

OFFICIAL BALLOT
NOVEMBER 4, 2014 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION
 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

BT03

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STATE	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 1 Shall Presiding Justice FRANCES ROTHSCHILD be elected to the office for the term provided by law? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
GOVERNOR Vote for One	Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/> EDMUND G. "JERRY" BROWN Party Preference: Democratic Governor of California	<input type="radio"/> DAVE JONES Party Preference: Democratic Insurance Commissioner	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 1 Shall Associate Justice JEFFREY W. JOHNSON be elected to the office for the term provided by law? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for One	MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION 2nd District Vote for One	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 2 Shall Associate Justice BRIAN M. HOFFSTADT be elected to the office for the term provided by law? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/> RON NEHRING Party Preference: Republican Small Businessman/Educator	<input type="radio"/> FIONA MA Party Preference: Democratic CPA/Taxpayer Representative	FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 3 Shall Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County LEE ANNE EDMON be elected to the office for the term provided by law? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/> GAVIN NEWSOM Party Preference: Democratic Lieutenant Governor	<input type="radio"/> JAMES E. THEIS Party Preference: Republican Organic Foods Manager	
SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for One	UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 24th District Vote for One	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 4 Shall Associate Justice AUDREY B. COLLINS be elected to the office for the term provided by law? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
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CONTROLLER Vote for One	MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY 35th District Vote for One	FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 5 Shall Presiding Justice PAUL A. TURNER be elected to the office for the term provided by law? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/> ASHLEY SWEARENGIN Party Preference: Republican Mayor/CEO	<input type="radio"/> HEIDI HARMON Party Preference: Democratic Educator	FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 6 Shall Associate Justice KENNETH R. YEGAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
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SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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Educator/California Superintendent
- MARSHALL TUCK**
Educator/Schools' Executive
- Write-in**

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER TRUSTEE AREA NO 4
 Vote for One

- PETER J. SYSAK**
Retired College Administrator
- CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER**
Incumbent
- Write-in**

COUNTY

COUNTY SUPERVISOR 4th District
 Vote for One

- CAREN RAY**
Appointed Supervisor/Educator
- LYNN COMPTON**
Rancher/Small Businesswoman
- Write-in**

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
 Vote for One

- AMANDA S. KING**
Deputy Clerk-Recorder
- TOMMY GONG**
Assistant Clerk-Recorder
- Write-in**

CITY

CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE

MAYOR
 Vote for One

- TONY FERRARA**
Mayor, City of Arroyo Grande
- Write-in**

COUNCILMEMBER
 Vote for no more than Two

- BARBARA HARMON**
Retired Probation Supervisor
- TIM BROWN**
Workers' Compensation Consultant
- JOE COSTELLO**
Instructor/Council Member
- Write-in**
- Write-in**

DISTRICT

PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT

COMMISSIONER
 Vote for no more than Two

- JUSTIN HODGES**
Counselor/Businessman
- DREW BRANDY**
Incumbent
- MARY MATAKOVICH**
Educator/Teacher
- BRIAN "CRAIG" KREOWSKI**
Incumbent
- Write-in**
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YES NO

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YES NO

PROPOSITION 45 HEALTHCARE INSURANCE. RATE CHANGES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires Insurance Commissioner's approval before health insurer can change its rates or anything else affecting the charges associated with health insurance. Provides for public notice, disclosure, and hearing, and subsequent judicial review. Exempts employer large group health plans. Fiscal Impact: Increased state administrative costs to regulate health insurance, likely not exceeding the low millions of dollars annually in most years, funded from fees paid by health insurance companies.

YES NO

PROPOSITION 46 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF DOCTORS. MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE LAWSUITS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires drug testing of doctors. Requires review of statewide prescription database before prescribing controlled substances. Increases \$250,000 pain/suffering cap in medical negligence lawsuits for inflation. Fiscal Impact: State and local government costs from raising the cap on medical malpractice damages ranging from tens of millions to several hundred million dollars annually, offset to some extent by savings from requirements on health care providers.

YES NO

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YES NO

PROPOSITION 48 INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS. REFERENDUM. A "Yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, tribal gaming compacts between the state and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the Wiyot Tribe. Fiscal Impact: One-time payments (\$16 million to \$35 million) and for 20 years annual payments (\$10 million) from Indian tribes to state and local governments to address costs related to the operation of a new casino.

YES NO

SCHOOL

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEASURE L-14 CUESTA COLLEGE AFFORDABLE EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING/ CAMPUS REPAIR MEASURE. To repair, construct/acquire facilities, sites/equipment, prepare students/returning veterans for universities/good paying jobs, address severe budget cuts by updating aging classrooms, improving/maintaining nursing, paramedic, 9-1-1 medical training, welding, engineering, automotive, early childhood education/other career education programs, repairing deteriorating gas/electrical lines, upgrading technology, shall San Luis Obispo County Community College District issue \$275,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring citizens' oversight, independent audits, all funds used locally?

BONDS - YES BONDS - NO

CITY

CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE

MEASURE C-14 Shall the charter be adopted making the City of Arroyo Grande a charter city so that the laws of the City of Arroyo Grande shall prevail over state law with respect to the management of municipal affairs?

YES NO

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WHAT'S NEW FOR THIS ELECTION

Top Two “Voter-Nominated” Contests

- Applies to U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, Statewide and State legislative offices.
- Only the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes cast in the Primary election are on the ballot for the General election.
- Write-in candidates are not allowed for these contests during the General election.
- The rules for non-partisan contests (i.e. counties, cities, school and special districts) did not change.

Party Preference & Political Party Endorsement

- The political party preference, or no party preference, as indicated on the candidate’s voter registration is listed next to or below the candidate’s name on the ballot.
- The party designation shown is for the information of the voters only. It is not an endorsement by the party designated.

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

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION

Party	Contests	Candidate
Democratic	Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Controller Treasurer Attorney General Insurance Commissioner Board of Equalization, 2 nd U.S. Representative, 24 th State Assembly, 35 th	Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown Gavin Newsom Alex Padilla Betty T. Yee John Chiang Kamala D. Harris Dave Jones Fiona Ma Lois Capps Heidi Harmon
American Independent	Secretary of State State Controller Attorney General Insurance Commissioner	Pete Peterson Ashley Swearingin Ronald Gold Ted Gaines
Republican	Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Controller Treasurer Attorney General Insurance Commissioner Board of Equalization, 2 nd U.S. Representative, 24 th State Assembly, 35 th	Neel Kashkari Ron Nehring Pete Peterson Ashley Swearingin Greg Conlon Ronald Gold Ted Gaines James E. Theis Chris Mitchum Katcho Achadjian

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

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GOVERNOR

Vote for One

- EDMUND G. "JERRY" BROWN**
Party Preference: Democratic
Governor of California
- NEEL KASHKARI**
Party Preference: Republican
Businessman

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Vote for One

- RON NEHRING**
Party Preference: Republican
Small Businessman/Educator
- GAVIN NEWSOM**
Party Preference: Democratic
Lieutenant Governor

SECRETARY OF STATE

Vote for One

- ALEX PADILLA**
Party Preference: Democratic
California State Senator
- PETE PETERSON**
Party Preference: Republican
Educator/Institute Director

CONTROLLER

Vote for One

- ASHLEY SWEARENGIN**
Party Preference: Republican
Mayor/CEO
- BETTY T. YEE**
Party Preference: Democratic
California State Board of Equalization Member

TREASURER

Vote for One

- JOHN CHIANG**
Party Preference: Democratic
California State Controller
- GREG CONLON**
Party Preference: Republican
Businessman/CPA

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Vote for One

- KAMALA D. HARRIS**
Party Preference: Democratic
Attorney General of California
- RONALD GOLD**
Party Preference: Republican
California Attorney

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Vote for One

- DAVE JONES**
Party Preference: Democratic
Insurance Commissioner
- TED GAINES**
Party Preference: Republican
Independent Insurance Agent

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

2nd District

Vote for One

- FIONA MA**
Party Preference: Democratic
CPA/Taxpayer Representative
- JAMES E. THEIS**
Party Preference: Republican
Organic Foods Manager

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

24th District

Vote for One

- LOIS CAPPS**
Party Preference: Democratic
Congresswoman
- CHRIS MITCHUM**
Party Preference: Republican
Actor/Writer/Businessman

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

35th District

Vote for One

- HEIDI HARMON**
Party Preference: Democratic
Educator
- KATCHO ACHADJIAN**
Party Preference: Republican
Assemblyman/Businessman

**JUDICIAL
VOTE YES OR NO FOR EACH OFFICE**

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Shall Associate Justice **GOODWIN LIU** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

NO

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

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YES

NO

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YES

NO

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 1

Shall Presiding Justice **FRANCES ROTHSCHILD** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

NO

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 1

Shall Associate Justice **JEFFREY W. JOHNSON** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

NO

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 2

Shall Associate Justice **BRIAN M. HOFFSTADT** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

NO

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 3

Shall Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County **LEE ANNE EDMON** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

NO

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 4
Shall Associate Justice **AUDREY B. COLLINS** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

NO

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 4
Shall Associate Justice **NORA M. MANELLA** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

NO

FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 5
Shall Presiding Justice **PAUL A. TURNER** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 6
Shall Associate Justice **KENNETH R. YEGAN** be elected to the office for the term provided by law?

YES

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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, 2nd Appellate District, Div. 8
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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 Measures
- Analyses
- Arguments, Pro & Con

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 at his or her expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

Please note that all the statements printed in Spanish, at the candidates' request, 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 candidates listed below have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the local Voter Information Guide, at their own expense.

35th Assembly District Candidates
Katcho Achadjian
Heidi Harmon

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

LOIS CAPPS

Occupation: Member of Congress

Education and Qualifications: I've been honored to serve San Luis Obispo County in Congress, representing your values and priorities. My commitment to serving you comes from my experience raising my family here on the Central Coast, and working as a nurse and teacher in our public schools.

I know what a special place the Central Coast is. That's why I've worked in Congress for all our communities, helping rebuild Highway 46, funding Cal Poly research and supporting our agriculture industry. I am proud of my work to safeguard our environment, protecting the Central Coast from the threat of more offshore oil drilling.

I am committed to growing our economy in a way that helps middle class families. That's why I support targeted investments in infrastructure, clean energy and high tech research and development - to put people to work and promote new business. And it's why I have worked to make high-quality education available for our children and to increase financial aid to make college more affordable.

I will continue to protect Social Security and Medicare. And I will always be a champion for our veterans and their hard-earned benefits. I support sensible healthcare policies that improve quality, expand access and lower costs. And I will always protect women's access to comprehensive healthcare, such as birth control.

On November 4th, I would be honored to have your support so we can continue making a positive difference in people's lives.

Please visit www.cappsforcongress.com or call 805-884-0202 for more information. Thank you.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

CHRIS MITCHUM

Occupation: Actor, Writer, Businessman

Education and Qualifications: University of Pennsylvania, Trinity College/Dublin, University of Arizona, BA Literature

I believe passionately in the promise of America: With Liberty comes opportunity. I will work hard to represent you and you will always know where I stand. My first priority is jumpstarting the anemic economic recovery to create jobs and generate revenue to invest in schools and infrastructure. I'll work for a commonsense budget, tax reform, and get control of our national debt. It's irresponsible to burden our children and grandchildren with crushing debt.

I know we can protect our natural resources, and still ensure energy independence and affordability. We can keep our nation safe without sacrificing personal privacy to government. I will lead efforts to restore Medicare cuts and replace ObamaCare with a better plan that reduces costs, improves quality, and ensures everyone can choose their own plan and doctor.

Today, we have chronic problems. The real issue, however, is America's future: Are we going to be a Constitutional Republic which safeguards our freedom or continue to cede our rights to big, invasive government telling us what freedoms we're allowed? I choose Liberty. I hope you will too. I respectfully ask for your vote. www.MitchumForCongress.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 35th DISTRICT**

HEIDI HARMON

Age: 44

Occupation: Educator

Education and Qualifications: I am a native Californian, 25-year resident of SLO, and a Cal Poly graduate. I am strongly committed to making our communities safe, secure, and economically viable. We must do better for future generations and ourselves. The old ways of doing the people's business are broken and it's time for an independent leader committed to people - not corporations. I am that leader. We have a "pay to play" political system that creates policies that hurt working people. This is fundamentally unfair to everybody except a powerful minority.

The most pressing issue facing us is our decreasing water supply. Climate change is greatly worsening our drought and is the biggest threat to our local economy, security, and public health. By acting now, new jobs and businesses will be created through innovative resource management and renewable energy. With my leadership, we can have the water we need and leave our dependence on foreign oil behind. I will put people before profits by fighting for workers, women, and our children. It's time for wage increases, access to health care, and meaningful gun reform. We deserve a government that works for all of us. Please vote for Heidi Harmon for Assembly.

www.Heidiharmon.org

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 35th DISTRICT**

K. H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN

Age: 63

Occupation: Small Businessman, Assemblyman

Education and Qualifications: As your Assemblyman I have brought to Sacramento the values and work ethic of the Central Coast that served me well as a county supervisor.

During my time in the State Legislature, I have worked in a bipartisan manner to enact policies that reflect the needs of my constituents. Whether it's fighting against higher taxes, protecting the rights of local governments, or working to streamline burdensome regulations that drive businesses out of state, every decision I make as your Assemblyman reflects my honest assessment of what is best for the Central Coast and California.

While I am pleased that California's economy appears to be on the rebound and that progress has been made towards reducing the structural budget deficit, we still have plenty of work to do. Despite increasing revenue, the State must control its spending in order to prevent another recession and avoid painful cuts. As a proud graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, I believe education funding should be among our highest priorities and I remain committed to restoring funding to higher education and the K-12 school system.

With your help, I will return to Sacramento and fight for the type of common sense policies that will streamline government, encourage job growth, and ensure that we have the resources necessary to protect public safety and to fund our schools, colleges and universities without overburdening hardworking taxpayers.

I would be honored to once again have your support.

www.katcho2014.com

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO A
MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, DISTRITO 35**

K. H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN

Edad: 63

Ocupación: Pequeño Empresario, Asambleísta

Educación y Competencias: Como Asambleísta he aportado a Sacramento los valores y la ética de trabajo de la Costa Central que me fue muy útil como supervisor del condado.

Durante mi cargo en la Legislatura Estatal, he trabajado de forma bipartidista para adoptar políticas que reflejan las necesidades de mis electores. Ya sea luchando en contra del aumento de impuestos, protegiendo los derechos de los gobiernos locales o trabajando para reestructurar regulaciones complicadas que hacen que los negocios salgan del Estado, cada decisión que tomo como Asambleísta refleja mi apreciación honesta de lo que es mejor para la Costa Central y para California.

Si bien estoy satisfecho de que la economía de California se esté restableciendo y de que se haya progresado para reducir el déficit presupuestario estructural, todavía tenemos mucho trabajo que hacer. A pesar del aumento del ingreso, el Estado debe controlar sus gastos para impedir otra recesión y evitar recortes difíciles. Orgullosamente graduado de Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, considero que el financiamiento de la educación debe estar entre nuestras prioridades más altas y sigo comprometido en restaurar el financiamiento de la educación superior y del sistema escolar a nivel jardín de niños a 12.º grado.

Con su ayuda, regresaré a Sacramento y lucharé por las políticas de sentido común que modernizarán al gobierno, fomentarán el crecimiento del empleo, y asegurarán que tengamos los recursos necesarios para proteger la seguridad pública y para financiar nuestras escuelas y universidades sin sobrecargar a los contribuyentes trabajadores.

Sería un honor para mí contar de nuevo con su apoyo.

www.katcho2014.com

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

PETER J. SYSAK

Occupation: Retired College Administrator

Education and Qualifications: I would like to thank you in advance for your vote and support to represent your interest as the Fourth District College Trustee for Cuesta College and the San Luis Obispo County Community College District. I am excited to serve in this elected position and eager to help our local community college students.

I will strongly support more educational opportunities for our South County students and residents. As a 17-year retired college administrator, my knowledge of district activities and issues will enable me to become immediately involved in college processes and programs. I will work collaboratively to focus on fiscal and accreditation issues.

I have been an active member of our South County community for over 37 years. My wife, Jean, and I have raised our children here and they have participated in many youth sports, Campfire, 4-H, and FFA. I have served as President and active member of the College Management Senate, Kiwanis Club of Greater Pismo Beach, and the Criminal Justice Administrators. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the San Luis Obispo Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of South County. Thank you, I greatly appreciate your consideration and support.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 4TH DISTRICT**

CAREN RAY

Age: 46

Occupation: Current County Supervisor, District 4; Educator

Education and Qualifications: As your Supervisor, I have balanced the County budget and helped build a reserve, all without raising taxes. I'm a fiscal conservative with the experience to make tough decisions to protect South County.

My decade of proven leadership as Supervisor, City Councilmember, and Planning Commissioner has earned endorsements by the Tribune, the Deputy Sheriffs, Cal Fire Firefighters, and trusted business and community leaders.

While pushing the County to take a leadership role in water conservation, I am working to diversify our water supply and ensure that new developments in dwindling basins don't use any more water.

I have provided our Sheriff's Department with the equipment it needs to fight crime, combat gangs and intercept panga boats. I worked to create the Five Cities Fire Authority, which improved fire protection and saved taxpayers \$150,000 per year.

South County is an exceptional place, and I am fighting to ensure that no oil project will go forward that will harm our scenic valleys, our growing economy, our tourism, or our water.

Now more than ever, we need experienced leadership to protect our quality of life. I am standing up for South County. I'd love to hear your ideas at electcarenray@gmail.com or 805-234-1270.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 4TH DISTRICT**

LYNN COMPTON

Occupation: Rancher, Small Businesswoman

Education and Qualifications: San Luis Obispo County is a place that I am proud to call home — where I work, live, and raise my family.

After graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Agri-Business, I spent nearly 30 years working in the agricultural industry. Along the way, I earned a law degree and my husband and I started a small agricultural supply business.

As a small business owner, I have seen firsthand how county government can make it harder to run a business and create jobs. I've seen how excessive fees and regulations discourage individuals from starting or growing a business or hiring employees. That's why I'm running for County Supervisor.

My goals are simple: Improve our business climate; defend Proposition 13; make San Luis Obispo County government more efficient and effective at serving residents; and to fight for local control, rather than having Sacramento politicians make decisions for us.

As Supervisor, I'll listen to your concerns and bring an independent voice to San Luis Obispo County. And I'll always fight to strengthen public safety and keep our families safe.

I humbly ask for your vote for County Supervisor. Please call me with any questions at (805) 345-6323 or visit www.LynnCompton.com.

**DECLARACION DE LA CANDIDATA A
LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES, DISTRITO 4**

CAREN RAY

Edad: 46

Ocupación: Actual Supervisora del Condado, Distrito 4; Educadora

Educación y Competencias: Como su Supervisora, he equilibrado el presupuesto del Condado y he ayudado a construir una reserva, todo esto sin aumentar los impuestos. Soy una conservadora fiscal con la experiencia para tomar decisiones difíciles y así proteger al Condado del Sur.

Una década de liderazgo comprobado como Supervisora, Miembro del Concejo de la Ciudad y Comisionada de Planificación me ha hecho ganar el respaldo de the Tribune, los Alguaciles Adjuntos, los Bomberos de Cal Fire, y empresarios reconocidos y líderes de la comunidad.

Además de que impulso al Condado a asumir un papel de liderazgo en la conservación del agua, trabajo para diversificar nuestro suministro de agua y garantizar que los nuevos desarrollos de las mermadas cuencas no usen más agua.

He proporcionado al Departamento del Alguacil el equipo que necesita para luchar contra la delincuencia, combatir a las pandillas e interceptar pequeñas embarcaciones. Trabajé para crear la Autoridad de Prevención de Incendios de las Cinco Ciudades, que mejoró la protección contra incendios y ahorró \$150,000 dólares al año a los contribuyentes.

El Condado del Sur es un lugar excepcional y estoy luchando para garantizar que no se ponga en marcha ningún proyecto petrolero que pueda dañar nuestros pintorescos valles, nuestra creciente economía, nuestro turismo, o nuestra agua.

Ahora más que nunca necesitamos un liderazgo experimentado para proteger nuestra calidad de vida. Quiero defender al Condado del Sur. Me encantaría escuchar sus ideas en electcarenray@gmail.com o en el 805-234-1270.

**DECLARACION DE LA CANDIDATA A
LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES, DISTRITO 4**

LYNN COMPTON

Ocupación: Ganadera, Propietaria de Pequeña Empresa

Educación y Competencias: El Condado de San Luis Obispo es un lugar al que me enorgullece llamar mi hogar — donde trabajo, vivo, y formo mi familia.

Después de graduarme de la Purdue University con una licenciatura en Negocios Agrícolas, he pasado casi 30 años trabajando en la industria agrícola. A lo largo del camino obtuve un título en derecho y mi esposo y yo iniciamos una pequeña empresa de suministros agrícolas.

Como propietaria de una pequeña empresa, he visto de primera mano cómo el gobierno del condado puede dificultar la administración de un negocio y la creación de empleos. He visto cómo las tarifas y las regulaciones excesivas desalientan a las personas de iniciar o hacer crecer un negocio o contratar empleados. Es por esto que me estoy postulando para ser Supervisora del Condado.

Mis metas son sencillas: Mejorar nuestro entorno empresarial; defender la Propuesta 13; hacer que el gobierno del Condado de San Luis Obispo sea más eficiente y efectivo en su servicio a los residentes; y luchar por el control local, en lugar de que los políticos de Sacramento tomen las decisiones por nosotros.

Como Supervisora, escucharé sus inquietudes y brindaré una voz independiente al Condado de San Luis Obispo. Y siempre lucharé para fortalecer la seguridad pública y mantener a salvo a nuestras familias.

Le pido humildemente su voto para ser Supervisora del Condado. Por favor llámeme para cualquier pregunta que tenga al (805) 345-6323 o visite www.LynnCompton.com.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

TOMMY GONG

Age: 49

Occupation: Assistant Clerk-Recorder, Bruce Lee Foundation Director, Leadership SLO Alumni

Education and Qualifications: In 2005, the current Clerk-Recorder selected me to be the second-in-command in the office. As the assistant department head, I oversee the department's many deputy clerk-recorders. I am on the upper management team that conducts elections, develops the annual budget, sets departmental policy, and makes personnel decisions.

As your Clerk-Recorder I pledge to continue excellence in public service by protecting county records and conducting fair and impartial elections. I will embrace new and updated election and recording technologies to modernize the office, increasing transparency and better serving the public.

Prior to moving my family to San Luis Obispo County, I earned a bachelor's degree from U.C. Berkeley, a Master's of Business Administration from San Francisco State University, and a California Professional Election Administration Certification. I am currently pursuing a three-year national program to become a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator.

My record of efficient, effective, and non-partisan leadership has earned my candidacy the support of all five County Supervisors (Mecham, Arnold, Hill, Gibson & Ray), Sheriff Ian Parkinson, District Attorney-elect Dan Dow, Assessor Tom Bordonaro, School Superintendent Julian Crocker, numerous City Councilmembers and community leaders from across the county.

I respectfully request your vote. Please visit www.tommygong.com.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

AMANDA S. KING

Occupation: Deputy Clerk-Recorder and Precinct Worker Trainer

Education and Qualifications: A vote for me, Amanda King, is a vote for continued quality customer service from the County Clerk-Recorder's office. I have the experience that matters.

You already know me from my over 8 years in the Clerk-Recorder's office. You may have seen me recording official documents or clerking for Assessment Appeals Board meetings. Perhaps I issued your marriage license, filed your Notary or FBN, or filled your vital records request. Maybe you checked the accessibility of your polling place on the website and saw the photo progression I conceived. When you were voting, I was there, helping elections run smoothly by training precinct workers.

You know me, and I know the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

I am committed to conducting transparent and honest elections, eliminating fraudulent document recordings, processing timely vital requests, and keeping an accurate record of public meetings. My education in conflict resolution and my customer support experience will keep the office running smoothly. I am proud to have spent these last 8 years enhancing the economic, environmental, and social quality of life in San Luis Obispo County each and every day.

I ask you to support me with your vote and visit www.kingforclerkrecorder.com for more information. Thank you.

**DECLARACION DEL CANDIDATO A
SECRETARIO Y FUNCIONARIO DEL REGISTRO PUBLICO DEL CONDADO**

TOMMY GONG

Edad: 49

Ocupación: Secretario y Funcionario Adjunto del Registro Público, Director de la Bruce Lee Foundation, Exalumno de Liderazgo de SLO

Educación y Competencias: En 2005, el actual Secretario y Funcionario del Registro Público me eligió para ser el segundo al mando en el cargo. Como jefe adjunto del departamento, superviso a los diversos registradores públicos adjuntos. Pertenezco al equipo de altos directivos que dirige las elecciones, desarrolla el presupuesto anual, establece las políticas departamentales, y toma decisiones sobre el personal.

Como su Secretario y Funcionario del Registro Público, me comprometo a continuar la excelencia del servicio público protegiendo los registros del condado y llevando a cabo elecciones justas e imparciales. Adoptaré tecnologías nuevas y actualizadas de elecciones y registro para modernizar el cargo, aumentar la transparencia y mejorar el servicio al público.

Antes de mudarme con mi familia al Condado de San Luis Obispo, obtuve un título de licenciatura en la U.C. Berkeley, una Maestría en Administración de Empresas en la Universidad Estatal de San Francisco, y una Certificación Profesional en Administración Electoral de California. Actualmente sigo un programa nacional de tres años para ser Administrador Certificado Electoral/de Registro.

Mi liderazgo eficiente, efectivo y apartidista ha hecho que mi candidatura cuente con el apoyo de los cinco Supervisores del Condado (Mecham, Arnold, Hill, Gibson y Ray), del Alguacil Ian Parkinson, del Fiscal de Distrito electo Dan Dow, del Asesor Tom Bordonaro, del Superintendente Escolar Julian Crocker, de varios miembros del Concejo de la Ciudad y de líderes de la comunidad de todo el condado.

Respetuosamente pido su voto. Por favor visite www.tommygong.com.

**DECLARACION DE LA CANDIDATA A
SECRETARIA Y FUNCIONARIA DEL REGISTRO PUBLICO DEL CONDADO**

AMANDA S. KING

Ocupación: Secretaria y Funcionaria Adjunta del Registro Público y Capacitadora de los Empleados del Distrito Electoral

Educación y Competencias: Un voto por mí, Amanda King, es un voto por un servicio continuo y de calidad al cliente por parte de la oficina del Secretario y Funcionario del Registro Público del Condado. Yo tengo la experiencia que se necesita.

Ya me conoce por mis más de 8 años en la oficina del Secretario y Funcionario del Registro Público. Puede que me haya visto registrando documentos oficiales o trabajando como secretaria para las reuniones de la Junta de Apelaciones de Evaluación. Quizás emité su licencia de matrimonio, hice sus trámites ante Notario o FBN, o llené su solicitud de certificaciones del Registro Civil. Tal vez revisó la facilidad de acceso a su casilla electoral en el sitio web y vio la serie de fotografías que yo ideé. Cuando fue a votar, yo estaba ahí, ayudando a que las elecciones se realizarán sin problemas gracias a la capacitación que doy a los trabajadores del distrito electoral.

Usted me conoce y yo conozco la Oficina del Secretario y Funcionario del Registro Público del Condado.

Estoy comprometida a realizar elecciones transparentes y honestas, eliminar los registros de documentos fraudulentos, procesar las solicitudes vitales puntualmente, y mantener un registro preciso de las reuniones públicas. Mis estudios en resolución de conflictos y mi experiencia en apoyo al cliente harán que la oficina trabaje sin problemas. Estoy orgullosa de haber pasado estos últimos 8 años mejorando diariamente el aspecto económico, ambiental, y social de la calidad de vida en el Condado de San Luis Obispo.

Le pido que me apoye con su voto y que visite www.kingforclerkrecorder.com para obtener más información. Gracias.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of Arroyo Grande**

BARBARA HARMON

Age: 55

Occupation: Retired Probation Supervisor

Education and Qualifications: As your City Council member, I will bring a new perspective that will promote the growth and prosperity of our local businesses and promote head of household jobs; protect our City's historical charm and agricultural heritage; keep our City safe; and question regulations that create new fees, assessments or raise taxes.

My husband and I have lived in the Village of Arroyo Grande for almost 30 years. I'm proud to call Arroyo Grande my home. Arroyo Grande has given me so much that I'm compelled and dedicated to serve. I will listen to you and hear what you have to say. Together, we can make our City even better!

For 23 years, I worked for the Santa Barbara County Probation Department as a Probation Officer and Supervisor. My county government experience includes budget proposals, strategic planning, policy development, grant implementation, process improvements, enforcement of state laws and working with the public. In December 2013, I was appointed to the Architectural Review Committee. In February 2014, I completed the County Citizen Planning Academy. I'm a member of the Bridge Street Bridge Committee and an avid bicyclist. With your support, we can bring a new perspective to the City Council.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of Arroyo Grande**

TIM BROWN

Occupation: Incumbent, Workers' Compensation Consultant

Education and Qualifications: I have served the community of Arroyo Grande both as a Planning Commissioner and City Council member for over 11 years. I feel that my experience makes me well suited for serving the citizens of Arroyo Grande. I have learned to balance the often competing interests of various stakeholders while making sound decisions. I have a strong work ethic and a record of doing my homework on important issues facing the City. I understand that, as a Planning Commissioner or as a Council Member I work for you. I am fiscally conservative regarding budget issues which will continue to serve the people well during these challenging times. For these reasons, I respectfully request your vote.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of Arroyo Grande**

JOE COSTELLO

Occupation: Emergency Management Instructor-Coordinator, Councilmember

Education and Qualifications: As your Councilman, I have represented the interests of the community to the best of my abilities, and will do so in the future. I will work to secure a reliable long-term water source and to make the best use of our resources. I will work with City staff to continue to deliver necessary services within our budget.

I am proud to have helped in the organization of the Five Cities Fire Authority and to serve on its Board of Directors. The consolidated department now provides better fire protection to the people of Arroyo Grande for less cost and will strive to deliver services quickly where needed.

I will maintain the small town atmosphere and historic integrity of our town. The Village remains an important part of that history, a vital part of both past and future. I will work to keep the Village a place that locals continue to enjoy and visitors love to explore.

I will listen to what the community has to say and act in the best interests of Arroyo Grande, looking to the future while keeping an eye on the past, to make the present the best it can be.



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COMMISSIONER
Port San Luis Harbor District**

JUSTIN HODGES

Age: 36

Occupation: County of San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Counselor, Small Business Owner in Avila Beach

Education and Qualifications: Master's Degree in Public Policy from Cal Poly 2011, Employed with the County. Resident and small-business owner in Avila.

As a trustee on the Avila Beach Community Foundation, I have helped safeguard the community's long-term health and promoted important programs like the Junior Life Guard Program. I have co-developed and implemented surfing programs that help disabled veterans. As an active member of the community, I know the heartbeat of Avila and listen to the people who use its resources for their livelihood and personal enjoyment. I will bring a new perspective to the Commission.

My priorities include: Continued promotion and support of the healthiest live fisheries in the State; Ensuring a clean and safe environment for public enjoyment and commercial needs; Ensuring an Open Port Policy for freedom of navigation and public use; Adopting a Green Port Policy; Creating a sound development plan; Fostering cooperation among different groups utilizing district resources; Assuring the transparency of the Port San Luis Harbor District Commission's business practices.

I'm fair and open-minded and will ensure the needs of the community are heard by the Commission and see that policies are implemented justly. Your vote will be honored and appreciated.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COMMISSIONER
Port San Luis Harbor District**

DREW BRANDY

Occupation: Commissioner, Commercial Fisherman, and Retired Fish and Game Warden, Marine Patrol

Education and Qualifications: BS, Natural Resource Management, Cal Poly.

Protecting and enhancing our harbor are my priorities. As commissioner these have long been, and will remain my goals if re-elected. Working with Lighthouse Keepers, I will continue efforts to enhance our amazing, historic PSL lighthouse resource, and work for restoration of Harford pier and canopy and remain diligent with the Corps of Engineers to complete essential breakwater repairs and dredging.

Additionally I plan to continue identifying sensible revenue sources to ensure long-term financial stability through: fair leases with port concessioners, effective management of facilities; grants to supplement local taxes/user fees for capital projects; reduction of operating costs and sensible use of tax dollars to enhance PSL for everyone. Our port's most important long term revenue source will come from the soon-to-be-developed Harbor Terrace campground which will feature several camping options, a restaurant, and boat and gear storage.

PSL must remain a viable port that facilitates the launching of sport, commercial and recreational vessels and provides a functional boatyard for repairs. We must maintain clean and safe beaches to ensure PSL remains a certified, environmentally sound, showcase natural resource. I respectfully seek your support for re-election.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COMMISSIONER
Port San Luis Harbor District**

MARY MATAKOVICH

Occupation: Former Commissioner, Educator, Teacher

Education and Qualifications: Just as our beaches shift, the Harbor Commission should be energized to readily adapt to changing conditions. If you elect me, I will work to make sure the Commission is responsive to the changes to our harbor, beaches, fisheries and surrounding environment. I welcome the opportunity to again serve as your Commissioner. I have participated in all Commissioners' meetings for the last four years. I am the Avila Valley Advisory Council's Liaison to the Harbor District. I am committed to ensuring the District's goals are met.

As a County resident and public servant for over thirty years, I understand community expectations for the harbor: access to recreational, educational and commercial activities; support of fishermen; and assurance the beaches, piers and harbor are safe and sustainable. The District needs collaborative, independent thinkers. As such, I am well-suited for this position.

As a former Commissioner, I am aware of the District's complexities. I approach decision-making by learning about issues in depth. I do my homework. I have developed a reputation for doing whatever it takes to reach success. I am willing to learn new ways to make our harbor district the best it can be.

I ask for your vote.

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DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO A COMISIONADO

Distrito del Puerto de Port San Luis

JUSTIN HODGES

Edad: 36

Ocupación: Consejero de Salud Conductual del Condado de San Luis Obispo, Propietario de Pequeña Empresa en Avila Beach

Educación y Competencias: Maestría en Políticas Públicas en la Cal Poly, 2011, Empleado del Condado. Residente y propietario de pequeña empresa en Avila.

Como fideicomisario de la Fundación Comunitaria de Avila Beach, he ayudado a salvaguardar la salud de la comunidad a largo plazo y he promovido programas importantes como el Programa de Salvavidas Juveniles. Ayudé a codesarrollar e implementar programas de surf que ayudan a veteranos con discapacidad. Como miembro activo de la comunidad, conozco la fuerza que impulsa a Avila y escucho a la gente que usa sus recursos para ganarse la vida y para su goce personal. Aportaré una nueva perspectiva a la Comisión.

Entre mis prioridades están: La promoción y el apoyo continuos de las granjas piscícolas más sanas del Estado; Garantizar un ambiente limpio y sano para el goce de la ciudadanía y para las necesidades comerciales; Garantizar una Política de Puerto Abierto para la libre navegación y el uso público; Adoptar una Política de Puerto Verde; Crear un plan de desarrollo sólido; Fomentar la cooperación entre los diferentes grupos que utilizan los recursos del distrito; Garantizar la transparencia de las prácticas de negocios de la Comisión del Distrito del Puerto de Port San Luis.

Soy justo y de mente abierta; garantizaré que la Comisión atienda las necesidades de la comunidad y me encargaré de que las políticas se implementen justamente. Honraré y valoraré su voto.

DECLARACIÓN DE LA CANDIDATA A COMISIONADA

Distrito del Puerto de Port San Luis

MARY MATAKOVICH

Ocupación: Antigua Comisionada, Educadora, Maestra

Educación y Competencias: Así como nuestras playas cambian, la Comisión del Puerto debería vitalizarse para adaptarse rápidamente a las condiciones cambiantes. Si me eligen, trabajaré para asegurarme de que la Comisión reaccione ante los cambios en nuestro puerto, nuestras playas, nuestro sector pesquero y nuestro medio ambiente. Recibo de buen grado la oportunidad de volver a servir como su Comisionada. He participado en todas las reuniones de Comisionados durante los últimos cuatro años. Soy el Enlace del Concejo Asesor de Avila Valley con el Distrito del Puerto. Estoy comprometida a garantizar que se cumplan las metas del Distrito.

Como residente del Condado y servidora pública por más de treinta años, entiendo las expectativas que el puerto crea en la comunidad: acceso a actividades recreativas, educativas y comerciales; apoyo a los pescadores, y la garantía de que las playas, los muelles y el puerto sean seguros y sostenibles. El Distrito necesita pensadores cooperadores e independientes. Como tal, soy apta para este cargo.

Como antigua Comisionada, estoy consciente de las complejidades del Distrito. Mi método para tomar decisiones es informarme en profundidad sobre los temas. Hago mi tarea. Me he ganado la reputación de hacer lo que sea necesario para alcanzar el éxito. Estoy dispuesta a aprender formas nuevas de hacer que nuestro distrito del puerto sea lo mejor posible.

Le pido su voto.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE L-14**

**CUESTA COLLEGE AFFORDABLE EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING/
CAMPUS REPAIR MEASURE.** To repair, construct/acquire facilities, sites/equipment, prepare students/returning veterans for universities/good paying jobs, address severe budget cuts by updating aging classrooms, improving/maintaining nursing, paramedic, 9-1-1 medical training, welding, engineering, automotive, early childhood education/other career education programs, repairing deteriorating gas/electrical lines, upgrading technology, shall San Luis Obispo County Community College District issue \$275,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, requiring citizens' oversight, independent audits, all funds used locally?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the San Luis Obispo County Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of its community, evaluated Cuesta College's urgent and critical facility needs, and its capacity to provide students, active military and **Veterans** with support facilities, an **affordable education** and prepare them for success in college and careers. Job training, safety issues, enrollment, class size reduction and class offerings, and information and computer technology infrastructure were each considered, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as outlined in the District's Facilities Master Plan, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety (the "Master Plans"), and available for review on the District's website (www.cuesta.edu). In developing the scope of projects, the faculty, staff, students and community have **prioritized local job training and job placement needs**, particularly in automotive, technology, paramedic/911 emergency medical training, as well as facilities available to support an affordable education, so that the most critical needs that will make the Cuesta College an effective place for learning, would be addressed. In the course of developing the Master Plans, public input was received from hundreds of constituents. It was concluded that if these facility needs were not addressed now, the Cuesta College would be unable to remain competitive in preparing students for jobs in high demand industries and university transfer. The Board concluded that the longer they waited to repair and upgrade Cuesta College, the more expensive it would be. **In implementing the Master Plan for the Cuesta College, the Board of Trustees determines that Cuesta College MUST:**

- (i) **Provide AFFORDABLE, LOW-COST, HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION in San Luis Obispo County needed to successfully transfer to four-year universities, and earn job skills; and**
- (ii) **Expand career and SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR VETERANS and military personnel;**
- (iii) **Provide essential job training and workforce preparation for students of all ages, including among others, training for paramedics, nurses and emergency medical responders; and**

- (iv) **Adhere to stringent FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY safeguards including:**
- (a) **REQUIRE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDITS,**
 - (b) **Require citizens' oversight of all funds,**
 - (c) **No funds will be used for administrators' salaries and pensions,**
 - (d) **ALL FUNDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONTROL AND WILL REMAIN LOCAL AT CUESTA COLLEGE.**

The Master Plan is available for review at the Superintendent/President's office and at www.cuesta.edu.] The following types of projects are authorized to be undertaken at Cuesta College:

**Academic Facility and Technology Upgrade Projects To Help Students,
Active Military and Veterans Transfer to Four-Year
Universities or be Trained For Good Jobs**

Goal and Purpose: Ensuring students, active military and veterans are either prepared for transfer to University of California or State college systems or trained for in-demand, good paying jobs are major objectives of Cuesta College.

Cuesta College has served San Luis Obispo County residents for nearly three generations providing essential job training and workforce preparation in automotive technology, nursing, paramedic/911 emergency medical training, agricultural trades, early childhood education, law enforcement, welding, construction, engineering, technology and architecture. Funding needed repairs and upgrades to support vital educational programs will ensure Cuesta College remains a strong resource for future generations.

Thus the District requires FUNDS that ARE LOCALLY CONTROLLED to improve academic facilities and technology implementations which will allow them to continue providing ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION to local students, active military and veterans, including:

- **Upgrade and expand facilities for career training in well-paying careers and transfer to universities.**
- Expand classrooms and instructional facilities in nursing, emergency responder, and other health care professions.
- **Expand facilities for veterans to provide career training and support services to returning veterans seeking training or retraining to reenter the workforce.**
- Upgrade outdated science, math and computer labs and expand College facilities providing instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).
- Install additional technology infrastructure to improve computer technology and Internet access.

- Upgrade outdated job-training classrooms, labs and equipment to provide all students with opportunities to learn job skills, including nursing and paramedic education programs.
- Upgrade support facilities for currently active military personnel.
- Upgrade and replace existing information technology infrastructure and network systems to improve efficiency and increase capacity.
- Upgrade and build academic buildings to expand classrooms for job training and career technical education, including early childhood education, welding, construction, engineering, technology and architecture, among others.
- Upgrade and replace technology, computers, hardware and systems used for job training and retraining programs.

**Repair and Construction Projects to
Provide Greater ACCESS TO AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION**

Goal and Purpose: Since the cost of attending universities costs as much as six (6) times that of attending Cuesta College, more and more local students and their families rely on Cuesta College. Therefore, keeping Cuesta's facilities upgraded will ensure that local students can earn college credits, certificates and job skills at a reasonable price:

- Upgrade aging bathrooms, repair floors, walkways, plumbing, lighting and electrical systems.
- Construct more classroom space.
- Fix leaking roofs, which lead to power outages and cancelled classes.
- Upgrade outdated electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and Internet access.
- Renovate, repair or replace outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers and support facilities.
- Replace deteriorating portable classrooms on San Luis Obispo Campus with up-to-date permanent classrooms.
- Replace deteriorating portable classrooms on North County Campus in Paso Robles with up-to-date permanent classrooms.
- Upgrade and replace classroom instructional equipment.
- Improve student safety, handicapped accessibility emergency preparedness, and security systems, including lighting, fencing, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers, gas and sewer lines.
- Repair deteriorating gas and electrical lines.

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FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including (a) an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee with representation from throughout our region; (b) annual financial audits to make sure money is being spent as promised; (c) no money from this measure will go towards salaries or pensions, and (d) all money will stay local and cannot be taken by the State.

1. **NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES.** Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher, faculty and college administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.

2. **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.**

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency. In addition to the listed projects stated above, authorized projects also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; replace aging electrical and plumbing systems; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls doors and drinking fountains; removal of outdated buildings and construction of new classrooms and support buildings; installation of wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current earthquake safety standards; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrading, resurfacing, replacing or relocating of hard courts, fields, turf and irrigation systems; upgrade classrooms; build or upgrade facilities for math, physical sciences, fine arts, theatre arts, and agriculture; construct or expand a

simulation lab for allied health programs; improve campus signage; upgrade existing parking lots; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water and sewer lines and other plumbing systems; construct, upgrade or expand foreign language, humanities buildings, physical education/aquatic facilities, locker rooms, administrative offices, public safety office, maintenance building, student service/campus center and instructional buildings, trades and technology building, library, auto shop, athletic fields, student services building, parking lots, turf; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; replace elevators; replace outdated security systems; replace existing window systems with energy-efficient systems to reduce costs; improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and fire safety doors; replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade existing signage, bells and clocks; demolition of unsafe facilities; install new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks; replace sewer lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles, site parking, utilities and grounds. The project list also includes the refinancing of outstanding lease obligations. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, the funding of a technology endowment, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP, communication systems, audio/visual and telecommunications systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, and other miscellaneous equipment.

The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L-14

This measure will determine whether the San Luis Obispo County Community College District ("the District") may issue \$275 million in bonds for the purpose of improving school and education facilities within the District. The measure, placed on the ballot by the District's Board of Trustees, will become effective only if 55% of the voters vote "Yes" on the measure.

On November 7, 2000, the voters of California passed "Proposition 39," amending Article XIII A, section 1(b) of the California Constitution. That amendment authorizes the District to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of community college school facilities, in accordance with certain accountability requirements. To implement the requirements of Proposition 39, the Legislature enacted the "Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bond Act of 2000" (Educ. Code, § 15264, et seq.; hereafter referred to as "the School Bond Act").

If approved by 55% of the voters, this measure will authorize the District to issue up to \$275 million in general obligation bonds, which will bear interest at a rate not to exceed the annual limit permitted by law. Bond proceeds will be used to fund the "Projects" identified in the full text of the measure. The District's Board of Trustees has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment and information and computer technology infrastructure in developing the list of projects proposed in the measure, in accordance with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.

As required by law, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher, faculty, and administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses. Approval of the bond measure does not guarantee that any particular project will be funded.

Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes levied annually on taxable real property within the District. These taxes would be in addition to the property taxes currently levied on taxpayers within the District. The amount of the increased taxes each year would depend upon the amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. The District's Tax Rate Statement, which accompanies this analysis, reflects an estimate of the maximum property tax levies required to service the bonds. The actual tax rates may vary depending on the timing of sales, number of bonds sold at each sale, and increases in assessed valuations.

Performance and financial audits must be performed annually to ensure that bond proceeds are spent only as specified in the measure, and an independent citizens' oversight committee will monitor expenditures and provide additional oversight. Under the School Bond Act, bond proceeds must be deposited in a separate account. As long as any bond proceeds remain unexpended, annual reports must be filed with the District's Board of Trustees stating the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year and the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds.

s/ RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE L-14

An election will be held in the San Luis Obispo County Community College District (the "District") on November 4, 2014, to authorize the sale of up to \$275,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to issue the Bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.01945 per \$100 (\$19.45 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2015-16.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.01945 per \$100 (\$19.45 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2024-25.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.01945 per \$100 (\$19.45 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year that the bonds remain outstanding.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the Counties' official tax rolls, not on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Certain taxpayers may also be eligible to postpone payment of taxes. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the respective County Assessors of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

s/ Gilbert H. Stork, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President
San Luis Obispo County Community College District / Cuesta College

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L-14

51 Years! That's how long Cuesta College has been serving our community.

Whether it's training first responders, providing career training in fields like agriculture, welding, trades, construction, and early childhood education, or simply providing college transfer courses – keeping Cuesta College STRONG and AFFORDABLE for future generations is a must.

YES on L maintains affordable, quality education and job training LOCALLY at Cuesta College!

The fact is, with Universities becoming increasingly expensive, strong, affordable community colleges – like Cuesta College – are more important than ever! **YES on L** supports vital educational programs at Cuesta College by repairing and upgrading classrooms and educational facilities.

Local job training programs help keeps our economy moving forward! **YES on L** maintains and improves Cuesta College job training programs in automotive technology, nursing, paramedic/9-1-1 emergency medical training, agriculture trades, early childhood education, law enforcement, welding, construction, engineering, technology and architecture, among others.

Cuesta College is also where many of our area's 9-1-1 emergency first-responders are educated and trained. **YES on L** ensures Cuesta College can continue to play this vital role training paramedics, nurses, emergency medical responders and other healthcare professionals – keeping our communities healthy and safe.

Our community has a strong tradition of patriotism and supporting our military and our veterans. **YES on L** ensures access for disabled students and improves support programs for veterans looking to re-enter the civilian workforce.

YES on L includes tough accountability provisions required by law including published financial audits and an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to monitor funds.

NO **Measure L** money can be spent on administrators' salaries or pensions.

NO **Measure L** funds can be taken by Sacramento!

YES on L is supported by community leaders, business leaders, local employers, educators. To learn more, visit www.KeepCuestaStrong.com

Dee Lacey
Cattle Rancher / Board of Directors Heritage Oaks Bank & Cuesta College Foundation

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**CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE C-14**

**CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE
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PREAMBLE

WE THE PEOPLE of the City of Arroyo Grande declare our intent to restore our community to the historic principles of self-governance inherent in the doctrine of home-rule. Sincerely committed to the belief that local government has the closest affinity to the people governed, and firm in the conviction that the economic and fiscal independence of our local government will promote the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of this City and better preserve its small town character and agricultural heritage, we do hereby exercise the express right granted by the Constitution of the State of California to enact and adopt this Charter for the City of Arroyo Grande.

ARTICLE I. MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Section 100. Municipal Affairs. The City shall have full power and authority to adopt, make, exercise and enforce all legislation, laws, and regulations and to take all actions relating to municipal affairs, without limitation, which may be lawfully adopted, made, exercised, taken or enforced under the Constitution of the State of California. Without limiting in any manner the foregoing power and authority, each of the powers, rights, and responsibilities described in this Charter is hereby declared to be a municipal affair, the performance of which is unique to the benefit and welfare of the citizens of the City of Arroyo Grande.

Section 101. Incorporation and Succession. The City of Arroyo Grande, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, shall continue to be a municipal corporation under its present name City of Arroyo Grande. The boundaries of the City of Arroyo Grande shall continue as now established until changed in the manner authorized by law. The City of Arroyo Grande shall remain vested with and shall continue to own, have, possess, control and enjoy all property, rights of property and rights of action of every nature and description owned, had, possessed, controlled or enjoyed by it at the time this Charter takes effect, and is hereby declared to be the successor of same. It shall be subject to all debts, obligations and liabilities, which exist against the municipality at the time this Charter takes effect. All lawful ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or portions thereof, in force at the time this Charter takes effect and not in conflict with or inconsistent herewith, are hereby continued in force until the same have been duly repealed, amended, changed or superseded by proper authority.

Section 102. No Increased Power to Tax. This Charter shall not be interpreted as giving the City greater authority to raise the level of taxes or to create new taxes beyond the powers granted to general law cities nor to exempt the City from any procedures for raising the level of taxes or for creating new taxes required by the law applicable to general law cities.

Section 103. Zoning and General Plan Consistency. Zoning shall continue to be consistent with the City's General Plan, pursuant to requirements of the State law applicable to general law cities.

ARTICLE II. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Section 200. Form of Government. The City shall continue to be governed under this Charter by a "Council-Manager" form of government. The City Council will establish the policy of the City and the City Manager will carry out that policy.

Section 201. Elected Officials. The elective officers of the City of Arroyo Grande shall be a Mayor and four Council members each of whom, including the Mayor, shall have the right to vote on all questions coming before the Council. The minimum qualifications for these offices shall be as provided by law for general law cities and any vacancy in office shall be filled in the manner provided by that law. The Mayor shall be elected at the general municipal election from the City at large. The Council members shall be elected at the general municipal election from the City at large, two being selected biennially. The term of the Mayor shall be two years and the terms of the Council members shall be four years.

Section 203. Mayor. Powers and Duties. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the City Council. As presiding officer of the Council the Mayor will faithfully communicate the will of the Council majority to the administrative officers in matters of policy. The Mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes.

Section 204. Council Member Compensation. The salary of the Mayor and Council Members shall continue to be set pursuant to the State law applicable to general law cities.

Section 205. Elections. The City Council may approve by ordinance use of a mail-in ballot or other electronic voting systems for special elections, except that this Charter shall only be amended by a vote of the people at a Statewide General Election. All elections shall be held in accordance with all other provisions of the law applicable to general law cities.

ARTICLE III. CONTRACTS, PUBLIC FINANCING AND FRANCHISES

Section 300. Economic and Community Development. The City shall encourage, support, and promote economic and community development and preserve and enhance the small-town and historic character of Arroyo Grande.

Section 301. Public Works Contracts. The City shall follow the provisions of the California Public Contract Code and its standards, procedures, rules or regulations relating to the bidding, award and performance of any public works contract, except that the City shall have the power to establish by ordinance alternative standards, procedures, rules or regulations for public projects in the following areas:

- (i) The City Council may, by ordinance, establish criteria for determining the award of public works contracts to the lowest responsible and most reliable bidder on any project, as well as other aspects of bidding, award and performance of any public works contract that it deems to be in the best interests of the City.
- (ii) The City shall have the power to accept gifts and donations, including donations of material and labor, in the construction of any public works project.
- (iii) The City shall have the power to perform any work of improvement by use of its own forces and is not required to contract for the construction of works of public improvement.
- (iv) The City may also contract with other public agencies for the construction of works of public improvement

Section 302. Prevailing Wage. The City Council shall establish by Ordinance criteria and guidelines for determining when payment of prevailing wages will apply to any contract. Prevailing wages shall also apply if:

- (i) the prevailing wage is legally required, and constitutionally permitted, to be imposed;
- (ii) required by Federal or State grants pursuant to Federal or State law;
- (iii) the City Council does not consider the project to be a municipal affair.

Section 303. Purchasing. The City shall have the power to establish standards, procedures, rules or regulations related to the purchasing of goods, property, or services, including, but not limited to, the establishment of local preferences.

Section 304. Public Financing. The City shall have the power to establish standards, procedures, rules or regulations related to any public financing.

Section 305. Utility Franchises. The City shall have the power to adopt any ordinance providing for the acquisition, development, or operation by the City of any utility, or to adopt any ordinance providing for the granting of a franchise to any utility not owned by the City which proposes to use or is using City streets, highways or other rights-of-way.

Section 306. Supporting Volunteers in Arroyo Grande

The City seeks to support volunteers in creating a higher quality of life for Arroyo Grande citizens and declares itself exempt from any State laws or regulations that would make it more difficult or expensive for volunteers in any community project, whether funded with City revenues or not.

Section 307. Section 302 and Labor Code Section 1782

Neither Section 302, nor any subsequently adopted ordinance, shall be interpreted or applied in any manner that would authorize any contractor to avoid compliance with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Part 7 of the California Labor Code, commencing with Section 1770, relating to the payment of prevailing wages on public works projects. Section 302 shall only be operative during such time that a court of competent jurisdiction enjoins the operation of Labor Code Section 1782 (Chapter 794, Statutes of 2013, also referred to as SB7), or a final decision has been rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction that Labor Code Section 1782 is invalid and unenforceable. After such a final decision has been rendered invalidating Labor Code 1782, this Section 307 shall no longer be operative and may be deleted from this Charter.

ARTICLE IV. REVENUE RETENTION

Section 400. Reductions Prohibited. Any revenues raised and collected by the City shall not be subject to subtraction, retention, attachment, withdrawal or any other form of involuntary reduction by any other level of government.

Section 401. Mandates Limited. No person, whether elected or appointed, acting on behalf of the City, shall be required to perform any function which is mandated by any other level of government, unless and until funds sufficient for the performance of such function are provided by said mandating authority.

ARTICLE V. GENERAL LAWS

Section 500. General Law Powers. In addition to the power and authority granted by the terms of this Charter and the Constitution of the State of California, the City shall have the power and authority to adopt, make, exercise and enforce all legislation, laws and regulations and to take all actions and to exercise any and all rights, powers, and privileges heretofore or hereafter established, granted or prescribed by any law of the State of California or by any other lawful authority. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Charter and the provisions of the general laws of the State of California, the provisions of this Charter shall control.

ARTICLE VI. INTERPRETATION

Section 600. Construction and Interpretation. The language contained in this Charter is intended to be permissive rather than conclusive or limiting and shall be liberally and broadly construed in favor of the exercise by the City of its power to govern with respect to any matter which is a municipal affair.

Section 601. Severability. If any provision of this Charter should be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Section 700. Amendments. Any proposal for the amendment, revision, or repeal of this Charter or any portion thereof may be proposed by majority vote of the City Council or by initiative by the People of the City of Arroyo Grande. No such proposal shall be effective until approved by a majority vote of the voters voting at an election on the question and until filed with the Secretary of State of the State of California. In the event of any conflict between this section and Article XI, § 3 of the California Constitution, as may be amended, the latter shall govern.

CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C-14

Measure C-14, which was placed on the ballot by the City Council, asks whether voters wish to adopt a charter. California has two kinds of cities – general law and charter. 121 of California’s 482 cities have charters. Charters are a city’s Constitution which allows cities to control municipal affairs without interference from the State Legislature.

The California Constitution allows charter cities to control municipal affairs according to local charters and ordinances and exempts them from contrary State laws. All cities must comply with State and Federal constitutional requirements, and State laws on matters of statewide concern. Municipal affairs include election procedures, public bidding and contracting, and rules for use of city property. Matters of statewide concern include open meetings and public records, environmental protection, and bargaining with employee associations.

Key provisions in the charter include:

- Gives the City power and authority over all municipal affairs.
- Continues the Council-Manager form of government, with elective offices of Mayor (two year term) and four Council Members (four year term), whose salaries continue to be governed by State laws that apply to general law cities.
- No power to increase or create new taxes beyond the power granted to general law cities and must follow procedures applicable to general law cities for any new tax or increase.
- Encourages economic and community development and preserving and enhancing Arroyo Grande’s small-town and historic character.
- Preserves the rule that zoning remain consistent with the City’s General Plan.
- The City Council, by ordinance, can permit use of mail-in ballots for special elections, except, the charter can only be amended by a vote of the people at a Statewide General election.
- The City Council, by ordinance, can create criteria and guidelines for when prevailing wages apply to a contract, unless they are required by law, required by Federal or State grants, or the project is not a municipal affair. This provision will not be operative unless a court enjoins the operation of Labor Code Section 1782 (SB7), or that law has been determined to be invalid and unenforceable.
- Follows the California Public Contracts Code, but the City Council, by ordinance can establish criteria for awarding public works contracts to lowest responsible and reliable bidders, and other bidding, award and performance matters deemed in the City’s best interests.
- Gives the City the right to accept donations on public works projects, perform work by its own forces, or contract with other agencies to construct public works.
- Supports using volunteers in community projects.
- Gives authority relating to purchasing rules, public financing, and utility franchises.
- Limits reductions in revenues and unfunded mandates by other levels of government.
- Any amendment of the charter requires a majority vote of the People.

Voting “yes” supports adoption of the charter. Voting “no” opposes its adoption.

s/ Timothy J. Carmel,
City Attorney, City of Arroyo Grande
PR-0630-5

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C-14

We, not the State, should decide what is in the best interest of our community. Your YES vote on Measure C-14 to approve a city charter will help increase local control and the principles of home rule and self governance. It will enable the City Council, not the State Legislature, to make decisions on issues that have been determined by the State Constitution and courts to be “municipal affairs”.

Each year, the State takes over \$800,000 from our City to balance their budget and fund their own programs. They impose unfunded programs, infringe upon municipal affairs, and restrict contracting procedures that reduce the City’s ability to utilize your tax dollars in the most cost efficient manner. It’s imperative that we gain more control over our municipal affairs – and a Charter is the way Arroyo Grande can do that.

Do not be misled. Voting YES on Measure C-14 will not change any other laws or ordinances and can only be modified by a public vote. Voting YES on Measure C-14 will not increase taxes or provide any additional authority to do so. Voting YES on Measure C-14 will not increase compensation for Council Members or provide any additional authority to do so.

The proposed Charter was developed through an extensive public process to ensure it reflects the interests of the community. A Citizens’ Advisory Committee of appointed representatives from the community at large developed recommendations after holding seven public meetings. The City Council then approved placing the proposed City Charter on the ballot following a process that involved five public hearings.

Please join us in taking charge of our destiny by restoring local control over municipal affairs and enabling the City to operate as efficiently as possible. Join us in voting YES on Measure C-14.

s/ Tony Ferrara, Mayor
s/ Jim Guthrie, Mayor Pro Tem
s/ Joe Costello, Council Member
s/ Tim Brown, Council Member
s/ Kristen Barneich, Council Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C-14 WAS SUBMITTED



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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="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text"/>	Please select <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

Polling Place Search Results

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To return to the Search page, click [here](#).

Your polling place:

Polling Place: San Luis Obispo Veterans Bldg

Location: 801 Grand Ave - San Luis Obispo

Consolidation Number: 520

Sample Ballot Booklet: [BallotType9](#) (PDF file. Adobe Reader required.)

Accessibility Details: [Accessibility Details](#)

Link to map: [Map](#)



REQUESTING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

If you find that for any reason you will be unable to vote in person on Election Day, promptly complete and sign the application for a Vote By Mail ballot printed on the reverse side of this page, detach the post card, apply postage and mail. Your application must reach the office of the **Clerk-Recorder** not less than 7 days before the day of election. State law now allows a voter to apply for a Vote By Mail ballot by telephone. You may reach the Clerk-Recorder at 805-781-5228. The deadline for the Clerk-Recorder to receive Vote By Mail applications is October 28, 2014.

PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL QUALIFICATION

Any voter, upon request, may become a Permanent Vote By Mail Voter. You may either check the Permanent Vote By Mail box on the Application for Vote By Mail Ballot or request Permanent Vote By Mail status over the phone and a vote by mail ballot will automatically be sent to you for future elections. Failure to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections may cancel your Permanent Vote By Mail Status and you will need to reapply.

RETURNING YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Voters may return only their own voted vote by mail ballot, in person or by mail, to the Clerk-Recorder's Office. On Election Day the ballot can be returned to any polling place in the County. To be counted, a ballot must be received no later than the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. However, a voter who is unable to return his/her ballot may designate his/her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling or a person residing in the same household as the voter to return the ballot to the Clerk-Recorder or any election day polling place in San Luis Obispo County.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT LOOK-UP ON THE WEB

Check the status of your returned VBM ballot on the Internet at www.slovote.com

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