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# County of San Luis Obispo

General Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

## VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

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



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

# POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

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

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

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

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

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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## Two U.S. Senate Contests on Ballot

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

## Redistricting and Voting

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

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

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

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

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

## **ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA**

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

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

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

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

### **Voter-Nominated Offices**

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

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

### **Nonpartisan Offices**

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

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

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

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

## How Your Vote is Counted

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

### Election Night

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

### Ballots counted after Election Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# **WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!**

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

## **WHERE:**

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

## **WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

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

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

# LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

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

## Spanish

All Precincts

All Polling Places

## Tagalog

Consolidated Precincts

403, 404, 405, 406, and 407

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

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

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

By Phone: 805-781-5228

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

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

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

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

## Spanish Language Ballot Technology

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

# ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

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

## Español

Todos los distritos electorales

Todos los lugares de votación

## Tagalo

Distritos electorales consolidados  
403, 404, 405, 406, y 407

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

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

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

Por teléfono: 805-781-5228

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

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

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

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

## Tecnología de Boletas electorales en idioma español

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

# TULONG SA WIKA

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

## Spanish

Lahat ng Presinto

Lahat ng Lugar na Botohan

## Tagalog

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

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

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

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

Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono: 805-781-5228

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

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

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

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

## Teknolohiya ng Balota sa Wikang Espanyol

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

# Assistance for Voters with Disabilities



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

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

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

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

## **Remote Accessible Vote by Mail**

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

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

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

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



# Features on the Web

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

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



COUNTY  
OF SAN LUIS  
OBISPO

County of San Luis Obispo

### Voter Status Search

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

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

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

Birth date (format: mm/dd/yyyy)

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

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

Show Status

## Find Your Polling Place

### Polling Place Search

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

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

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

Find polling place

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

# VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

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

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

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

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

## **Campaign Finance Reform**

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

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

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

**SALUD CARBAJAL**

**Occupation:** Member of Congress

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

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

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

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

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

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

I kindly ask for your vote. Thank you.

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

**SALUD CARBAJAL**

**Ocupación:** Miembro del Congreso

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

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

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

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

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

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

Con todo respeto, le pido su voto. Gracias.



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

**DAWN ADDIS**

**AGE: 50**

**Occupation:** City Councilmember / Teacher

**Education and Qualifications:** Dear Neighbor,

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VICKI NOHRDEN**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VICKI NOHRDEN**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ADRIENNE GARCIA-SPECHT**

**Age: 33**

**Occupation:** Higher Education Professional

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

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

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

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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

**ADRIENNE GARCIA-SPECHT**

**Edad: 33**

**Ocupación:** Profesional en Educación Superior

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

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

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

Con todo respeto, le pido su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 5  
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

**COLLEEN MARTIN**

**Age: 62**

**Occupation:** Educator / Lucia Mar Unified School District Trustee

**Education and Qualifications:** I started volunteering at Lucia Mar when my first child entered kindergarten and have not stopped. I have always worked hard to make Lucia Mar schools the best for our kids. After years of volunteering at Harloe, Paulding, and Arroyo Grande High School; my ongoing service on the School Board is a natural progression of my dedication to our Lucia Mar community.

As the College & Career Center Specialist at San Luis Obispo High School, I interact with staff and students every day helping students navigate their launch after graduation.

I am committed to supporting welcoming and safe schools for everyone.

As a strong advocate for college preparedness, athletics, fine arts, STEM (science, technology, engineering & math), and vocational-technical workforce education; I vow to continue my support for students to reach their highest potential.

I am a proven leader with integrity, experience, and knowledge.

My sustained interest and commitment to our schools, combined with my ability to provide common sense leadership guides me to see the "big picture." I can make tough decisions and will honor my duty to the citizens to use their funds wisely and keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

I welcome your concerns. [colleen@colleenmartinfoschoolboard.org](mailto:colleen@colleenmartinfoschoolboard.org) 805-234-5913

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 5  
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

**GARY JORALEMON**

**Age: 61**

**Occupation:** Univ. Instructor, Chief Deputy Probation Officer/Juvenile Hall Superintendent (Ret.)

**Education and Qualifications:** Education is our "family business." Since 2006 I have taught locally at the college level. For thirty-five years my wife Alex taught at Judkins Middle School. My mom operated a preschool, and my grandfather was a principal. My family's experience has taught me empathy with students and staff alike.

I have held numerous leadership positions, having moved up the ranks of law enforcement to Chief Deputy Probation Officer of SLO County. I have a proven record of leadership during long-term strategic planning processes and short-term crisis response.

I'm a "relational leader" in that I strive to build trust-based relationships. I do this by listening, showing respect, and never dismissing someone's opinion simply because I disagree.

These are my goals and promises: Returning to a more parent and student centered decision-making process; enhancing students' curricular and extracurricular experience; to fully support School Resource Officers on our high school campuses; to promote unity, inclusiveness, and nonpartisanship.

We have a sacred duty to keep our students safe and free from any abuse, harassment, or inappropriate contact.

I believe I am that leader.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 5  
Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar**

**COLLEEN MARTIN**

**Edad: 62**

**Ocupación:** Educadora y miembro del consejo directivo del Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Empecé a hacer voluntaria en Lucia Mar cuando mi primer hijo entró al kínder y lo sigo haciendo hasta ahora. Siempre he trabajado para hacer a las escuelas de Lucia Mar lo mejor para nuestros niños. Después de años de voluntaria en Harloe, Paulding y en la Preparatoria Arroyo Grande, mi oficio actual en la Junta Escolar es una clara prueba de mi dedicación a nuestra comunidad de Lucia Mar.

Como el Especialista del Centro de Orientación Universitaria y Profesional en la Preparatoria San Luis Obispo, interactúo con estudiantes y personal todos los días. Además, ayudo a los estudiantes a dirigir su rumbo después de su graduación.

Me comprometo a apoyar el desarrollo de escuelas acogedoras y seguras para todos.

Como gran defensora de la preparación universitaria, los deportes, las bellas artes, las STEM (Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas) y de la educación vocacional técnica, prometo continuar apoyando a los estudiantes para que alcancen su mayor potencial.

Soy una líder comprobada, con integridad, experiencia y conocimiento.

Mi continuo interés y compromiso con nuestras escuelas, combinado con mi habilidad de ofrecer un liderazgo bajo el sentido común, me hacen capaz de ver el "panorama general." Soy capaz de tomar fuertes decisiones y honraré mi deber con los ciudadanos al usar sus recursos sabiamente y al mantener a nuestros estudiantes y personal saludable y seguro.

Puede hacerme llegar sus inquietudes a [colleen@colleenmartinfoschoolboard.org](mailto:colleen@colleenmartinfoschoolboard.org) 805-234-5913

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GOBERNANTE, ÁREA DIRECTIVA N.º 5  
Distrito Escolar Unificado Lucia Mar**

**GARY JORALEMON**

**Edad: 61**

**Ocupación:** Instructor Universitario, Sub Director de Libertad Condicional y Superintendente de Correccional para Menores (Retirado)

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** La educación es nuestro "negocio familiar". Desde el 2006 he enseñado a nivel universitario de manera local. Mi esposa Alex enseñó en la Escuela Secundaria Judkins durante treintaicinco años. Mi madre dirigió un preescolar y mi abuelo era director. Mi experiencia familiar me ha enseñado a ser empático tanto con los estudiantes como con el personal.

He tenido numerosas posiciones de liderazgo a través de mi ascenso dentro del orden público hasta Sub Director de Libertad Condicional del Condado de SLO. Tengo un historial comprobable de liderazgo durante procesos de planeación estratégica a largo plazo y durante respuestas de corto plazo frente a crisis.

Me considero un "líder relacional", puesto que me esfuerzo por construir relaciones basadas en la confianza. Hago esto escuchando, mostrando respeto y nunca desestimando la opinión de alguien por el simple hecho de no estar de acuerdo.

Estos son mis objetivos y mis promesas: Volver a tener un proceso de toma de decisiones enfocado en padres y estudiantes; mejorar la experiencia curricular y extracurricular de los estudiantes; apoyar enormemente a los Agentes de Recurso Escolar en nuestros campus de preparatoria y promover la unidad, la inclusión y el apartidismo.

Tenemos el sagrado deber de mantener a nuestros estudiantes seguros y libres de cualquier abuso, acoso o contacto inapropiado.

Yo creo que soy ese líder.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MAYOR**

**City of Arroyo Grande**

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM**

**AGE: 54**

**OCCUPATION:** Mayor, High School Government, Economics and History Teacher

**Education and Qualifications:** I am proud to be your Mayor. I have a long-proven record of reliable, civil, positive, common sense leadership. I have delivered a balanced budget with increased reserves, even during the challenging time of Covid. I continue to push for a substantial reduction in unfunded liabilities, top-notch professional police and fire services, and city programs that are self-sustainable without taxpayer subsidies. I support our businesses, and have worked very hard to help keep them on their feet. I continually fight for properly funding our roads, caring for our beloved Village, and I have supported efforts to seek grant funding for large scale improvements like 100% grant funding for the Bridge Street Bridge. I will continue to push for sustainable water practices to ensure our water supply is protected for the future. I am known countywide as a civil, consensus building representative who works for everyone. Local government is “where the rubber meets the road”, and here in Arroyo Grande I continue to set an example of what small, effective, community-based leadership should look like. I would be honored to again have your vote.

Visit [carenray.com](http://carenray.com) or [@Mayor Caren Ray Russom](https://www.facebook.com/MayorCarenRayRussom) on Facebook.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MAYOR**

**City of Arroyo Grande**

**GAEA POWELL**

**AGE: 59**

**OCCUPATION:** Business Owner, Community Volunteer

**Education and Qualifications:** Arroyo Grande is my home. I want to preserve its heritage, charm and its cherished way of life, while at the same time strategically anticipating and proactively leveraging change, which is inevitable. Such action takes strong, common sense leadership that welcomes dissenting views sensibly and without condemnation in order to achieve optimal resolutions that best serve Arroyo Grande.

My vision is to see Arroyo Grande declared a Constitutional Sanctuary City to protect its citizens' freedoms, prosperity, safety, health, and happiness while addressing fear-based government, corporate and global elites' overreach. Holding the Constitution as our guide safeguards Arroyo Grande's assets, resources, independence, and its citizens' fundamental human rights.

I am dedicated to achieving no nonsense, creative solutions for our local challenges. I believe collective goals are successfully accomplished by continuing to appreciate and support those who have already made great strides, as well as by encouraging passionate, dedicated, critical thinkers in our community to join in that collaboration. Development must be thoughtfully and artfully planned and managed, and we must be willing to change course as needed to protect and provide for generations to come.

I am not asking for donations, I ask for your vote. [Vote4Gaea.com](http://Vote4Gaea.com)

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MAYOR  
City of Arroyo Grande**

**DALE T. HANSON**

**AGE: 76**

**OCCUPATION:** Human Resources Executive, Retired

**Education and Qualifications:** I believe its time for a change in the City's leadership and vision. I offer a diversified background in management and leadership roles in the US Government (civil service and military), State of California, City and County Government, Industry, Aerospace and California Public Education. I have three degrees: Master of Human Resources and Organization Development, University of San Francisco, Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences/Public Administration, California State University Long Beach, Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies, University of New York. I was licensed by the State of California as Real Estate Broker and a Certified Residential Appraiser. I have served as Executive Secretary to four public civil service/personnel commissions. My public service includes being a member of the Westminster School Personnel Commission and City of Westminster Civil Service Commission in addition to being a member of the City of Westminster Police Chief's Advisory Board. I am also currently a member of the County of San Luis Obispo's Assessment Appeals Board. In addition, I was an Adjutant Professor for Columbia College and an instructor for US Army Command and General Staff College. My military service includes both being enlisted and as a Commission Officer serving 33 years in active and reserved components retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. I am a life time member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Officers Association of American, and the National Eagle Scout Association. I can provide the leadership and administrative expertise that will contribute to the City's future success.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
ALCALDE**

**Ciudad de Arroyo Grande**

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM**

**Edad: 54**

**Ocupación:** Alcaldesa, Maestra de Preparatoria de Gobierno, Historia y Economía.

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Estoy orgullosa de ser su Alcaldesa. Mi larga trayectoria se caracteriza por un liderazgo confiable, civilizado, positivo y con liderazgo de sentido común. He entregado un presupuesto equilibrado con un incremento en las reservas, aún durante la difícil temporada de COVID. Sigo promoviendo una reducción sustancial de los pasivos no financiados, servicios profesionales de policía y bomberos de gran calidad y programas municipales que sean autosostenibles sin subvenciones de los contribuyentes. Estoy a favor de nuestras empresas y he trabajado muy duro para ayudarlas a mantenerse en pie. Por eso lucho continuamente por la financiación adecuada de nuestras carreteras y por el cuidado de nuestro querido pueblo. Además, he apoyado los esfuerzos para buscar financiación de subvenciones para mejoras a gran escala, como la subvención del 100% del puente de la calle Bridge. Seguiré impulsando prácticas hídricas sostenibles para garantizar la protección de nuestro suministro de agua en el futuro. Se me conoce en todo el condado como un representante civil que crea consenso y que trabaja para todos. Es en el gobierno local donde las teorías se ponen a prueba y aquí, en Arroyo Grande, sigo poniendo el ejemplo de lo que debe ser un liderazgo pequeño, eficaz y con base en la comunidad. Me sentiría muy honrada de contar de nuevo con su voto.

Visite [carenray.com](http://carenray.com) o [@MayorCarenRayRussom](https://www.facebook.com/MayorCarenRayRussom) en Facebook.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
ALCALDE**

**Ciudad de Arroyo Grande**

**GAEA POWELL**

**Edad: 59**

**Ocupación:** Empresaria y Voluntaria de la Comunidad

**Educación y Cualificaciones:** Arroyo Grande es mi hogar. Quiero preservar su patrimonio, su encanto y su apreciado modo de vida y al mismo tiempo anticipar y aprovechar el cambio, que es inevitable, de manera estratégica y proactiva. Dicha acción requiere de un liderazgo fuerte y con sentido común que acoja las distintas opiniones con sensatez y sin desaprobación con el fin de lograr soluciones óptimas que sirvan de la mejor manera a Arroyo Grande

Mi visión es que se declare a Arroyo Grande como Ciudad Santuario Constitucional para proteger las libertades, la prosperidad, la seguridad, la salud y la felicidad de sus ciudadanos, a la vez que se hace frente a las extralimitaciones del gobierno, las empresas y las élites mundiales basadas en el miedo. La Constitución nos sirve de guía para salvaguardar los bienes, los recursos y la independencia de Arroyo Grande, así como los derechos humanos fundamentales de sus ciudadanos.

Mi objetivo es conseguir soluciones creativas y sin complicaciones para nuestros retos locales. Considero que los objetivos colectivos se logran exitosamente si se sigue reconociendo y apoyando a quienes ya han logrado grandes avances. También, si fomentamos que los pensadores entusiastas, dedicados y críticos de nuestra comunidad se unan a esa tarea de colaboración. Debemos planificar y gestionar el desarrollo de forma inteligente y estar dispuestos a cambiar el rumbo cuando sea necesario para proteger y mantener a las generaciones que están por venir.

No pido que me hagan donaciones, sino que me den su voto. [Vote4Gaea.com](http://Vote4Gaea.com)



**CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE  
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE D-22**

**ORDINANCE NO. 715**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE  
ADDING CHAPTER 3.23 TO TITLE 3 OF THE ARROYO  
GRANDE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO A  
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED  
BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE  
ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS**, Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 authorizes the City of Arroyo Grande ("City"), subject to approval by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the City voting in an election on the issue, to levy a transactions and use tax pursuant to the Transactions and Use Tax Law at a rate of 0.125% or any multiple thereof for general purposes and projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(b) of Article XIII C of the California Constitution, added by Proposition 218 effective November, 1996, requires that the measure proposing a general tax be submitted to the voters at an election consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C, section 2 and Elections Code section 10201, the City has determined to submit a proposition to enact an ordinance establishing a transactions and use tax to the voters at the City's next regular election; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9222, the City Council has authority to place measures on the ballot to be considered at a General Municipal Election and desires to place a local funding measure on the ballot at the statewide general election on November 8, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code Section 53724(b) and Revenue & Taxation Code Section 7285.9, this ordinance proposing the transactions and use tax requires approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the City Council and approval of the ballot measure and the ordinance by majority of the voters casting votes at the General Municipal Election on November 8, 2022.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Addition of Chapter 3.23.** Chapter 3.23 is hereby added to Title 3 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code to read as follows:

**Chapter 3.23 - TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX.**

**3.23.010 - Short title.**

This chapter shall be known as the "Transactions and Use Tax" and shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City of Arroyo Grande ("city"). This chapter shall complement, and not replace or supersede, the city's existing sales and use tax, as such tax is described in Chapter 3.20 and existing transaction and use tax Chapter 3.22 of Title 3 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code.

### **3.23.020 - Definitions.**

For the purpose of this chapter the following words terms shall have the meaning given in this section:

“In the city” means and includes all territory within the city limits.

“Operative Date” means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the later of the adoption of this chapter and the approval by the voters of the city of a measure approving the imposition of an increased transactions and use tax; provided that, if the city shall not have entered into a contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration as required by section 3.11.040 prior to such date, the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

### **3.23.030 - Purpose.**

This chapter of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code has been adopted for the following purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2, which authorizes the city to adopt this tax. This chapter shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax that can be administered in a manner that will, to the greatest degree possible, be consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the said Revenue and Taxation Code, and thereby minimize the cost of collecting city transactions and use taxes, and at the same time minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions thereof.

### **3.23.040 - Contract with state.**

Prior to the operative date, the city shall contract with the

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incidental to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance. If the city has not contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case, the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract. The city council may make any technical amendments to this chapter required by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, except for any changes affecting the tax rate, tax methodology, or its manner of collection.

### **3.23.050 - Imposition of transactions and use tax – Rate.**

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the city at the rate of one percent (1%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the city on and after the operative date of this chapter.

### **3.23.060 - Place of sale.**

For the purposes of this chapter, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer, unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the state or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

### **3.23.070 - Imposition of use tax – Use tax rate.**

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the city of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on or after the operative date of this chapter for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of the property subject to the tax. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

### **3.23.080 - Adoption of provisions of state law – Generally.**

Except as otherwise provided in the chapter and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with § 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein.

**3.23.090 - Adoption of provisions of state law – Limitations; Limitations on collection of use taxes.**

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefore. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word “State” is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this city or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this chapter.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the state under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word “city” shall be substituted for the word “State” in the phrase “retailer engaged in business in this State” in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

**3.23.100 - Permit not required.**

If a seller’s permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor’s permit shall not be required by this chapter.

**3.23.110 - Exemptions and exclusions.**

A. Measure of Tax. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions and use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax

Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. Transactions Tax Exemptions. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the city which is shipped to a point outside the city, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the city shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-city address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-city and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date.

5. For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. Use Tax Exemptions. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this chapter, the storage, use or other consumption in this city of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date.

5. For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

D. Exemption from Collection of Use Tax. Except as provided in subsection (E), a retailer engaged in business in the city shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the city or participates within the city in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the city or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the city under the authority of the retailer.

E. Retailer Not Exempt from Collection of Use Tax. "A retailer engaged in business in the city" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the city.

F. Credit Against Use Tax for Transactions Tax Paid Elsewhere. Any person subject to use tax under this chapter may credit

against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

### **3.23.120 - Adoption of amendments to state law.**

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this chapter to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this chapter, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this chapter.

### **3.23.130 - Enjoining collection prohibited.**

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action, or proceeding in any court against the State or the city, or against any officer of the State or the city, to prevent or enjoin the collection hereunder, or Parts 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

### **3.23.140. Annual Report.**

City shall annually mail to each household an annual report, which presents in summary form expenditures from the prior fiscal year from revenue generated from the Transactions and Use Tax and budgeted expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **3.23.150. Period Review.**

The City Council shall consider reduction or repeal of the Transactions and Use Tax at public hearings every five years after the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Use of Tax Proceeds.** All proceeds of the tax levied and imposed hereunder shall be accounted for and paid into the City of Arroyo Grande General Fund, and may be used for any lawful purpose as designated by the City Council.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** Pursuant to the California Constitution Article XIII(2)(b) and California Elections Code 9217, if approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the City voting on the issue at the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election, this ordinance shall be deemed valid and binding and shall be considered adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the City Council, and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The People of the City of Arroyo Grande hereby declare that they would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance be

enforced.

**SECTION 5. Statutory Authority for Tax.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9.

**SECTION 6. Codification.** Upon adoption of this ordinance pursuant to the voter approval referenced in this ordinance, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to codify this ordinance in the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by a two-thirds vote of all members of the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande as required by Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9 and Government Code Section 53724 and submitted to the voters at the meeting of the City Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Paulding, George, Storton, Barneich, and Mayor Ray Russom

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JESSICA MATSON, CITY CLERK**

Ordinance No. 715 was submitted to the People of the City of Arroyo Grande at the November 8, 2022 General Election. It is hereby certified that this ordinance was passed and approved by following vote of the People of the City of Arroyo Grande:

**YES:**

**NO:**

This ordinance was thereby adopted by the voters at the November 8, 2022 General Election and shall take effect as provided by law.



## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D-22

This ballot measure proposes a general purpose tax that requires a majority vote for adoption. If approved by the voters, it would enact a one percent (1%) transactions and use tax rate on retail sales within the City of Arroyo Grande. This tax will add one cent (1¢) to each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable sales. It would add Chapter 3.23 to Title 3 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code titled "Transactions and Use Tax," and will complement, and not replace or supersede, the City's existing sales and use tax and transaction and use tax in Chapters 3.20 and 3.22, respectively.

The proposed transactions and use tax, like the current sales tax, would be imposed upon the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail within the City of Arroyo Grande, as well as upon the storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer within the City of Arroyo Grande. If this measure is approved by the voters, the combined sales tax and transactions and use tax rate within the City of Arroyo Grande will be eight and three quarters percent (8¾%). The proposed tax would be applied equally to residents and nonresidents making retail purchases in the City of Arroyo Grande.

If this measure is approved by the voters, every year the Arroyo Grande City Council will be required to publish and distribute a report to each household within the City setting forth the revenues and expenditures from the proceeds of the one cent tax and shall also be required to hold a public hearing and review the tax every five years to determine whether it is necessary for the tax to remain in effect or if it should be reduced or repealed. The measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

Revenues generated from the proposed transactions and use tax are not restricted and would be deposited into the City's General Fund to be used by the City to fund any general City projects, programs, operations and services, including, but not limited to, maintenance, repair and upgrades of the City's streets, sidewalks, stormwater facilities, and other infrastructure, public safety services, and other City programs and facilities.

The tax would be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration under contract with the City of Arroyo Grande.

If Measure D-22 is approved, it is estimated that revenues from this tax will generate approximately \$5,600,000 annually.

A "yes" vote on Measure D-22 is a vote in favor of authorizing the proposed sales tax.

A "no" vote on Measure D-22 is a vote against authorizing the proposed sales tax.

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance 715, Measure D-22. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the City Clerk's office at (805) 473-5418 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.**

s/ TIMOTHY J. CARMEL, City Attorney  
City of Arroyo Grande

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D-22

Your “YES” vote on Measure D-22 will provide important funding to meet local needs. The City has maintained its current level of service by increasing the efficiency of its operations; however, it cannot keep up with rapidly increasing public improvement costs and new State mandates, and the City has reached a point where existing revenues cannot fund important projects. If passed, Measure D-22 will generate approximately \$5 million in additional annual revenue to ensure ongoing services and public improvements to benefit City residents, businesses, and visitors.

Of the current 7.75% sales tax rate, our City receives only 1%. Your “YES” vote will raise the current rate to allow the City to receive 2% and thus provide for the community’s increasingly underfunded capital improvement and public facility maintenance needs, including:

- Street Repairs;
- Concrete (Sidewalk) Repairs;
- Potholes;
- Stormwater and Drainage Maintenance;

And other needed City programs and facilities.

Your “YES” vote will result in safer streets and sidewalks, and more rehabilitation of aging storm drains. Everyone who utilizes our infrastructure and services should contribute to these needs, including those who live outside of the City. Your “YES” vote provides the most fair and economical way to ensure this happens.

Your City government will be held accountable. Citizens will receive an annual report on the tax revenue received and how it is spent. The City Council will conduct a public hearing every five years to evaluate the success and effectiveness of the tax.

Measure D-22 is important to meet current and future needs, maintain City infrastructure, and preserve quality of life for our community. Your City Council urges you to vote “YES” on Measure D-22.

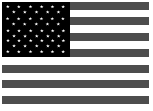
s/ Caren Ray Russom, Mayor

s/ Lan George, Mayor Pro Tem

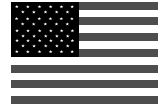
s/ Kristen Barneich, Council Member

s/ Jimmy Paulding, Council Member

s/ Keith Storton, Council Member



# VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS



1. 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.
2. 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.
3. You have the right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.
4. You have the right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. 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.
6. You have the right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. You have the right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place in California.
8. You have the right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. 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.
10. You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

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...that all dogs in the County of San Luis Obispo over the age of 4 months are required to be licensed?

If you haven't done so already, licensing your dog is easy! You can download a license application in the "Forms" section at: [www.sloanimalservices.com](http://www.sloanimalservices.com) and mail it in. You can also license your dog online at [www.petdata.com](http://www.petdata.com), or come into the Animal Services office at 885 Oklahoma Ave. in San Luis Obispo.

### WHY LICENSE YOUR DOG?

- ◆ Your dog's license is his ticket home if he is ever picked up running at large. Animal Control Officers would rather reunite you with your pet than impound him. If he's wearing a current license, they'll bring him home instead of to the shelter.
- ◆ License revenues help support Animal Services efforts to address the needs of homeless and neglected pets and to resolve our community's animal related problems.
- ◆ It's the law.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG

- ◆ State law requires all dogs to have a current rabies vaccination before they can be licensed. If your dog doesn't have license information on file with Animal Services, you will need to submit it with your application.
- ◆ By law, the duration of your dog's license validity cannot exceed the expiration date of his current rabies vaccine.
- ◆ The metal tag your vet gives you when your pet is vaccinated *is not* a license tag.
- ◆ License fees are significantly discounted if your dog has been spayed or neutered.

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