



County of San Luis Obispo

001, 009

June 2, 2026

Statewide Direct Primary Election


VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE


Your **OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT** is included with this Voter Information Guide and is accompanied by a postage-paid return envelope. This will be your only official mailing from the County.

THE VOTE-BY-MAIL PERIOD BEGINS NOW. As soon as you are ready, return your VBM ballot and **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD EARLY!**

Return your Vote-by-Mail ballot during the voting period of May 4th through **8:00 pm** on June 2nd.

You can return your ballot by:

 **Mail.** Be sure it is post-marked **on or before Election Day.** No postage necessary.

 **In person** at any **Elections Office, Vote Center, Polling Place, or Official VBM Ballot Drop Box** located in the State of California. The location of drop boxes in San Luis Obispo County can be found on the Vote-by-Mail instructions included with this mailing or at www.SloVote.gov.

Prefer to vote at your designated **polling location** between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm on Election Day?

To do that, please **bring your un-voted Vote-by-Mail ballot AND its return envelope** with you to surrender at your polling place.

The location of your polling place is listed at the top of your Vote-by-Mail ballot.

Questions?

SLO County Elections Office



(805) 781-5228



elections@co.slo.ca.us



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IMPORTANT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

TOP TWO CANDIDATES

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 governor, state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices, among others.

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 local non-partisan offices.

In a direct primary, voters directly select their preferred candidate for a particular political party to run in the general election. This means

that each voter can vote for their chosen candidate, and the one with the most votes becomes the party's nominee.

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.

Your assigned polling location for this election may be different from what you were assigned in the past. Your current polling location is printed at the top of your Vote-by-Mail ballot.

Please visit www.SloVote.gov/June2026 for additional information about polling places for this election.

SLO County polling locations will introduce **ePollbooks** in this primary election. The ePollbooks will replace the paper rosters and more info can be found at www.SloVote.gov/June2026.

ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

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 (see the Political Party Endorsements page).

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for non-partisan 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 non-partisan 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 non-partisan office.

Any candidate for a non-partisan 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.

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.

ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) 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 the Elections Office.

WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

Your voice is important. The Elections Office makes every effort to ensure that each vote cast is counted. That said, the following are reasons that a ballot would NOT be counted:

1. The ballot is not postmarked by June 2 and/or does not arrive within 7 days after Election Day.

2. The VBM return envelope is not signed.

3. The signature on the VBM return envelope does not match any signature in the voter's record.



4. The ballot is returned without the VBM return envelope.

5. There are multiple ballots in one VBM return envelope.

VBM CURE PROCESS

The law requires the Elections Office to send a letter and verification form to voters who forgot to sign their return envelope or whose signature did not match their signatures on file.

In order for these ballots to be counted, voters must sign and return their form prior to the deadline, which is two days before the election is certified.

WHY VOTE NOW?

Because VBM ballots received *before* Election Day are counted and included in the Election Night results

But don't worry: Every VBM ballot postmarked correctly and received within 7 days of the election will be counted

POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

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

Contest	Green	Democratic	Libertarian	Republican	Peace & Freedom
Governor	Rudolph "Butch" Ware	No endorsement	Thomas Woodard	No endorsement	Ramsey Robinson
Lieutenant Governor	Alice Stek	No endorsement	No endorsement	No endorsement	Alice Stek
Secretary of State	Gary N. Blenner	Shirley Weber	No endorsement	No endorsement	Gary N. Blenner
Controller	Meghann Adams	Malia Cohen	No endorsement	No endorsement	Meghann Adams
Treasurer	Glenn Turner	No endorsement	No endorsement	No endorsement	Glenn Turner
Attorney General	Marjorie Mikels	Rob Bonta	No endorsement	No endorsement	Marjorie Mikels
Insurance Commissioner	Eduardo "Lalo" Vargas	No endorsement	No endorsement	No endorsement	Eduardo "Lalo" Vargas
U.S. Representative, 19th District	Sean Dougherty	Jimmy Panetta	Lars Mapstead	No endorsement	No endorsement
U.S. Representative, 24th District	Helena Pasquarella	Salud Carbajal	No endorsement	Bob Smith	Helena Pasquarella
State Assembly, 30th District	No endorsement	Dawn Addis	No endorsement	Shannon Kessler	No endorsement
State Assembly, 37th District	No endorsement	Gregg Hart	No endorsement	Sari Domingues	No endorsement
Board of Equalization, District 2	No endorsement	Sally Lieber	No endorsement	No endorsement	No endorsement
Superintendent of Public Instruction	No endorsement	No endorsement	No endorsement	No endorsement	Frank Lara



I was mailed a VBM ballot for a person who does not live at my address or is deceased. What's going on?

It likely means that voter registration records haven't yet been updated for that person. Ballots are mailed based on the most recent registration info on file, and the elections office relies on notifications from government agencies and voters themselves to keep voter rolls current. If the person does not live at your address or is deceased, you can mark the outside "Return to Sender – Not at this Address" to help with the update.

ELECTION SAFETY AND SECURITY

California's election systems are extremely safe and secure, and all 58 counties have a proven track record of conducting accessible and accurate elections. The California Secretary of State's Office makes this possible by overseeing one of the most extensive voting system testing and certification programs in the nation.

Unfortunately, misinformation about elections is widespread, and it continues to confuse voters and lead to distrust in the process.

The fact remains that the Elections Office in San Luis Obispo County carefully follows statewide elections code and takes many steps to ensure election security locally, including making the processing and counting of ballots publicly observable.

Remember that your Elections Office is your best source for timely, accurate, and trustworthy election information. You can find us anytime at SloVote.gov, or feel free to reach out to us at (805) 781-5228 or elections@co.slo.ca.us.

Have misinformation to report? Contact the Secretary of State at votasure@sos.ca.gov.

CALIFORNIA ELECTION SECURITY SAFEGUARDS

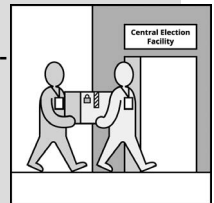
There are a number of steps that we take to ensure your vote is safe and secure throughout the election. Here are a few examples:

- County voting systems are not connected to the Internet, and all ballots are paper.
- Only authorized staff have access to systems relevant to their role.
- We conduct routine threat monitoring, vulnerability scanning, and security assessments in collaboration with our state and federal partners.

CHECK YOUR VOTER STATUS ONLINE

VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov

- VoteCal is a centralized statewide voter registration database. VoteCal checks against official records and is regularly updated.
- Ballot drop boxes are secured and monitored.
- Signatures are verified on all Vote-by-Mail envelopes.
- Ballots remain in dual (two-person) custody at all times.



HOW YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED

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, prior to Election Day.

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 at www.SloVote.gov.

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

Vote-by-Mail Ballots Received After the First Weekend in June: Vote-by-Mail ballots that arrive the

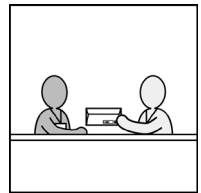
day before or on Election Day (either by mail, returned at a polling place, or deposited in an official ballot drop box) are processed and counted in the days after Election Day and therefore are **not** included in the Election Night results posted.

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/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 match with the signature(s) of the voter in the voter's record, the Elections Office will provide the voter with the appropriate form to correct the missing or mismatched signature. This notice must be returned to the Elections Office 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.

TRACK YOUR BALLOT

and get updates from
WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT

IT IS PROHIBITED TO ENGAGE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- DO NOT commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- DO NOT bribe or provide any sort of compensation 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 the entrance, exit, 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 per Elections Code 18544(b).

- 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 per Elections Code 18544(b).
- DO NOT tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.

The corruption of voting prohibitions summarized here are set forth in Articles 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

- 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.

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- 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 employees.

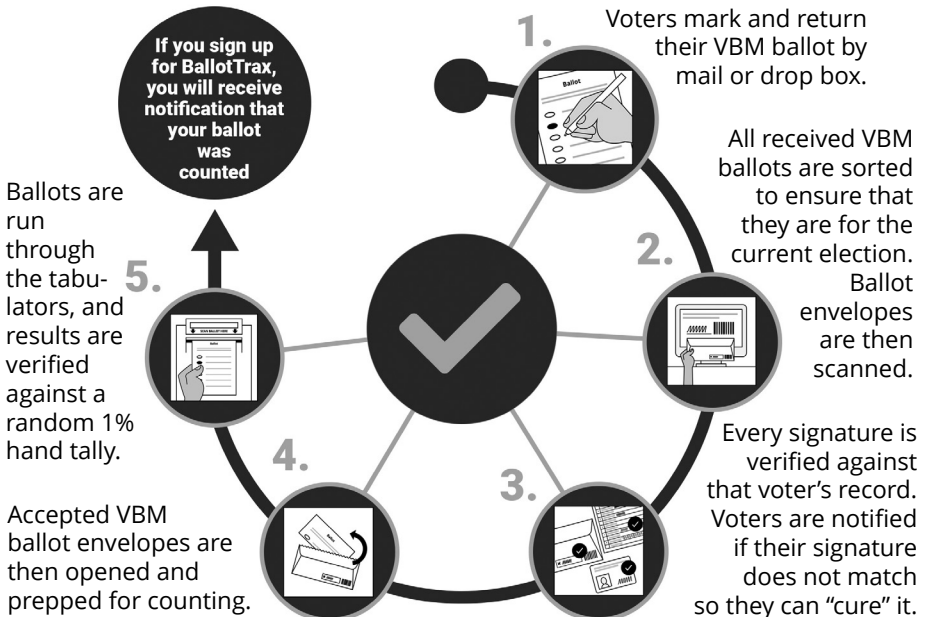
POLL WORKERS cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

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

TRACK YOUR BALLOT
 through BallotTrax:
WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

FOLLOW FOR UPDATES
 on our social media
 See back cover for our accounts;
 we post regular updates & stats

A VOTE-BY-MAIL (VBM) BALLOT FROM VOTE TO TABULATION



ELECTIONEERING IS PROHIBITED

VIOLATIONS CAN LEAD TO FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT

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

- 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 or official 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 includes a candidate's name, image and/or logo, or that supports or opposes 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 here are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

OBSERVING ELECTIONS

The public is invited to participate as a poll watcher or election observer. Both roles provide important insight into the process.

Rules for conduct are outlined in the California Elections Code, and more information can be found online at www.SloVote.gov.

Poll watchers observe operations at polling locations on Election Day, while election observers check in at the County Elections Office and are then able to observe various steps in the ballot processing and tabulation process. In both cases, there may be space limitations that impact how many can participate.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

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

Spanish

All Precincts
All Polling Places

Tagalog

Consolidated Precinct 206

Mandarin

Consolidated Precinct 101

Khmer

Consolidated Precinct 306

Gujarati

Consolidated Precinct 202

To determine your Consolidated Precinct, please refer to the top left corner of your Vote-By-Mail ballot, which contains your precinct information (e.g., 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 included with your guide.

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

By Phone: 1-805-781-5228

By E-Mail: 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 located at

**1055 Monterey Street, D120,
San Luis Obispo**

or beginning May 4th at
**6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd
floor), Atascadero**

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

ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

Conforme lo exige la ley, el Condado de San Luis Obispo ofrece boletas electorales de referencia con instrucciones 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

Distrito electoral consolidado
206

Mandarín

Distrito electoral consolidado
101

Jemer

Distrito electoral consolidado
306

Gujarati

Distrito electoral consolidado
202

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 de referencia con instrucciones.

Puede solicitar ver las boletas electorales de referencia con instrucciones para el idioma que se encuentre disponible en un lugar de votación que aparezca en la página con instrucciones para el voto incluida con su guía.

Puede solicitar una boleta electoral de referencia con instrucciones en uno de los idiomas disponibles:

Por teléfono: 1-805-781-5228

Por correo electrónico:

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 ubicada en

**1055 Monterey Street, D120,
San Luis Obispo**

o a partir del 4 de mayo en
**6565 Capistrano Avenue
(2.º piso), Atascadero**

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

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)

206

Mandarin

Mga Pinagsama-samang

Presinto 101

Khmer

Mga Pinagsama-samang

Presinto 306

Gujarati

Mga Pinagsama-samang

Presinto 202

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:

1-805-781-5228

Sa Pamamagitan ng E-Mail:

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 ika-4 ng Mayo sa

6565 Capistrano Avenue (ika-2 palapag), Atascadero

Online: www.slocounty.ca.gov/

LanguageAssistance

語言協助

依法律規定，San Luis Obispo 縣現提供以下語言的摹真選票，且僅適用於下方列出的投票區：

西班牙語

所有投票區
所有投票站

他加祿語

合併投票區 206

普通話

合併投票區 101

高棉語

合併投票區 306

古吉拉特語

合併投票區 202

如需確定您的合併投票區，請參閱郵寄投票選票左上角，那裡載有您的投票區資訊（例如，CON 403）。我們會依要求提供摹真選票及說明。

您可以要求查看投票指南隨附投票說明中，所列投票站備有之語言版本的摹真選票。

您可以透過以下方式索取上述其中一種語言的摹真選票：

電話：1-805-781-5228

電子郵件：elections@co.slo.ca.us

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

親自前往：書記官-記錄官辦公室，
地址：

**1055 Monterey Street, D120,
San Luis Obispo**

或自5月4日起，前往：

**6565 Capistrano Avenue
(2nd floor), Atascadero**

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

ជំនួយភាសា

ដូចដែលច្បាប់តម្រូវ ខោនធី San Luis Obispo ឥឡូវនេះផ្តល់ជូនសន្លឹកឆ្នោតចម្លងជាភាសាដូចខាងក្រោម និងសម្រាប់តែមណ្ឌលបោះឆ្នោតដែលបានរាយខាងក្រោមប៉ុណ្ណោះ៖

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តាមអ៊ីមែល៖ elections@co.slo.ca.us

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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 offered to voters with disabilities.

Vote-by-Mail: Mark your ballot. Once completed, sign and seal your envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have a witness sign in the designated spot. Return your ballot by mail, or in person at any drop box, elections office, or polling site in California.

Vote at a Polling Place: On Election Day, you may choose up to two people to help you vote at any polling place or at the County Elections 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 (ICX) machines are available at every polling place on Election Day and at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office beginning 29 days prior to the election. The ICX can mark a ballot in a number of ways and generate a paper ballot for tabulating.

- Curbside Voting: If you arrive at a polling place and cannot get to the voting area, call for assistance: **1-805-781-1888**

- Voter Information Guides are available on the County Clerk-Recorder's website for use with personal accessible navigational tools and screen reader technology.

- Large print format of the County Voter Information Guide and of the state ballot measure is available upon request.

REMOTE ACCESSIBLE VOTE-BY-MAIL (RAVBM)

The Elections Office offers voters the use of a Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail system that allows a voter to mark their selections on a personal computer, using their own compatible technology or assistive device(s) (screen readers, tactile switches, closed captioning, sip and puff system, etc.) as needed, to vote independently and privately in the comfort of their own home.

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-TDD-VOTE**

Contact the Elections Office for information at 1-805-781-5228.

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS



You have the right to vote if you are a registered voter. You are eligible to vote if you are: a U.S. citizen living in California; at least 18 years old; registered where you currently live; not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony; and not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.



You have the right to vote if you are a registered voter, even if your name is not on the list. You will vote a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.



You have the right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.



You have the right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.



You have the right to get a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake. You can ask an election official at a polling place for a new ballot; exchange your Vote-by-Mail ballot for a new one at an elections office or at your polling place; or vote using a provisional ballot.



You have the right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.



You have the right to drop off your completed Vote-by-Mail ballot at any polling place in California.



You have the right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.



You have the right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.



You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's Office.

VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE: 1-800-345-VOTE (8683)

CA Secretary of State: www.sos.ca.gov | elections@sos.ca.gov

SLO County Elections Toll-Free Number: 1-800-834-4636, ext. 5228

VOTER INFORMATION SECTION

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

- 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 section might not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates you are eligible to vote for appears on your ballot.

Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed in English or English and Spanish at their 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 statement for that candidate.

Still have questions about how to vote?

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (Voter FAQs) online at www.SloVote.gov

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

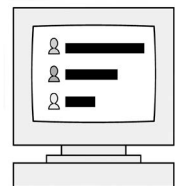
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidates listed on this page have 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 this guide, at their own expense.

State Assembly, 30th District:
Shannon Kessler
Dawn Addis
Susannah Brown

State Assembly, 37th District:
Sari Domingues
Gregg Hart



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19th DISTRICT**

JIMMY PANETTA

Occupation: U.S. Representative

Education and Qualifications: I'm fighting to give people opportunities for a better life. As your U.S. Representative, an Afghanistan War veteran, and a former prosecutor, I've dedicated my career to giving back to our community and country by serving and fighting for the people and values of our home. I'm working to reduce the cost of living with more affordable housing and accessible healthcare, and rescind tariffs to lower prices. I'm securing federal investment for local infrastructure to boost productivity and prosperity. I'm holding this Administration accountable for its overreaching mass deportation policy that creates chaos in communities, harms American citizens, and hurts our economy. I'm working on immigration reform, including legalization for law-abiding working families, while supporting a secure border.

I'm promoting jobs and small businesses through our diverse economy of technology, hospitality, agriculture, education, and research. I'm defending our environment by protecting our coastline from oil drilling, promoting agricultural sustainability, and creating policies to prevent wildfires and fight climate change. I'm standing up for women's reproductive rights and equality. I'm delivering federal funding for law enforcement to fight crime. I'm fighting to reclaim Congress's Constitutional authorities to properly check the Executive Branch. I'm upholding our democratic values by supporting secure elections and our international allies fighting for and maintaining peace. I'll continue to fight for the people and values of California's 19th Congressional District with hard work, new ideas, and the will to work together to get things done.

I'd be honored by your vote. For more information, please visit www.jimmypanetta.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE EE. UU., DISTRITO 19°**

JIMMY PANETTA

Ocupación: Representante de los Estados Unidos

Educación y Cualificaciones: Estoy luchando para dar a la gente oportunidades para una vida mejor. Como su representante en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, veterano de la guerra de Afganistán, y ex fiscal, he dedicado mi carrera a contribuir a nuestra comunidad y a nuestro país trabajando y luchando por las personas y los valores de nuestro hogar. Trabajo para reducir el costo de vida con viviendas más asequibles y atención médica accesible, y para eliminar los aranceles, y bajar los precios. Estoy logrando inversión federal destinada a la infraestructura local con el fin de impulsar la productividad y la prosperidad. Hago responsable a esta Administración por su política de deportaciones masivas desmedidas, que crea caos en las comunidades, perjudica a los ciudadanos estadounidenses, y daña nuestra economía. Estoy trabajando en la reforma migratoria que incluya la legalización para familias trabajadoras que cumplen la ley, garantizando a la vez la seguridad en la frontera.

Promuevo el empleo y las pequeñas empresas a través de nuestra economía diversificada que abarca la tecnología, la hostelería, la agricultura, la educación, y la investigación. Defiendo nuestro medio ambiente protegiendo nuestra costa de la perforación petrolífera, promoviendo la sostenibilidad agrícola, y creando políticas para prevenir incendios forestales y combatir el cambio climático. Defiendo los derechos reproductivos y la igualdad de las mujeres. Gestiono la financiación federal para que las fuerzas del orden público combatan el crimen. Lucho para recuperar las facultades constitucionales del Congreso para controlar adecuadamente al Poder Ejecutivo. Defiendo nuestros valores democráticos apoyando elecciones seguras y a nuestros aliados internacionales que luchan y sostienen la paz. Seguiré luchando por la gente y los valores del Distrito 19° del Congreso de California con trabajo duro, nuevas ideas, y la voluntad de trabajar juntos para obtener resultados.

Sería un gran honor contar con su voto. Para obtener más información, visite www.jimmypanetta.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19th DISTRICT**

SEAN DOUGHERTY

Age: 46

Occupation: Software Engineer

Education and Qualifications: Our government treats the needs of our communities like abstract policy debates rather than lived realities.

As a father raising a toddler in Santa Cruz, I see a system that funds war and abandons the vulnerable. I'm running because I want my child to experience something better.

I grew up in a working class home with a nurse for a mother and a mechanical engineer for a father. Even with two steady jobs, the rising cost of living and a mountain of medical debt hit our family hard. When it was time for me to go to college, the money simply wasn't there.

I eventually built a career in engineering, but I didn't get there because the system worked. I got there because I caught a lucky break with an internship at IBM that turned into a job. Most people don't get lucky.

Our system is failing because it prioritizes billionaires over the dignity of our neighbors and profits over our collective future. I'm running to move power back to the people, establishing healthcare, housing, and education as fundamental rights, not commodities.

We will build a democratic economy by taxing the rich, supporting unions, and moving essential infrastructure like energy into public ownership. We must protect our coast through climate action and replace war profiteering with a foreign policy centered on human rights.

A life with healthcare, housing, nutritious food, and clean air shouldn't be a matter of luck; it must be a guarantee for everyone. Learn more: seanforcongress.org

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE EE. UU., DISTRITO 19^o**

SEAN DOUGHERTY

Edad: 46

Ocupación: Ingeniero en Sistemas

Educación y Cualificaciones: Nuestro gobierno trata las necesidades de nuestras comunidades como debates de política abstracta, en lugar de realidades vividas.

Como padre que cría a un niño pequeño en Santa Cruz, veo un sistema que financia la guerra y abandona a los más vulnerables. Me postulo a las elecciones porque quiero que mi hijo viva algo mejor.

Crecí en un hogar de clase trabajadora con una enfermera como madre y un ingeniero mecánico como padre. Incluso con dos trabajos estables, el creciente costo de vida y una enorme deuda médica afectaron a nuestra familia. Cuando llegó la hora de ir a la universidad, ya no había dinero.

Finalmente, logré construir una carrera en ingeniería, pero no llegué allí porque el sistema funciona. Llegué porque tuve mucha suerte con la pasantía en IBM que luego se convirtieron en un trabajo. La mayoría de las personas no tiene esa suerte.

Nuestro sistema está fallando porque prioriza a los multimillonarios por encima de la dignidad de nuestros vecinos y las ganancias por encima de nuestro futuro colectivo. Me presento como candidato para devolver el poder al pueblo, estableciendo los servicios de salud, la vivienda, y la educación como derechos fundamentales, no como mercancías.

Construiremos una economía democrática mediante impuestos a los ricos, respaldo a los sindicatos y gestión pública de infraestructura esencial, como la energía. Debemos proteger nuestra costa mediante la acción climática y reemplazar el lucro de la guerra por una política exterior centrada en los derechos humanos.

Una vida con atención médica, vivienda, alimentos nutritivos, y aire limpio no debería ser cuestión de suerte; debe ser un derecho garantizado para cada persona. Más información: seanforcongress.org

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19th DISTRICT**

ANA LUZ ACEVEDO-CABRERA

Age: 38

Occupation: College Professor / Nonprofit Board Member

Education and Qualifications: I am a public-school small-town girl from Castroville California with undergraduate and graduate degrees from UC Berkeley. I've been involved in the community since my early teen years when a group of us Castroville Library kids would build computers for the neediest in our community. Today I help my community college students build websites for their small businesses. Always an engineer at heart with a deep commitment to addressing the needs of my community and supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Beyond the classroom, I am a community leader and organizer in Monterey County, experienced in affordable housing, workforce development, disaster relief, infrastructure resilience, healthcare accessibility, and ocean conservation efforts. A large part of this work has been through my involvement with COPA, a nonpartisan coalition of faith-based, labor, and nonprofit organizations active in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. As part of that experience, I've testified in front of Assembly Judiciary and Senate Judiciary committees in Sacramento and collaborated with legislators on a housing bill that's now part of California law. Thus, I am familiar with the legislative process and ready to work with House Representatives on both sides of the aisle.

As a congressional candidate I pledge to represent and advocate for my community's needs in Congress and remain actively engaged in the community to understand changing needs as new challenges arrive. I invite you to learn more about me and my platform at <https://sites.google.com/view/analuzforcongress>

Thank you for your time and support!

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE EE. UU., DISTRITO 19°**

ANA LUZ ACEVEDO-CABRERA

Edad: 38

Ocupación: Profesora universitaria / Miembro de la junta directiva de una organización sin fines de lucro

Educación y Cualificaciones: Soy una chica que asistió a una escuela pública, de un pueblo pequeño de Castroville, California, y tengo títulos de pregrado y posgrado de la Universidad de California en Berkeley. Me involucré en la comunidad desde la adolescencia, cuando un grupo de chicos de la biblioteca de Castroville y yo armábamos computadoras para los más necesitados de nuestra comunidad. Hoy ayudo a mis estudiantes de colegio universitario a crear sitios web para sus pequeñas empresas. Siempre fui una ingeniera de corazón, con un profundo compromiso para atender las necesidades de mi comunidad y apoyar a la próxima generación de emprendedores.

Más allá del aula, soy una líder y organizadora comunitaria en el condado de Monterey, con experiencia en vivienda asequible, desarrollo laboral, ayuda en desastres, resiliencia de infraestructura, acceso a la salud, y esfuerzos de conservación oceánica. Gran parte de este trabajo se desarrolló a través de mi participación en COPA, una coalición no partidista de organizaciones religiosas, laborales, y organizaciones sin fines de lucro activas en los Condados de Santa Cruz y Monterey. Como parte de esa experiencia, testifiqué ante los Comités Judiciales de la Asamblea y del Senado en Sacramento y colaboré con legisladores en un proyecto de ley de vivienda que ahora forma parte de la legislación de California. Por lo tanto, estoy familiarizada con el proceso legislativo y estoy dispuesta a trabajar con los representantes de la Cámara de Representantes de ambos partidos.

Como candidata al Congreso, me comprometo a representar y defender las necesidades de mi comunidad en el Congreso y a mantenerme activamente involucrada en la comunidad para comprender las necesidades cambiantes a medida que surgen nuevos desafíos. Los invito a conocer más sobre mí en mi plataforma en <https://sites.google.com/view/analuzforcongress>

¡Gracias por su tiempo y apoyo!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19th DISTRICT**

TUKA GAFARI

Age: 56

Occupation: Small Businessman

Education and Qualifications: My parents immigrated from Iran. I was born and raised in California. My wife of over 16 years and I have two kids. We coach together kids soccer and I actively play soccer. We are amateur radio operators. I did volunteer for Search and Rescue as a licensed EMT-1A. I work concurrently in technology and real estate. Also worked as a freight locomotive engineer. I want to protect our environment from test projects. Moss Landing battery array already had four explosions contaminating our farmland and our community. Moisture along the coast and Li-Ion batteries don't mix well. Eight explosions just last year along the California coast shows the danger. Other topics are protecting girls sports, helping military veterans, protecting seniors who retire, build more housing without HOA's to increase supply, education to ensure our kids are ready for supporting themselves and improve infrastructure. Businesses flourish and create jobs. Bring back programs for temporary Visa programs as needed in agriculture—legally. Government is not in the business to build, invent or create jobs. I'm boots on the ground to listen and work with the communities for solutions. Government created dependencies as I want to stop and break that habit. Bring ideas and solutions that are sustainable while protecting everyone. Smaller government, less taxes—it's your life, your money, not anyone else.

I humbly ask for your vote to represent We The People together as a community and nation. Today Decides Tomorrow.

Endorsed by Monterey County Republican Assembly, San Luis Obispo County Republicans.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 19th DISTRICT**

PETER COE VERBICA

Occupation: Business Owner

Education and Qualifications: I am a fiscal conservative and pragmatic problem-solver who stands with Prop 13 and is endorsed by the Santa Cruz and Santa Clara County Republican Central Committees. As a financial planning professional with decades of business and financial experience, I bring real-world discipline to public service at a time of rising debt, inflation, and economic uncertainty. During my statewide campaign for the California Board of Equalization, I advanced to the top two and earned more than 925,000 votes, improving Republican performance by double digits. I understand how to compete — and how to govern — in California.

I believe the federal government must focus on its core responsibilities: protecting national security, securing our borders, safeguarding election integrity, and preserving the value of the U.S. dollar. Inflation is a hidden tax on working families, and responsible fiscal policy is essential to restoring stability and opportunity. I believe government must live within its means, just like the families who fund it. I support energy reliability, expanded water infrastructure, wildfire mitigation, competitive healthcare reform, and practical immigration solutions that respect both the rule of law and economic realities. Opportunity should be based on merit and equal treatment under the law. As a father of four daughters — including one who served in the U.S. Navy — I have long supported servicemembers and veterans. I previously chaired a military care committee that sent hundreds of care packages to sailors and Marines. I also support education, youth arts, and California State Parks. I believe in constitutional, accountable governance that strengthens families, protects liberty, and promotes long-term prosperity.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE EE. UU., DISTRITO 19^o**

PETER COE VERBICA

Ocupación: Dueño de empresa

Educación y Cualificaciones: Soy un conservador fiscal y un solucionador de problemas pragmático que respalda la Proposición 13 y cuenta con el respaldo de los Comités Centrales Republicanos de los Condados de Santa Cruz y Santa Clara. Como profesional de la planificación financiera con décadas de experiencia empresarial y financiera, hoy aplico esa disciplina práctica al servicio público en un momento de creciente deuda, inflación, e incertidumbre económica. Durante mi campaña estatal para la Junta de Igualación de California, avancé hasta los dos primeros puestos y obtuve más de 925,000 votos, mejorando el desempeño republicano en dos dígitos. Entiendo cómo competir — y cómo gobernar — en California.

Creo que el gobierno federal debe centrarse en sus responsabilidades fundamentales: proteger la seguridad nacional, asegurar nuestras fronteras, salvaguardar la integridad electoral, y preservar el valor del dólar estadounidense. La inflación es un impuesto oculto para las familias trabajadoras, y es esencial una política fiscal responsable para restablecer la estabilidad y las oportunidades. Estoy convencido de que el gobierno debe ajustarse a sus recursos, tal como lo hacen las familias que lo financian. Apoyo la fiabilidad energética, la ampliación de la infraestructura hídrica, la mitigación de incendios forestales, una reforma sanitaria competitiva, y soluciones migratorias prácticas que respeten tanto el estado de derecho como las realidades económicas. La oportunidad debe basarse en el mérito y la igualdad de trato ante la ley. Como padre de cuatro hijas — una de las cuales sirvió en la Marina de los Estados Unidos — siempre apoyé a los militares en servicio activo y a los veteranos. Anteriormente presidí un comité de asistencia militar que enviaba cientos de paquetes de ayuda a marineros e infantes de marina. También apoyo la educación, las artes para jóvenes, y los parques estatales de California. Creo en un gobierno constitucional y responsable, que fortalezca a las familias, proteja la libertad, y promueva la prosperidad a largo plazo.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30th DISTRICT**

DAWN ADDIS

Age: 53

Occupation: State Assemblymember/Teacher

Education and Qualifications: Dear Neighbor, It has been my honor to represent San Luis Obispo County in the State Assembly. In this role, I've listened to the residents of our district and worked hard to deliver results for our Central Coast communities. My values come from my experiences as a classroom teacher, mom, community leader, and former City Councilmember. I'm also a co-founder of the San Luis Obispo Women's March, and I previously served on the board of the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund.

As your Assemblymember, I've worked hard to secure San Luis Obispo County's fair share of state funding, support our public schools, improve healthcare access, protect our coast and climate, and lower barriers to home ownership. I've authored important legislation to make utilities more affordable, provide housing for homeless students, and improve bilingual education. I also successfully defeated insurance premium increases for low-income seniors and rejected cuts to our California State University and University of California campuses.

I'm endorsed by the California Democratic Party because I'm helping lead the fight against the Trump Administration's attempts to roll back women's rights, drill offshore, cut school funding, and undermine civil liberties. My campaign is also endorsed by groups representing Central Coast firefighters, nurses, librarians, educators, construction workers, and small business owners. You can learn more about me at www.DawnAddis.org and contact me directly at Dawn@DawnAddis.org if you have any questions or ideas. I would be honored to earn your vote. Se habla español. Dawn Addis

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 30th DISTRICT**

SUSANNAH BROWN

Occupation: Data Scientist

Education and Qualifications: I was born and raised on the Central Coast and am now raising my family here. I believe in protecting the character and natural beauty that make our region unique while planning its future responsibly. I am a data scientist and small business owner who serves on local boards and committees and am running to bring practical, accountable leadership to District 30.

As an orphan who experienced homelessness and financial insecurity growing up, I learned how fragile stability can be. That experience shaped my commitment to building lasting systems that create real stability — not short-term band-aids.

I have spent my career solving complex problems and turning ideas into real-world solutions. Growth must be coordinated with water, transportation, and energy planning so it is achievable and responsible.

Our children and teachers deserve stable, predictable school funding year after year. Our region and state depend on reliable, affordable, resilient energy. I support a long-term extension of Diablo Canyon to protect good-paying jobs and strengthen grid reliability.

I am honored to be endorsed by IBEW Local 1245 and supported by educators, small business owners, and community leaders. I will show up every day to listen, collaborate, and deliver results for the Central Coast. Dignity is the standard. Data is the method. Results are the goal.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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

SUSANNAH BROWN

Ocupación: Científica de datos

Educación y Cualificaciones: Nací y crecí en la Costa Central y ahora estoy criando a mi familia aquí. Creo en la importancia de proteger el carácter y la belleza natural que hacen única a nuestra región, al tiempo que planificamos su futuro de manera responsable. Soy científica de datos y dueña de una pequeña empresa, participo en juntas y comités locales y me postulo para aportar un liderazgo práctico y responsable al Distrito 30.

Como huérfana que creció sin hogar y con inseguridad económica, aprendí lo frágil que puede ser la estabilidad. Esa experiencia forjó mi compromiso de construir sistemas duraderos que creen una estabilidad real, y no soluciones temporales.

Dediqué mi carrera a resolver problemas complejos y a convertir ideas en soluciones reales. El crecimiento debe coordinarse con la gestión del agua, el transporte, y la energía, para que sea posible y responsable.

Nuestros hijos y profesores merecen una financiación escolar estable y predecible año tras año. Nuestra región y nuestro estado dependen de una energía fiable, asequible y resiliente. Apoyo una extensión a largo plazo del proyecto Diablo Canyon para proteger los empleos bien remunerados y fortalecer la confiabilidad de la red eléctrica.

Me siento honrada de contar con el respaldo del sindicato IBEW Local 1245 y con el apoyo de educadores, dueños de pequeñas empresas, y líderes comunitarios. Me presentaré cada día para escuchar, colaborar, y obtener resultados para la Costa Central. La dignidad es la base. Los datos son el medio. Los resultados son el objetivo.

Con todo respeto le pido su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

DR. JOE KOSKI

Age: 61

Occupation: Assistant Superintendent/Educator

Education and Qualifications: San Luis Obispo County should be more than just a place where our children grow up. It should be a place where they can afford to stay, thrive, and raise families of their own.

For 39 years, I have served public education as a teacher, principal, district administrator, assistant superintendent, and for nine years as Superintendent of Templeton Unified School District. I currently serve as Assistant Superintendent at the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education. This experience has allowed me to serve in every role that prepares a superintendent to lead effectively at the county level.

We are not only preparing students for exams. We are shaping future leaders, innovators, and neighbors. A strong education must embrace the whole child, including academics, career technical education, arts, athletics, and music, because these experiences build the creativity, discipline, and collaboration skills our communities and workforce need.

The county office's role is to support districts, ensure fiscal integrity, and help every school succeed. I have seen firsthand both our strengths and challenges, and I am committed to continuous improvement through high expectations, servant leadership, meaningful family engagement, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

I respectfully ask for your support.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA
SUPERINTENDENTE DE ESCUELAS DEL CONDADO**

DR. JOE KOSKI

Edad: 61

Ocupación: Superintendente Adjunto/Educador

Educación y Cualificaciones: El Condado de San Luis Obispo debería ser algo más que un lugar donde crecen nuestros hijos. Debería ser un lugar donde puedan permitirse quedarse, progresar, y formar sus propias familias.

Durante 39 años, trabajé en la educación pública como maestro, director, administrador de distrito, superintendente adjunto y, durante nueve años, como asistente superintendente del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Templeton. Actualmente me desempeño como Superintendente Adjunto en la Oficina de Educación del Condado de San Luis Obispo. Esta experiencia me permitió desempeñar todas las funciones que preparan a un superintendente para liderar eficazmente a nivel del condado.

No solo preparamos a los estudiantes para exámenes. Formamos a los líderes, innovadores, y vecinos del futuro. Una educación sólida debe abarcar al niño en su totalidad, incluyendo lo académico, la enseñanza técnica, las artes, el deporte, y la música, porque es allí donde se cultivan la creatividad, la disciplina y las destrezas de colaboración que fortalecen a nuestras comunidades y al mundo laboral.

La función de la oficina del condado es apoyar a los distritos, garantizar la integridad fiscal, y ayudar a que todas las escuelas tengan éxito. Fui testigo de primera mano de nuestras fortalezas y desafíos, y me comprometo a la mejora continua a través de altas expectativas, un liderazgo de servicio, una participación significativa de las familias y una administración responsable de los fondos de los contribuyentes.

Con respeto y humildad, solicito su respaldo.

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

GAEA POWELL

Age: 63

Occupation: Business Operations and Development Consultant

Education and Qualifications: As a Business Consultant with more than three decades of experience strengthening organizational systems and administrative oversight, I am running to restore confidence in the lawful and impartial administration of the Clerk-Recorder's Office.

Throughout my career, I have developed policies, implemented internal controls, enforced disciplined operational standards, and restructured complex organizations to improve productivity, transparency, accountability, and operational integrity.

This office requires firm leadership, transparent procedures, documented processes, and meaningful checks and balances to ensure every lawful vote is counted and the public's trust is earned.

I will faithfully administer elections consistent with California law while firmly advocating for lawful, common-sense reforms that strengthen voter verification procedures, improve ballot counting processes, maintain accurate voter rolls, and ensure secure, transparent, and auditable election practices.

I am committed to defending the constitutional framework that protects voter rights and ensures government authority is exercised within its proper limits.

Learn more at Gaea4Clerk.com. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Gaea Powell

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

VANESSA ROZO

Age: 55

Occupation: Business Owner, Paralegal, Organizer

Education and Qualifications: My leadership experience, educational background, and commitment to fairness, impartiality, and security protection have prepared me to serve as County Clerk Recorder. I have led national and international disaster relief efforts with Federal Emergency Management Agency and Samaritan's Purse, supervising staff, managing budgets, and coordinating large-scale operations where accuracy and accountability were essential.

I have served as an international exchange student site director, program leader, and ESL teacher, building strong teams and fostering positive relationships across San Luis Obispo County. As a small business owner of multiple franchises, I bring hands-on experience in financial oversight, payroll, reconciliation reporting, and regulatory compliance.

In 2024, I earned a Paralegal Certificate from University of California, Santa Barbara, focusing on Estate Planning, Election Law, and Corporate Law. I am proficient in legal research tools including Westlaw and Nexis and skilled in technology systems that improve efficiency, transparency, and public access.

If elected, I will implement Super Precinct Vote Centers with electronic poll books integrated with a Geographic Information System, recruit and train students over 18 as precinct workers under experienced poll inspectors, enhance homeowner notification programs to protect property titles, and preserve the office's impartiality ensuring the Clerk-Recorder's office remains a trusted, accountable resource serving every resident. vanessarozosloclerkrecorder.com

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

ELAINA CANO

Occupation: San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder

Education and Qualifications: Experience matters in an office that oversees elections and public records. Public trust is critical. For nearly 30 years, I have worked in public service on the Central Coast, gaining the knowledge and leadership experience required to run this office with integrity, care, and respect for every resident.

As San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder, I have overseen six elections, and I've helped administer seventeen more throughout my career. Under my steady leadership, our county has consistently ranked among the highest statewide in voter turnout, demonstrating the trust voters place in fair and well-run elections.

I'm proud of the work we've done to connect with the community. We've expanded outreach to first-time voters, Latino residents, and veterans; launched the first Student Election Ambassador Program; and increased transparency through social media and public events.

Looking ahead, my focus is on modernizing services, protecting election security, and keeping public records safe. This includes a property fraud notification system, updating records to comply with state law while preserving their history, and ensuring this office remains nonpolitical and nonpartisan. I will continue to strengthen election security and explore ways to better connect with each voter.

It would mean a great deal to have your support. Please visit www.teamelainacano.com for more information.

DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA SECRETARIA-REGISTRADORA DEL CONDADO

ELAINA CANO

Ocupación: Secretaria-Registradora del Condado de San Luis Obispo

Educación y Cualificaciones: La experiencia es fundamental en una oficina encargada de supervisar las elecciones y los registros públicos. La confianza pública es fundamental. Durante casi 30 años, trabajé en el servicio público de la Costa Central, allí adquirí los conocimientos y la experiencia de liderazgo necesarios para dirigir esta oficina con integridad, cuidado, y respeto hacia todos los residentes.

Como Secretaria-Registradora del Condado de San Luis Obispo, supervisé seis elecciones, y colaboré en la administración de otras diecisiete elecciones a lo largo de mi carrera. Bajo mi liderazgo firme, nuestro condado se clasificó sistemáticamente entre los de mayor participación electoral en todo el estado, lo que demuestra la confianza que los votantes depositan en unas elecciones justas y bien organizadas.

Estoy orgullosa de nuestro trabajo enfocado en conectar con la comunidad. Ampliamos nuestro alcance a los votantes primerizos, a los residentes latinos, y a los veteranos; pusimos en marcha el primer Programa de Embajadores Electorales Estudiantiles; y aumentamos la transparencia a través de las redes sociales y los eventos públicos.

De cara al futuro, mi prioridad es modernizar los servicios, proteger la seguridad electoral, y mantener a salvo los registros públicos. Esto incluye un sistema de notificación de fraude de propiedades, la actualización de registros para cumplir con la ley estatal preservando su historia, y la garantía de que esta oficina se mantendrá apolítica y no partidista. Seguiré reforzando la seguridad electoral y explorando maneras de conectar mejor con cada votante.

Contar con su respaldo sería de gran importancia para mí. Visite www.teamelainacano.com para obtener más información.

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2

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3

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