program funding is needed to prepare our children's success for colleges, universities, serving our military. The arts are crucially important as well for our students to thrive and become productive members of society. Behind the scenes I continue to support our military and was instrumental in keeping the OCC open for our culturally diverse communities. I was the catalyst that brought into fruition the AGHS Teen Closet, and I developed a proposed program for LMUSD to build skills needed for our adult students to thrive, resulting in the opening of Mesa View Academy in 2018. I successfully obtained an administrative judge decision in favor of all students for years to come. I thank you for the opportunity to serve and humbly request your vote on November 8.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 3  
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

**DAEVIN THOMAS**

**Age: 40**

**Occupation:** Agriculture Professional and current Board Trustee

**Education and Qualifications:** With having two children in the district, I joined my local school site council to understand and help address the issues students and staff experience. In December 2021, I was able to join the School Board to help govern the larger issues Team Lucia Mar faces. My passion for our community comes from my three-generation household, experience in agriculture building opportunities for families and growing healthy food. I look forward to representing our region in helping our school district create the best educational experience for all of our students.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 3  
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

**ASHLEY SMEESTER**

**Occupation:** Mother, Board Certified Behavior Analyst

**Education and Qualifications:** As a single parent of two children, with exceptional needs on both ends of the educational continuum (i.e., having a child with above average academic ability, and a child with Cerebral Palsy, requiring Special Education supports) education is near and dear to me. However, even before being a parent, education had already fascinated me. I set out to work in the school system to support children with special needs by obtaining a Master's Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Behavior Analysis.

While working my way through college, I worked as a one-on-one support, teacher aide, and Counseling Intern; then continued as a Behavior Analyst from 2011-2022 in special education. I have had great experiences working with students, teachers, administration, and caregivers; fueling my passion for prevention, mental health, and inclusion for all in the school and community. As a school board member it would be my goal to advocate for diversity and inclusion, ensure teachers are supported in the new educational climate we face, and think preventatively for students and staff.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 3  
Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar**

**DAEVIN THOMAS**

**Edad: 40**

**Ocupación:** Agricultor y Miembro de la Junta Directiva actual

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Ya que tengo dos hijos en el distrito, me uní al consejo escolar local para entender y ayudar a resolver los problemas de los estudiantes y el personal. En Diciembre del 2021 pude unirme a la Junta Escolar para ayudar a determinar los grandes problemas que enfrenta el Equipo Lucia Mar. Mi pasión por nuestra comunidad viene desde mi hogar trigeneracional y el ver a la agricultura crear oportunidades para las familias y producir alimentos saludables. Estoy deseoso de ayudar a nuestro distrito escolar a crear la mejor experiencia educativa para todos nuestros estudiantes, en el nombre de nuestra región.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR  
Oceano Community Services District  
Two Year Term**

**CHARLES VARNI**

**Occupation:** Retired Teacher / Community Organizer / Ceramic Artist

**Education and Qualifications:** I have lived in Oceano for twenty-two years and serve as Chair of the Oceano Advisory Council. I taught at Allan Hancock College for 30 years and developed the Human Services Program training students for jobs in various “helping” professions including alcohol and drug counseling. I was an elected Director of the Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District for five years and have worked with many governmental and non-profit organizations for decades.

What I would like to help OCSD achieve and support:

Safe routes to schools and throughout the community with more sidewalks, bike lanes, and crosswalks. More County support for Oceano improvements like a new park, recreational opportunities for children, more frequent street sweeping, and more streetlights. New economic development in Oceano with more jobs, affordable housing, and businesses. Use Oceano property and tourist tax dollars for the betterment and protection of Oceano residents, like emergency medical and fire services. Increase efforts to secure grant money for local projects like flood control, improving Pier Avenue/Highway 1, and community recreation opportunities.

Together we can turn long term hopes into actions with fairness and justice for all. In this spirit I ask for your vote.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR  
Oceano Community Services District  
Two Year Term**

**STEVE MONTES**

**Occupation:** Semi-Retired Businessman

**Education and Qualifications:** I moved to Oceano in 2009. I graduated from Fresno State University with a Masters degree in Public Administration in 2003. I love where I live and am committed in supporting and empowering the community of Oceano. I believe there are many great things that can happen and continue to prosper in our community. I am also bilingual, speaking Spanish. Appointed in May, 2022, I made a commitment to continue to support Oceano on the condition that I would campaign this November. I am proud to be on this board and I am running for re-election. Please help me make this pledge come to fruition by voting for me this November.

Together, we can empower Oceano to be a vibrant and thriving community in the years to come.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
DIRECTOR  
Distrito de Servicios Comunitarios de Oceano  
Mandato de dos años**

**CHARLES VARNI**

**Ocupación:** Profesor Jubilado, Organizador Comunitario, Artista Cerámico

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** He vivido en Oceano durante veintidós años y me he desempeñado como Presidente del Consejo Consultivo de Oceano. Di clases en el Allan Hancock College durante 30 años y desarrollé el Programa de Servicios Humanos mediante el cual capacitamos a los alumnos para trabajar en distintas profesiones "de ayuda", incluido el apoyo de terapias para el abuso de alcohol y drogas. Fui Director electo del Distrito de Conservación del Agua del Valle de Santa María durante cinco años y he trabajado con muchas organizaciones sin fines de lucro y gubernamentales durante décadas.

Estos son mis objetivos de logros y apoyo para el OCSD:

Rutas seguras a las escuelas y a lo largo de la comunidad con más aceras, carriles para bicicletas y cruces peatonales. Más apoyo del Condado para mejoras en Oceano, como un nuevo parque, oportunidades recreativas para niños, servicio de barrido de calles más frecuente y más alumbrado público. Nuevo desarrollo económico en Oceano con más empleos, vivienda asequibles y negocios. La utilización del dinero de los impuestos sobre la propiedad y el turismo de Oceano para la mejora y protección de los habitantes de Oceano, como servicios de urgencias médicas y de bomberos. Incremento en los esfuerzos para garantizar fondos para proyectos locales como el control de inundaciones, la mejora de la Avenida 1 y la Avenida Pier y oportunidades recreativas para la comunidad.

Juntos podremos convertir las esperanzas lejanas en acciones con equidad y justicia. Es con este espíritu que les solicito su voto.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
DIRECTOR  
Distrito de Servicios Comunitarios de Oceano  
Mandato de dos años**

**STEVE MONTES**

**Ocupación:** Empresario Semijubilado

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Me mudé a Oceano en 2009. Me gradué de la Universidad Estatal de Fresno con una Maestría en Administración Pública en 2003. Me encanta el lugar donde vivo y tengo el compromiso de apoyar y empoderar a la comunidad de Oceano. Creo que existen muchas cosas increíbles que pueden acontecer y seguir prosperando dentro de nuestra comunidad. También hablo español, así que soy bilingüe. En mayo de 2022 me planteé la promesa de seguir apoyando a Oceano con la condición de postularme en la campaña de Noviembre. Me siento orgulloso de formar parte de esta Junta y me estoy postulando para la reelección. Les ruego que me ayuden a que esta promesa rinda frutos votando por mí el próximo Noviembre.

Juntos podemos fortalecer a Oceano para que logremos ser una comunidad dinámica y próspera en los próximos años.

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