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IMPORTANT DATES

Mail Ballots Delivered to U.S.
Post Office October 5

Early Voting begins on October 5

October 19, 2026

Voter Registration Deadline

November 3, 2026

Election Day

4 Ways to Cast Your Ballot

1. Vote by Mail
2. Ballot Drop Boxes
3. Early Vote Sites
4. Polling Places

For details on locations and hours of
Early Vote Sites and Polling Places,
visit **Elections.SBCounty.gov**

To track your mail ballot, sign up
at **WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov**

Voted mail ballots must be
postmarked on or before November 3

San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters

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2026 General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE



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Access your personalized election information anytime, anywhere from your mobile device or computer through the My Elections Gateway online application. Visit **Elections.SBCounty.gov** and click on the My Elections Gateway link.

My Elections Gateway provides you with:



- My Registration Status
- My Polling Place
- My Ballot Drop Box Map
- My Mail Ballot Status
- My Elected Officials
- My Elections Results



Sign up to receive your **Voter Information Guide** electronically instead of by mail. Apply online at **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/VIG/#OptOut**



For more election **resources**, visit **Elections.SBCounty.gov/elections/2026/1103** or call (800) 881-VOTE or (909) 387-8300

For additional election **information**, visit the California Secretary of State's website at **www.sos.ca.gov/elections**



Dear San Bernardino County Voter:

Welcome to your San Bernardino County Voter Information Guide for the **November 3, 2026, General Election**. As your Registrar of Voters, my priority is to make sure you have clear, accurate information and convenient options for casting your ballot in a secure and accessible election.

Every active registered voter in San Bernardino County will receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot. The United States Postal Service will begin delivering ballots on **October 5, 2026**, giving you time to review your choices and decide how and when you would like to vote.

You have four convenient options for casting your ballot:

- 1. Vote by Mail**
- 2. Use a Ballot Drop Box**
- 3. Visit an Early Vote Site**
- 4. Vote in person on Election Day**

If you vote by mail, your return postage is prepaid. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day to be counted. If mailing close to Election Day, go inside a U.S. Post Office and request a manual postmark.

Please mail your ballot early. Voting early—by mail or in person—allows your ballot to be processed in time to appear in the first election night results. You may also return your ballot at an Early Vote site or an official ballot drop box.

Polling places will be open on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 3, 2026, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Your assigned polling place is listed on the back cover of this Guide. However, you may vote in person at any polling place in San Bernardino County.

If you have questions, call (909) 387-8300, email Communications@rov.sbcounty.gov, or visit our website **Elections.SBCounty.gov**, where you can find information about the election including resources, a list of polling places, Early Vote sites, and ballot drop boxes.

Thank you for participating in the November 3, 2026, General Election. Your vote matters, and we are here to ensure it is counted—accurately, securely, and on time.

Sincerely,

Joani Finwall
Registrar of Voters

2026 General Election

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Voter Registration

You received this Voter Information Guide because you are a registered voter in San Bernardino County.

Submit a Change of Address form if you move within the county or change your mailing address. To submit an in-county change of address:

- Download the Change of Address form at **Elections.SBCounty.gov/VoterRegistration/incountycoaforms**
- Return the completed and signed form to the Registrar of Voters office by:
 - Mail: Registrar of Voters, 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415
 - Email: VoterRegistrations@rov.sbcounty.gov
 - Fax: (909) 387-2022

Register or re-register if you move, change your name, party preference, or want to update your signature. To register or re-register:

- Online: Go to **RegisterToVote.ca.gov**
- By Mail: Request a voter registration application to be mailed to you. Call (800) 881-VOTE or (909) 387-8300 or email VoterRegistrations@rov.sbcounty.gov
- In-Person: Pick up a voter registration application at locations throughout the County. Maps of voter registration locations within San Bernardino County are available at: **Elections.SBCounty.gov/VoterRegistration/Where**

The voter registration deadline for this election is Monday, October 19.

Missed the October 19 voter registration deadline?



Visit the Registrar of Voters office, an Early Vote site, or any polling place to fill out a conditional voter registration application and vote. For more information, visit **Elections.SBCounty.gov** or call (800) 881-VOTE or (909) 387-8300.

What's On Your Ballot

In the 2026 General Election, all voters will receive an Official Ballot. Depending on which voting precinct you reside in, the following contests and measures may appear on your ballot.

Voter-Nominated Offices

- Includes contests for:
 - Statewide Offices
 - United States Representative
 - Member, State Board of Equalization
 - State Senator
 - Member of the State Assembly
- The party preference of the candidate is listed on the ballot.

Nonpartisan Offices

- Includes contests for:
 - Judicial Offices
 - School Offices
 - County Superintendent of Schools
 - City Offices
 - Special District Offices
- The party preference of the candidate is not listed on the ballot.
- Voters may write in the name of a candidate whose name is not on the ballot.

Measures Submitted to the Voters

- State Propositions
- School Bond Measures
- County Measure
- City Measures
- Special District Measures

Note for Measures

- Each measure will include an Impartial Analysis and may include Arguments, Rebuttal Arguments, Tax Rate Statements and Text of the Measures.
- Not all voting precincts will have local measures.

Information about state propositions is available in your California Official Voter Information Guide and on the California Secretary of State's website. Visit **[VoterGuide.sos.ca.gov](https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov)** for more details.

Voting Information

Four Ways to Receive Your Ballot

1) A ballot will be mailed to you

- Mail ballots will be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service on Monday, October 5.
- Request a replacement mail ballot if you do not receive your ballot, your ballot is damaged, or you mismark your ballot.
 - Call (909) 387-8300 or visit the Registrar of Voters' website at **Elections.SBCounty.gov**.

2) Access a Remote Accessible Vote By Mail Ballot (RAVBM)

- Voters may use their computer to access and vote using an accessible ballot. Once selections are marked, voters will print their ballot, place it in an envelope, and return it to the Registrar of Voters office, a Polling Place, a Ballot Drop Box or Early Vote site.
- To access the RAVBM and the Accessible Voter Information Guide, visit the Registrar of Voters' website at **Elections.SBCounty.gov**.

3) Visit An Early Vote Site

- Visit the Registrar of Voters office from Monday to Friday, October 5 through November 2 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.). The office will also be open on Saturday, October 31 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Election Day, November 3 (7 a.m. - 8 p.m.).
- Additional Early Vote sites are open from Thursday to Monday, October 29 through November 2 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.).
- At an Early Vote site, you may vote in person, register to vote to receive a ballot and receive accessibility and language assistance.

4) Visit Your Polling Place

- Polling Places are open on Election Day, November 3 (7 a.m. - 8 p.m.).
- At a Polling Place, you may vote in person, register to vote to receive a ballot and receive accessibility and language assistance.

Four Ways to Cast Your Voted Ballot

1) By Mail

- Place your voted ballot in the postage-paid Official Return Envelope provided.
- Sign and seal the envelope.
- Mail your voted ballot via U.S. Postal Service.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: *In order for your ballot to be eligible to be counted, the return envelope MUST be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by the Registrar of Voters office no later than November 10.*

In some locations, mail may not receive a postmark until the following day. If you mail your ballot on Election Day, it is recommended that you request a manual postmark from a postal employee inside your local U.S. Post Office.

2) Ballot Drop Box

- Place your voted ballot in the postage-paid Official Return Envelope provided.
- Sign and seal the envelope.
- Drop off your voted ballot at any secure Ballot Drop Box listed at **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/MailBallotDropOff**.

3) Early Vote Site

- Drop off your voted ballot at any Early Vote site (*see next page for hours and locations*).
- At any Early Vote site, you may also register to vote to receive a ballot and receive accessibility and language assistance.

4) Polling Place

- Drop off your voted ballot at any Polling Place.
- You may also cast an in-person ballot at any Polling Place.
- You may also register to vote, to receive a ballot and receive accessibility and language assistance.
- Polling Places are open on Election Day, November 3 (7 a.m. - 8 p.m.).

You may track your mail ballot using California Secretary of State's tracking tool at:
WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.

In-Person Voting Locations

1) San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters

- 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.
- Open Monday through Friday, October 5 to November 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of the holiday.
- Open Saturday, October 31, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Open Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

2) Early Vote Sites

- Vote at any Early Vote site.
- Open Thursday, October 29, to Saturday, October 31, and Monday, November 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

3) Polling Places

- Open Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- To find your assigned polling place, refer to the back of this guide. You may also go to any polling place to vote.

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If you would like to vote in person, the following is your assigned polling place:
de desea votar en persona, su casilla electoral asignada es la siguiente:

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NOTICE: Your polling place above may have changed from past elections. Polling places are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.
AVISO: Es posible que la casilla electoral mencionada antes haya cambiado desde las últimas elecciones. Las casillas electorales estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. el Día de las Elecciones.

DATES TO REMEMBER! / ¡FECHAS PARA RECORDAR!

OCTUBRE / OCTUBRE

MONDAY, October 5 / Lunes 5 de octubre
Mail Ballots delivered to USPS
Early voting begins
El día de votar por correo se entrega a USPS
Comienza el voto anticipado

MONDAY, October 19 / Lunes 19 de octubre
Your registration deadline
Fecha límite para el registro de electores
Comienza el registro condicional de electores

TUESDAY, October 27 / Martes 27 de octubre
Last day to request a replacement ballot to be mailed
Último día para solicitar el envío por correo de una boleta de reemplazo

THURSDAY, October 29 / Jueves 29 de octubre
Additional Early Vote Sites open
Centros para voto anticipado adicionales abiertos

NOVEMBER / NOVIEMBRE

Election Day / Día de las Elecciones
Tuesday, November 3 / Martes 3 de noviembre
Voting places open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Boletines received by mail must be processed on or before this date
Las boletines recibidos por correo deben ser en el punto de conteo

WEDNESDAY, November 4 / Miércoles 4 de noviembre
Canvass of the election begins
Comienza el canvass de las elecciones

DECEMBER / DICIEMBRE

THURSDAY, December 3 / Jueves 3 de diciembre
Deadline to complete the canvass and verify the County's election results
Fecha límite para completar el canvass y verificar los resultados de la elección del Condado

Don't Delay, Vote Today!
¡No se Retrasa, Vote Hoy!
Early voting begins on October 5, 2020.
La votación anticipada comienza el 5 de octubre de 2020.

For more information:

- Use the My Elections Gateway online application on the Registrar of Voters' website at **Elections.SBCounty.gov**.
- Use the Polling Place Look-Up Tool on the Registrar of Voters' website at **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/PPL**.
- Call (800) 881-VOTE or (909) 387-8300.
- Scan the QR code to see more Voting Options.



SAMPLE BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT General Election November 3, 2026 San Bernardino County Card 1 of 8		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Use only Blue or Black pen or marker to completely fill in the oval voting target to the left of your choice like this: DO NOT USE RED INK. To vote for a candidate, completely fill in the oval voting target to the left of the candidate's name. Do not vote for more candidates than the number indicated for each office. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, fill in the voting target for the write-in and write the person's name in the blank space provided. To vote on any measure, completely fill in the oval voting target to the left of the word "YES" or "NO". If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, request a replacement ballot.		
Voter-Nominated and Nonpartisan Offices Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval. State Offices Governor Vote for One ☐ STEVE HILTON Party Preference: Republican Small Business Owner ☐ TESSA LYNN HODGE Party Preference: Democratic Social Worker / Businesswoman ☐ XAVIER BECERRA Party Preference: Democratic Voting Rights Attorney ☐ JAY OBERNOLTE Party Preference: Republican Congressman / Business Owner	Member, State Board of Equalization District 4 Vote for One ☐ DENIS BILODEAU Party Preference: Republican Councilmember / Civil Engineer ☐ TOM UMBERG Party Preference: Democratic Small Businessman / Senator	State Senator District 32 Vote for One ☐ TIFFANIE TATE Party Preference: Democratic Doctor / Educator / Author ☐ KELLY SEYARTO Party Preference: Republican State Senator
Lieutenant Governor Vote for One ☐ GLORIA ROMERO Party Preference: Republican Educator / Businesswoman ☐ RAUL RUIZ Party Preference: Democratic Emergency Physician / Congressman ☐ FIONA MA Party Preference: Democratic State Treasurer / CPA ☐ JOE MALES Party Preference: Republican Mayor Pro Tem	United States Representative District 25 Vote for One ☐ JUDY CHU Party Preference: Democratic United States Representative ☐ APRIL A. VERLATO Party Preference: Republican Small Business Owner	Member of the State Assembly District 36 Vote for One ☐ IDA S. OBESO-MARTINEZ Party Preference: Democratic Mayor / Nurse ☐ JEFF GONZALEZ Party Preference: Republican Assemblymember / Father
Secretary of State Vote for One ☐ DONALD P. (DON) WAGNER Party Preference: Republican Orange County Supervisor ☐ SHIRLEY N. WEBER Party Preference: Democratic California Secretary of State	United States Representative District 28 Vote for One ☐ ERIC CHING Party Preference: Republican Entrepreneur ☐ GIL CISNEROS Party Preference: Democratic U.S. Congressman	Member of the State Assembly District 39 Vote for One ☐ JUAN CARRILLO Party Preference: Democratic State Assemblymember ☐ PAUL ANDRE MARSH Party Preference: Republican Community Services Liaison
Controller Vote for One ☐ MALIA M. COHEN Party Preference: Democratic State Controller / Mother ☐ HERB W MORGAN Party Preference: Republican Chief Investment Officer	United States Representative District 31 Vote for One ☐ MIKE CARGILE Party Preference: Republican Small Businessman ☐ NORMA J. TORRES Party Preference: Democratic U.S. Representative	Member of the State Assembly District 41 Vote for One ☐ ADAM CHRISTOPHER VENA Party Preference: Republican Father / Sanitation Employee ☐ JOHN HARABEDIAN Party Preference: Democratic California State Assemblymember
Treasurer Vote for One ☐ JENNIFER HAWKS Party Preference: Republican Retired Business Executive ☐ ELENI KOUNALAKIS Party Preference: Democratic Lieutenant Governor of California	United States Representative District 33 Vote for One ☐ PETE AGUILAR Party Preference: Democratic United States Representative ☐ STEPHANIE M. VARGAS Party Preference: Republican Chief Deputy Clerk	Member of the State Assembly District 45 Vote for One ☐ GREG ABDOUCH Party Preference: Republican Small Business Owner ☐ JAMES C. RAMOS Party Preference: Democratic Assemblymember / Business Owner
Attorney General Vote for One ☐ ROB BONTA Party Preference: Democratic California Attorney General ☐ MICHAEL E. GATES Party Preference: Republican Deputy United States Attorney	United States Representative District 35 Vote for One ☐ STEVE PADILLA Party Preference: Democratic California State Senator ☐ ART HODGES Party Preference: Republican CEO / Educator / Pastor	Member of the State Assembly District 47 Vote for One ☐ LEILA NAMVAR Party Preference: Democratic Civil Servant / Mom ☐ GREG WALLIS Party Preference: Republican Member of the State Assembly
Insurance Commissioner Vote for One ☐ JANE KIM Party Preference: Democratic Attorney / Consumer Advocate ☐ BEN ALLEN Party Preference: Democratic California State Senator	State Senator District 18 Vote for One ☐ STEVE PADILLA Party Preference: Democratic California State Senator ☐ ART HODGES Party Preference: Republican CEO / Educator / Pastor	Member of the State Assembly District 50 Vote for One ☐ ROBERT GARCIA Party Preference: Democratic State Assemblymember / Educator ☐ VICTORIA VIVEROS MAGENO Party Preference: Republican Cucamonga School District Member Governing Board Area 1
Member, State Board of Equalization District 1 Vote for One ☐ SHANNON GROVE Party Preference: Republican State Senator / Businesswoman ☐ NELSON ESPARZA Party Preference: Democratic Teacher / Economist / Councilmember	State Senator District 22 Vote for One ☐ SUSAN RUBIO Party Preference: Democratic State Senator / Teacher ☐ MIKE NETTER Party Preference: Republican Small Business Owner	Member of the State Assembly District 53 Vote for One ☐ MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ Party Preference: Democratic Assemblymember / Mom ☐ RAFAELA ROMERO Party Preference: Republican Special Education Aide

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Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval.	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One Shall San Diego County Superior Court Judge LISA RODRIGUEZ be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	Nonpartisan Offices School Offices Superintendent of Public Instruction Vote for One ☐ SONJA SHAW School District President ☐ RICHARD BARRERA State Superintendent Advisor ☐ (Write-In)
Member of the State Assembly District 58 Vote for One ☐ LETICIA CASTILLO Party Preference: Republican Assemblywoman / Licensed Psychotherapist ☐ CLARISSA CERVANTES Party Preference: Democratic Councilmember / Businesswoman / Mother	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One Shall Associate Justice DAVID M. RUBIN be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	County Superintendent of Schools Vote for One ☐ CALI BINKS District Superintendent / Mother ☐ ALEJANDRO "ALEX" VARA Professor / Principal / Father ☐ (Write-In)
Member of the State Assembly District 59 Vote for One ☐ PHILLIP CHEN Party Preference: Republican Assemblyman / Business Owner ☐ VICTOR HERNANDEZ Party Preference: Green Account Sales Manager	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Two Shall Associate Justice COREY G. LEE be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	Member, Board of Education Area B, San Bernardino County Vote for One ☐ KIMBERLY L. WATSON Retired Educator ☐ MIKI R. INBODY District Superintendent ☐ RITA FERNANDEZ-LOOF Trustee / Engineer / Parent ☐ (Write-In)
Judicial Offices Vote YES or NO for Each Office For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Shall Associate Justice of the Supreme Court JOSHUA GROBAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Two Shall Associate Justice MICHAEL J. RAPHAEL be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three Shall Presiding Justice JOANNE MOTOIKE be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO
For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Shall Associate Justice of the Supreme Court KELLI M. EVANS be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One Shall Associate Justice JULIA C. KELETY be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three Shall Associate Justice THOMAS A. DELANEY be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO
For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One Shall Associate Justice JOSE S. CASTILLO be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three Shall Associate Justice NATHAN R. SCOTT be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three Shall Associate Justice DEBORAH C. SERVINO be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO
For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One Shall Associate Justice TRUC T. DO be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three Shall Associate Justice MARTHA K. GOODING be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO	For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three Shall Associate Justice JULIET O. MACAULAY be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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	SAMPLE BALLOT General Election November 3, 2026 San Bernardino County	
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Nonpartisan Offices	Member, Governing Board Area 2, Apple Valley Unified School District	Member, Governing Board Area 3, Bear Valley Unified School District
School Offices	Vote for One	Vote for One
Member, Board of Education Area 7, County of Kern	☐ KENDALL GRAHAM PONTIER Retired Teacher	☐ PAUL ZAMOYTA Bear Valley Unified School District, Member, Governing Board Area 3
Vote for One	☐ TANYA ORTEGON Mother / Non-Profit Director	☐ PAUL J. DIMAMBRO Instructor / Realtor / Father
☐ LORI CISNEROS Incumbent	☐ KEVIN A. SKELTON Teacher	☐ (Write-In)
☐ JEANINE ADAMS Realty Consultant / Mom	☐ AMANDA BUCHANAN Teacher / Board Member	Member, Governing Board Area 3, Chino Valley Unified School District
☐ ERNIE BELL JR Retired Superintendent Consultant	☐ (Write-In)	Vote for One
☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)	☐ CHRIS SHAW Father / Construction Manager
Member, Governing Board Area A, Barstow Community College District	Member, Governing Board Area 4, Apple Valley Unified School District	☐ FRANK E. Gerdine Educator / Coach / Father
Vote for One	Vote for One	☐ (Write-In)
☐ JERRAD SCHENDEL	☐ RUBEN HERMOSILLO Information Technology Manager	Member, Governing Board Area 4, Chino Valley Unified School District
☐ YOLANDA B. MINOR Barstow Community College District Member, Governing Board Area A	☐ MARIA U. OKPARA Incumbent	Vote for One
☐ (Write-In)	☐ ROMAN MORA AGUILAR III Parent / Assistant Director	☐ MEAGAN LICHTHART Teacher / Mother
	☐ (Write-In)	☐ SHAUN SMITH Appointed Chino Valley Unified School District Board Member, Area 4
Member, Governing Board Area 2, Kern Community College District	Member, Governing Board Area 5, Apple Valley Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)
Vote for One	Vote for One	Member, Governing Board Area 1, Colton Joint Unified School District
☐ CHRISTINA SCRIVNER Incumbent	☐ JOSH JUSTICE eCommerce Director / Consultant	Vote for One
☐ PAULA E. BRAY Director	☐ MARC LACEY Assistant Superintendent	☐ SOPHIA CASTILLO
☐ (Write-In)	☐ MIKE RICOTTA JR Classroom Teacher	☐ AMANDA M. SALAZAR Community Liaison
Member, Governing Board Area 2, Victor Valley Community College District	☐ ANGELA RINCON Therapist / Parent	☐ ISRAEL FUENTES JR Incumbent
Vote for One	☐ (Write-In)	☐ FREDY MARTINEZ Sheriff Enforcement Specialist
☐ DANIEL L. ALCALA SR Commercial Truck Driver	Member, Governing Board, Baker Valley Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)
☐ JOSEPH W. BRADY Victor Valley Community College District Member, Governing Board Area 2	Vote for no more than Three	Member, Governing Board Area 2, Colton Joint Unified School District
☐ (Write-In)	☐ BRIAN ROBERT CLARK	Vote for no more than Two
	☐ JACOB TIMOTHY OVERSON Incumbent	☐ BERENICE SANDOVAL Incumbent
Member, Governing Board Area 5, Victor Valley Community College District	☐ DARLENE BRACKEN Incumbent	☐ LISA VILLA Retired Campus Security
Vote for One	☐ HELEN MORGAN	☐ DAN FLORES Colton Joint Unified School District Member, Governing Board Area 2
☐ LAURA K. DVARECKAS Small Business Owner	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ STEPHEN TYRRELL Incumbent	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)	
	Member, Governing Board Area 1, Bear Valley Unified School District	
	Vote for One	
	☐ JASON HALDEMAN Truss Designer / Parent	
	☐ GENELLE JUNE RICH EASTERBY Realtor	
	☐ (Write-In)	

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Nonpartisan Offices	Member, Governing Board Area 1, Morongo Unified School District	Member, Governing Board, San Bernardino City Unified School District
School Offices	Vote for One	Vote for no more than Three
Member, Governing Board Area 3, Colton Joint Unified School District	☐ VADIM ALTSCHULER Technology Specialist / Parent	☐ LORNA DI DAVIDE Educator / Non-Profit Executive
Vote for One	☐ MELISSA "MISSY" BOND Appointed Incumbent	☐ MARY ELLEN ABILEZ GRANDE Incumbent
☐ JOANNE ELISABETH THORING-OJEDA Incumbent	☐ RUBEN RODRIGUEZ	☐ ABIGAIL MEDINA Incumbent
☐ SANDY J. TORRES Retired Educator	☐ (Write-In)	☐ DANNY TILLMAN Incumbent
☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
Member, Governing Board Area 1, Fontana Unified School District	Member, Governing Board Area 5, Morongo Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)
Vote for One	Vote for One	☐ (Write-In)
☐ JACQUE LONG Non-Profit Leader / Mother	☐ LINDA HAMILTON	☐ (Write-In)
☐ MARS SERNA Fontana Unified School District Member, Governing Board Area 1	☐ JUAN CARLOS PINEIRO Healthcare Executive / Parent	☐ (Write-In)
☐ (Write-In)	☐ ROBERTA JOANNA MEYERS Incumbent	Member, Governing Board Area 4, Snowline Joint Unified School District
Member, Governing Board Area 2, Fontana Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)	Vote for One
Vote for One	Member, Governing Board Area 1, Redlands Unified School District	☐ MARCUS HERNANDEZ Incumbent
☐ ADAM PEREZ Fontana Unified School District Member, Governing Board Area 2	Vote for One	☐ TERRANCE L. STONE School Consultant
☐ GLORIA GASTELUM Nurse / Army Sergeant	☐ PATTY S. HOLOHAN Redlands Unified School District Member, Governing Board Area 1	☐ (Write-In)
☐ (Write-In)	☐ DALE BROOME Physician / Grandfather	Member, Governing Board, Trona Joint Unified School District
Member, Governing Board Area 5, Fontana Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)	Vote for no more than Three
Vote for One	Member, Governing Board Area 2, Redlands Unified School District	☐ CATHY HESEMAN Incumbent
☐ MARY SANDOVAL Fontana Unified School District Board Member Area 5	Vote for One	☐ DENNIS GALE BENADOM Pastor
☐ JONATHAN BATISTA Business Owner / Father	☐ RYAN SCHAVRIEN Education Director / Analyst	☐ AHMED ABDEL ELHAWARY Father / Program Coordinator
☐ PERLA IBARRA Special Needs Caregiver	☐ TIARA RICHARDSON Education Consultant	☐ SKYLAR WAYNE MCCULLAR Incumbent
☐ (Write-In)	☐ MARIA MONTES Paralegal / Instructor / Mother	☐ (Write-In)
Member, Governing Board Area 2, Hesperia Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
Vote for One	Member, Governing Board Area 5, Rialto Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)
☐ THOMAS JOSEPH KERMAN Retired School Teacher	Vote for One	
☐ GENEVIEVE JOHNSTON Educator / Principal	☐ STEPHANIE LOPEZ	
☐ CHRISTIAN B. STEEN Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District Area 2	☐ EVELYN DOMINGUEZ Parent / Nurse	
☐ (Write-In)	☐ JAMES M. MARTINEZ Humane Peace Officer	
Member, Governing Board Area 3, Hesperia Unified School District	☐ (Write-In)	
Vote for One		
☐ CAITLIN JONES Nonprofit Leader / Parent		
☐ ERIC SWANSON Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District, Area 3		
☐ (Write-In)		
Member, Governing Board Area 5, Hesperia Unified School District		
Vote for One		
☐ FRANCIS "FRAN" HERDLEIN Teacher		
☐ MARK DUNDON Hesperia Unified School District Member, Governing Board Area 5		
☐ (Write-In)		

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Nonpartisan Offices	Member, Governing Board Area 3, Alta Loma School District	Member, Governing Board Area 3, Mountain View School District
School Offices	Vote for One	Vote for One
Member, Governing Board Area 4, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District	☐ ARTHUR "ART" ANDRES Retired Firefighter	☐ SUSAN ELIZABETH KELLY Educator
Vote for One	☐ RIKA BAUM Mother / Parent	☐ JAMES LEE WILLINGHAM Incumbent
☐ STARENE CRUSE Retired Teacher / Grandmother	☐	☐
	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
☐ MICHAEL GERARD SNELLINGS Appointed Yucaipa-Calimesa JUSD Member, Governing Board Area 4	Member, Governing Board Area 5, Alta Loma School District	Member, Governing Board Area 3, Ontario-Montclair School District
Vote for One	Vote for One	Vote for One
☐	☐ MALINDA LAURA HURLEY Incumbent	☐ KRISTEN "KRIS" BRAKE School Board Member
(Write-In)	☐ ANTOINETTE ELAINE JENSEN Mother / Parent	☐ MARTINA RANGEL-ORTEGA Retired Telecommunications
Member, Governing Board Area 4, Victor Valley Union High School District	☐	☐ J. STEVE GARCIA Retired School Administrator
Vote for One	(Write-In)	
☐ ROSALIO "ROSIE" HINOJOS Victor Valley Union High School District Area 4 Board Member	Member, Governing Board Area 4, Cucamonga School District	☐
Vote for One	Vote for One	(Write-In)
☐ SARAH SHABAZZ College Professor	☐ LAURA HENDISON Grandparent / Parent	Member, Governing Board, Oro Grande School District
	☐ CAMILLE BUTTS Teacher	Vote for no more than Two
☐	☐	☐ MAIRA CARRILLO Non Profit Assistant
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	☐ DULCE M. ARANDA
Member, Governing Board Area 2, Adelanto Elementary School District	Member, Governing Board Area 1, Etiwanda School District	☐ BRAD AARON ROBINSON School District Director
Vote for One	Vote for One	
☐ LA SHAWN V. LOVE-FRENCH Adelanto Elementary School District Member, Governing Board Area 2	☐ DAYNA KARSCH Etiwanda School District Member, Governing Board Area 1	☐ PAULA L. RAMIREZ Incumbent
☐ TONI MARTIKA ROJAS-EVITTS Educator / Parent	☐ STEPHANIE A. MARTIN Educator	☐ ROBERTO GARCIA JR Incumbent
☐	☐	☐
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
Member, Governing Board Area 4, Adelanto Elementary School District	Member, Governing Board, Helendale School District	☐
Vote for One	Vote for no more than Three	(Write-In)
☐ CHRISTINA MARIA STEWARD Incumbent	☐ CINDY HENSLEY Incumbent	Member, Governing Board Area 2, Victor Elementary School District
☐ LESLEY R. TETT Mother / Businesswoman	☐ LES KAYE Teacher / CPA	Vote for One
☐	☐ ERIK R. JACOBSON College Professor	☐ ALLEN G. WILLIAMS Incumbent
(Write-In)	☐ BARBARA RODRIGUEZ Product Manager II	☐ RACHEL DAVIS Business Owner
Member, Governing Board Area 5, Adelanto Elementary School District	☐ REBEKAH LAUREL ESQUIVEL Business Owner / Parent	☐
Vote for One	☐ FRANK M. MELENDEZ Incumbent	(Write-In)
☐ DESTINY SHEREE HILL Teacher	☐	City of Adelanto Offices
☐ STEPHANIE KYER Adelanto Elementary School District Member, Governing Board Area 5	(Write-In)	Mayor
☐ NIKARA M. COLEMAN Parent	☐	Vote for One
☐	(Write-In)	☐ RONALD BEARD Customer Service Representative
(Write-In)	☐	☐ GABRIEL REYES Mayor / Business Owner
	(Write-In)	☐ STEVEVONNA EVANS Councilwoman
	☐	☐
	(Write-In)	(Write-In)

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Nonpartisan Offices	Member, City Council District 4	Member, City Council District 3
City of Adelanto Offices	Vote for One	Vote for One
Member, City Council	☐ CODY LEWIS Manufacturing Engineer	☐ LUIS S. GONZÁLEZ Retired Educator
Vote for no more than Two	☐ SUZY GILLEON	☐ EUGENE VALDEZ
☐ JAYSHAWN JOHNSON Appointed Planning Commissioner	☐	☐
☐ ANGELO MEZA Councilmember / Manufacturing Supervisor	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
☐ AMANDA UPTERGROVE Councilmember / Business Owner	City of Chino Offices	Member, City Council District 4
☐	Vote for One	Vote for One
(Write-In)	☐ JIMMY D. ALEXANDRIS Local Business Owner	☐ JOSEPH PAULINO Retired Police Chief
☐	☐ CURTIS BURTON Chino City Council Member	☐ LAWRENCE "LARRY" RIVAS
Town of Apple Valley Offices	☐	☐ ADRIANNA ESCARCEGA Commissioner / Workforce Manager
Mayor	(Write-In)	☐
Vote for One	Member, City Council District 3	(Write-In)
☐ ROBERT ANDREW LUCERO Artist	Vote for One	City of Fontana Offices
☐ DAVID DENCKER Construction Safety Coordinator	☐ M S ALAM Transportation Project Manager	Mayor
☐ SCOTT NASSIF Business Owner / Mayor	☐ MARC LUCIO Chino City Councilmember, District 3	Vote for One
☐	☐	☐ JACKIE HEREDIA Community Engagement Coordinator
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	☐ ACQUANETTA WARREN Mayor of Fontana
Member, Town Council District 3	City of Chino Hills Offices	☐ SAL CASILLAS Business Owner
Vote for One	Member, City Council District 1	☐ MYLINDA CARRILLO Community Outreach Volunteer
☐ KARI LYNN LEON Business Owner / Councilwoman	Vote for One	☐ NICHOLAS ORTEGA Account Representative
☐ TED BOHANON Retired	☐	☐ JOCELYN "JOZ" SIDA Nonprofit Chapter Director
☐	(Write-In)	☐ LOURDES GOÑI GARCIA Music Director / Businesswoman
(Write-In)	Member, City Council District 2	☐
Member, Town Council District 4	Vote for One	(Write-In)
Vote for One	☐ SHANITA AYALA Realtor	Member, City Council District 1
☐ MATTHEW RUTLEDGE Substitute Teacher	☐ PETER ROGERS Incumbent	Vote for One
☐ CURT EMICK Councilmember / Pharmacist	☐	☐ PHILLIP COTHRAN Fontana Councilmember / Businessman
☐	(Write-In)	☐ NUBIA DIAZ Businesswoman / Volunteer Coordinator
(Write-In)	Member, City Council District 4	☐
City of Big Bear Lake Offices	Vote for One	(Write-In)
Member, City Council District 2	☐ BRIAN JOHSZ City Councilman / Businessman	Member, City Council District 4
Vote for One	☐ JOSUE ESTRADA Businessman / Father	Vote for One
☐ SONIA IBARRA Retired School Administrator	☐	☐ LUZ PEREZ Mom / Business Student
☐ KARA FLIETSTRA Small Business Owner	(Write-In)	☐ JOHN B. ROBERTS Fontana City Councilmember
☐	City of Colton Offices	☐ BEN VASQUEZ Environmental Advocate
(Write-In)	Mayor	☐
Member, City Council District 3	Vote for One	(Write-In)
Vote for One	☐ FRANK J. NAVARRO Mayor, City of Colton	
☐ MICHAEL BEVERIDGE Business Owner	☐ JOHN R. ECHEVARRIA Councilmember / Police Officer	
☐ ERNE MENDOZA Retired Police Detective	☐	
☐	(Write-In)	
(Write-In)		

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Nonpartisan Offices	Member, City Council District 4	Member, City Council
City of Fontana Offices	Vote for One	Vote for no more than Three
City Clerk	☐ LETICIA "LETTY" CISNEROS Real Estate Agent	☐ WAYNE COLBURN Non Profit President
Vote for One	☐ DARREL A. SAUCEDA JR Small Business Owner	☐ HENRY LONGBRAKE City Council Member
☐ GERMAINE KEY Fontana City Clerk	☐ ERIN BAUM Retired City Administrator	☐ CHARLES DRESSLER
☐ JOE ALVANEZ Father / IT Professional	☐ (Write-In)	☐ SANDRA QUEEN NOBLE
☐ DANIEL QUIROGA Teacher		
☐ (Write-In)	City of Highland Offices	☐ JAMIE MCCORKLE Incumbent
	Member, City Council District 2	
City Treasurer	Vote for One	☐ (Write-In)
Vote for One	☐ JIMMY SALDANA Father / Businessman / Councilmember	☐ (Write-In)
☐ JOE ARMENDAREZ Businessowner / Financial Officer	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ KAMAL NAMOU Deputy Public Defender		☐ (Write-In)
☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council District 4	City of Ontario Offices
	Vote for One	Mayor
City of Grand Terrace Offices	☐ JASON ISAACS	Vote for One
Mayor	☐ CHRISTY MARIN Retired School Administrator	☐ KEVIN KIZZEE Small Business Owner
Vote for One	☐ (Write-In)	☐ NICOLO LALAMA University Student
☐ WILLIAM "BILL" HUSSEY Mayor Grand Terrace		☐ PAUL LEON Mayor / Pastor
☐ (Write-In)	City of Montclair Offices	☐ DAISY MACIAS City of Ontario Councilmember
	Mayor	☐ (Write-In)
Member, City Council	Vote for One	Member, City Council District 2
Vote for One	☐ JAVIER "JOHN" DUTREY Mayor, City of Montclair	Vote for One
☐ DOUG WILSON Consultant	☐ (Write-In)	☐ RUBEN VALENCIA Retired Deputy Sheriff
☐ JEREMY CECIL BRIGGS Transportation and Logistics		☐ STEPHANIE MARTINEZ Businesswoman
☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council	☐ (Write-In)
	Vote for no more than Two	Member, City Council District 3
City of Hesperia Offices	☐ BILL RUH Councilmember / Policy Analyst	Vote for One
Member, City Council District 2	☐ ALICE GARCIA Project Coordinator	☐ ALAN WAPNER Councilman / Retired Policeman
Vote for One	☐ CORYSA MARTINEZ Councilmember, City of Montclair	☐ D'ANDRE LAMPKIN Deputy Sheriff / Businessman
☐ ALLISON LEE Appointed Council Member	☐ VICTOR MENDEZ Deputy Sheriff	☐ MICHAEL RIOS Software Engineer
☐ JESSICA NAVARRO Production Executive / Businesswoman	☐ (Write-In)	☐ LARRY TRINIDAD Registered Nurse
☐ DAVID BASHAR ELLIS Small Business Owner	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ (Write-In)	City of Needles Offices	
	Mayor	
Member, City Council District 3	Vote for One	
Vote for One	☐ CAMERON GREGG CEO / Business Owner	
☐ NANDO MONARREZ Rancher	☐ JEFF WILLIAMS Retired Deputy Sheriff	
☐ JACQUELINE MAHEATA "CHAPLIAN" TAHAURI Traffic Control Officer	☐ JANET JERNIGAN Mayor	
☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)	

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Nonpartisan Offices City of Rancho Cucamonga Offices Mayor Vote for One ☐ MARJORIE HAMADA Business Owner / Attorney ☐ OLIVER KING Business Owner / Attorney ☐ LYNNE B. KENNEDY Mayor Pro Tem ☐ MICHAEL R. PEREZ Retired ☐ JASKIRAT SONDH Businessman ☐ (Write-In)	City of Rialto Offices Member, City Council Vote for no more than Two ☐ EDWARD J. CARRILLO City Treasurer ☐ CELINA DIAZ Human Resources ☐ ED SCOTT Rialto City Councilman ☐ ROBERT "BOBBY" BUSTAMANTE Iron Worker ☐ ANA GONZALEZ Nonprofit Executive Director ☐ BLANCA MONDRAGON Community Advocate ☐ EDWARD MONTOYA JR Appointed Incumbent ☐ CARL MAYFIELD Parole Agent Supervisor ☐ RAFAEL TRUJILLO Case Manager / Parent ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council District 4 Vote for One ☐ KARMOLETTE O'GILVIE Registered Nurse ☐ OCTAVIOUS SCOTT Incumbent ☐ CARLOS BLANDON Geographer ☐ (Write-In)
Member, City Council District 2 Vote for One ☐ DEJONAE MARIE SHAW Licensed Vocational Nurse ☐ KRISTINE SCOTT Rancho Cucamonga Councilmember ☐ DAVID VANGORDEN Retired Police Officer ☐ CONNIE VELAZQUEZ Commercial Realtor ☐ (Write-In)	City of San Bernardino Offices Member, City Council Ward 1 Vote for One ☐ RON ALVARADO Government Fraud Investigator ☐ VIRGINIA MARQUEZ Community Services Liaison ☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council District 5 Vote for One ☐ MCARTHUR WRIGHT Incumbent ☐ SHANESE RISPER Veteran / Entrepreneur ☐ (Write-In)
Member, City Council District 3 Vote for One ☐ STACY HENRY School Board President ☐ (Write-In)	City of San Bernardino Offices Member, City Council Ward 2 Vote for One ☐ CHRISTIAN SHAUGHNESSY Housing Specialist ☐ BENITO BARRIOS Small Business Owner ☐ (Write-In)	City of Upland Offices Member, City Council District 2 Vote for One ☐ JAMES BREITLING Councilmember, District 2 ☐ (Write-In)
City of Redlands Offices Member, City Council District 1 Vote for One ☐ ANDREW HODER Retired Airline Pilot ☐ DENISE DAVIS Redlands City Council Member ☐ DOUG GONZALES Small Business Owner ☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council Ward 4 Vote for One ☐ FRED SHORETT Council Member / Businessman ☐ JOE SALAS Teacher ☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council District 3 Vote for One ☐ CARLOS A. GARCIA Incumbent ☐ (Write-In)
Member, City Council District 3 Vote for One ☐ MARIO SAUCEDO Redlands Council Member ☐ (Write-In)	City of Twentynine Palms Offices Member, City Council District 3 Vote for One ☐ DANIEL L. MINTZ SR Incumbent ☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council District 4 Vote for One ☐ RUDY ZUNIGA Incumbent ☐ (Write-In)
Member, City Council District 5 Vote for One ☐ PAUL BARICH Councilmember / Business Owner ☐ (Write-In)	City of Victorville Offices Member, City Council District 2 Vote for One ☐ RAFAEL ANGEL PORRAS Pastor ☐ KEN LUTZ Retired Sheriffs Captain ☐ CORRINE MORA Appointed City of Victorville Councilmember ☐ (Write-In)	Member, City Council District 4 Vote for One ☐ BOB HARRIMAN Victorville Council Member ☐ KASSANDRA SHAMSSROUF Auditor ☐ DEREK MARSHALL Small Business Owner ☐ (Write-In)

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Nonpartisan Offices	Member, Board of Directors, Helendale Community Services District	Member, Board of Directors, Morongo Valley Community Services District
City of Yucaipa Offices	Vote for no more than Three	Vote for no more than Three
Member, City Council District 1	☐ DAVID HART Community Volunteer	☐ STEVEN JAMES HAYDEN Incumbent
Vote for One	☐ GEORGE R. CARDENAS Engineering Manager	☐ RANDI ELISE WILSON Tattoo Artist / Muralist
☐ CHELSEA BRAMMER RAMIREZ Educator / Judicial Commissioner	☐ RON CLARK Incumbent	☐ NELSON LEON
☐ GREG FRANKLIN Retired Financial Officer	☐ HENRY SPILLER Businessman	☐ JOHNNY TOLBERT JR Incumbent
☐ (Write-In)	☐ GAIL GUINN Incumbent	☐ (Write-In)
Town of Yucca Valley Offices	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
Member, Town Council District 5	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
Vote for One	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ DION ANTIC Small Business Owner	☐ (Write-In)	Member, Board of Directors, Newberry Community Services District
☐ RICK DENISON Incumbent	☐ (Write-In)	Vote for no more than Three
☐ (Write-In)	Member, Board of Directors Division 2, Lake Arrowhead Community Services District	☐ DEVORAH ALLEN-SOLORIO Logistics Professional
District Offices	Vote for One	☐ ROBERT SHAW
Member, Board of Directors, Big Bear City Community Services District	☐ JACQUELINE BROWN Appointed Incumbent	☐ ROBERT M. SPRINGER Incumbent
Vote for no more than Three	☐ PAUL BAYER BURNEY	☐ TED STIMPFEL
☐ AL ZIEGLER Incumbent	☐ (Write-In)	☐ MICHAEL DEVAN MATSON SR Incumbent
☐ PATRICE M. DUNCAN Sales Professional	Member, Board of Directors Division 3, Lake Arrowhead Community Services District	☐ JACK UNGER
☐ ANDREW SAUER Software Developer / Father	Vote for One	☐ (Write-In)
☐ EILEEN BERNE Retired Financial Analyst	☐ ROBIN T. HARRISON Professional Engineer / Attorney	☐ (Write-In)
☐ JO ROWE Incumbent	☐ MICHELLE AMBROZIC Business Owner	☐ (Write-In)
☐ BOB ROWE Incumbent	☐ WILLIAM LEACH Water Quality Specialist	☐ (Write-In)
☐ MIGUEL J. GONZALEZ Real Estate Broker	☐ (Write-In)	Member, Board of Directors, Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District
☐ ALEXANDER WILLIAM VEREMIS	Member, Board of Directors Division 5, Lake Arrowhead Community Services District	Vote for no more than Three
☐ MARGARET TIEFENTHALER Peer / Family Advocate	Vote for One	☐ MATT COVINGTON Small Business Owner
☐ THEODORE JOSEPH TRENTMAN Television Producer	☐ ERIC CHAPPELL Appointed Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, Board Member, Division 5	☐ KEN ANDERSON Facilities Project Manager
☐ (Write-In)	☐ BEN NARAGHI Professional Engineer / Contractor	☐ IDILIO SANCHEZ Local Business Owner
☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)	☐ GREGORY SCOTT SNYDER Water Professional
☐ (Write-In)		☐ DEVON D. GUSTAFSON Local Business Owner
		☐ JEANNA MILLS Business Owner
		☐ ANDREW "ANDY" MINNALA Business Owner / Pipefitter
		☐ (Write-In)
		☐ (Write-In)
		☐ (Write-In)

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Nonpartisan Offices	Member, Board of Directors, East Kern Healthcare District	Member, Board of Directors Division 1, Hesperia Recreation And Park District
District Offices	Vote for no more than Two	Vote for One
Member, Board of Directors, Wrightwood Community Services District	☐ LOIS PERALTA Incumbent	☐ SHERRI "SHERRI K" KASTILAHN Attorney
Vote for no more than Three	☐ LESLIE O'NEILL Retired Registered Nurse	☐ SHAWNA R. LUPTON IRISH Hesperia Recreation And Park District Member, Board of Directors Division 1
☐ WES ZUBER Local Businessman	☐ KAREN MACEDONIO Incumbent	☐ RHONDA JUNE YOUNG Retired Customer Service
☐ JASON AGRAZ Business Owner	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ RUSS DREW Retired / Community Volunteer	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ ERIN C. DEGROOT Mother / Business Owner	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
☐ DAVID E. SCHOENWETTER Appointed Incumbent	Member, Board of Directors Division 4, Inland Empire Utilities Agency	Member, Board of Directors Division 3, Hesperia Recreation And Park District
☐ (Write-In)	Vote for One	Vote for One
☐ (Write-In)	☐ RICARDO QUINTANA III Facility Operations Director	☐ DON BARTZ Parks General Manager
☐ (Write-In)	☐ VICTOR HUGO RODRIGUEZ Retired Water Professional	☐ JOSE GONZALEZ Board Member
☐ (Write-In)	☐ EVERETTE WAYNE RICHARDSON Small Business Owner	☐ (Write-In)
Member, Board of Directors Division 2, West Valley Water District	☐ (Write-In)	Member, Board of Directors Division 5, Hesperia Recreation And Park District
Vote for One	Member, Board of Directors Division 1, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Vote for One
☐ DAN JENKINS Incumbent	Vote for One	☐ GARY "GRIZ" DRYLIE Retired Air Force
☐ CAROLINA VERDUZCO Businesswoman	☐ JONATHAN LEE	☐ JAMES MICHAEL RODRIGUES Retired Air Force
☐ (Write-In)	☐ JOSE VELASQUEZ Appointed Director, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Division 1	☐ JAMES ROBERTS III Hesperia Recreation And Park District Member, Board of Directors Division 5
Member, Board of Directors Division 3, Chino Valley Independent Fire District	☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)
Vote for One	Member, Board of Directors Division 3, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	
☐ TOM HAUGHEY Chino Valley Independent Fire District Member, Board of Directors Division 3	Vote for One	
☐ LORING WILLIAMS Retired Fire Captain	☐ AMY MALONE Public Relations Consultant	
☐ (Write-In)	☐ DAVID E. MLYNARSKI Water Board Member	
Member, Board of Directors, Bear Valley Community Healthcare District	☐ JESUS MEDINA Rehab Project Coordinator	
Vote for no more than Two	☐ (Write-In)	
☐ PETER BOSS Incumbent	Member, Board of Directors Division 5, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	
☐ AMBER LYNN GONZALEZ Appointed Incumbent	Vote for One	
☐ SHELLY JEAN EGERER	☐ PAUL RICHARD KIELHOLD Incumbent	
☐ (Write-In)	☐ KEITH T. COLLIER Water Senior Advisor	
☐ (Write-In)	☐ (Write-In)	

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Nonpartisan Offices District Offices Member, Board of Directors, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Vote for One ☐ ASHLEIGH PIPPENGER Horse Trainer ☐ ROBERT GRANT YBARRA President San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors Division 4, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Vote for One ☐ NICHOLAS HUGHES Director, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District ☐ DELLA CONDON Retired Assistant Superintendent ☐ MATTHEW "BOOMER" SHANNON Technology Company Executive ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors Division 6, Mojave Water Agency Vote for One ☐ RON HAEFELE ☐ JESSE R. RAMIREZ Operations Superintendent ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors Division 7, Chino Basin Water Conservation District Vote for One ☐ DAVID WARREN Retired Water Professional ☐ RANDY LEE Professional Water Engineer ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors Division 4, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Vote for One ☐ JOHN LONGVILLE San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Member, Board of Directors Div 4 ☐ VINCENT LASTER ☐ (Write-In)	Member, Board of Directors Division 5, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Vote for One ☐ MELODY A. HENRIQUES MCDONALD San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Member, Board of Directors Div 5 ☐ SCOTT OLSON Retired Water Professional ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors Division 3, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Vote for One ☐ DANIEL SLAWSON Engineering Business Owner ☐ NOAH VALDIVIA Public Administrator ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors, Crestline Village Water District Vote for no more than Three ☐ CORY WAYNE HUBBELL ☐ ROBERT W. BLOCK General Manager ☐ LESLIE BRISTER Incumbent ☐ STEVEN FARRELL Incumbent ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors, East Valley Water District Vote for no more than Three ☐ RONALD L. COATS ☐ JEFF SAKS Retired Teacher ☐ PHILLIP R. GOODRICH Incumbent ☐ JAMES MORALES JR East Valley Water District Member, Board of Directors ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In)	Member, Board of Directors Division 1, Hi-Desert Water District Vote for One ☐ MIKE W. HAYWARD Retired Purchasing Manager ☐ SHARON A. ROSE ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors, Indian Wells Valley Water District Vote for no more than Two ☐ L. SCOTT HAYMAN Chiropractor ☐ TERESA DAMPIER Small Business Owner ☐ DAVID SAINT-AMAND Incumbent ☐ STAN RAJTORA Incumbent ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors, Running Springs Water District Vote for no more than Three ☐ TOMMY ARNOLD Realtor ☐ LAURA DYBERG Incumbent ☐ EVE K. SINCLAIR Appointed Running Springs Water District Member, Board of Directors ☐ CAROLINE V. RIMMER ☐ ANDY GRZYWA Fire Chief ☐ BILLY MILLIGAN Training Manager ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In) Member, Board of Directors Division 2, Yucaipa Valley Water District Vote for One ☐ ROBERT CRUSE Retired Municipal Worker ☐ NYLES O'HARRA Incumbent ☐ (Write-In) ☐ (Write-In)
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Nonpartisan Offices
District Offices
Member, Board of Directors, Crestline Sanitation District
Vote for no more than Two
☐ NIKI RENE WIESSNER Incumbent
☐ RAQUEL J. COMSTOCK Appointed Crestline Sanitation District Board of Directors Member
☐ RICK DEVER Retired Wastewater Manager
☐ (Write-In)
☐ (Write-In)

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Measures Submitted to the Voters	Proposition 5	Proposition 40
Proposition 1 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$11.25 billion in state general obligation bonds for housing affordability programs, including multifamily rental housing, mortgages for veterans, supportive housing, preservation of existing affordable housing, and downpayment assistance. Fiscal Impact: Increased state cost of \$500 million to \$600 million annually for about 25 years to repay the housing bond. Supporters: US Vets; CA Federation of Teachers; Self-Help for the Elderly; Habitat for Humanity CA; CA Alliance of Child & Family Services Opponents: None submitted ☐ YES ☐ NO	CHANGES RECALL ELECTION PROCESS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Under current law, voters elect replacement candidates at the same time as the recall election. This measure instead fills recall vacancies by subsequent special election or appointment. Fiscal Impact: Net fiscal effect unknown. In the event of a recall, savings or costs of millions of dollars to administer the election depending on the office recalled. Supporters: None submitted Opponents: None submitted ☐ YES ☐ NO	IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN TAXPAYERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Imposes 5% tax on certain taxpayers with assets over \$1 billion; revenue primarily for health care. Exempts revenues from constitutional requirements for school funding and spending limit. Fiscal Impact: Temporary revenue increase of tens of billions of dollars spread over several years from wealth tax on billionaires. Possible ongoing decrease of less than \$1 billion per year in income tax revenue from billionaires. Supporters: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West Opponents: California Primary Care Association; California School Boards Association; California Taxpayers Association ☐ YES ☐ NO
Proposition 2 INCREASES STATE'S RAINY DAY FUND. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Increases California's Rainy Day Fund, approved by voters in 2014, to provide funding for education, health care, public safety, and other essential services during economic downturns. Fiscal Impact: State budget reserves would be higher. Supporters: CA Professional Firefighters; LA Chamber of Commerce; Gavin Newsom; Xavier Becerra; Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel Opponents: None submitted ☐ YES ☐ NO	CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED NEW HOMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$25 billion in bonds to offer eligible buyers fixed-rate mortgages for up to 17% of purchase price of a newly constructed home priced below about \$1.5 million. Borrowers must be California residents, occupy the home, meet income limits, and pay at least 3% down. Bonds repaid by mortgage payments, not State. Fiscal Impact: No direct state or local costs. Supporters: United Nurses Associations of California; California Conference of Carpenters; California State Treasurer Fiona Ma Opponents: None submitted ☐ YES ☐ NO	PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT. REQUIRES AUDITS FOR NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Nullifies state taxes enacted after January 1, 2026 that exempt their revenues from voter-approved state spending limit. Requires pre-election and recurring audits of programs funded by new special taxes. Fiscal Impact: The net fiscal effect is unknown as it depends on future decisions by voters, the Legislature, and other policymakers. Supporters: CA Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPAs); CalAsian Chamber of Commerce; California Taxpayers Association (CalTax) Opponents: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West ☐ YES ☐ NO
Proposition 3 PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE BY EXTENDING EXISTING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Makes permanent existing voter-approved tax rates for individuals earning over \$371,000 (adjusted annually for inflation). Allocates tax revenues to public education. Fiscal Impact: Maintains \$5 billion to \$15 billion of annual state income tax revenue by making a temporary tax increase on high-income earners permanent instead of letting it expire in 2031. Supporters: California Teachers Association; CA School Nurses Organization; California State PTA; Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA Opponents: California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce ☐ YES ☐ NO	AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$8.4 billion in general obligation bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research, half to a single University of California-affiliated nonprofit medical research institute, half to research grants. Fiscal Impact: Increased state cost of \$500 million to \$600 million annually for about 20 years to repay the research bond, with some or all of the cost offset if the funded research generates revenue. Supporters: Michael J. Fox Foundation; Alzheimer's Los Angeles; Kidney Cancer Assoc; American Nurses Assoc/CA Opponents: Robert M Kaplan Ph.D. ☐ YES ☐ NO	Proposition 42 PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN RETROACTIVE STATE TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits any new state tax (1) imposed on the ownership of personal property (all things people own other than real estate), or (2) that applies retroactively based on taxpayer's past activities. Nullifies taxes enacted after January 1, 2026 that conflict with this measure. Fiscal Impact: Possibility that tax revenues will not go up as much in the future. Supporters: CA Professional Firefighters; State Building & Construction Trades Council of CA; AMVETS Department of CA Opponents: US Senator Bernie Sanders; SEIU United Healthcare Workers West ☐ YES ☐ NO
Proposition 4 REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Repeals prohibition on state and local governments offering public funding of candidate election campaigns. Public funding programs may not use funds earmarked for education, transportation, or public safety. Fiscal Impact: Ongoing costs to the state of a few hundred thousand dollars each year for the Fair Political Practices Commission to answer questions from state and local governments about public campaign finance programs. Supporters: League of Women Voters of CA; California Nurses Association; Mental Health Advocacy; Social Security Works; Consumer Watchdog Opponents: California Taxpayers Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; California Federation of Teachers; United Latinos Action ☐ YES ☐ NO	Proposition 39 PROHIBITS CITIZENS FROM VOTING UNLESS THEY PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Invalidates mail ballots that do not have last four digits of designated government-issued identification number written on envelope. Prohibits in-person voting without presenting government-issued identification. Fiscal Impact: Costs of between tens of millions of dollars and low hundreds of millions of dollars each year to implement new voting requirements. Supporters: The Transparency Foundation; Latino American Political Assn; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn; CA Women's Leadership Assn Opponents: ACLU California Action; Common Cause; League of Women Voters of California ☐ YES ☐ NO	Proposition 43 LIMITS VOTERS' ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Limits voters' ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by increasing percentage of votes needed to approve such ballot measures from a majority (over 50%) to two-thirds, beginning January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact: Possibility that local government tax revenues will not go up as much in the future due to a higher vote threshold for certain taxes. Supporters: California Taxpayers Association; Family Business Association of California; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Opponents: California Professional Firefighters; California Federation of Teachers; Nurse Alliance of SEIU CA. ☐ YES ☐ NO

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Measures Submitted to the Voters	San Bernardino City Unified School District
Proposition 44	Measure Z
REQUIRES COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS SPEND 90% OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Imposes penalties on nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers (community clinics providing primary care to medically underserved areas and populations) that spend less than 90% of revenue on "program services" advancing their charitable purpose, including but not limited to patient services. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs in the low tens of millions of dollars per year, covered by fees. Supporters: None submitted Opponents: American Academy of Pediatrics CA; CA School Nurses Org; CA Academy of Family Physicians; CA Medical Assoc.	To repair/upgrade aging classrooms, labs, career technology, school facilities to support college/career readiness in math, science, engineering, arts, skilled trades; fix/replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, HVAC, electrical; and upgrade schools to meet current health/safety codes and improve disabled access, shall San Bernardino City Unified School District's measure authorizing \$345,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, be adopted, levying approximately \$45 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$22,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with oversight, audits, and all money locally controlled?
☐ YES	☐ BONDS YES
☐ NO	☐ BONDS NO
Proposition 45	Upland Unified School District
MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Amends California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to expedite environmental review for certain projects (including most housing, transportation, water, and health projects) by setting deadlines to complete environmental review and resolve lawsuits challenging project approvals. Fiscal Impact: Initial costs for state and local governments, likely in the high tens of millions of dollars—potentially exceeding \$100 million—annually, partly covered by fees. Uncertain, potentially more significant positive or negative longer-term fiscal effects. Supporters: California Children's Hospital Association; California Water Association; California Council for Affordable Housing Opponents: Coalition for Clean Air; CA Environmental Voters; Physicians for Social Responsibility, LA; National Wildlife Federation	Measure A
	To improve the quality of education by modernizing, constructing, upgrading and equipping classrooms, restrooms/school facilities, career technical classrooms/labs; replace roofs; make safety/security improvements; and renovate/replace electrical/plumbing/sewer systems; shall Upland Unified School District's measure be adopted, authorizing \$236,700,000 of bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$47.50 per \$100,000 assessed value (raising \$14,200,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with audits, independent oversight, NO money for salaries, including administrators, only Upland USD educational facilities?
☐ YES	☐ BONDS YES
☐ NO	☐ BONDS NO
San Bernardino Community College District	Beaumont Unified School District
Measure Y	Measure B
Local College Affordability, Job Training, Repairs Measure. To maintain affordable college education access, by repairing/upgrading San Bernardino Valley College, Crafton Hills College; preparing students/veterans for high-demand careers including skilled trades, firefighting, healthcare; providing safe drinking water; removing asbestos, mold; repairing deteriorating gas lines; acquiring, constructing, repairing facilities, sites, equipment; shall San Bernardino Community College District's measure authorizing \$898,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (\$56,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, requiring oversight, audits, be adopted?	Without increasing current tax rates, to repair/replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, HVAC and electrical systems; improve student safety/security; repair/upgrade aging classrooms, science labs, school/career technology facilities at existing schools to support college/career readiness in health sciences, engineering, skilled trades; shall Beaumont Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$86,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$20 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$6,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with audits, citizen oversight, all money locally controlled?
☐ BONDS YES	☐ BONDS YES
☐ BONDS NO	☐ BONDS NO

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Measures Submitted to the Voters	City of Twentynine Palms	Measure K
Barstow Community College District	Measure G	Shall the measure to maintain and improve quality of life by supporting local businesses and jobs; keeping public areas safe, clean, and well maintained; maintaining and improving streets, parks, and other public infrastructure; and funding other general City services, by increasing the City of Needles Transient Occupancy Tax paid primarily by hotel, motel, and short-term rental guests from 10% to 14% in phases, generating approximately \$400,000 annually, with annual public disclosure and remaining effective until ended by voters, be adopted? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Measure C	Shall the measure funding services for City of Twentynine Palms residents (including those required for maintaining 911 and emergency response times, police officers and patrols; repairing streets/sidewalks; responding to floods/natural disasters; maintaining clean and safe public parks; and upgrading the animal shelter) by levying a transaction (sales) and use tax of 1%, providing approximately \$2,000,000 in funds annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, public spending disclosures, and that all funds are used locally, be adopted?	
Barstow Community College Repair, Safety, Affordable Higher Education Measure. To repair/upgrade local community college classrooms/labs, maintain affordable higher education in classrooms preparing students/veterans for high-demand jobs/careers, including skilled trades, engineering, nursing; update aging computer technology, emergency systems; repair deteriorating gas/electrical lines; shall Barstow Community College District's measure be adopted authorizing \$37,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$25 per \$100,000 assessed valuation (\$2,500,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, requiring spending disclosure, oversight, audits?	☐ YES ☐ NO	
☐ BONDS YES ☐ BONDS NO		
San Bernardino County	City of Ontario	Measure L
Measure I	Measure H	To improve the City of Needles including roads and transportation infrastructure; repairing and repaving streets; fixing potholes; maintaining community safety; improving parks and recreational facilities; and revitalizing downtown Main Street; shall the City of Needles measure be approved authorizing \$11,200,000 of bonds at legal rates, generating on average \$739,971 annually while bonds are outstanding at a rate of \$60 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, NO money for salaries and all money staying in Needles?
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM San Bernardino County Road Repair/Traffic Relief Extension Without raising tax rates, shall an ordinance to fund repairing potholes; keeping local roads in good condition; completing freeway/highway projects to improve traffic flow/safety, reduce traffic bottlenecks; upgrading aging bridges/overpasses; creating local jobs; keeping student/senior/disabled/veteran transit fares low be adopted, extending the ½¢ voter-approved transportation sales tax, providing approximately \$250,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, oversight, spending disclosure, local control?	To maintain fire, paramedic, police, 911 response, anti-gang programs; respond to property crimes, thefts, burglaries; clean and maintain public areas; repair streets/potholes; address homelessness; increase access to affordable housing for seniors/families/individuals; retain/attract local businesses; for general City services; shall the measure establishing a half-cent sales tax providing approximately \$32,500,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits, spending disclosure, funds locally controlled, be adopted?	☐ BONDS YES ☐ BONDS NO
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO	
City of Highland	City of Chino Hills	Measure M
Measure E	Measure J	Upland Business License Reform Measure
To maintain local funding for police, fire, emergency services; and improve critical infrastructure, including maintaining roads, bridges, drainage, 5th Street Corridor Interchange, and other improvement projects; shall the City of Highland enact a 1¢ sales tax, providing approximately \$6.35 million annually, remaining in effect until ended by voters, with funds staying in the City and generated from purchases paid by both visitors and City residents?	Chino Hills Services Measure: Shall the measure protecting Chino Hills' financial stability and maintaining City services including public safety response times; reducing wildfire risk; preparing for/responding to wildfires/natural disasters; helping prevent crime, thefts, burglaries; keeping public areas safe/clean; protecting Clean Water Act resources; preserving/maintaining open space; supporting other city services by establishing a 1¢ sales tax, providing approximately \$11,500,000 annually until ended by voters; with audits, spending disclosure, all funds used locally, be adopted?	To modernize City of Upland's 31-year-old business license tax, with no tax increase to residents, lowering taxes on most small businesses, and ensuring large businesses pay their fair share for general city services such as: fixing potholes/streets; repairing infrastructure; and 9-1-1 response, shall the measure with rates between 0.065% and 0.2% of gross receipts, generating \$3.3 million in local funds until ended by voters, and requiring independent audits, be adopted?
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO
City of Chino	City of Needles	City of Upland
Measure F	Measure D	City of Grand Terrace
Without taxing residents, and to support general city services such as 911/police response; protect local drinking water sources; retain/attract local businesses; shall the measure be adopted to reform City of Chino's outdated business license ordinance with rates of \$0.60 - \$1.50 per \$1,000 of gross receipts for larger businesses based on business category; and only \$25 for smaller businesses (under \$75,000), generating approximately \$4,800,000 annually until ended by voters; with audits, spending disclosure, funds locally controlled?	Shall the proposed amendment to Section 503 of the City Charter to increase the compensation for each member of the City Council from \$1 per month to \$150 per month be approved?	Measure N
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO	
		City of Colton
		Measure O
		Shall the office of Colton City Treasurer be appointive?
		☐ YES ☐ NO

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Measures Submitted to the Voters
City of Adelanto
Measure P
Shall the measure to provide funding for Adelanto city services, such as paving streets and fixing potholes, fire protection, paramedic, and 911 response; law enforcement and crime prevention; keeping public areas/parks safe/clean; addressing homelessness; and repairing aging storm drains, pipes, bridges, and public areas by establishing a 1% transactions and use tax, providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, public spending disclosure, all money controlled locally, be adopted?
☐ YES
☐ NO
San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District
Measure Q
To repair and upgrade 75-year-old Mountains Community Hospital including: fixing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical, and safety systems; upgrading/expanding emergency department, medical technology, and treatments; and maintaining local access to life-saving emergency medical care for accidents, heart attacks, strokes, and other emergencies, shall San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District's measure be adopted authorizing \$61,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$3,500,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight and all money locally-controlled?
☐ BONDS YES
☐ BONDS NO
Rim of the World Recreation and Park District
Measure R
Shall Rim of the World Recreation & Park District adopt a resolution increasing its annual special parcel tax from \$22 to \$37/parcel, with an annual escalator of 1%, until ended by voters, generating approximately \$510,000 the first year, to sustain essential recreation services; improve and maintain parks, recreational facilities, and community amenities; address rising costs, emergency repair and disaster recovery; all funds remain local used only for these purposes with annual audit/ reporting?
☐ YES
☐ NO

Candidate Information

Political Party Endorsements for Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties have the option to endorse candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices. Below is a list of candidates who have been endorsed by qualified political parties.

Republican Party	
Governor	
Steve Hilton	
Lieutenant Governor	
Gloria Romero	
Secretary of State	
Donald P. (Don) Wagner	
Controller	
Herb W Morgan	
Treasurer	
Jennifer Hawks	
Attorney General	
Michael E. Gates	
Member, State Board of Equalization	
District 1	Shannon Grove
District 4	Denis Bilodeau
United States Representative	
District 23	Jay Obernolte
District 25	Joe Males
District 28	April A. Verlato
District 31	Eric Ching
District 33	Stephanie M. Vargas
District 35	Mike Cargile
State Senator	
District 18	Art Hodges
District 22	Mike Netter
District 32	Kelly Seyarto
Member of the State Assembly	
District 34	Charles Frederick Hughes
District 36	Jeff Gonzalez
District 39	Paul Andre Marsh
District 41	Adam Christopher Vena
District 45	Greg Abdouch
District 47	Greg Wallis
District 50	Victoria Viveros Mageno
District 53	Rafaela Romero
District 58	Leticia Castillo
District 59	Phillip Chen
Superintendent of Public Instruction	
Sonja Shaw	

American Independent Party	
Lieutenant Governor	
Gloria Romero	
Secretary of State	
Donald P. (Don) Wagner	
Controller	
Malia M. Cohen	
Treasurer	
Jennifer Hawks	
Attorney General	
Michael E. Gates	
Insurance Commissioner	
Ben Allen	
Member, State Board of Equalization	
District 1	Shannon Grove
District 4	Denis Bilodeau
United States Representative	
District 23	Jay Obernolte
District 25	Joe Males
District 28	April A. Verlato
District 31	Eric Ching
District 33	Pete Aguilar
District 35	Mike Cargile
State Senator	
District 18	Steve Padilla
District 22	Susan Rubio
District 32	Kelly Seyarto
Member of the State Assembly	
District 34	Charles Frederick Hughes
District 36	Jeff Gonzalez
District 39	Juan Carrillo
District 41	John Harabedian
District 45	Greg Abdouch
District 50	Robert Garcia
District 53	Rafaela Romero
District 58	Leticia Castillo
District 59	Phillip Chen
Superintendent of Public Instruction	
Sonja Shaw	

Peace and Freedom Party	
Member of the State Assembly	
District 59	Victor Hernandez

Green Party	
Member of the State Assembly	
District 59	Victor Hernandez

Democratic Party	
Governor	
Xavier Becerra	
Lieutenant Governor	
Fiona Ma	
Secretary of State	
Shirley N. Weber	
Controller	
Malia M. Cohen	
Treasurer	
Eleni Kounalakis	
Attorney General	
Rob Bonta	
Insurance Commissioner	
Ben Allen	
Member, State Board of Equalization	
District 1	Nelson Esparza
District 4	Tom Umberg
United States Representative	
District 23	Tessa Lynn Hodge
District 25	Raul Ruiz
District 28	Judy Chu
District 31	Gil Cisneros
District 33	Pete Aguilar
District 35	Norma J. Torres
State Senator	
District 18	Steve Padilla
District 22	Susan Rubio
District 32	Tiffanie Tate
Member of the State Assembly	
District 34	Randall Putz
District 36	Ida S. Obeso-Martinez
District 39	Juan Carrillo
District 41	John Harabedian
District 45	James C. Ramos
District 47	Leila Namvar
District 50	Robert Garcia
District 53	Michelle Rodriguez
District 58	Clarissa Cervantes
Superintendent of Public Instruction	
Richard Barrera	

Voluntary Expenditure Limits

The following candidates for State Senator and Member of the State Assembly have voluntarily agreed to the expenditure limitations set forth in California Government Code Sections 85400 and 85601(c), allowing them the option to have a candidate statement appear in this guide.

State Senator

District 18	Party Preference
Steve Padilla	Democratic
Art Hodges	Republican
District 32	Party Preference
Kelly Seyarto	Republican

Member of the State Assembly

District 34	Party Preference
Randall Putz	Democratic
Charles Frederick Hughes	Republican
District 36	Party Preference
Ida S. Obeso - Martinez	Democratic
District 39	Party Preference
Juan Carrillo	Democratic

District 41	Party Preference
John Harabedian	Democratic
District 45	Party Preference
James C. Ramos	Democratic
District 50	Party Preference
Robert Garcia	Democratic
District 58	Party Preference
Leticia Castillo	Republican

Candidate Statements

Candidate statements in this guide provide the candidate an opportunity to speak directly to voters.

Candidate statements are optional and printed at the candidate's own expense. Some candidates choose not to purchase space for a statement; therefore, this guide may not contain a statement for every candidate on your ballot.

Statements are printed as submitted by the candidates.

The following pages may contain statements for candidates for the following offices appearing on your ballot:

- United States Representative
- State Senator
- Member of the State Assembly
- School Offices
- City Offices
- Special District Offices

Information about candidates for Statewide Elective Offices, including candidate statements, is available in your California Official Voter Information Guide and on the California Secretary of State's website. Visit **VoterGuide.sos.ca.gov** for more details.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 23

TESSA LYNN HODGE
Social Worker / Businessowner

Age: 38

We need new leadership in Washington. We need someone who will tackle the affordability crisis. We need someone who will fight for homeowners when homeowner insurance companies refuse to do business here in our state. We need someone who will fight for our rural communities as we see hospitals and schools closing.

I get it. I'm a lifelong resident of our district and my husband and I have called this community home our entire lives, so I know the struggles we're all dealing with.

That's why I'm in this fight. To be our voice in Washington. I'm proud to be endorsed by Republican and Democratic leaders, as well as many independents. I will be our voice in Washington.

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I have seen the struggles of those in our community, and have worked to make our communities a safer place for all.

As a small business owner, I know what it's like to struggle with your bills. I know how hard it is to support your family. As the granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, I understand the pain and fear a lot of us are facing now.

We desperately need change here in our communities. We cannot go with the status quo.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

Tessa is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has worked in community based mental health, medical social work, and policy and legislation.

Visit www.TessaForCA.com for more information.

JAY OBERNOLTE
Congressman / Business Owner

Age: 56

I started a successful business from my college dorm room over 30 years ago. Since then, I've created hundreds of high-paying jobs and raised my family in our community. I ran for office because I worried my children couldn't live the same American Dream, even if they worked as hard as I did, because our government isn't working for us. I'm fighting to change that in Washington.

Hardworking Californians suffered when reckless government spending drove up inflation to a 40-year high. That's why I've fought to reduce inflation by passing commonsense reforms to eliminate fraud and abuse, cutting over \$1.6 trillion in wasteful spending.

While Sacramento politicians raised our taxes on gas and healthcare, I fought for the Working Families Tax Cuts. That stopped a \$1,500 per year tax increase on taxpayers, eliminated taxes on overtime, tips, and Social Security, and increased the child tax credit for families.

When soft-on-crime politicians allowed human trafficking and drugs to pour into our community, I fought to secure our border and passed laws holding fentanyl poisoners accountable. Since then, drug overdoses have fallen 30%.

I'm also deeply committed to fighting for those who fought for us. That's why I worked with both Republicans and Democrats to expand resources for Veterans and give our soldiers a well-deserved raise.

I believe that America's best days are still ahead of us. I would be honored to earn your vote and continue fighting for you in Washington. Learn more about me and my values at ElectJay.com.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 25

RAUL RUIZ

Emergency Physician, Congressman

Housing is unaffordable for many. Groceries are too expensive. Trump's tariffs and war in Iran have increased prices for gas, cars, and appliances. And healthcare costs have skyrocketed.

Meanwhile, Republicans in Congress do nothing but enable Trump's corruption. Like you, I'm furious.

I grew up in a trailer in Coachella, the son of farmworkers. My family – and most others in our community – struggled to get by.

I wanted to make life better for families like ours, so I became an Emergency Room physician to help people in need. Public service is my mission.

I ran for Congress so I could do even more to help people. I don't care about titles or power. I care about getting things done. That means:

Lowering The Cost Of Living: I helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act, cutting the cost of energy and medicine. I voted to end Trump's war in Iran, reduce the cost of housing and childcare, and crack down on oil companies that are gouging consumers.

Affordable Healthcare For All: I wrote a law improving MediCal coverage for thousands of local families. I voted against Trump's bill that cut MediCal and increased health insurance costs for millions of Californians. And, I voted to reduce prescription drug costs through Medicare.

Fighting For Workers And Retirees: I secured millions of dollars to help create new jobs in healthcare, construction, and clean energy. And, I kept my promise to oppose all cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

I will never stop fighting for you.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 31

GIL CISNEROS
U.S. Congressman

As a United States Navy veteran, former Under Secretary of Defense, and your Congressman, I've learned that leadership is measured by results. I've been committed to serving our country, standing up for working families, and delivering real investments that strengthen communities across the 31st congressional district.

Families continue to face rising costs. That's why I've fought to secure over \$18 million dollars for local transportation, public safety, water, and community improvement projects that create jobs and deliver lasting benefits throughout our district.

As the son of a Vietnam veteran exposed to Agent Orange, I know firsthand the sacrifices military families make. My father's struggle with health challenges fuels my commitment to ensuring that every veteran receives the care and benefits they have earned. I'll continue fighting to protect veterans' healthcare, and expand access to affordable, high-quality healthcare for every family.

Keeping our communities safe requires supporting law enforcement while investing in prevention, mental health resources, and efforts to reduce crime before it happens. I believe public safety and accountability go hand in hand, and I'll continue working with local leaders to ensure every family feels safe.

Our democracy and our fundamental freedoms continue to face important challenges. I remain committed to protecting the right to vote, defending reproductive freedom, safeguarding Social Security and Medicare, and ensuring every family has the opportunity to succeed. There is still more work to do. I would be honored to continue serving as your Congressman and respectfully ask for your support .

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CANDIDATE(S) FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 33

PETE AGUILAR

Age: 47

United States Representative

Growing up in San Bernardino, I was taught at an early age the values of hard work and helping my community.

My dad was a union worker for a local utility company and my first job was working for my grandfather bussing tables at the San Bernardino County Courthouse cafeteria. With the help of federal grants and student loans, I was able to work my way through college.

But for too many Inland Empire families, the American dream is slipping away. People are working harder than ever before and not making enough to keep up with rising costs of food, gas, rent and medical bills.

At the same time, they are witnessing out of control corruption in Washington and a failed war in Iran that has caused prices to skyrocket.

That's why as your Congressman, I've been fighting to lower costs, protect healthcare, crack down on corruption, and hold Trump accountable by:

- Banning Members of Congress from trading stocks while in office
- Eliminating reckless tariffs and corporate price gouging that drive up prices
- Capping the cost of insulin at \$35/month for seniors
- Fighting against efforts to cut Social Security and Medicare
- Expanding the Affordable Care Act tax credits

I've also been leading the fight to hold ICE agents accountable for breaking the law and terrorizing our communities. In Congress, I will continue fighting to protect our rights, make life more affordable, and bring good-paying jobs to the Inland Empire.

It's a privilege to work on your behalf in Congress and I'd be honored to earn your vote.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 35

NORMA J. TORRES

United States Representative

Families across the Inland Empire are working harder than ever, but Trump and Washington Republicans are making life more expensive. Groceries, gas, housing, insurance, and healthcare keep rising while billionaires and wealthy corporations enjoy huge tax breaks and record profits.

Norma Torres is standing up to the chaos and corruption. She has fought Donald Trump's reckless tariffs, opposed cuts to hospitals and nursing homes, and worked to stop abuses by masked federal agents targeting our neighbors.

Norma is a lifelong Inland Empire resident, wife, mother, and grandmother who raised her family here. She knows what working families are facing because she has lived it.

Before public office, Norma worked the graveyard shift as a 911 dispatcher, answering calls from people in crisis. That experience shaped her commitment to public safety, accountability, and responsive government.

As Mayor, state legislator, and Member of Congress, Norma has delivered real results: expanding affordable housing, helping secure \$2 billion to keep families in their homes, strengthening transportation and emergency response, and bringing home more than \$70 million for local projects.

Vote Norma Torres for Congress

Norma will keep fighting to lower costs, protect healthcare, defend democracy, hold powerful interests accountable, and make government work for the people it serves.

Norma will always put seniors, veterans, small businesses, and working families first and she will never stop delivering for the Inland Empire. Send a clear message: vote to re-elect Norma Torres to Congress and protect our families, our rights, our democracy, and our future.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 18

STEVE PADILLA

California State Senator

Age: 59

Steve Padilla fights for working families and stands up for San Bernardino County. Our State Senator, Steve Padilla is a former police detective, local Mayor and single dad who knows working families need a more affordable California – and he fights on our side.

Fighting to lower costs & raise incomes:

- Wrote the law to stop Big Tech Data Centers from raising our electricity bills
- Expanded blue-collar apprenticeship and jobs -- the 'Middle Class Pipeline Project'
- Protecting affordable healthcare by saving rural hospitals and clinics from collapse

Getting things done for our community. Steve Padilla delivered \$1.5 million for two mobile health clinics to expand affordable healthcare access in Needles and provide dental care here in our community. Steve Padilla supported the City of Needles' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Pilot Program to strengthen Needles' economy by boosting tourism, supporting local businesses and safely connecting recreational riders to lodging, fuel and food.

A former police detective keeping us safe. Steve Padilla fully funded police in the budget, led efforts to invest \$10 billion in wildfire prevention, brush clearing and firefighting, and cracked down on criminals' access to untraceable ghost guns. With 21 bills signed into law by the Governor, Steve Padilla is the effective fighter San Bernardino County families count on.

Endorsements: California Firefighters Local 2881, National Union of Healthcare Workers, California Teachers Association, California Association of Highway Patrolmen and many more.
VoteStevePadilla.com

ART HODGES

CEO / Educator / Pastor

Bishop Art Hodges is a longtime South Bay resident and community leader with more than four decades of executive leadership experience. He and his wife, Rosa, a fourth-generation Mexican American, were high school sweethearts. They have three married children and six grandchildren, all living in Chula Vista.

His background includes serving as a nonprofit CEO, school principal, adjunct professor, college chancellor, and board member of both a university and an orphanage. He founded WOW Houses for the Homeless and, during COVID, led one of the region's largest food distribution efforts in partnership with public health and law enforcement.

In 2024, the California State Senate in a Resolution, and the Mayor of Chula Vista in a Proclamation, recognized his leadership and community service. In 2026, he received the San Diego County Abraham Lincoln Exceptional Leadership Award. He also successfully defended constitutional freedoms in landmark cases before the United States Supreme Court.

After retiring from 40 years as a pastor, Bishop Hodges continues serving as bishop to more than 120 churches and 250 pastors across Southern California. Having served Democrats, Republicans, and Independents throughout his ministry—and having been a longtime Independent himself—he believes leadership should put people before politics and service above party, focusing on affordability for working families, practical border solutions, safer neighborhoods, accountable government, and common-sense leadership that listens to local communities.

It's time for new leadership and a fresh direction.

Bishop Art Hodges respectfully asks for your vote.
www.ArtHodgesForSenate.com

CANDIDATE(S) FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 32

KELLY SEYARTO
State Senator

Age: 66

California has always been a place of opportunity, but today too many families are struggling with the high cost of living, rising taxes, and an increasingly difficult environment for businesses, both small and large. The checks and balances that have been the hallmark of our government have been eroded by one-party, supermajority rule in the California Legislature.

Now, after years of record spending, Californians are still waiting for the results they were promised. We need to improve housing affordability, keep our communities safe, make vast improvements in our infrastructure, and ensure that every student has the tools to succeed after high school. We can build a more affordable, safer, and more prosperous California by setting clear priorities, spending taxpayer dollars responsibly, and demanding accountability from our state government.

I am proud to have passed legislation supporting military families, college students, seniors, crime victims, and homeowners. My proposal to exempt military retirement and survivor benefits from state income tax was included in the state budget. I have also authored laws that strengthen public safety and consumer protections, improve government transparency, and protect homeowners from property fraud.

I bring 35 years of service as a firefighter, 13 years as a local elected official, and the perspective of someone who understands the challenges facing working families. My wife is a small business owner, and together we raised our family right here in this community.

I would be honored to once again earn your vote.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 34**RANDALL PUTZ**

Age: 63

Mayor / Business Owner

For 25 years, my family and I have called this region home. I've spent nearly two decades serving our communities as a school board trustee, fire authority director, city council member, and three-time Mayor of Big Bear Lake. My public service has always focused on bringing people together to solve problems and strengthen the communities we love.

I hear the same concerns across our mountain and high desert communities. Families are struggling with rising costs for housing, healthcare, utilities, and everyday necessities. Too many people feel like the California dream is slipping out of reach. I'm running for State Assembly to make life more affordable and secure so everyone has the chance to build and enjoy a future here with dignity, stability, and hope.

As a small business owner and longtime local official, I understand the challenges our communities face. I believe in practical solutions that expand affordable housing, improve access to healthcare, strengthen our schools, and support good local jobs. I have worked across political lines to deliver results for our region by listening, respecting different perspectives, and focusing on what brings us together. This record of service is why my campaign has earned strong support and endorsements from leaders, educators, firefighters, and community members across our region.

Our district deserves a strong, experienced voice in Sacramento. I will fight for the resources and attention our communities need and deserve. I would be honored to earn your vote.

www.PutzForAssembly.com

CHARLES FREDERICK HUGHES

Age: 57

Small Business Owner

My life can be summarized in one word: service.

Service to my country. Service to California. Service to the High Desert.

At 18, I followed my father and uncle into the U.S. Navy, where I served as a Damage Controlman. I then spent 26 years with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, rising to the rank of Lieutenant and keeping dangerous criminals where they belong: behind bars.

Today, I'm a small business owner, school board trustee, husband of 37 years, father of 5, and grandfather of 8. And every week, I host local veterans and deputies at my restaurant, because to me, service doesn't end when the uniform comes off.

I have seen how hard it's gotten. How much everything costs. And too often, it seems like Sacramento has forgotten communities like ours.

I'm running for State Assembly to change that. I'll fight to lower the cost of housing, gas, and groceries. I'll fight to keep violent criminals and child predators locked up, so kids can play outside and parents don't have to worry. And I'll fight to make sure the High Desert gets its fair share for our schools and our roads.

I didn't come up through Sacramento. I came up through the Navy, the prison yard, and my own restaurant kitchen. I'm a veteran, a retired peace officer, a businessman, and a grandfather. I've served this community my whole life. Now I'd like to serve you in Sacramento.

Charles Hughes

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 36

IDA OBESO-MARTINEZ

Age: 47

Mayor / Nurse

I am Ida Obeso-Martinez, a Mayor, nurse, and mother of three who has devoted my career to saving lives and serving my community. I am running for State Assembly because families in San Bernardino County deserve a strong advocate who understands their challenges.

In the State Assembly, I will work to:

- Reduce the costs of gas, groceries, insurance, and utilities.
- Crack down on corporate price gouging and corrupt politicians who allow it.
- Expand healthcare access and reduce the costs of prescription medication.
- Fully fund schools to help San Bernardino County thrive.
- Protect public safety and fight drug addiction.
- Stand up to Donald Trump's policies that are hurting working families.

For more than two decades, I have served as an emergency room and intensive care nurse. Today, I practice as a nurse practitioner, caring for more than 35 patients a day, many of whom rely on Medicaid. As a Mayor and City Councilmember, I have worked to improve city services, support local businesses, and revitalize parks. I also help lead local nonprofit organizations, including The Arc, serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I am proud to be endorsed by local firefighters, nurses, paramedics, grocery store workers, and small businesses, along with many local leaders including Congressman Raul Ruiz. You can see my endorsements at: www.IdaForAssembly.com. I was born and raised in the 36th Assembly District. I earned my Associate's and Bachelor's degrees in Nursing, and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the University of Arizona.

I would be honored to earn your vote. Please contact me with questions at Info@IdaForAssembly.com.

— Ida Obeso-Martinez

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 39

JUAN CARRILLO

State Assembly Member

Working families in our community are getting squeezed, and too many leaders are out of touch with what that feels like. Good paying local jobs are hard to find. Many parents drive long distances just to make ends meet. Our public schools need to prepare kids for real careers, not just graduation day. And no family should have to delay healthcare because they're worried about the bill.

I came to this country from Mexico looking for opportunity. I worked as a dishwasher to put myself through school, earned a degree, became a city planner and was elected your state Assemblymember. I've never forgotten where I started or who I represent.

In the Assembly, I've focused on bringing better jobs closer to home, making housing more affordable for working families and seniors, investing in public education, and expanding access to healthcare. I've fought to raise wages and protect workers because no one who works hard should struggle to keep the lights on.

While I am proud of my work delivering millions back to our community to improve parks, build quality housing, and clean up our neighborhoods, there is still so much more that needs to be done.

I will never stop fighting for working families – bringing down the cost of housing, providing access to quality healthcare and ensuring safe neighborhoods and schools. I am supported by the California Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood, and labor unions representing teachers, nurses, firefighters and healthcare workers. I'd be honored to have your vote.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 41

JOHN HARABEDIAN
California State Assemblymember

Age: 45

Dear Neighbor,

It has been my honor to serve as your State Assemblymember since 2024.

Our communities have faced daunting challenges: devastating wildfires tore through portions of Los Angeles County, rising prices have squeezed family budgets, and our state's housing crisis continues. I am working every day to help the people I serve navigate these challenges, while I'm also fighting to change laws to solve the underlying causes.

Among many efforts, I am working to:

- Make it easier to build starter homes for working families.
- Ensure firefighters have the tools and equipment they need.
- Improve access to high quality healthcare.
- Help wildfire victims rebuild their homes and businesses.
- Invest in public schools, universities, and job training.
- Keep our neighborhoods safe and combat violent crime.

My campaign has been endorsed by groups representing local teachers, nurses, firefighters, librarians, college professors, construction workers, small business owners, and retirees. I hope to earn your vote and continue advocating for our Foothill and High Desert communities in the State Assembly.

John Harabedian - www.JohnHarabedian.com

About John Harabedian – John is an attorney and longtime community leader who previously served as a local Mayor and City Councilmember. His professional experience includes serving as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and working for Stanford's Immigrants' Rights Clinic and the Equality Pro Bono Project. John earned his bachelor's degree at Yale University, master's degree from Oxford University, and law degree from Stanford University. He lives in Pasadena with his wife, Young-Gi, and their three children.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 45

JAMES C. RAMOS

Age: 59

Assemblymember / Business Owner

Serving the residents of the 45th Assembly District has allowed me the opportunity to address key priorities, which include supporting job creation, Veterans, strengthening public safety, expanding educational opportunities, addressing homelessness and mental health, and correcting past inequities against California Native Americans. This commitment focuses on protecting the vulnerable and ensuring safe, healthy communities.

In my time in the Legislature, I have supported efforts that address homelessness through behavioral health services, job creation through expanding apprenticeship programs of skilled labor, housing assistance, and coordinated local response. Working alongside our public safety partners, I have kept funding streams to assist victims of crime. As well as championing funding to build fire stations in high risk areas.

After four years of working with Veterans to provide a tax exemption, we were successful in obtaining a 20 thousand dollar tax credit towards their salary. Ensuring our Veterans are thanked for their service. I will continue to work alongside our Veteran community.

As California's only California Native American serving in the Legislature, I have worked with Tribes across the state to bring representation for California's First people into spaces where it has not always existed. I established California's Feather Alert system and supported the inclusion of California's First people in the school curriculum.

My focus remains on delivering results on issues that unite us, that protect families, strengthen neighborhoods, and ensure our communities have the resources they need. I humbly ask for your vote.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 50

ROBERT GARCIA

Age: 48

State Assemblymember / Educator

Dear Neighbor,

Serving as your California State Assemblymember has been the honor of a lifetime. Every day, I deliver results for Inland Empire families by listening to our communities, solving problems, and standing up for the people I represent—not the powerful special interests.

As a teacher, school administrator, and school board member, I dedicated more than two decades to preparing the next generation for success. That experience taught me that helping children starts with strengthening the families and communities they depend on. It's the same commitment that guides my work in the California State Assembly.

As the son of immigrants and the first in my family to graduate from high school and college, I know what hard work and opportunity can achieve. My wife and I proudly raise our three children in Rancho Cucamonga.

During my first term, I've worked to lower costs for working families, strengthen public education, expand access to affordable health care, support first responders, protect our environment, and deliver solutions for the Inland Empire.

I'm fighting corporate monopolies that drive up costs, health insurers that put profits ahead of patients, investor-owned utilities that burden families with higher rates, billionaires who don't want to pay their fair share, and polluters who profit while threatening our air, water, and public health. I'm also standing up to a federal administration seeking to take away our fundamental rights.

Whether in the classroom or the Capitol, my mission has always been the same: putting people first and investing in future generations. I respectfully ask for your vote.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 58

LETICIA CASTILLO

Age: 55

Assemblywoman / Licensed Psychotherapist

As a resident for over five decades in Assembly District 58, I ran for the California State Assembly because California is at a breaking point. Californians are struggling with the highest cost of living in the nation, as your Assemblywoman, I pledge to fight everyday to lower the cost of living.

Californians want Safer Communities, I hear you. That's why I'm endorsed by San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus and San Bernardino County District Attorney Jason Anderson because I prioritize keeping Our families safe.

Every child deserves a quality education. That's why I supported dedicated funding for schools and defended parental rights.

Sacramento has failed working families by serving their interests instead of listening to the People. I will continue to show up, be accessible, listen, and be Your voice while prioritizing the well-being of our communities over greed, divisive social agendas, and partisan politics.

Before being elected, I worked for Riverside County Department of Mental Health and was a small business owner. My work as a Licensed Psychotherapist gives me the skills to serve with compassion. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology.

As a first-generation Mexican-American, fluent in English and Spanish, I learned the values of faith and hard work from my father, who came to the United States through the Bracero Program and achieved the American Dream. Guided by faith, I will always fight to restore balance and improve the quality of life in Assembly District 58.

Endorsements: California Professional Firefighters, Cal Fire Local 2881, Grand Terrace Mayor Bill Hussey, Grand Terrace City Council Members, and many leaders throughout Assembly District 58.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

CastilloForAssembly.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

CALI BINKS

San Bernardino County School Superintendent

Cali Binks has dedicated 36 years to serving students and families in public education. The daughter of a United States Army veteran and sister of a child with disabilities, Cali understands the importance of opportunity, accountability, and ensuring every student has the support needed to succeed.

A first generation college graduate, Cali began her career as a first grade and special education teacher before serving as a principal, deputy superintendent, and district superintendent. For 17 years as a local superintendent, she successfully led school districts through the recession while maintaining fiscal stability, protecting classroom resources, and keeping student achievement at the center of every decision.

As County Superintendent, Cali will collaborate with San Bernardino County's 33 district educators to improve early literacy, expand career technical education, increase college-going rates, strengthen workforce readiness, and promote safe learning environments. She will prioritize parent and student voices, support quality educational choices, and strengthen partnerships that prepare students for college, careers, military service, or the skilled trades.

Cali is endorsed by outgoing County Superintendent Ted Alejandre, local superintendents, teacher's associations, charter school advocates, Board of Supervisors Chair Dawn Rowe, Supervisor Joe Baca Jr., Sheriff Shannon Dicus, Trustee Dr. Cherina Betters, and labor leaders.

Learn more: Cali4CountySchools.com.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF EDUCATION AREA B
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

MIKI R. INBODY

Superintendent / Educator / Parent

Education changed the course of my life. I began as a Head Start student, became a first-generation college graduate, and devoted 35 years to creating opportunities for students as a classroom teacher, county administrator, and district leader.

That journey taught me what is possible when students have great schools, dedicated educators, and people who believe in their potential. It shaped the belief that has guided my career: every student deserves the opportunity to succeed.

I turned that belief into results by expanding Career Technical Education to 56 pathways connected to college and careers, increasing dual enrollment, strengthening early literacy, helping secure a \$400 million bond to modernize schools, and maintaining fiscal stability without layoffs.

I am ready to bring that experience and student-centered leadership to the San Bernardino County Board of Education.

As your San Bernardino County Board of Education member, I will champion academic excellence, safe and supportive schools, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, local control, and strong partnerships with families, educators, and school districts. I will listen, ask tough questions, and keep students at the center of every decision.

Education opened doors for me that once seemed beyond reach. Every student in San Bernardino County deserves those same doors opened for them.

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

RITA FERNANDEZ-LOOF

Trustee / Engineer / Parent

It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the County School Board. As the parent of three children, I believe parents are their children's first and most important educators, and I remain committed to policies that promote academic excellence and student success.

Proven leadership is needed now more than ever. Together, we will focus on:

- Student success by providing excellent educational opportunities
- Fiscal accountability
- Strengthening the relationships with educational partners
- Dispute resolution instead of litigation in special education
- Providing educators with the proper tools to close the achievement gap

I have worked alongside parents and teachers to reduce special education disputes and provide better educational services to students. Supporting our teachers and strong community partnerships ensure student success. Education is the legacy I leave my children and I want to ensure transparency and accountability in the agencies that provide this service. As a Cuban immigrant, I value the educational opportunities and freedoms that prepare every child to succeed and become an informed citizen.

I am an experienced, honest, and financially responsible leader. I humbly ask for your support.

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**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA A
BARSTOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

JERRAD SCHENDEL

Born Here. Raised Here. Invested Here.

Barstow has always been home. I was born here, raised here, and have chosen to invest my career, my business, and my future in this community because I believe in its potential.

As Barstow continues to grow, our community college will play a critical role in preparing students for the opportunities ahead. Whether pursuing a university degree, learning a skilled trade, or entering the workforce, every student deserves access to a quality education that leads to a successful future.

I care deeply about the future of Barstow and the success of our students. I would be honored to serve on the Barstow Community College Board, helping ensure the college remains fiscally responsible, student-focused, and committed to providing the education and workforce training our community needs.

Together, we can continue building a stronger Barstow for generations to come.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

DANIEL L. ALCALA SR
Commercial Truck Driver

As a commercial truck driver, former project manager, and lifelong San Bernardino County resident, I understand the value of hard work, responsibility, and practical skills. If elected, I will bring those values to the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees.

My wife and I have been together for 33 years, raising two sons. Like many local families, we understand the importance of creating opportunities that allow future generations to succeed close to home.

Today, families are feeling the impact of rising costs, making a quality education more important than ever. Victor Valley College plays a vital role in preparing students for rewarding careers that provide financial stability. I believe every student deserves access to affordable, high-quality education, whether their goal is transferring to a four-year university or earning technical skills and certifications that lead directly to good-paying careers.

Having worked in warehouses, supervised refinery projects, and driven commercial trucks across the country, I know firsthand that career technical education creates opportunities. Victor Valley College must continue strengthening partnerships with local employers so students graduate prepared for in-demand careers that help them build successful futures despite today's economic challenges.

As your Trustee, I will focus on fiscal responsibility, student success, and expanding opportunities for every Victor Valley College student.

JOSEPH W. BRADY Age: 69
Commercial and Industrial Real Estate, Broker and Developer

Joseph W. Brady is a respected business leader with a no-nonsense reputation for problem solving, consensus-building, and putting students, quality academics, and career training first.

As a longtime Victor Valley Community College District Board Member, Joseph W. Brady has helped lead the college from financial instability to recognition as one of California's best-run and fastest-growing community colleges.

Over the past five years, enrollment has grown 85 percent, while Victor Valley Community College has graduated the five largest classes in its history, setting a new record each year. This success means more High Desert residents are earning degrees, transferring to universities. and receiving career training for good-paying jobs.

Joseph W. Brady recognizes these accomplishments are the result of teamwork. Working with four fellow trustees, he helped hire an outstanding leadership team and supported the faculty and staff who provide quality education and student services every day.

Joseph W. Brady believes it is paramount to provide every person in Victor Valley Community College's 2,000-square-mile service area with the best education and the greatest outcome possible.

His proven leadership will keep the college financially strong, preserve academic excellence, expand career education. and ensure students have the classes, programs, and support they need to succeed.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

LAURA K. DVARECKAS
Small Business Owner / Volunteer

Age: 44

Born and raised here in the High Desert, now raising my own family, I have watched our area grow. I am committed to ensuring Victor Valley College serves as the premier hub for regional career growth.

I am an Air Force combat veteran, local small business owner, passionate volunteer, and hold two Master's degrees in education. I own and operate a business in a CTE field that supports programs at VVC and Mountain Desert Career Pathways, helping to bring real-world workforce experience and industry support directly to these programs. As Apple Valley Rotary Club Treasurer, I am well-versed in rigorous budget oversight and responsible spending.

My life is rooted in service and leadership. I actively support our region by volunteering as a Director on the VVC Foundation Board and as a member of the Sunrise Lions Club, Disabled American Veterans, VFW, Rotary Club, and The American Legion.

Above all is my dedication to student success through well-grounded career pathways, systematic transfer programs, and student support services.

I offer proven military leadership, an advanced educational background, and practical business discipline. I ask for your vote for VVC Trustee, Area 5, to guide our students and community toward a prosperous future.

Learn more at laurafortrustee.com

STEPHEN TYRRELL
Incumbent / Engineering Manager

Throughout my military service and over 28 years in the mining industry, I've gained an understanding of the value of discipline and practical skills. If re-elected, I aim to bring these values to our High Desert students.

Victor Valley College plays a critical role in shaping our region's future and is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the state. I am dedicated to expanding opportunities for all students, especially those pursuing Career Technical Education and certificate programs, so they can start building their American Dream with confidence.

Not every student aspires to a four-year degree, and Victor Valley College must provide strong, high-quality alternatives. With my extensive experience in the mining industry, I understand how practical, hands-on training can help students enter the workforce quickly and effectively.

It's also critical for the College to strengthen ties with local businesses to ensure programs meet their needs and provide students with real-world experiences and job placement opportunities, particularly in trades and the medical field, which are vital to our community's health and economic growth.

As your Trustee, I have advocated for these initiatives to ensure Victor Valley College remains a gateway to success for all students. I'm committed to doing what's right for our students.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
APPLE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

KENDALL GRAHAM PONTIER

Age: 61

Retired Teacher / Former Military / Current SBCSD Chaplain

My name is Kendall Pontier and I'm running for School Board Trustee for the Apple Valley Unified School District. My family first moved to Apple Valley in 1968. Both my parents were teachers here and I completed all twelve years of my education in this school district, graduating in 1982. After time in the U.S. Coast Guard and completing college, I returned to Apple Valley to teach Social Science at Apple Valley High School. As an educator there for 33 years I saw firsthand the great job our school district did in preparing students for the real world and helping them to become good citizens. If elected, my priority would be to continue this tradition and build on it even further. My three main goals are as follows: 1. To ensure we have a learning environment where all students feel safe and secure. 2. To increase academic rigor in all grades so they'll have the tools upon graduation to be successfully employed or college ready. 3. To recruit, train and retain the best teachers and staff members to lead our students to success. Join with me and let's take our students to the next level of excellence.

TANYA ORTEGON

Mother / Non-Profit Director

As a proud mother of three boys, wife, and director of a non-profit, I have become deeply invested in the well-being and future of our community. I currently serve more than 200 children throughout the High Desert by supporting underserved families through my non-profit work. We help provide essential resources such as diapers, baby supplies, clothing, and other basic necessities while connecting families with additional community services. I believe that when children's basic needs are met, they are better prepared to learn, grow, and succeed in school. Serving local families has given me firsthand insight into the challenges many students face, and I am committed to working collaboratively with teachers, parents, students, and the district to ensure every child receives the support and opportunities they need to reach their full potential.

KEVIN A. SKELTON

Age: 57

Teacher

I am a public school educator with more than 25 years of experience dedicated to serving students, families, and schools. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Economics and both Multiple Subject and Single Subject Teaching Credentials.

Since beginning my teaching career in 1998, I have been committed to helping every student succeed through academic excellence, high expectations, personal responsibility, and strong partnerships with families. I believe every student deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential and graduate prepared for the future they choose.

Apple Valley has been my home since 2000, and all three of my children graduated from our local public schools. As both an educator and a parent, I understand the importance of safe schools, academic excellence, and preparing students for successful futures.

My years of educational leadership have provided firsthand experience in budgeting, policy, and the thoughtful decision-making needed to govern a school district effectively.

If elected, I will provide transparent leadership, ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, promote fiscal accountability, and make informed decisions that put students first, strengthen public trust, keep our schools focused on educational excellence, and prepare every student for lifelong success.

AMANDA BUCHANAN

Teacher / Board Member

After more than two decades in the classroom, one lesson has never changed: every child deserves someone who believes in them. Not every student's journey looks the same, and success isn't defined by a single path. Whether a student is preparing for college, entering a skilled trade, serving in the military, starting a business, or overcoming obstacles to earn a diploma, every child deserves the opportunity to discover their potential.

I believe our public schools have the power to change lives, strengthen families, and communities. Our schools deserve leaders who elevate people rather than divide them: leaders who listen, make thoughtful decisions, use taxpayer dollars responsibly, and always keep students at the center of every decision.

Serving on the Board has strengthened my belief that the greatest strength of our district is its people. Every day, I see teachers, classified staff, administrators, families, and community partners helping every student thrive.

Whether advocating for our schools or strengthening community partnerships, I have remained focused on one goal: opening doors for every child.

Our children are watching how we lead. I would be honored to earn your vote so I can continue opening doors for every child.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4
APPLE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RUBEN HERMOSILLO
Information Technology Manager

Age: 62

A High Desert resident for nearly 60 years, with 15 years in Apple Valley, raising 5 boys, 4 of whom are Apple Valley High School graduates and 2 of whom graduated as valedictorians and summa cum laude, I believe the Apple Valley School District can improve.

My background is somewhat different from past candidates. I bring extensive experience in public-sector technology leadership. Over more than 40 years with San Bernardino County Information Technology, I have developed expertise in executive leadership, multimillion-dollar public budgeting, cybersecurity and technology governance, strategic planning, transparency, and accountability.

I have also served the community in several roles, including Apple Valley Little League coach, nonprofit president, and HOA vice president. These experiences reinforced the importance of Teamwork and collaboration.

My background reflects a long-standing commitment that will help ensure resources reach teachers and classrooms, improve student outcomes, and maintain public trust.

As your School Board Member, I will use my experience to ensure accountability while maintaining a commitment to excellence and safety for every student, parent, and teacher.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

MARIA U. OKPARA
Retired School Educator

Retired School Administrator for Apple Valley Unified School District

My name is Maria Okpara. Apple Valley has been my family's home since 1985. It is my desire and mission to serve our educators, students, and the families that entrust us with their children. Our students, teachers, and community depend on enlightened, insightful, and sensible leadership. My plan is to bring effective leadership experience to the school board of the Apple Valley Unified School District. I want to ensure that from transitional kindergarten to grade 12 our school system serves as a foundation and springboard to successful career and/or college readiness. The time is now!

My focal point includes safe campus and equitable education for all. Our Children are our greatest asset. Providing twenty-first century training, and ensuring, to the best of my ability, that our schools are safe spaces to teach and learn. Our LCAP must be inclusive. Our stakeholders must be allowed a voice to express their concerns; it will be my job and desire to listen. If elected I pledge to serve all and remain accountable to our community.

ROMAN MORA AGUILAR III
Parent / Assistant Director of Information Technology

I am proud to be a candidate for the Apple Valley Unified School District Board of Education, Area 4. For nearly 20 years, I have worked in the Hesperia Unified School District, giving me firsthand insight into the challenges facing our local schools. With an Electrical Engineer degree from Cal Poly Pomona and a Master of Business Administration degree from Cal State San Bernardino, I bring technical expertise and strong fiscal management skills.

My amazing wife, Elisa, and I are raising our three year old son in the Town of Apple Valley. I am running to help ensure every student receives a safe, high-quality education.

My priorities are to focus resources on classrooms by supporting teachers, instructional materials, and student programs while reducing unnecessary administrative costs; prioritize student and staff safety by restoring critical safety positions; and strengthen educational opportunities through rigorous academics, career technical education, and quality services for students with special needs.

I am committed to transparent, accountable leadership that puts students first and works collaboratively with parents, teachers, staff, and the community.

I respectfully ask for your vote so we can build stronger schools and brighter futures for every Apple Valley student.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
APPLE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

JOSH JUSTICE

eCommerce Director / Consultant

As a parent with children in our school district and spouse to a long-time teacher in our district, I've seen the very best that our schools have to offer and where improvements are needed. As a member of our community, I'm committed to listening to parents, supporting all educators, and ensuring decisions are transparent, fiscally responsible, and always focused on students.

As an eCommerce Marketing Director, my career has been built on financial accountability, strategic planning, data-driven decision-making, and delivering measurable results. I've led marketing and operations strategy, managed multimillion-dollar marketing and operations budgets and led numerous turnarounds, working with some of your favorite household name brands. Overseeing budgets and operations taught me how to set clear priorities, control costs, and invest in programs that produce results.

As a former university instructor, teaching over 2,000 university students while also tutoring kids of all ages, provides an understanding of the challenges teachers face.

Why I'm the best fit for this position is I'm bringing management experience from the corporate world while having experience as an educator. My experience is needed on this board and will complement the strengths of our other board members, bringing the best possible outcomes for our children.

MARC LACEY

Assistant Superintendent

Age: 57

For more than 20 years, Apple Valley has been home to my family. I'm running for the Apple Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees because I believe in the future of our schools and our community.

Each of my children attended schools in this district, and our family has been blessed by the dedicated teachers, staff, coaches, and administrators who helped shape their lives.

My career in education has provided me with experience as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent overseeing business services and human resources. That experience has given me a unique understanding of what it takes to support student success, attract and retain outstanding employees, manage public resources responsibly, and plan for the future.

I believe strong schools are built on trust, collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and an unwavering focus on students. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I will listen carefully, make thoughtful decisions, and work to ensure our district provides outstanding educational opportunities while being a responsible steward of public resources.

It would be an honor to earn your trust and serve the Apple Valley community.

MIKE RICOTTA JR

Classroom Teacher

Age: 43

My name is Mike Ricotta. God has blessed me with a career as an educator. For over 20 years I have been in the classroom—teaching Advanced Placement courses abroad and foundational courses at home. My vocation is and shall remain to empower parents and educate children.

Give a child a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a child to fish and you feed them for a lifetime: a timeless truth. When education forgets fundamentals students are left unprepared for future responsibilities and opportunities.

As economic, technological, and social forces change the educational landscape, I am compelled to stand for the Apple Valley Unified School District board. I believe education has one purpose: to secure success for every child. That success may come through college, honorable military service, or vocational education. Our schools should recognize, support, and celebrate these different paths.

As a CTA member, I will oppose top-down directives that limit teachers' ability to meet student needs, and I will support teachers, respect their professional judgment, and ensure they have the tools they need to succeed.

Elect Mike Ricotta: for student success, for parent empowerment, to strengthen Apple Valley, and in service to all.

www.votemikejr.com

ANGELA RINCON

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Age: 42

Apple Valley has been home to my family for more than 40 years. I graduated from Granite Hills High School, where I met my husband of 24 years, and today our son proudly attends Apple Valley Unified schools. My family has a long tradition of supporting public education, including my mother-in-law, who dedicated more than 30 years as an AVUSD teacher.

As a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and owner of a private practice, I have devoted my career to helping children, families, and individuals overcome challenges and achieve success. I have built partnerships with schools and community organizations, expanded access to mental health resources, organized annual mental health fairs, and developed student wellness programs. One of Granite Hills High School's Mental Health Awareness initiatives received national recognition from Mental Health America.

I believe strong schools are built on accountability, transparency, collaboration, and respect. If elected, I will advocate for students, support and retain outstanding educators and staff, strengthen partnerships with families, and make thoughtful, fiscally responsible decisions that always put students first.

It would be an honor to serve Trustee Area 5 with integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to every student's success.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 1
BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

JASON HALDEMAN
Truss Designer / Parent

As a lifelong Big Bear resident, I am proud to call this community home and honored to be a candidate for the Bear Valley Unified School District Governing Board.

My children currently attend our local schools, giving me a personal understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing our students, families, teachers, and staff. Over the years, I have worked alongside our educators and school employees, volunteered at school events, and spent countless hours with fellow parents at youth sports, fundraisers, and school functions. I've listened to their concerns, celebrated their successes, and understand the importance of strong communication and collaboration.

If elected, I will serve as a bridge of communication between teachers, staff, parents, and the Governing Board, ensuring every voice is heard and respected. I believe our best decisions come from working together with transparency, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to student success.

I am committed to supporting academic excellence, responsible stewardship of district resources, and a positive environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

GENELLE JUNE RICH EASTERBY
Entrepreneur / Realtor / Docent

Age: 52

I am running for the Big Bear Valley Unified School District Board of Education because our kids deserve safe and supportive schools where they can thrive. As a local business owner and former national company President, I will bring proven, common-sense financial leadership, and absolute transparency to our district.

My commitment to community service runs deep across our mountain. I serve as a Board Member for Friends of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo (fobbaz) and as Treasurer of the nswmc, ensuring responsible financial stewardship. My background includes over a decade supporting local children's charities with the Marconi Foundation; serving on the board of equu8; and working as a docent at our zoo since 2021.

Whether you live in Fawnskin, Big Bear City, or Big Bear Lake, you deserve a school board member who listens, respects tax dollars, and always puts students first. My professional and volunteer experiences have equipped me with the governance, budgeting, and collaborative problem-solving skills needed to guide our district successfully.

I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote. Let's work together for our valley's kids.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 3
BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PAUL ZAMOYTA

Bear Valley Unified School District, Board Member

As a 32-year resident of Bear Valley, I have had the privilege of serving the Bear Valley Unified School District for 24 of those 32 years – 8 years as a classroom teacher in our district and the last 16 years as a BVUSD School Board Member.

Over these 24 years of serving the students, parents, employees, and community members of our valley, I have established a proven track record of consistent dedication and continued passion for educating our valley's children. My background as a former teacher, a local businessman, the parent of a former BVUSD student, and my 16 years of experience as a school board member gives me a uniquely balanced perspective when making decisions on behalf of our students, parents, employees, and community members.

Experience matters! I would be grateful for the opportunity to once again use my dedication, passion, and unparalleled experience to continue to serve our students, staff, parents, and our entire Bear Valley community.

Vote for Paul Zamoyta! Thank you for your support!

PAUL J. DIMAMBRO

Educator / Councilmember / Father

As a 28-year resident of Big Bear and a dad of two district students, I am invested in the success of the Bear Valley Unified School District. Our schools are the backbone of this community, and I am running to ensure every student has the safety, resources, and academic support required to thrive.

My background includes 26 combined years in real estate, mortgages, and as a realtor, featuring 7 years training new loan officers and 4 years as Director of Training. Holding a master's degree in organizational management equips me with advanced training in institutional leadership, structural efficiency, and cooperative decision-making. I will bring this critical fiscal accountability and administrative expertise to our school board, ensuring public funds are maximized inside our classrooms.

I have actively served on the School Site Council and the Superintendent's Parent Committee. I truly understand our district's unique challenges, from supporting educators to maintaining quality programs.

With a proven blend of professional instruction, business insight, academic credentials, and active district involvement, I will be a common-sense voice for academic excellence and transparency.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 3
CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CHRIS SHAW

Age: 53

Father / Construction Manager

As a Chino resident, husband, father, and longtime advocate for our community, I am running to keep our schools focused on academic excellence, student safety, and parental involvement.

Chino Valley Unified has made measurable progress by prioritizing reading, writing, and math, while emphasizing fiscal responsibility and transparent governance. I will work to protect and build on that success so every student receives a quality education grounded in strong academic standards.

I believe parents are the primary decision-makers in their children's lives, and schools should partner with families, not replace them. I support policies that protect girls' sports and private spaces, ensure parents are informed about significant issues affecting their children, and keep classrooms focused on education rather than political activism.

I understand the importance of accountability, responsible budgeting, and solving problems with practical solutions instead of politics. I will be a careful steward of taxpayer dollars, support great teachers who prioritize student achievement, and work collaboratively to keep improving our schools.

My commitment is simple: put students first, respect parents, support great teachers, and preserve the high standards that have made Chino Valley Unified a model for California. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Learn more at VoteChrisShaw.com

FRANK E. Gerdine

Age: 40

Educator / Coach / Father

Hi there, my name is Frank Gerdine. I'm a coach, teacher, and father, and I would be honored to serve you on our local School Board.

I have been serving our community since I was 15 years old, volunteering for a number of causes here locally.

In my career, I've been an educator who has piloted research in Alzheimer's disease. I've passed down important leadership qualities and mentored students and athletes to achieve success with integrity.

My wife and I are foster parents because we believe every child deserves a safe, loving home, and the opportunity to thrive. My lifelong commitment to service, education, and family reflects the values that make our community strong.

Now, I'm running to bring those values to our school board. Our school board has been heavily politicized and put in the national news for all the wrong reasons. We need to go back to basics – politics out of schools, and quality education above all.

I'm proud to be endorsed by our local teachers here in our district, by student and parent organizations, and I even have local high school students working on my campaign. I would be honored to earn your vote.

FrankForChinoValleySchoolBoard.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4
CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MEAGAN LICHTHART

Teacher / Mother

Age: 43

I have experienced CVUSD as a student, educator, and parent. As an Ayala High School graduate, credentialed teacher with a master's degree in education, current CVUSD substitute teacher, and parent of three children attending district schools, I understand the strengths of our district and the challenges we must address.

Our district deserves a board that balances experience with fresh perspective, listens to differing viewpoints, and embraces thoughtful change when it benefits students.

My Priorities:

- Safe schools with strong campus security and meaningful mental health support
- Supporting teachers by ensuring they feel respected, valued, and heard
- Increasing parent participation and enhancing community partnerships
- Renewing skilled trades programs while maintaining strong college and career pathways
- Strengthening special education and exploring pathways to recruit and retain qualified educators
- Responsible, transparent spending that puts classrooms over the courtroom and protects funding for the arts and athletics
- A balanced approach to screen time that enhances learning while preserving meaningful classroom instruction

I respectfully ask for your vote as I seek to improve opportunities for our students. As your School Board Trustee, I will bring integrity, collaboration, and balance to every decision, always putting students first. Meagan4SchoolBoard.com

SHAUN SMITH

Chino Valley Unified School District Board Member

As a husband, father, and current school board member, I care deeply about the education of our children. All four of my children have attended Chino Valley Unified schools, giving our family firsthand appreciation for what this district provides.

As a former Computer Science teacher, cybersecurity professional, Certified First Responder, and community volunteer, I bring practical experience and a proven commitment to our students and families.

My priorities as your School Board Member:

- **Educational Excellence:** Strengthen reading, writing, math, critical thinking, the arts, and career readiness so every graduate is prepared for college, career, or trade.
- **Safe Schools:** Maintain secure campuses where students thrive and staff are trained and ready.
- **Transparency:** Keep families informed, budgets open, and parents actively involved in their children's education.

Leadership means showing up, listening, making informed decisions, and being accountable to the community. That is how I have served on the Board, and how I will continue to serve. I am proud of the work we have done to ensure all our schools are award winning and delivering results for our students. I want to continue building from that success.

I respectfully ask for your vote for CVUSD Trustee Area 4.
Learn more : Smith4CVUSD.org

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 1
COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FREDY MARTINEZ
Sheriff Specialized Enforcement Specialist

I am a lifelong Bloomington resident, a proud graduate of Bloomington High School, and a dedicated public servant who has spent more than a decade serving San Bernardino County. Throughout my career with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, I have been entrusted with positions that demand integrity, accountability, sound judgment, and the responsible stewardship of public resources. I have worked alongside people from every background, solved complex problems, and learned that trust is earned through service.

I am running for the Colton Joint Unified School District Board because I believe our students deserve every opportunity to succeed long after they leave the classroom. I will advocate for financial literacy so students graduate with the knowledge to make smart financial decisions throughout their lives. I will also work to expand Career Technical Education, creating more pathways to rewarding careers, apprenticeships, military service, and college.

Every student deserves to learn in schools that are safe, modern, and well-maintained. I will make improving school facilities across our district a priority while ensuring that taxpayer dollars are invested wisely and responsibly, always with students first.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DAN FLORES

Age: 47

CJUSD Board Member / Executive Director

I'm running for re-election to the school board because I believe the most important gift we can give our children is a great education. I have three children in the district – a 6th grader, an 8th grader, and a sophomore in high school. I live with every decision the Board makes. That's not a talking point, that's the truth.

I'm proud to be a graduate of this District. I was the first in my family to earn a college degree, and when I came home, I made a commitment to raise my children in Colton and to make a difference. I serve the community every day as the Executive Director of Mary's Mercy Center, showing up for families who are struggling with food insecurity and housing.

I've never forgotten that being a school board member is about putting kids first. I want a Board that treats every family and child like they matter and that spends money like it's coming out of our own pockets. I'll never stop working to do what's best for your children and mine. Together, we can build a future where every child's potential is nurtured and given the chance to shine.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 3
COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SANDY J. TORRES
Retired Educator

As a lifelong resident of the Colton Joint Unified School District and retired educator, I am honored to run for the Board of Education representing Trustee Area 3. I believe strong schools are built through collaboration, responsible leadership, and a commitment to students, families, and employees. I will advocate for fiscally responsible decisions, support our dedicated teachers and staff, and work to ensure every school has the resources needed to help students thrive. I am passionate about preserving the strengths of our district while embracing opportunities for growth and improvement.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 1
FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

JACQUE LONG

Non-Profit Leader / Mother

Age: 45

As a lifelong Fontana resident, former FUSD student, President of the Fontana Foundation of Hope, and proud mother, I understand firsthand the importance of strong public schools, engaged families, and a supportive community. My commitment is to getting back to the C.O.R.E. of Education by putting students first in every decision.

C – Community First: Strengthening partnerships with families, educators, businesses, and community organizations to ensure every student has the support they need to succeed.

O – Open and Transparent Spending: Providing accountability to taxpayers and ensuring school resources are invested where they have the greatest impact on students.

R – Reading and Academic Success: Prioritizing literacy, strong academics, and opportunities that prepare every student for college, careers, and life.

E – Effective Leadership: Leading with integrity, accountability, and a commitment to supporting the whole student through safe schools, mental health resources, and meaningful opportunities.

It would be an honor to serve the students, families, and taxpayers of FUSD with integrity, transparency, accountability, and an unwavering commitment to student success.

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MARS SERNA

Educator / Parent

Leadership isn't measured when times are easy, it's measured by the ability to remain steady when challenges arise and to keep students at the center of every decision.

Since first being elected to the Fontana Unified School District Board of Education in 2017, I have remained committed to that principle. As the current Vice President and a three-time Board President, I have worked to be a voice of reason, build trust, and bring people together to strengthen opportunities for every student.

For more than 40 years, I have dedicated my career to serving children, families, and our community. As a Board Member, I have proudly supported expanding opportunities for students, including more than 56 Career Technical Education pathways that prepare graduates for college, careers, and the workforce.

I remain committed to safe schools, academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, and strong family partnerships. I respectfully ask for your vote so we can continue moving the Fontana Unified School District forward through steady leadership, meaningful collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to putting students first.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ADAM PEREZ

Age: 44

Fontana Unified School District, Governing Board Area 2

Dear Neighbor,

As an Army combat veteran, retired police detective, and Member of the Governing Board of the Fontana Unified School District, service has been the foundation of my life. Whether serving my country, protecting our communities, or advocating for students and families, I believe leadership is demonstrated through integrity, accountability, and results.

As your Trustee, I have worked to expand educational opportunities, strengthen school safety, and promote responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. I was proud to help bring a districtwide financial literacy program to empower students and families with the knowledge to make informed financial decisions and build a stronger future.

I remain committed to maintaining a fully staffed School Police Department so every campus has the personnel, resources, and emergency preparedness necessary to keep students and staff safe. Safe schools and strong academics go hand in hand.

I will continue supporting our teachers, empowering parents, expanding career pathways, and creating opportunities that prepare every student for college, careers, military service, and life.

It has been an honor to serve our community, and I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving the students, families, and taxpayers of Fontana Unified with dedication, integrity, and proven leadership.

www.AdamPerez.org

GLORIA GASTELUM

Age: 40

Registered Nurse / U.S. Army Staff Sergeant

More than 33,000 students across 44 schools depend on the decisions made by the Fontana Unified School Board. Every vote should have one purpose: helping students succeed.

Like many of you, I'm a parent. I understand your priorities because they are the same priorities I have for my children. As the only parent in this race, I know firsthand how every decision made by the School Board impacts our students, our families, and our future.

As a U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, Registered Nurse, and parent of three Fontana Unified students, I've dedicated my life to serving others and leading under pressure. Leadership means showing up, making tough decisions, and putting people first.

Every student should leave Fontana Unified reading and writing at grade level, mastering math, thinking critically, and prepared for college, military service, a career, an apprenticeship, or a skilled trade. Every child deserves a pathway to success.

Parents deserve a voice. Teachers deserve support. Students deserve safe schools, outstanding teachers, and classrooms where every taxpayer dollar is invested wisely to maximize student achievement.

I'll bring integrity, accountability, and a focus on student success because every child deserves to reach their full potential. I respectfully ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MARY SANDOVAL

Age: 65

Fontana Unified School District Board Member Area 5

I am a lifetime resident of Fontana, a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mentor, and advocate for at-risk youth for more than 20 years. During my tenure as an FUSD Board member, student test scores, attendance, and graduation rates have increased.

I am enthusiastic about continuing to encourage our students to be great achievers and to use academia for self-enrichment and empowerment. As a community leader, it is my responsibility to listen and act on behalf of all parents and youth of Fontana Unified. My decisions and votes will always be for the betterment of our students. Fontana students are always first.

Goals:

- Increase resources for safe schools and mental health services
- Increase Dual enrollment programs into Community Colleges
- Increase resources and accountability for our special needs programs; this would include streamlined time frames for students to receive the services they need to be successful
- Continue to keep updated technology available district-wide
- Continue to work on capital improvement projects
- Continue to keep the district solvent

With your support and vote, we can continue to provide quality education to Fontana students. I humbly ask for your vote on November 3, 2026.

www.sandovalforschoolboard2026.com

JONATHAN BATISTA

Age: 38

Business Owner / Father

As a husband, father, and business owner, I understand the hopes and challenges that Fontana families experience every day because my family is one of them. I believe our schools are strongest when parents, teachers, and students work together.

Owning a small business has taught me the value of hard work, accountability, and responsible leadership. I understand the importance of being a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars, making thoughtful decisions, and ensuring every student graduates with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to succeed.

My platform is simple and built on keeping it R.E.A.L.

R - Responsible Leadership that listens, leads with integrity, and puts students first.

E - Education First by strengthening literacy, academic achievement, and the fundamentals every child deserves.

A - Accountability to Parents through transparency, open communication, and family involvement.

L - Local Voice & Opportunity by supporting teachers, partnering with local businesses, and expanding college and career pathways for students.

It would be an honor to serve the students, families, and taxpayers of Fontana Unified School District. batista4fUSD.com (909)732-1083

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
HESPERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THOMAS JOSEPH KERMAN

Retired School Teacher

Age: 67

I have been in education for over 33 years. I have worked as a teachers aid, an elementary teacher in Detroit and a 7th grade math and science teacher and instruction coach in Hesperia Unified School District since 2000. I have been an advocate for students, teachers and staff on the local and state level for over 20 years. My experience has helped me develop an in-depth understanding of Education Code, Board Policies and budgets to support our students.

As a board member I will work to ensure that the district stays focused on:

- The students and the classrooms, providing the resources for Academic Excellence.
- Keeping all of our students and staff safe by allocating on-site resources.
- Parental involvements and collaboration by creating welcoming environments.
- Being an integral part of our community by supporting, expanding and maintaining Community Schools.
- Fiscal responsibility with resources by budgeting to maximize resource allocation to the classrooms.

I have worked with leaders on the local, county and state level in the pursuit of student achievement and I will use those skills and experience to bring the resource and support to our students.

Every student deserves a great school, thank you for this opportunity.

GENEVIEVE JOHNSTON

Educator / Principal

With 20 years of experience in education, I have dedicated my career to supporting student achievement and fostering positive learning environments. Throughout my career, I have collaborated with students, families, teachers, and staff to promote academic success, meaningful relationships, and a culture of respect and inclusion. I believe that strong schools are built through teamwork, open communication, and a shared commitment to meeting the diverse needs of every student. I remain committed to lifelong learning, professional growth, and serving the educational community with integrity, compassion, and dedication.

CHRISTIAN B. STEEN

Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District Area 2

As a long-term resident of Hesperia, it's been an honor of a lifetime to represent our community on our school board.

My focus continues to be on championing our community by honoring parental rights, providing a safe environment for students and staff, preparing career- or college-ready graduates, and ensuring fiscal oversight of our tax dollars, ensuring our money is invested locally.

During my tenure:

I have fought to add more police officers to provide much-needed support for our families and staff.

Our 2026 graduates achieved a 75% career and college readiness through our CTE and A-G programs. Our students have multiple options as they are more prepared for their next chapter.

We creatively utilized multiple funding sources to provide new facilities for our students and staff without cutting other programs. This allows our community to utilize our afterschool programs to provide additional support for our families. My 30+ year background as a business operator provides an outsider perspective into how we approach the challenges of growth with fiscal responsibility.

I humbly ask for your vote to continue the momentum that we've created. If you have questions, feel free to call or text 760.553.4443.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 3
HESPERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CAITLIN JONES

As a nonprofit executive, community leader, and proud Hesperia resident, I believe every child deserves access to an excellent education in a safe, supportive, and accountable school district.

Our students and educators have spent too long being treated as an afterthought. It's time to restore a culture where academic excellence, transparency, and accountability are not aspirations—they are expectations. Our teachers deserve the resources, respect, and support they need to help every student succeed, and our families deserve leadership that listens, communicates openly, and puts our children first.

As both a special-needs parent and former HUSD student myself, I understand that every decision made by the Board of Education has a direct impact on students, families, and our community. I will advocate and fight for high academic standards, responsible fiscal stewardship, safe and accessible campuses, and policies that prepare every student for success.

Together, we can bring back Hesperia's era of excellence and build a school district our students, educators, and families are proud to call their own.

ERIC SWANSON

Board Member, Hesperia Unified School District

As your board member, I believe students' needs must always come first. I have kept that priority #1 in every decision I have made. Our students need to be able to communicate and collaborate, as well as use critical and creative thinking. Expanding Career Technical Education has given students greater opportunities.

My priorities:

- Safety first! If the students don't feel safe, they cannot learn. If staff members don't feel safe, they cannot teach.
- Lower class sizes. With fewer students in a class, every student will receive the attention he/she deserves.
- Listen! I will be accessible to parents, community members, and staff.
- Guard your tax dollars. We cannot waste a single dollar that your taxes provide.

My family has proudly called Hesperia home for 37 years, and I remain committed to expanding student opportunities through stronger schools. I will ensure community involvement in our schools and foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation among board members. Hesperia Unified School District is "Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World."

Contact me at (760) 617-1143, www.VoteEricSwanson.com, or through Facebook at "Eric Swanson Hesperia School Board"

I respectfully ask for your vote on November 3rd.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
HESPERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FRANCIS "FRAN" HERDLEIN
Teacher

My name is Francis "Fran" Herdlein. I am running for Hesperia Unified School District Member, Governing Board Area 5. I have been in the education field for nearly 30 years, most of those years as a teacher.

I have an Associate Degree in Restaurant Management, I have bachelor's degrees in both History and Political Science as well as Master Degrees in both Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Administration. I hold a single subject credential in Social Studies and a Preliminary Administrative Credential.

I have been married for over thirty years. My wife Joanie holds a Single Subject Credential and will be a valuable asset in my tenure as a board member.

I have worked countless hours volunteering in Hesperia for the Hesperia Parks and Recreation District as well as a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts of America.

I will fight to see that every dollar spent is a dollar spent in direct support of teaching and learning that best supports students in becoming life-long learners and becoming the future leaders of our community or whatever they strive to be. I support students in their quest to be the best version of themselves and live their best lives.

MARK DUNDON

Age: 54

Hesperia Unified School District Member, Governing Board

For 8 years, I have been honored to serve as your Hesperia School Board Member and champion for students and parents. Under my guidance and support, Hesperia Unified School District and its students are better than ever!

Improvements I guided and promoted:

- 30% more school police officers for Safer Schools
- 18 Career and Technical Education Pathways for high school students
- Protecting Parent's Rights to choose for their children
- More Student Successes for brighter futures
- Doubled 4-year college ready grads to 75%
- Tripled Career and Technical Education completions to 60%
- Thousands of dual grads from high school and Victor Valley College with 8,455 college credits by high school students this year

With 1 child still in high school, my wife and I are grateful that our 3 children were educated in Hesperia, with caring and skilled teachers. Keeping our students safe from political issues while giving them great education to have the brightest future possible is very important to me.

As a Parent and a Teacher, I truly understand what our students and teachers need to achieve new heights of success.

Please Re-Elect Mark Dundon. Facebook "Mark Dundon Hesperia School Board". 442-242-0444 markdundon4schoolboard@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 1
MORONGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

VADIM ALTSCHULER

Technology Specialist / Parent

I am a parent, classified school technology employee, and community advocate. My experience across public education, cultural nonprofits, and media production in the private sector combines expertise in technical systems with an understanding of how complex organizations work. Leadership means listening, communicating openly, treating everyone with fairness, respect, and dignity, and seeking practical solutions.

As a district parent and school employee, I share the concerns of families and staff. As a Board member, I will be accessible, ask direct questions, explain decisions clearly, and ensure students, families, and staff are heard before major plans are shaped.

My priorities are strong schools, a culture of respect and dignity, and practical opportunities in career education, arts, technology, and emerging fields. Our schools are more than buildings or line items; they are centers of community life and a promise to our children.

The Board must hold district leadership accountable. I will insist on transparent budgets and oversight so taxpayer dollars strengthen our communities, support families, and help our children succeed.

I envision a school system our children can trust and our communities can be proud of: open, financially responsible, prepared for the future, and accountable to the people it serves.

RUBEN RODRIGUEZ

The children of 29 Palms deserve education opportunities that go beyond minimum requirements, so they can reach their maximum potential. Our students deserve smaller class sizes, and our teachers deserve ample support. As the educational landscape in California broadens and redefines itself, it is incumbent that our school district transforms itself to fit the needs of its students. This includes options for independent study, online education, home schooling and more dual enrollment opportunities. I believe every school in 29 Palms is special to the communities they serve and that pride in ownership can overcome all obstacles.

As a trustee, I will work to ensure that the students of 29 Palms receive equal resources to their counterparts on the west side of the district. This would include facilities, teacher-to-student ratios, special needs equity, counseling and new learning opportunities. I aim to be a resource to the community. I'm committed to showing up for this community. I'm committed to listening to parents, teachers, students and school administration, noting concerns, and taking those concerns to the board at large. The people of 29 Palms know what's best for 29 Palms, and I'm committed to amplifying that voice.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
MORONGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

LINDA HAMILTON

I am running for the Morongo Unified School District Board of Education because I believe our community deserves a Board that is open, transparent, and accountable to the people it serves. I believe I can contribute to that goal.

For more than 30 years, I worked for Morongo Unified School District, including many years as Executive Secretary to the Superintendent and Board of Education. That experience gave me a unique understanding of how a Board should operate and why public trust is so important.

I believe Board members should listen to the community, ask thoughtful questions, and make decisions based on facts and sound policy. I also believe the public should have a clear understanding of why decisions are made and how they support our students and schools. Transparency isn't just a legal requirement; it's the foundation of good government.

My goal is simple: to help ensure Morongo Unified is well-governed, fiscally responsible, and worthy of the community's trust. It would be an honor to continue serving the district and community that has been my home for most of my life.

JUAN CARLOS PINEIRO
Healthcare Executive / Parent

Age: 45

I am a parent, a neighbor, and a member of this community. I'm running for the Morongo Unified School District Governing Board because the schools our children attend are an essential part of their lives.

Like many parents, I became concerned when I learned that school closures were being considered in our district. Closing a school is not simply an administrative or financial decision. Schools are the heart of communities. They are where our children learn, where families build relationships, and where neighborhoods create a shared sense of belonging. Decisions with consequences this significant require transparency, careful consideration, and meaningful participation from the families most affected.

My priority is straightforward: I will advocate to keep our local schools open and ensure that no school is closed unnecessarily. I will ask difficult questions, carefully examine the facts and alternatives, and make sure the voices of parents, teachers, students, and our broader community are represented before irreversible decisions are made.

I am not running because I planned to enter politics. I am running because this community is my home, these schools matter to our families, and when important decisions are being made, our community deserves a seat at the table.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 1
REDLANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PATTY S. HOLOHAN

Age: 65

Redlands School Board Member Vice President

Redlands Unified is more than the district I have had the honor of serving; it is the community that helped shape who I am. I grew up in Redlands and attended Redlands Unified schools throughout my education. That lifelong connection has given me a deep appreciation for our schools, our traditions, and our commitment to students.

Since my election to the Board of Education in 2006, I have remained dedicated to serving our students, families, employees, and community. I have served four terms as Board President and currently serve as Vice President. In every role, I have led with integrity, preparation, compassion, and a focus on what is best for students.

I am honored to have earned the endorsement of both the Redlands Teachers Association (RTA) and the Redlands Education Support Professionals Association (RESPA), reflecting the confidence of the educators and staff who serve our students every day.

Redlands Unified is part of my story, and I remain committed to honoring its legacy, strengthening its future, and ensuring every student feels supported, valued, and prepared to succeed. I respectfully ask for your vote in the November 3, 2026 election.

DALE BROOME

Age: 64

Physician / Grandfather

As a candidate for Redlands Unified School Board – Area 1, I want to ensure that all students receive a high-quality education that will equip them to enter the workforce or pursue college, career or technical training.

I am a physician, father of 2 former RUSD students and grandfather of 2 preschool girls. I spent 20 years in academic medicine, teaching residents, medical students, PAs, and technologists, last serving as associate professor at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

I have regularly attended our school board meetings for the last 5 years – opposing the Covid mandates and advocating for common-sense policies that focus on academics, promote good physical and psychological health, and do not promote social or political agendas in the classrooms.

I will strive to raise the educational standards, test scores and graduation rates by emphasizing reading proficiency, challenging students in math and science, minimizing grade inflation, and providing remedial education for struggling students. Our district must respect parental rights and keep parents well-informed of all matters regarding their student's education, health and progress. We must also protect girls' sports and private spaces and ensure a safe learning environment for all students.

Vote for Broome for RUSD School Board.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
REDLANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RYAN SCHAVRIEN

Education Director / Analyst

As a father of two children attending our local schools and an experienced California public school Director, I know the decisions made by the School Board directly affect my family and every family in our community. Through my experience governing a public school, I have firsthand experience overseeing budgets, supporting teachers and staff, and making responsible decisions that put students first. That is why I am running for the Redlands Unified School District Board.

Our students must come first. While the current Board has spent time on divisive and frivolous issues, including banning books and "no deception" policies, teachers have been laid off and attention has shifted away from improving student success.

It is time to bring common sense back to the School Board and refocus on what matters: strong classrooms, qualified educators and staff, responsible budgeting, safe schools, and preparing our students for college, careers, and successful futures.

I am proud to be the only candidate in this race supported by the Redlands Teachers Association and RESPA. They understand that we must listen to educators, invest in our classrooms, and work together to keep RUSD among the top school districts in our region.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Redlands School Board, Trustee Area 2.
- Ryan Ryan4RUSD@Gmail.com 909-654-6985 www.ryan4rusd.com

MARIA MONTES

Paralegal / Mother

I am a first-generation American. My parents immigrated to the United States without speaking English and no formal education. Their hard work and sacrifices taught me the value of responsibility, perseverance, and the opportunities that education provides.

My family has been part of this community for 17 years. As a Paralegal with over 20 years of legal experience and the parent of four children who have attended Redlands Unified schools, I understand first hand the importance of a quality education and a safe learning environment.

My priorities are to strengthen academic achievement while expanding opportunities through Career Technical Education, dual enrollment with local colleges, personal finance, life skills education, and dual language programs.

As a bilingual professional, I know first hand the profound, life-changing power of mastering a second language. I believe the Spanish immersion program provides students with a strong advantage whether it be for college, skilled trades, military service, or any future career in an increasingly diverse world.

I believe in transparency, fiscal responsibility, and putting students first. I will listen to our community and make thoughtful, responsible decisions that put students first.

It would be an honor to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STEPHANIE LOPEZ

Parent

My name is Stephanie Lopez, and for more than 20 years, Rialto has been my home. This is where I'm raising my family, building relationships, and becoming deeply invested in the future of our children and schools. As a mother of a diverse family, I understand that every child is different and deserves to feel supported, safe, included, and valued.

As a student myself, I am continually learning and preparing for my future in education. As a parent of children with a 504 plan and IEP I understand the importance of education and the challenges families face.

I have put these experiences into action by serving in our schools through PTA, School Site Council, PBIS, and the Safety Committee. I am also honored to serve as President of the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

I am running because I believe our children deserve advocates, our teachers deserve support, and our schools must be safe places to learn and grow. I will listen to families, stand up for students, support educators, and work collaboratively to find solutions.

I am Stephanie Lopez, and I am ready to continue advocating for our children, our schools, and the Rialto community we call home.

EVELYN DOMINGUEZ

Parent / Nurse / Incumbent

As your Rialto Unified School District Board Member, I am committed to ensuring every student has access to a high-quality education in a safe and supportive learning environment. Since beginning my term in 2022 as the first Latina to serve on the Board, I have worked to represent the voices of students, families, educators, and our community. As a licensed vocational nurse, a parent, and a longtime Inland Empire resident, I bring compassion, practical experience, and a strong commitment to public service. Born in Guatemala and as a citizen of Rialto, I understand the value of opportunity, hard work, and education. My husband and I are proud to raise our three children in Rialto, where we are deeply invested in our community's future. I ask for your vote so I can continue working to strengthen our schools, support student success, and serve every family with integrity, transparency, unity and dedication.

JAMES M. MARTINEZ

Humane Peace Officer

I am running for the Rialto Unified School District - 5, Board of Education, because experience matters, listening matters, and our community deserves representatives who will make thoughtful decisions in the best interests of every student.

As a graduate of Rialto Unified School District, the father of two children who also graduated from our district, and a longtime public servant, I understand the important role our schools play in shaping lives and strengthening our community. I'm grateful for the education my family received and for the dedicated teachers and staff who work everyday to help students succeed.

I want to give back by becoming an accessible and engaged school board member. I'll listen to parents, students, teachers, employees, and community members before making important decisions. I'll support community meetings and public events where families can speak openly about their concerns, their children's needs, and the future of our schools.

My experience in law enforcement, school safety, youth mentorship, special education, vocational training, nonprofit leadership, and military service has prepared me to lead with integrity, accountability, fairness, and sound judgment.

I'm asking for your support so we can work together to strengthen our schools, support our teachers, protect our students, and create greater opportunities for every child.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD
SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MARY ELLEN ABILEZ GRANDE
Incumbent / Guest Teacher

Our schools are the heart of our community. As the school district goes, so goes the city. All children are 100% of our future.

In my first term, we proved what is possible. Look at our award-winning pathway programs, our college readiness initiatives, and our rising trajectories on the California School Dashboard. SBCUSD students are winning. But to keep this momentum, we have to support the workforce behind that success. I am championing innovative staff and family housing solutions so we can recruit and retain the very best educators right here in our neighborhoods.

We also have to prepare our kids for a rapidly changing economy. That means advocating for the responsible integration of artificial intelligence in our classrooms—using cutting-edge technology to assist our teachers, never to replace the human connection only they provide.

Ultimately, our responsibility is to hold a vision for all students until they can hold one for themselves. Again, our students are 100% of our future. Together, we can build a stronger school district and a more prosperous city. I would be honored to earn your vote to continue serving the San Bernardino City Unified School District. Thank you.

Mary Ellen Abilez Grande

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4
SNOWLINE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MARCUS HERNANDEZ
Incumbent

Age: 51

TERRANCE L. STONE
School / Community Consultant

As a parent of two Snowline kids, one having just graduated from Serrano, it has been an absolute honor serving as your Trustee for the last eight years—five of those as Board President. Early in my tenure, I led the successful initiative to eliminate "pay-to-ride" bus fees, ensuring every student has free, reliable transportation to school. Good governance relies on trust and open dialogue. Over these years, I have built strong, productive relationships with our Superintendent, senior and site administrators, and my fellow board members. To ensure our educators and support staff are heard, I instituted regular bargaining unit comments at board meetings, fostering open communication and collaborative negotiations year after year. As we manage \$70.6M in Measure J facility modernizations, steady, reliable leadership is important to keep moving forward. Endorsed by Snowline Teachers Association, I respectfully ask for your vote to keep our district strong, fair, and growing.

As a lifelong advocate for children, families, and education, I am committed to ensuring every student in the Snowline Unified School District has the opportunity to succeed. For more than 25 years, I have dedicated my career to improving the lives of young people through education, mentoring, workforce development, mental health support, and community partnerships. As the Founder and CEO of Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy, I have helped thousands of youth overcome challenges and build successful futures.

I believe our schools should be safe, student-centered, and focused on academic excellence while preparing students for college, careers, and life. I will work to strengthen partnerships between schools, families, businesses, and community organizations to expand opportunities in career technical education, leadership development, mental health resources, and student support services.

As your Trustee, I will listen, lead with integrity, and make decisions that put students first. My commitment is to fiscal responsibility, transparency, supporting our teachers and staff, and ensuring every child regardless of background has access to a high-quality education. Together, we can build stronger schools, stronger families, and a stronger future for the Snowline community.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4
YUCAIPA-CALIMESA JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STARENE CRUSE
Retired Teacher / Grandmother

Candidate Statement As a retired educator, healthcare professional, and proud Yucaipa-Calimesa grandmother, I am running for the School Board to ensure every student thrives. My deep family investment and decades of diverse experience uniquely qualify me to advocate for our community. Since the 1990s, I worked in education across Southern California, gaining invaluable insights into classroom operations. I actively collaborated on School Site Councils to optimize school budgets and academic programs, earning leadership awards for my impact. Today, I remain deeply connected to our local classrooms as a current substitute teacher for the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District. In addition to my educational background, I am a Licensed Vocational Nurse. This medical expertise equips me to champion robust student wellness, mental health resources, and safe, healthy campus environments. As a blend mother of seven and a grandmother to grandchildren attending our local schools, I am personally invested in the future of this district. I will always prioritize academic excellence, fiscal accountability, and transparent communication. Together, we can build safe, high-performing schools where every single child succeeds. Experienced leadership for every student's future. I would be truly honored to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4
VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ROSALIO "ROSIE" HINOJOS

Age: 82

Victor Valley Union High School District 4 Board Member

As the incumbent Trustee for Area 4, it has been an honor to serve our community over the past four years. I firmly believe that our students are our future, and they deserve a high-quality education that prepares them for college, technical training, military service, or a successful transition directly into the workforce.

I remain committed to supporting policies that keep our students safe, ensure our classrooms are led by qualified, dedicated teachers, and maintain the financial stability of our District so resources stay focused on student success.

I bring to this role the perspective of a lifelong Victor Valley resident of more than 70 years, a proud graduate of Victor Valley High School, an honorably discharged U.S. Army veteran, and a retiree of Southwest Gas Corporation. My roots in this community run deep, and my decisions as a Board member are guided by a genuine commitment to our students, their families, and the dedicated staff of the Victor Valley Union High School District.

I respectfully ask for your continued support so we can keep building a strong, safe, and successful future for all our students.

SARAH SHABAZZ

Educator / Entrepreneur / Civic Leader

As a College Professor with a Ph.D. in Education, wife, mother of 11 and grandmother of 17, a business owner, and longtime High Desert resident, I have dedicated my life to serving students, families, and our community.

I bring more than 30 years of educational experience, serving as a special education teacher, educational leader, and mentor to future educators. I have taught students at every level, from kindergarten through doctoral programs. Throughout my career, I have remained committed to preparing students, supporting educators, and advancing academic excellence.

I believe strong schools build strong communities. As a small business owner and active community volunteer, I value accountability, transparency, fiscal responsibility, and meaningful collaboration with families, educators, and community partners.

As your Trustee, I will work to strengthen academic achievement, expand career technical education and college pathways, promote safe and respectful schools, ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and encourage open communication with families, staff, and the community.

Every student deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed in a supportive environment that prepares them for college, careers, and life.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Victor Valley Union High School District Board of Trustees, Area 4.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
ADELANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

LA SHAWN V. LOVE-FRENCH
Administrator

Age: 55

TONI MARTIKA ROJAS-EVITTS
Educator / Parent / Advocate

Age: 36

La Shawn Love-French

Candidate for Adelanto Elementary School District Board of Trustees:

It has been an honor to serve the students, families, and staff of the Adelanto Elementary School District as your elected Trustee. As a parent, community leader, and current Board member, I remain committed to ensuring every student has access to a safe, supportive, and high-quality education.

During my service, including two years as Board President, I have worked to promote fiscal responsibility, transparency, and student achievement while advocating for the needs of our schools and community. Professionally, I serve as a Program Manager with San Bernardino County Preschool Services, where I oversee programs that strengthen family engagement and support children's success from their earliest years.

I believe every decision should put students first. I will continue working collaboratively to strengthen academic excellence, support our dedicated teachers and staff, and ensure responsible stewardship of public resources.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I may continue serving our community with integrity, accountability, and dedication.

As a lifelong resident and proud graduate of Adelanto schools, I am honored to run for the Adelanto School Board. Having lived in this community for more than 30 years, I understand the strengths of our schools and the opportunities ahead. I believe every student deserves access to a quality education, support, and the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Real change takes heart, hard work, and leaders who understand the needs of students and families. As a parent, certificated employee, youth coach, classroom volunteer, and PTA member, I have dedicated my time to serving our community and investing in our youth.

Our children are more than a name on a roster. They are individuals with unique strengths, talents, and unlimited potential. It is our responsibility to create schools where every student feels seen, valued, supported, and inspired to succeed.

Together, we can strengthen our schools and build a brighter future for Adelanto.

Qualifications: ● Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 2025 ● Small Business Owner & Entrepreneur (2016–Present) ● PTA Member (2024–2026) ● Classroom Parent & School Volunteer ● Youth Coach (Soccer, Basketball & Baseball, 14+ Years)

Vote Toni Martika Rojas Evitts — Leadership with Heart, Service, and Commitment.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4
ADELANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CHRISTINA MARIA STEWARD

Age: 55

Incumbent

As a mother and a teacher, I have dedicated my time on the board to advocating for the children of the Adelanto Elementary School District. I believe every child has the potential to achieve great things when they are given the right tools, opportunities, and support.

I voted for the Guided Coalition because I believe our district should focus its energy on what matters most-our students and their success. I also believe our teachers and staff deserve to feel supported and valued so they can do their best work every day.

Strong leadership means asking the tough questions, making thoughtful decisions, and always putting students first. I am committed to transparency, accountability, and ensuring every decision reflects the best interests of our children.

I am dedicated to serving our students, supporting our educators, and helping build a stronger future for our district.

LESLEY R. TETT

Age: 44

Mother / Business Women

As a mother, business owner, community leader, and college student pursuing a degree in Business Administration, I understand the importance of creating opportunities that help every student succeed. I believe every child deserves a safe, supportive learning environment where they are challenged academically, encouraged personally, and prepared for life after graduation.

If selected to serve on the school board, I will focus on strengthening communication between families and schools, supporting our teachers and staff, promoting responsible financial decisions, and ensuring students have access to strong academic, career, and extracurricular opportunities.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
ADELANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DESTINY SHEREE HILL

Teacher

As a teacher, I have dedicated my career to helping students build the skills and confidence they need to succeed. Strong schools, engaged families, and a supportive community has an immense impact on student success. I am running for the board of education because I believe every student deserves a safe, high-quality learning environment. If elected, I will promote academic excellence and transparency between parents, students, the board, and the community.

I am committed to listening to parents, students, educators, and community members to ensure voices are heard and students are given the proper resources to succeed. Working together, we can strengthen our schools and prepare every child for a successful future. It would be an honor to earn your trust and vote!

STEPHANIE KYER

Adelanto Elementary School District Member, Governing Board

I believe every decision made for Adelanto Elementary School District Area 5 should be transparent, fiscally responsible, and focused on student success. I will listen to parents, teachers, staff, and our community, ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, and hold myself accountable for every vote and every decision. Together, we can build trust, strengthen our schools, and create opportunities for every student to succeed.

NIKARA M. COLEMAN

Age: 41

Amazon Associate

My name is Nikara Coleman, and I am running for the Adelanto Elementary School District Board because I believe every child deserves the opportunity to succeed in a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment. As a single parent with children in the Adelanto Elementary School District, I understand the challenges that families experience every day. My children have benefited from special education services giving me firsthand insight into the importance of ensuring that every student regardless of their abilities or learning needs receives the support they need to thrive.

I am committed to being a strong voice for students, parents, teachers, and our community. I believe in promoting academic excellence, supporting our educators, strengthening communication between families and schools, district resources are used responsibly and effectively. If elected, I will work to improve educational opportunities for all students, advocate for quality special education programs, encourage transparency and accountability, and help create schools where every child feels valued, and respected.

As a parent, I understand the importance of listening, working together, and making decisions that put children first. I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote to serve on the Adelanto Elementary School District Board.

Thank you for your support.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 3
ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ARTHUR "ART" ANDRES

For more than three decades, I have dedicated my life to public service, protecting families, strengthening communities, and caring for people during some of their most difficult moments.

I'm a husband, a father, and a lifelong fire and emergency medical services professional. I have served as a firefighter, paramedic, captain, battalion chief, deputy chief, and now as Director of EMS Operations. Every role has strengthened my belief in preparation, accountability, teamwork, and service before self.

I'm running for Alta Loma School District Governing Board Area 3 because every child deserves a strong education and every parent deserves confidence in their schools and community.

We must return to the basics and ensure our students are excelling in mathematics, reading, writing, science, and history. We must also support our teachers and staff, because when they feel respected, prepared, and supported, our students are better positioned to succeed.

Our schools must be safe, clean, and well maintained. A quality learning environment shows students that their community believes in them and in their future. I will bring a public servant's heart, a parent's perspective, and decades of leadership experience to the Board. I humbly ask for your vote.

Join our Public Safety Professionals in supporting Art Andres for Alta Loma School District Governing Board Area 3.

RIKA BAUM
Mother / Parent

Age: 42

I am a mother with over 20 years' experience working with children. I believe children deserve a supportive learning environment and educational opportunities that will prepare them for the future.

The Alta Loma School District has amazing teachers, service providers, and campus support. And I want to ensure every student and their family receives an exceptional educational experience. For children to be lifelong learners, their school district must focus on more than academic achievement. As Superintendent Sherry Smith stated, it is about helping every student develop the knowledge, character, confidence, and resilience they need to succeed.

Therefore, my objectives as a school board trustee are:

1. To improve communication between schools and families. We need to listen to and act on parents' concerns and strengthen engagement.
2. To provide teachers with professional development opportunities so that they can better support our children.
3. To achieve fiscal transparency, accountability, and stability so we can gain the trust of our families and community. They need to know how we spend their tax dollars.

My objectives are achievable and I believe together we can accomplish it. I humbly ask you to vote Rika Baum. Facebook: ALSD Board Trustee Area 3 Candidate

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 5
ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MALINDA LAURA HURLEY

Age: 57

Incumbent / Teacher / Parent

My life has been dedicated to serving others. For 22 years, I have proudly served as a public-school teacher, advocated for working families, foster youth, and remained deeply committed to our Alta Loma community.

As a graduate of Alta Loma High School and a lifelong resident, I understand the values that make our community strong. As the proud daughter of a Mexican immigrant and member of a military family, I believe public education creates opportunities and strengthens our future.

As a parent, I served in the PTA, on the Los Osos School Site Council, as a substitute teacher for Alta Loma School District, and currently as Vice President of the Alta Loma School Board. These experiences have given me firsthand knowledge of the needs of our students, families, and educators.

Our children deserve safe schools, excellent teachers, well-maintained facilities, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. I will work collaboratively with parents, employees, and the community to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed.

With my experience, proven commitment, and endorsements from parents, educators, business leaders, and local school officials, I would be honored to serve on the Alta Loma School District Governing Board. I respectfully ask for your vote.

ANTOINETTE ELAINE JENSEN

Mother / Parent

My name is Antoinette Jensen, and I am running for Alta Loma School Board, Area 5. As the parent of four children and a former early childhood education teacher, I am passionate about education and fostering strong collaboration between parents and schools.

If elected, I will prioritize parents' voices and faithfully serve the families who elected me. I am committed to improving student achievement, ensuring safe and accountable schools, protecting parental choice, exercising responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and expanding opportunities for the public to attend or view school board meetings so district decisions remain open, transparent, and accessible.

I believe every child deserves the opportunity to succeed in a safe, supportive learning environment focused on excellence. Strong schools are built through trust, transparency, and partnerships between families, educators, and the community. I will listen with respect, make thoughtful decisions based on what is best for students, and remain accessible to the families I represent. It would be an honor to earn your trust and your vote for Alta Loma School Board, Area 5.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4
CUCAMONGA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CAMILLE BUTTS
Teacher

Camille B. is a 14-year resident of the Cucamonga School District and a lifelong Southern California resident. With 15+ years as a public school teacher and over 8 years in public education leadership, she is ready to serve our district.

Camille is dedicated to empowering student voices and ensuring equitable access to quality education. As an active member of the California Teachers Association, she focuses on policy reform that prioritizes students and educational equity. For 8 years, she mentored and coached youth in Rancho Cucamonga and Ontario, demonstrating her commitment to this community.

Camille blends what she learns from her leadership experiences with what she learns from speaking with community members to make informed decisions. She listens to the community, collaborates with committees, and empowers those she serves alongside.

As a school board member, Camille will bring her classroom expertise and collaborative leadership style to advocate for programs to benefit our students, support our educators, and champion our schools. She believes every student deserves access to excellent education.

Camille Butts is ready to serve the Cucamonga School District.

Education is Key! Vote 4 Camille B.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 1
ETIWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DAYNA KARSCH

Age: 52

Etiwanda School District Member, Governing Board Area 1

I am a 24 year resident of Rancho Cucamonga. I have been serving as a Governing Board Member for Etiwanda School District since 2017. Serving our district has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience, allowing me to be involved and give back to the community.

I am passionate about public education and advocating for the welfare of all students. I have been heavily involved in my children's schools, serving on the PTA and School Site Council, and engaging in LCAP development and feedback opportunities. In my professional experience as a chemical engineer, I regularly deal with contract negotiations, budget development, project management, and personnel career and skills development. These skills have been a great asset to my service on the board. I have a passion for STEAM and am eager to see more science, math, engineering, and arts opportunities available for all students. My biggest goal on the school board is to continue to close the achievement gap for all student groups and ensure that all students' voices are being heard and supported.

I look forward to continuing to work together with our community to strengthen the quality education that the Etiwanda School District is known for. I would be honored to have your vote.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD HELENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

CINDY HENSLEY
Incumbent

For the past 32 years, I have lived in Helendale. My husband and I raised our three daughters here, and we have seven grandchildren, three of whom currently attend Helendale School District schools. I am deeply invested in the success and future of our community and its students.

I worked for the Helendale School District for 22 years, retiring as a school secretary after serving in a variety of roles throughout the district. I also proudly served as CSEA President and Vice President for a combined 15 years.

I have coached youth soccer, cheer, and softball, and I chaired the Silver Lakes Recreation and Youth Committee for many years. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to providing safe, positive opportunities for local youth.

As your elected Board Member, I remain committed to transparency, accountability, and responsible fiscal oversight. I believe decisions must always be made with integrity and in the best interest of students, staff, and our community. I will continue to support strong academic programs, safe schools, quality employees, and sound financial management decisions based on facts and fairness.

I respectfully ask for your vote and the opportunity to continue serving Helendale with experience, dedication, and integrity.

LES KAYE
Teacher / CPA

The Helendale School District Governing Board is one of the most important offices on the ballot. The candidates you elect will make major decisions that directly affect the quality of education our children receive. Today's students will be tomorrow's leaders, and it's our responsibility to give them the strongest possible foundation to meet future challenges.

We're extremely fortunate in Helendale. We have wonderful children, a dedicated and talented staff, and supportive parents who care deeply about education.

I bring a unique combination of experience to the Governing Board. As a teacher, I offer years of classroom insight. As a CPA, I provide a strong business and financial background. As a student advocate and a highly involved grandparent, I promise parents that I'll remain fully visible, accessible, and responsive.

In 2022, I served as President of the Helendale School District Board of Trustees and was instrumental in developing key programs, including the after-school Peer Tutoring program at no cost to parents, the district's Grant program that secured substantial free funding for programs that directly benefited our students and the district. If elected, I'll work to update and strengthen these programs and help implement additional programs that further support our children.

Questions / Comments? Please contact me directly:

714-299-5260 / kayelescpa@yahoo.com

ERIK R. JACOBSON
College Professor

As a College Professor and educator for more than three decades, I have dedicated my career to helping students discover their potential through education, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. I believe every child deserves a safe, challenging, and supportive learning environment where families are welcomed as partners, students are inspired and teachers are respected.

My experience working with thousands of students has taught me that strong schools are built on accountability, fiscal responsibility, academic excellence, and open communication. I believe every tax dollar should be spent wisely and transparently, with decisions focused first on what benefits students in the classroom.

If elected to the Helendale School District Governing Board, I will work to support outstanding teachers, encourage high academic standards, strengthen career and college readiness, promote safe campuses, and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Our schools should prepare young people not only for graduation, but for meaningful careers, responsible citizenship, and fulfilling lives. I will listen carefully to parents, students, teachers, and community members, treating every voice with respect while making thoughtful, informed decisions for the future of our district.

It would be an honor to earn your trust and serve the Helendale community.

BARBARA RODRIGUEZ
Product Manager II (Technical / Engineering)

Age: 57

I am running for School Board because every child deserves access to a quality education and endless possibilities to succeed.

Having attended schools with limited funding and educational opportunities, I understand the challenges that many students face. Through hard work, perseverance, and self-education, I built a successful career. I believe every student should have access to the support, resources, and opportunities needed to reach their full potential.

As a dedicated advocate for Helendale residents, I support community initiatives that bring people together and strengthen our town. I believe strong schools are built through partnership among students, families, educators, and the community.

Qualifications:

With over 30 years of leadership in technology, including 25 years driving programs and initiatives, I unite people, build consensus, and deliver results. I mentor and develop talent, communicate clearly, and collaborate across diverse teams to solve complex challenges with consistency and impact.

I am committed to listening to students, families, teachers, and community members to ensure every child has an opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

I would be honored to earn your support. Vote for Barbara Rodriguez

FRANK M. MELENDEZ

Retired Federal Law Enforcement

For more than 20 years, I have proudly called Helendale home, and for the past 13 years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Helendale School Board. As a retired law enforcement professional, I have dedicated my career to serving others with integrity, accountability, and fairness—values I continue to bring to the Board.

My commitment has always been simple: every decision should be made in the best interest of our students. I believe all children deserve a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and I have worked to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed.

I believe public service requires transparency and responsible stewardship. That is why I was the only Board member to vote against increasing Board member compensation. I believe serving our community is about putting students first, not personal benefit.

I am also proud to serve without any personal or family interests within the district. My decisions are based solely on what is best for our students, our schools, and our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue providing experienced, independent leadership focused on fairness, fiscal responsibility, and the success of every student in the Helendale School District.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 3
MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SUSAN ELIZABETH KELLY
Educator

Age: 65

As a dedicated educator, my focus is entirely on the success, safety, well-being, and future of our students. I am running for the Mountain View School District Board of Trustees to bring a practical, logical, classroom centered perspective to our local leadership. I believe that strong, transparent, collaborative schools build thriving learning communities, and our children deserve an educational foundation that prepares them to excel in life. If elected, I will work in partnership with parents, guardians, teachers, staff, and community members to champion these core priorities.

- Elevating Academic Achievement: Focus resources directly on classroom instruction, curriculum, standards, and measurable student success.
- Supporting Our Classrooms: Ensure our hardworking teachers and dedicated staff have the resources, training, and support required to deliver the finest education.
- Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency: Guarantee district funds are managed both efficiently and responsibly with open communication and direct accountability to all stakeholders.

I am committed to listening to our community and always putting our students first. I would be honored to earn your vote to bring balanced, experienced leadership to the Mountain View School District Board.

Thank you, Susan Kelly

JAMES LEE WILLINGHAM
Incumbent

As a current member of the Mountain View School Board of Trustee I have been proud to serve on the Board of Trustee for the Past fourteen years and a retired Federal employee in 1994 and a retired California State employee retired in 2013. My wife and I raised 2 children in the Mountain View School District with attendance at Creekview and Grace Yokley. I have been a resident of Creekside for the past thirty-six years.

I have served with the following San Bernardino County Agencies:

The San Bernardino County EEO Commission 2005-Present Chair / Vice Chair.

The San Bernardino County School Reorganization Committee 2015-2016 Chair / Vice Chair.

The San Bernardino County Veterans Advisory Commission Chair / Vice Chair 2005-2024.

Honorably Discharged from the USMC 1969-1973. In May 1992 I was awarded the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) Honorable Service Award. I have a Masters in Planning and a Doctors Degree in Business Administration and a Masters in Church Ministry. I also have a Certificate in Paralegal Studies awarded by Cal-State Dominguez Hills. I coached AYSO Soccer from 1986-2002.

I will demonstrate and use rational judgement in all school budgeting decisions.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 3
ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT**

KRISTEN "KRIS" BRAKE

Ontario-Montclair School Board Member, Area 3

I am a current Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) Board of Trustees member (2010-2014, 2018-ongoing), retired OMSD school librarian, parent, and community volunteer.

In my present term as a Board member, I've enjoyed fostering strong partnerships with OMSD employees and families. I personally want to acknowledge our teachers and classified staff for their outstanding contributions to our students, families, and community.

Since reading and libraries are a passion for me, I am pleased to have made a priority of reinstating school libraries and library personnel. I enjoy reading to our students on a regular basis to help foster a love of books.

Through continued implementation of Measure K, we have opened WAT Centers at all middle schools, and expanded after school programs such as athletics, music and art. We've continued to focus on updated security measures, and supported facility renovations such as HVAC upgrades and structural improvements. OMSD has been recognized for their award-winning schools, including the Promise Scholar Program.

OMSD is a first-class district with exceptional schools, programs, and staff. With your support, I will be honored to continue representing our school community as a member of the OMSD Board of Trustees, Area 3

MARTINA RANGEL-ORTEGA

Retired Telecommunications

Age: 60

My name is Martina Rangel Ortega and I am running for Ontario-Montclair School District Governing Board Area 3. I recently retired as a service clerk for a telecommunication company and union member for over 33 years. All three of my children attended OMSD schools and so will my grandchildren.

I am a big advocate for offering quality education to our youth and have a great admiration for teachers, whose only goal is to see their students succeed. I will ensure our schools are provided sufficient funding while holding the school districts, fiscally responsible, giving teachers a space to teach and the parents, a sense of security knowing that their children are receiving quality education. I will continue to advocate for special education and at-risk students. As a proud community volunteer member that has consistently advocated for parent choice and exceptional programs and services for our students.

Given the opportunity we can maximize the foundation for strong parental involvement and professional development of our school staff to provide our students success with lifetime achievement.

Parents and staff I will be honored to continue to be your voice. I hope to earn your support and your vote.

Martina Rangel-Ortega

J. STEVE GARCIA

Retired School District Administrator

Age: 66

Dear members of the community:

I am seeking your support to represent you and our families on the Ontario-Montclair School Board. School districts are facing tremendous challenges with shrinking budgets, declining enrollment and a rise in student misconduct. Our schools require three primary components:

1. Schools that are safe, clean and free from outside threats.
2. A student wellness program that is comprehensive, well-coordinated and designed specifically to address student behaviors that disrupt academic success.
3. Support our teachers and classified staff to meet the learning, emotional well-being and safety needs of our children.

Students can succeed in a positive environment, where parents and community members can engage with their schools to access personal assistance and resources.

I have 38 years of educational experience at every level of education. I understand what our parents and community members expect from our schools. They want their children to be globally competent, possess problem-solving skills and act ethically and morally.

I have lived in this community for 36 years, where I have been a parent volunteer, past board member and an employee of OMSD. I am confident that I can deliver what is essential to maintain and strengthen a world-class school district.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD
ORO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DULCE M. ARANDA

Hello, my name is Dulce Aranda, and I'm honored to be running for board trustee. As a 2021 graduate of this district, I bring a unique and young perspective. My age allows me to relate with students on a level that older candidates may find challenging. Not only do I acknowledge the district strengths, but I also understand the opportunities to continue growing them as I have attended this district since kindergarten. I believe in transparency, open communication, and working collaboratively with parents, educators, and community members to reflect the needs of the students. Thank you for considering me for a position in the Oro Grande School District. I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve our community.

BRAD AARON ROBINSON
MRA FTO Director

Age: 43

I am proud to be a lifelong member of the Oro Grande community. I grew up here, attended Oro Grande schools, worked for the district, and continue to live within the district boundaries. This community has helped shape who I am, and I am grateful for the opportunities it has provided me and my family.

Because of my lifelong connection to the district, I understand the importance of providing every student with a safe, supportive, and high-quality education. I have seen our schools from the perspective of a student, an employee, and now as a community member. Those experiences have given me a unique understanding of both our strengths and the challenges we face.

I am committed to serving with honesty, integrity, and transparency while always putting students first. My goal is to work collaboratively to make thoughtful decisions that strengthen our schools, support our staff, and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. It would be an honor to serve the community that has given so much to me.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD AREA 2
VICTOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ALLEN G. WILLIAMS
Incumbent

Age: 56

As a current member of the Board of Trustees for the last 9 years, I have had the privilege of being a part of the Victor Elementary School District. I am a life long resident of Victorville and a former student of the District having attended Park View Elementary School from Kindergarten through 6th Grade. My wife has been a teacher in the District for 34 years and both of our children are former students. All of this offers me a unique perspective when it comes to being on the Governing Board. My goals are to ensure that our students have a safe environment in which to learn and make sure that our teachers and staff have the tools and resources they need to provide the best education possible. Keeping a balanced budget and a positive culture have been accomplishments that I am proud of. I will work hard to continue the successes of our District and be ready to help navigate any challenges that we may face. I look forward to serving our Students, Parents, Staff and Community for another term.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR
CITY OF ADELANTO

GABRIEL REYES Age: 39
Mayor

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your Mayor since 2018. Together, we've made meaningful progress for Adelanto. We launched retail development along the Mojave Drive and Highway 395 corridor, creating opportunities to expand shopping, attract new investment, and strengthen our local economy. We delivered a new community park with a splash pad, completed major improvements to Marconi Park with artificial turf and a modern playground, and have an additional five-acre park currently in plan check.

We brought every City audit current, unlocking long-awaited Measure I funding and making it possible to pave roads throughout our community. Infrastructure has remained my highest priority. During my administration, we have invested more than \$16 million in essential water and sewer improvements and completed over \$19 million in street paving projects, improving more than 18 miles of roadways.

The work is not finished. I will continue modernizing infrastructure, expanding economic development, attracting quality jobs, and supporting responsible housing that strengthens our community while preserving our quality of life.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote on or before November 3, 2026.

Vote Reyes for Mayor. Lets continue moving our City forward.

Questions? Please call (760) 686-0246.

STEEVONNA EVANS
Councilwoman

I am running for Mayor because I believe Adelanto's best days are still ahead—and we can build that future by putting People Over Politics.

I have dedicated my life to serving our community as a public servant, nonprofit founder, community advocate, and leader. I founded the Adelanto Water Justice Coalition to bring residents and experts together to pursue solutions for one of our city's most important issues, and I have worked to advance transparency, accountability, public safety, economic opportunity, and responsible government.

As Mayor, I will restore civility in local government, create opportunities for young adults, support local businesses, invest in reliable infrastructure, and fight to ensure Adelanto receives every dollar it is entitled to before asking taxpayers to pay more.

I believe leadership begins with listening. Every resident deserves to be heard, treated with dignity, and represented with integrity.

This campaign isn't built on politics. It's built on people.

Together, we can build a city where families thrive, businesses grow, neighborhoods are valued, and young people have pathways to success.

The Time Is Now. Together, let's build. Together, let's win!

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ADELANTO

ANGELO MEZA

Serving as your Council Member has been the honor of my life. Together, we have made incredible strides in transforming Adelanto into a safer, stronger, and more prosperous community.

Throughout my term, I have kept my promises. I championed the opening of family spaces like the Glasper Park Splash Pad and successfully secured vital funding for the Green Tree Scholarship program to invest directly in our youth. As your representative on the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District board, I have fought hard to protect our regional environment while ensuring balanced economic expansion.

My background as an operations manager brings business-minded accountability to city hall. I have worked tirelessly to support small business owners, streamline city services, and advocate for sustainable development at Adelanto Stadium.

But our work is not done. I am running for reelection to continue improving our local infrastructure, expanding youth mentorship programs, and attracting high-quality jobs to our city. I will always protect your hard-earned tax dollars with transparency and integrity.

I humbly ask for your vote to keep Adelanto moving forward. Let's build a brighter future, together.

AMANDA UPTERGROVE
Councilmember

It has been an honor to serve the residents of Adelanto as your City Councilwoman since 2022.

During my time in office, I have remained accessible, listened to residents, and advocated for solutions that put our community first. My focus has always been on strengthening community services, supporting responsible economic development, and building regional relationships that will improve the quality of life for all Adelanto residents.

As a San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Commissioner I understand the importance of addressing mental health, supporting families, veterans, seniors, and our youth. I have dedicated my life to serving others, both in City Hall and throughout our community, and I will continue to lead with integrity, accountability, and compassion.

Adelanto's future is full of opportunity. Together, we can attract new businesses, create jobs, improve the public safety of our neighborhoods, and build a city where families are proud to live.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving our community with proven leadership, a servant's heart, and an unwavering commitment to the people of Adelanto.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR
TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

DAVID DENCKER Age: 58
Construction Safety Coordinator

Hello Neighbors,

My name is David Dencker. I am 58 years old, have been happily married for 38 years. I am the father of three children, grandfather of four, and dog dad of two.

I have been a homeowner in Apple Valley for 17 years. Professionally, I work as a Safety Coordinator for a construction company, where accountability, planning and responsible stewardship are part of my everyday work.

My vision for Apple Valley is simple, Identify and eliminate unnecessary spending, increase transparency, and strengthen the communication between our town government and the public. Specifically, by holding monthly town halls.

Together with public input, develop a practical, long-term plan to improve our roads and keep our parks clean, safe, and well maintained.

This November, the people of Apple Valley deserve a real choice on the ballot. I would be honored to earn your trust and be that choice, a representative who is from the people for the people.

I am self-funding my campaign. I am not asking for donations. I am simply asking for your vote, David Dencker for Mayor.

Thank you, and God Bless Apple Valley

SCOTT NASSIF Age: 70
Business Owner / Mayor

As an Apple Valley small business owner for 47 years, I've witnessed tremendous progress within our community, but I also believe that many opportunities lie ahead. For the past 24 years, you've trusted me to represent your values and vision on the Town Council and once again, I humbly ask for your vote this election.

I chose to raise my children with my wife, Susan, in Apple Valley because of our community's unique character, and I want to preserve that way of life. If I'm re-elected, I'm committed to:

- Strengthening Law Enforcement and Public Safety Programs in Apple Valley
- Continue Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency
- Enhancing our Roads and Infrastructure
- Expand our Community Events and Activities for Our families
- Attract More Living-Wage Jobs

I believe it is important for leadership to provide, Stability, Integrity, Experience and Listen to our residents as we make good decisions during good and bad economic times. I am happy to take on these responsibilities to Continue Apple Valley's Better Way of Life.

I'd be honored to have your support on November 3rd. Please visit ScottNassif.com to learn more about my candidacy and vision for our Town.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY**

KARI LEON

Age: 64

Business Owner / Councilwoman

Apple Valley has been my home for 49 years. As a former business owner, real estate broker, and your Mayor Pro Tem, I have worked to serve our community with honesty, integrity, and a commitment in doing what is right.

I am proud of what we have accomplished together:

- Strengthened Public Safety: Supported Measure P, which funded the addition of 8 new Sheriff's deputies and 1 sergeant to improve public safety in our community.
- Building Local Trust: I have supported programs such as S.H.O.C.K., After S.H.O.C.K., National Night Out, and many community events that strengthen relationships between our residents and law enforcement.
- Promoted Economic Growth: Worked to attract new businesses and jobs that create opportunities, increase investment, and strengthen our local economy.
- Protected Taxpayer Dollars: I will continue to ask tough questions, support balanced budgets, and ensure that essential services remain the Town's highest priority.
- Planned for the Future: Continued advocacy for improved roads and infrastructure, responsible growth, property rights, and preserving Apple Valley's hometown values.

Serving this community has been a great honor. I would be grateful to continue working on your behalf.

Together, we can keep Apple Valley safe, financially strong, and prosperous. I'm asking for your vote to continue serving Apple Valley.

TED BOHANON

Age: 58

Retired

I am Ted Bohanon/ and I am running for Town Council to restore financial sanity/ public trust/ and real accountability to Apple Valley.

For far too long/ Town Hall has increased spending while roads deteriorate/ infrastructure falls behind/ and major projects remain unfinished. Residents should not be asked to pay more while salaries and administrative costs continue to rise. Our tax dollars must be put to work where residents can see and feel results.

I will oppose new tax increases and demand the Town government live within its means. I will review department spending/ eliminate waste and unnecessary administrative costs/ and redirect existing resources toward repairing roads/ completing promised projects/ modernizing infrastructure/ strengthening public safety/ and protecting essential services.

I will require clear timelines/ responsible budgets/ and measurable results for every major project. Residents deserve to know where their money is going/ why projects are delayed/ and who is accountable for delivering results.

Apple Valley belongs to its residents/ not its politicians. I will ask the tough questions/ demand transparent line item budgeting/ and ensure taxpayer priorities come before salary increases and government expansion.

I respectfully ask for your vote to make Town Hall work for the people again.

Less politics more results.

Ted Bohanon

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY**

MATTHEW RUTLEDGE
Substitute Teacher

Age: 32

Apple Valley is our home, and our local government should reflect the values, priorities, and common sense of the residents it serves. As a local substitute teacher, I am running for Town Council to bring transparent, accessible, and practical leadership to District 4.

My priorities for Apple Valley focus on real, community-first solutions:

Practical Policies: Updating local regulations and code enforcement so they protect quality of life without creating unfair burdens on property owners.

Public Safety & Emergency Readiness: Ensuring our fire and emergency services have the support and infrastructure needed to keep neighborhoods safe and prepared.

Transparent Governance: Advocating for open decisions, fiscal accountability, and strong resident input on town spending and utility policy.

Smart Infrastructure: Improving road safety, enhancing local ADA accessibility, and preserving our high-desert lifestyle while planning responsibly for the future.

I am committed to being an independent, approachable voice who listens to residents and works tirelessly for our neighborhoods. I respectfully ask for your vote to bring balanced, common-sense representation to the Apple Valley Town Council.

CURT EMICK
Councilmember / Pharmacist

It has been an honor to serve you on the Apple Valley Town Council. Since first being elected, we've worked together to improve our quality of life by balancing the budget, making our community safer by adding more Sheriff's Deputies (including eight deputies last year), preserving our parks and open spaces, and creating family events like our Town's Concerts in the Park.

I've lived in Apple Valley with my wife Val for over 25 years. We have four children and eleven grandchildren. I have been a pharmacist for over 40 years and owned and operated my own local business for more than 20 years. My time in business and on the Town Council have given me the experience and knowledge to represent your interests.

If re-elected, I'm committed to:

- Continuing to support our local law enforcement.
- Maintaining our balanced budget and reserve fund.
- Attracting higher-paying jobs.
- Improving and maintaining our local streets and roads.

Apple Valley is a very special place to live. With your support, I will continue to fight to protect Apple Valley's "Better Way of Life."

Learn more about me and my campaign by visiting curtemickforapplevalley.com.

Vote Curt Emick for Apple Valley Town Council on November 3rd.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE**

SONIA IBARRA

Age: 64

Retired School Administrator

I fell in love with our beautiful town of Big Bear when I visited while in college. I vowed I would return one day and become a permanent resident and that became a reality in 2017.

I hold a Master's degree from Stanford University in Educational Leadership and served 37 years as a teacher and administrator including working here in our local district. I was able to gain skills that will now serve me as I interact with our constituents. As a servant leader I have always strongly advocated for effective communication, transparency and accountability. These core beliefs are also applicable to my personal interests.

Currently I am a member of our local rotary club and an owner of a non-profit. I attend local meetings and review current government documentation such as the implementation of our 2050 General Plan because I have a vested interest in the status of our city. I want to be that servant leader and liaison between our constituents and our local government.

I look forward to your support on November 3rd. Vote Sonia Ibarra

KARA FLIETSTRA

Age: 38

Small Business Owner

Big Bear Lake isn't just where I live -

- it's a Community I've invested in,
- where I've built my life,
- opened Dank Donuts and The Moonridge Room,
- and found lifelong friendships.

As a small business owner, employer, volunteer, and neighbor, I understand the challenges and opportunities our community faces - because I live them every day.

Let's elect people who are actively working, building businesses, raising families, and investing in the future of this community.

Our leaders should be living the same challenges as the community they serve.

I'm running to be a voice for our community and to fight for:

- Keeping Big Bear a place people can afford to live, work, and build a future—not just visit.
- A City Hall that listens, communicates, and works with the people it serves.
- Bringing people together because our best ideas come from listening to one another.
- A strong local economy where small businesses can grow and create good local jobs.
- Protecting what makes Big Bear special - our beautiful environment.

I know how to listen, ask questions, and bring people together.

Big Bear has given me so much, I'd be honored to help build what comes next.

I'd be grateful for your Vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE**

MICHAEL BEVERIDGE

I have chosen to run for City Council because I believe it's important to insure that:

- Your thoughts and concerns are heard and considered.
- Our city serves all of our residents.
- We keep our small-town spirit as we improve our city.
- We protect the natural environment that attracted us here.
- Our City Council works to provide a good life for all who live here.

As a 35-year full-time resident of Big Bear Lake, I believe I am the best qualified candidate to represent you on our City Council.

- I have lived in Big Bear Lake since 1988, when I purchased Honey Bear Lodge near The Village.
- Following the Big Bear earthquake in 1992, I worked closely with our city to design, rebuild, and operate my business.
- Since 2002 I have learned to work with our City and County to remodel homes and help fulfill the dreams of Big Bear homeowners.
- I have worked to provide affordable rental housing for our local workforce families.

Together, we can make our city work for you.

Please vote for me, Michael Beveridge, to represent you on our City Council.

ERNIE MENDOZA
Retired Police Detective

Age: 53

My firm belief is that public servants should always place the needs of the people they serve first. The best government works closest to the people it represents. Our town has about 5,000 residents. The City Council is divided into five districts, each representing 1,000 residents. With districts this size, Council members can maintain close, responsive, and effective communication with constituents. If elected, I will bridge the gap between residents and the City Council by listening carefully, communicating openly, and advocating for District 3 residents and our small business community.

Current priorities include:

- District 3 street maintenance
- Westside beautification initiatives
- Preventing the proposed dump site on Cienega Boulevard
- Addressing declining revenues while maintaining a balanced budget and avoiding deficit spending
- Supporting youth, veterans, seniors, and first responders

I am a military veteran, current Planning Commissioner, high school football and softball coach, and retired Police Detective. In three of these roles, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. If elected, I will honor that oath by serving District 3 with integrity, accountability, and dedication.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE**

CODY LEWIS
Manufacturing Engineer

Age: 37

I'm excited to run for City Council as your representative. Since moving here in 2019, I've spent countless hours exploring our trails, learning our history, and listening to what makes this community tick. Big Bear Lake is a truly special place - one that deserves careful stewardship and genuine appreciation. I'm running because I want to be part of that effort.

Why my experience matters:

- As a manufacturing engineer, I design complex systems with large teams - translating hard problems into reliable, on-budget solutions (I work remotely at my home in Big Bear Lake).
- As Secretary of Bear Valley Search and Rescue, I understand emergency preparedness and team coordination.
- On the City's General Plan Advisory Committee, I'm already helping shape long-term City policy.

On the City Council, I will work to:

- Maintain the fiscal health of the City
- Balance the needs of residents and visitors
- Ensure smooth fire protection transition
- Improve mobility in the City, especially on the west end (that's us!)
- Guide the City's General Plan update to ensure a sustainable future

I'd be honored to have your support. But regardless of how you vote, please find ways to get involved - volunteer, attend meetings, check in on neighbors. That's how Big Bear Lake thrives.

Thank you,

Cody Lewis

cody@electcodylewis.com

SUZY GILLEON

It is my honor to be a candidate for Big Bear Lake City Council, District 4. My family has deep generational roots in Big Bear, and I have proudly owned a home here since 2011. As both a full-time and part-time resident while raising my five children, I understand the character of our community and the importance of preserving what makes it special.

My professional experience includes managing presidential conventions, major corporate events, and a family law practice, where I developed strong leadership, budgeting, negotiation, and problem-solving skills.

Service has always guided my work. I have served on nonprofit and education boards, advocated in Washington, D.C., for youth and families, volunteered in our schools for more than twelve years, and served on the Board of my School District Education Foundation.

I believe effective local government begins with integrity, fiscal responsibility, transparency, and listening to residents.

My priorities include:

- Responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars
- West End beautification and revitalization
- Practical solutions to our trash collection and dump challenges
- Support for arts, music, wellness, families, and youth

I respectfully ask for your vote and the opportunity to serve District 4.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF CHINO**

JIMMY D. ALEXANDRIS
Local Business Owner

Age: 47

I am proud to be a Candidate for Chino City Council, District 2. Chino has been my home for over 40 years of my life. I attended El Rancho Elementary, Magnolia Junior High, and Chino High School, and I have dedicated my life to serving the community that has given me so much.

For the past eight years, I have served on the Chino Planning Commission, where I have worked to make thoughtful decisions that balance responsible growth with protecting our community's character. As the owner of a family restaurant in Chino for 37 years, I have experienced firsthand the challenges and rewards of running a local business and understand the importance of supporting our local economy.

I have also volunteered and contributed to many community causes because I believe strong communities are built through service.

My priorities are clear: Keeping our neighborhoods safe, investing in reliable infrastructure, addressing housing challenges with responsible planning, and ensuring fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars. Above all, I am committed to preserving the small-town character and sense of community that attracted so many families to Chino and continues to make it a wonderful place to live.

CURTIS BURTON
Chino City Council Member

Age: 65

For more than 40 years, I have proudly served the City of Chino as a police officer, Planning Commissioner, City Council Member, and currently as your Mayor Pro Tem. Serving our community has been the honor of my life, and I remain committed to protecting the values that make Chino an outstanding place to live, work, and raise a family.

As your Council Member, I have focused on delivering results through responsible leadership and sound fiscal management. During my tenure, we have maintained balanced budgets, attracted new businesses, and invested in critical infrastructure that strengthens our community. I proudly supported the passage of Measure V, helping stabilize the City's finances and ensure reliable funding for essential services. We also completed extensive slurry seal and pavement improvement projects, preserving and improving our local streets.

My decisions have always been guided by integrity, accountability, and a commitment to public safety and fiscal responsibility. While we have accomplished much, there is more to do.

I will continue working to keep Chino financially strong, support public safety, improve our infrastructure, encourage responsible economic growth, and preserve the hometown values that define our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving Chino with proven leadership, experience, and dedication.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
CITY OF CHINO

M S ALAM
Transportation Project Manager

"Where Everything Grows" reflects Chino's past and its future. As our community grows, our infrastructure, mobility, public safety, and city services must keep pace while preserving our quality of life.

I am a licensed Professional Civil Engineer and Caltrans Project Manager with decades of public-service experience in transportation, safety, infrastructure, and project management. I have taught engineering at California State University, Long Beach and am pursuing doctoral research in transportation engineering at UCLA. I have also served as president of a Southern California professional engineering association and in leadership roles with a Greater Los Angeles community organization.

As your Councilmember, I will focus on what matters most: ensuring infrastructure supports growth, public safety and services keep pace, taxpayers receive value, and diverse, multigenerational residents are heard.

I will advocate for safer school and quality education, safer streets, improved mobility, responsible growth, strong public safety, quality parks and services, thriving local businesses, and accessible transportation for all users.

I will work to strengthen Chino's policies and programs, responsibly oversee voter-approved measures and public funds, advance practical solutions to emerging challenges, and ensure accountability—turning residents' priorities into measurable results.

I respectfully request your vote for Chino City Council, District 3.

MARC LUCIO
Chino City Councilmember, District 3

Age: 55

Over the past eight years, it has been my privilege to serve the residents of Chino on the City Council. I have focused on delivering results that improve our community and protect our quality of life.

Working with our state legislative delegation, I, along with the council, helped secure legislation authorizing the City to purchase the Herman G. Stark property from the State of California and coordinated the transfer of Euclid Avenue from the State to the City, giving Chino greater local control over one of our most important corridors.

Representing The Preserve, I worked along with my colleague and the Chino Valley Unified School District to bring a second elementary school to the community, which opened in 2024. I also worked to resolve the chronic street flooding that once earned the neighborhood the nickname "Preserve Island" and partnered with The Lewis Group to bring a new neighborhood shopping center to serve local families.

I believe leadership is measured by results. I have worked collaboratively, listened to residents, and followed through on my commitments. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving Chino with integrity, experience, and a proven record of accomplishments.

Re-Elect "Marc Lucio" for Chino City Council

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1
CITY OF CHINO HILLS**

RAY MARQUEZ
Retired Firefighter

Age: 69

As a retired firefighter, Ray Marquez has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to protecting families, homes, and businesses, initially as a member of the Chino Valley Independent Fire Board and currently as your city councilmember.

During his tenure on the city council, Ray has maintained a record of community-focused leadership on issues significant to residents. He advocated for the removal of the 200-foot SCE towers in the city and collaborated with municipal and state officials to prohibit large semi-trucks from traveling through Carbon Canyon. Ray continues to oppose the widening of Carbon Canyon to accommodate these vehicles.

As a 42-year resident, Ray and his wife raised their three sons in Chino Hills, so he understands the importance of protecting the quality of life for your families.

Ray's three decades of public safety experience, more than 40 years as a local realtor and business owner, and ongoing civic involvement have provided him with the broad perspective necessary for effective City Council service. Ray will continue to work for you.

Endorsed by California Professional Firefighters and Local Public Safety

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF CHINO HILLS**

SHANITA AYALA
Small Business Owner

I have proudly called Chino Hills home for the past 15 years. As a small business owner, Realtor, and community volunteer, I have worked to bring people together, solve problems, and serve others. These experiences have prepared me to represent District 2 with integrity, accountability, and a commitment to results.

District 2 deserves safe neighborhoods, well-maintained infrastructure, efficient city services, responsible fiscal management, and strong wildfire preparedness. Every taxpayer's dollar should be invested wisely to protect the quality of life that makes Chino Hills a special place to call home.

Our changing demographics present an opportunity to strengthen relationships among longtime residents, young families, seniors, and our diverse cultural communities while preserving our city's character.

Responsive government begins with listening, transparency, collaboration, and earning the public's trust.

Your Voice. Your Neighborhood. District 2's Future.

I respectfully ask for your vote and the opportunity to represent District 2 with dedication, integrity, and vision.

PETER ROGERS
Incumbent

It has been my honor to serve Chino Hills on your City Council for 20 years. Together, we have built one of California's safest, most desirable, and family-friendly communities. I remain deeply committed to protecting the values that make our city an exceptional place to live, work, and raise families.

Public safety is my absolute priority. I will continue to fully support our police and firefighters to ensure our neighborhoods remain secure. Every resident deserves to feel safe, and I am proud that my proven track record has earned the endorsement of both local police and fire personnel.

I am dedicated to maintaining our high quality of life by preserving our 44 parks, supporting local businesses, and investing in critical infrastructure—our roads, water systems, and facilities. My focus on fiscal responsibility ensures Chino Hills delivers excellent services while always living within its means. I will continue to be a careful steward of your tax dollars.

As your councilmember, I am accessible, approachable, and dedicated to listening to your concerns and suggestions, making collaborative decisions based entirely on what is best for our city.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue our shared progress. It's all about community!

Rogers4ChinoHills.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF CHINO HILLS**

BRIAN JOHSZ

City Councilman / Businessman

Chino Hills is more than my home—it is where my wife and I are raising our family and where I have proudly served you as Mayor and Councilmember. I care deeply about protecting the community that has given us so much.

Since taking office, I have kept my promises by strengthening public safety, investing in our neighborhoods, and preserving the exceptional quality of life that makes Chino Hills one of America's safest and most desirable cities.

My priorities remain clear: support our police and firefighters; improve traffic flow, including on State Route 71; oppose truck traffic on Carbon Canyon Road; preserve open space and strengthen wildfire protection; support local businesses; and safeguard taxpayer dollars.

I voted to build Los Serranos 'first city park, fund our fourth fire station, improve streets and sidewalks, and place deputies at our middle and high schools to help keep students safe.

I am honored to be endorsed by our sheriff's deputies and firefighters, as well as San Bernardino County District Attorney Jason Anderson and Assemblymember Philip Chen.

I respectfully ask for your vote so we can keep Chino Hills safe, strong, and moving forward together.

www.brianjohsz.com

JOSUE ESTRADA

Real Estate Broker / Father

Age: 56

My name is Josue Estrada, and I'm honored to be a Candidate for the City of Chino Hills City Council. My family and I have proudly called Chino Hills home for more than 30 years. As a Real Estate professional. I have helped families achieve homeownership and understand the importance of safe neighborhoods and responsible growth. I am committed to supporting public safety, maintaining parks, and improving quality of life. Encouraging responsible fiscal management and ensuring a transparent, accountable City. I believe in listening to residents, working collaboratively, and making thoughtful decisions that benefit our entire community. It would be an honor to serve the city that has given so much to my family and friends. And I respectfully ask for your support and vote.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR
CITY OF COLTON

FRANK J. NAVARRO
Mayor, City of Colton

When I asked for your trust to serve on the City Council and then as Mayor, I promised to lead with Honesty, Integrity and Transparency. My leadership is rooted in a lifetime of public service. I have a proven track record showing City of Colton's government is stable, efficient and effective. I'm proud of the progress we've made, but I know there's still important work to do. That is why I'm running for re-election.

Public Safety First

As a 32 Year military veteran and father of public safety officers, I will continue increasing our public safety personnel. I'm proud I've received the endorsement of our City of Colton Firefighters.

Economic and Business Growth

Provide a pro-business environment that offers good jobs, supports existing businesses and expands Colton's tax base without overburdening residents.

Infrastructure Improvements

Continue to use my positions on important regional boards to secure funding for Colton's roads, transit and community projects.

Reduce Homelessness

Expanding City of Colton's outreach efforts, utilizing our Homeless Coordinator to connect homeless individuals with resources including housing.

Working together, we have built an incredible foundation, and it's critical to keep our momentum going. I humbly ask for your vote so we can continue moving Colton forward.

JOHN R. ECHEVARRIA
Councilmember / Police Officer

Age: 48

Dear Neighbor,

Some know me as Officer Echevarria, others know me as Councilmember John, or Coach John.

For more than two decades, I have served in law enforcement, working in patrol, investigations, SWAT, crisis negotiations, community affairs, and command leadership. Since 2020, I have also had the honor of serving Colton on the City Council. Beyond City Hall, I have coached Colton's youth, volunteered through my church, and relaunched the city's first run club in decades, bringing residents together through service, fitness, and community. Through each role, I have remained guided by one belief: residents come first.

Now, I am running for Mayor to take Colton to the next level.

Taking Colton to the next level means improving streets, lighting, pothole repairs, reliable utilities, and public safety. It means making City Hall more responsive, improving customer service, and helping small businesses thrive.

As a husband, father, police lieutenant, councilmember, and youth sports coach, I understand the challenges facing working families and the importance of creating opportunities for our families to succeed.

Let us take Colton to the next level and create a safer, stronger, more vibrant city that works for everyone.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Mayor.

-John Echevarria

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
CITY OF COLTON**

LUIS S GONZALEZ
Incumbent / Retired Educator

Age: 70

Thank you for the opportunity to run as incumbent for Colton City Council District 3

I pray my words, intentions and actions have demonstrated my commitment to this challenge.

For 41 years, I have served many students, mostly at Colton High School. Our experiences together included campus and community performances all contributing to our city's cultural life. Many former students have successfully continued with their education and have contributed back to the community.

I have had the honor of serving you as Council Member since 2014. My activities include council work, community organizations, cleanup projects, beautification projects, Colton history presentations, veterans, churches, businesses, educators, youth, neighborhood meetings, live-stream programs, and numerous Citytalk events. I also write for the Colton Courier and Colton City News, and have authored the book "WWII Veterans in Colton."

My primary goals are to listen carefully to the residents; promote communication, collaboration, and transparency among city stakeholders; improve business relations; and promote Colton's rich history.

Those who know me know that I will listen, respond, be available, work in the community, attend community activities, discuss important topics, assist our residents and make informed decisions.

Respectfully,

Dr. Luis S. González (Gal 5:22)

EUGENE VALDEZ

Age: 55

Fighter, Developer, Activist

As the City of Colton's District 3 Councilman, my goal will be to harness my extensive background in Property Development and Infrastructure Protection as well as my passion for inclusion and equity. I plan on reviving the City of Colton's reputation as the Inland Empire's "Hub City" by using current relationships with State and County Officials. I will seek neighborhood ambassadors to constantly monitor and communicate issues within the city as part of our Cultural Resource Update.

I will utilize California's Creative Economy and highlight Colton's rich history to draw new residence and businesses to our neighborhoods. My vision will activate and encourage future generations through art, entertainment and recreation. As a former Professional Boxer and Contractor my preparation and willingness to except challenges has been proven.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF COLTON**

JOSEPH PAULINO

Retired Police Chief

As a longtime Colton resident and dedicated public servant, I am committed to creating a safer, stronger, and more prosperous future for District 4 and our community. With nearly 30 years in public safety, I have built my career on integrity, accountability, collaboration, and service.

My priorities include enhancing public safety, supporting responsible economic development, improving customer service at City Hall, and ensuring every resident is treated with respect and dignity. A safe community attracts businesses, creates opportunities for families, and strengthens our local economy.

I pledge to provide transparent, fiscally responsible leadership that listens to residents and values community input. By collaborating with neighborhoods, local businesses, schools, and organizations, we can address today's challenges while preparing for tomorrow's opportunities.

Leadership is about serving people, earning trust, and delivering results. I will bring my experience and a collaborative approach to the City Council while remaining accessible and accountable to the residents I serve.

It would be an honor to earn your trust and your vote for Colton City Council District 4. Together, we can build a safer, stronger, and more united Colton.

Joseph Paulino

LAWRENCE "LARRY" RIVAS

Commissioner / Ceo Retired

My experience in business, local government and youth advocacy has prepared me to lead on day one.

I respectfully ask for your vote to help build a safer, more prosperous Colton for every person and family.

Thank you very kindly,

Lawrence (Larry) Rivas

ADRIANNA ESCARCEGA

Commissioner / Operations Manager

As a lifelong Colton resident and Planning Commissioner since 2023, I've seen our challenges and immense potential. Our district is ready for a new generation of energetic, forward-thinking leadership.

With a BA in Business focused in Entrepreneurial Management and a Master's in Public Health, my focus is clear: economic growth and community well-being go hand in hand. Throughout my career, I've focused on creating opportunities that help communities grow while improving quality of life, and I'm ready to bring this balanced perspective to City Hall as an active voice for our neighborhoods.

If elected, I will prioritize:

- Supporting small businesses: cutting red tape so entrepreneurs can launch businesses, expand, and thrive right here in our community.
- Enriching our local environment: Expanding green spaces, cleanup of neglected areas, and protecting our beloved wildlife.
- Smart planning: Leveraging my Commission experience to ensure our neighborhoods get their fair share of sustainable development, including family-friendly spaces.

Colton doesn't need more of the same. We need leadership rooted in practical experience, fresh vision, and a genuine commitment to all residents.

I humbly ask for your vote — let's build what Colton can be, together.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR
CITY OF FONTANA**

ACQUANETTA WARREN
Mayor of Fontana

Age: 70

I understand families are paying too much for housing, healthcare, utilities, groceries, and transportation. While City Hall can't control every price, I've cut through the red tape to reduce unnecessary fees, support local businesses, build more affordable housing for working families, and made our city live within its means.

As Mayor of Fontana, I've responded to graffiti removal requests, cleared street encampments, improved city services for our streets, parks, and neighborhoods, demanded more accountability from city departments, and connected unhoused individuals with mental health services and substance use treatment.

I've taken action to solve problems, resolve countless constituent issues, resurface miles of streets, remove dozens of abandoned vehicles, fund more police patrols, and build new state-of-the-art sports fields for our children and families to enjoy.

I've brought sustainable development to our city, including new shopping centers, and kept our sales tax among the lowest in the region, helping working families keep more of what they earn. That's why I'm proud to be endorsed by local police officers, firefighters, and community leaders.

And I'm not finished. I'll never stop fighting to deliver results for our community. On November 3, let's keep Fontana moving forward. Vote for Acquanetta Warren for Mayor. www.AcquanettaWarren.org

JOCELYN "JOZ" SIDA
Nonprofit Chapter Director

Age: 37

Fontana is at a crossroads. While families struggle with rising costs, worsening traffic, and some of the worst air quality in the US, our city continues to approve warehouse expansion that benefits corporations instead of residents.

I'm Jocelyn "Joz" Sida, though many know me as "The People's Mayor."

I grew up here, attended local schools, and like so many young people, dreamed of building a better future—not somewhere else, but right here at home.

For 20+ years, I've organized communities, fought for working families, defended immigrants, protected our environment, and helped people win real change. Those experiences brought me back to the place that shaped me because Fontana deserves bold, people-first leadership.

As Mayor, I will stop reckless warehouse expansion, reduce truck traffic, fight for clean air, expand affordable housing, create quality union jobs, improve city services, and restore transparency by returning City Council meetings to 6:00 p.m., when working families can participate.

I'm honored to have earned the historic endorsement of Bernie Sanders, along with the support of labor unions and leaders from across our region.

Now, I'm asking for your vote. Together, we can build a more accountable Fontana—one that always puts people first.

Jozsidaforfontana.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1
CITY OF FONTANA**

PHILLIP COTHRAN

Fontana Councilmember / Businessman

Without safe neighborhoods, nothing else matters. As your Councilman, I have worked to strengthen public safety by adding 53 police officers, cutting emergency response times in half.

I will continue supporting the staffing and technology City of Fontana Police need to arrest child predators, combat drugs, and take violent criminals off our streets.

As President of the Fontana Fire Protection District, I supported opening Fire Station 81 and advancing Fire Station 80 and a state-of-the-art training center.

I helped establish a street repaving schedule so neighborhoods continue receiving the investment they deserve. Many streets have been repaved, with more scheduled. Families shouldn't have to pay for repairs because of neglected roads.

As a business owner, I know the value of fiscal responsibility. That's why I've fought to protect taxpayers, keep our city financially responsible, and oppose wasteful spending and tax increases. Every dollar should be invested wisely to keep Fontana obtainable for working families.

I've raised our children here with my wife. I will continue fighting for safe neighborhoods, responsible spending, and the quality of life that makes Fontana a place we're proud to call home. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Join our firefighters and police officers in voting for Phillip Cothran.

NUBIA DIAZ

Businesswoman / Volunteer Coordinator

Fontana has always been more than my hometown—it is the community that raised me and inspired a lifetime of service. As I've spoken with residents across District 1, one message has been clear: people want a city that listens, brings neighbors together, and puts our community first.

My name is Nubia Diaz, a daughter of immigrants, a lifelong Fontana resident, and a community leader committed to public service. As the elected leader of a local volunteer fraternal organization, I've worked alongside residents, veterans, families, and fellow volunteers to strengthen our community through service. Those experiences have taught me that lasting solutions come from collaboration, compassion, and listening.

I'm running for Fontana City Council because I believe our city deserves leadership that is accessible, accountable, and focused on improving quality of life. Together, we can support public safety, create economic career opportunities, invest in our neighborhoods, and build a stronger future for every family.

Let's Unite Fontana. I respectfully ask for your vote and invite you to learn more at www.fontanaunited.com/nubia-diaz

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF FONTANA**

LUZ PEREZ

Mom / Business Student

Age: 40

Right now, more than ever, Fontana families deserve leadership that is willing to fight for everyday people.

That's why I decided to run for City Council. As the daughter of working-class Mexican immigrants, I know the value of an education and hard work. After attending Fontana Public Schools from K-12, I earned my degrees from Riverside Community College, Cal Poly Pomona, and the University of Massachusetts Boston.

I spent many years working in city government and learning how to best serve the people. That's why, as a former Chief of Staff and Director of Policy, I'm ready on day one to deliver results for the residents of Fontana.

At a time when everyday people are being squeezed by rising costs, affordability is my top priority. I will advocate for better-paying jobs, support the small businesses making our city strong, and address the housing crisis by building affordable housing for families, veterans and seniors.

As the mother to a young child, I'm also committed to our public health and safety. I will prioritize clean air, smart development, safer streets, and spend taxpayer dollars responsibly.

I'm ready to fight for solutions and make sure Fontana's working families—not special interests—are put first.

I'd be honored to earn your vote this November.

JOHN B. ROBERTS

Fontana City Councilmember

It has been one of the greatest blessings of my life to serve the people of Fontana. My commitment to this community began as a firefighter and has continued through my service as Planning Commissioner and City Councilmember.

When I joined the City Council, Fontana faced the threat of bankruptcy, had no financial reserves, and significant layoffs were imminent. Working together, we made the difficult decisions that transformed Fontana into one of California's safest and most financially stable cities.

Today, my priorities remain clear: supporting our police officers and firefighters, addressing homelessness with practical and compassionate solutions, investing in our parks, infrastructure, and neighborhoods, and protecting the fiscal responsibility that keeps Fontana strong.

I've proudly called Fontana home since 1968. My five children were all born here, and today I am blessed with eleven grandchildren. Like so many families, I want future generations to inherit a city that is safe, prosperous, and full of opportunity.

While we've accomplished much together, there is still important work ahead to keep Fontana safe, financially strong, and prepared for future generations. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving District 4 with integrity, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to Fontana's future.

BEN VASQUEZ

Environmental Advocate

Hi, I'm Ben Vasquez and I'm running to be your next City Councilmember.

Some of you might know me from my work over the years as an environmental advocate and activist here locally. You know those giant warehouses and the thousands of trucks that come through our city every day, making Fontana have some of the worst air quality in North America? I've been fighting those tooth and nail for years.

On City Council, I can promise you that I will never vote to approve another warehouse. Additionally, I will immediately make a motion to ban all warehouse and AI data center development immediately, during the very first city council meeting I attend if elected.

As an indigenous American, this land is sacred to me. This land needs to be used for the benefit of Fontana residents, so that we can have better jobs, better schools, more businesses opening up, and a healthier environment. This land was not meant to be used by giant corporations who pollute our air and pay off our politicians.

I would be honored to earn your vote. Thank you so much for voting.

Fontanaunited.com/ben-vasquez

CANDIDATE(S) FOR CITY CLERK
CITY OF FONTANA

GERMAINE KEY Age: 74
Fontana City Clerk

As a longtime resident of Fontana, it is an honor and privilege to serve as your City Clerk. My top priorities include increasing public trust in all documents received and processed by the City Clerk's Office. All inquiries should be answered accurately and in a timely manner. I will continue to represent our great city at municipal City Clerk trainings and conferences that facilitate continued professional learning to update my knowledge of the law, at local, State and Federal levels. I have acquired these skills based on my forty-five years of professional work experience both with the State Department of Health and Human Services, and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. I have served on Fontana's Park's, Community and Human Services Commission, two years as Commission Chair, current member of both the Fontana Women's Club and Fontana Historical Society. My professional Clerk affiliations are with IIMC-International Institute of Municipal Clerks; ICSC-Innovating Commerce Serving Communities, and SCAG-Southern California Association of Governments. As an elected City Clerk, I hold dear the voting process and voting accessibility. I will use my skills and knowledge to enhance civic engagement for all residents of Fontana.

JOE ALVANEZ Age: 37
Father / IT Professional

The City Clerk's role is often overlooked, but it is a vital position to make sure the city's democratic processes are transparent and accountable to the voters.

Hi, I'm Joe Alvarez. In my career, I've worked to make sure corporations have transparent processes, and now I'm running for City Clerk.

I love this city. My wife and I are raising our children here, and I want to make sure our taxpayer dollars are being spent effectively, our elections are fair, and our city council meetings and business are transparent to the public. For too long, multi-national corporations who own all of these warehouses have profited billions off the backs of Fontanans, and the city has seen little benefit. I want to make sure that if Fontana is being cut a bad deal, our residents know about it, so we can speak up. It's time for a brighter future for Fontana, and I will lead that fight.

I would be honored to earn your vote. Please visit JoeForFontana.com for more information.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR CITY TREASURER
CITY OF FONTANA**

JOE ARMENDAREZ

Age: 50

Businessowner / Financial Officer

The City of Fontana is entrusted with a \$436 million budget—one of the largest financial responsibilities in the Inland Empire. Protecting that investment requires proven financial experience, disciplined oversight, and an unwavering commitment to accountability.

As a successful business owner responsible for balancing budgets, controlling costs, and making sound financial decisions every day, I understand that every financial decision has consequences. I have built my career on responsible leadership that protects long-term financial stability.

As your City Treasurer, I will champion transparency, fiscal responsibility, and oversight of every taxpayer dollar. I will help ensure Fontana continues to earn the highest recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers for excellence in budgeting, financial reporting, transparency, and fiscal stewardship.

As a United States Marine Corps veteran, former Fontana Unified School District Board Member, current Chair of the Fontana Planning Commission, and longtime Fontana Little League coach, I have dedicated my life to serving our community with integrity and accountability.

I will protect every taxpayer dollar as if it were my own, because the public's trust is the City Treasurer's greatest responsibility. I respectfully ask for your vote.

KAMAL MATTHEW NAMOU

Age: 32

Deputy Public Defender

Hi, my name is Kamal Namou. I am running for Fontana City Treasurer because I believe the people of Fontana deserve an independent watchdog who will put taxpayers first and ensure every public dollar is managed with honesty, transparency, and accountability.

As a Public Defender fighting for our marginalized communities, I've dedicated my career as an attorney to standing up for people who often don't have a powerful voice. Every day, I see how government decisions affect working families, and I believe public service is about earning the public's trust. That same commitment is what led me to run for City Treasurer.

I'm running because I believe fiscal responsibility and progressive values go hand in hand. Strong financial oversight helps ensure that our city can continue investing in the services and infrastructure that make Fontana a better place to live, while protecting taxpayers from waste, mismanagement, and special-interest influence.

This campaign is about bringing integrity, independence, and accountability to City Hall so that every resident can have confidence that their government is working for them. You deserve to know where your tax dollars are going. I hope I can earn your vote. Visit KamalforFontana.com for more information.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR
CITY OF GRAND TERRACE**

WILLIAM "BILL" HUSSEY

Age: 62

Mayor / Retired Law Enforcement / US Marine Vet

I have dedicated my life to serving others. From serving in the US Marines, retired federal law enforcement and Mayor. I have proudly called Grand Terrace home since 1989. My wife grew up here, and together we raised our two sons in this wonderful community.

Since first being elected to the City Council in 2015 and now serving as your Mayor, I have remained committed to protecting our neighborhoods, supporting public safety, improving our infrastructure, and preserving the small-town character that makes Grand Terrace a little town with a big heart feel.

I am not a career politician. I am a husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and community servant and a follower and believer of our Lord and Savior. (John 3:16) I have always believed leadership begins with integrity, accountability, and putting residents first. Every decision I make is guided by what is best for our community and future generations.

I pray to the Lord for another term as your Mayor. I pray that I have your trust, support and confidence to continue to serve as your Mayor. May God bless you, your families and the City of Grand Terrace.

Mayor Bill Hussey

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GRAND TERRACE

DOUG WILSON Age: 72
Consultant

A lot of weirdness is happening at the State and Federal level. Fortunately, your local government still reports to the people. You are still my priority, and your "Budget Watchdog" is still on the job! For twelve consecutive years the City of Grand Terrace has lived within its means. The City Council does not spend money that it does not have. Providing for your lifestyle is important to me. We have increased our presence in Sacramento. Our California Senators and Assemblymember know us. Our U.S. Senator is working on a grant for us. Your main concerns are my main concerns. Financial stability. Safety and 911 response. Fire and emergency. Road maintenance. Homelessness. Parks. Youth activities. Disaster preparation. Basic services. Trust.

Been here for 50 years. Served 12 years on the Council, and 21 years on the Planning Commission. I am a fifty-four-year professional. This November, re-elect me to the Council so I can continue with a firm hand on the till.

JEREMY C. BRIGGS Age: 41
Transportation and Logistics

Jeremy C. Briggs is a proud husband and father who puts family first in everything he does. As a longtime resident of Grand Terrace, he understands the importance of building a safe, supportive, and thriving community for all families. Jeremy previously served as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, where he gained valuable experience working on responsible growth and community-focused decisions.

In addition to his public service, Jeremy is a dedicated youth sports coach, mentoring local children and helping shape the next generation through teamwork, discipline, and respect. These experiences have strengthened his deep commitment to the people of Grand Terrace.

Jeremy is not a career politician. He is a hardworking member of the community who believes in common-sense solutions, transparency, and listening to residents. He understands the everyday challenges families face and is ready to be a strong, honest voice on the City Council.

This November, Jeremy C. Briggs humbly asks for your vote and your trust. Together, we can preserve what makes Grand Terrace special while building a brighter future for generations to come.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF HESPERIA**

ALLISON LEE
Councilmember

Hello Hesperians, my name is Allison Lee, and I have served on the Hesperia City Council as the District 2 representative for the last 4 years and was the Mayor of Hesperia in 2025.

During my 4 years on the City Council, I helped bring about the Ranchero Road widening project, the modernization of the Ranchero Aqueduct bridge, the Amazon warehouse facility, and many other projects which will bring jobs to our community.

If elected I will continue to focus on public safety, roads, and developing a stronger community by encouraging responsible economic growth and development to bring long lasting, good paying jobs to our city and the region. I am and will continue to be a member of this wonderful community that I hold so dear. I have been a resident of Hesperia for over 25 years, and my family has owned a small business in the Mojave River Valley for over 17 years.

I have been married to my husband Chris for over 21 years. I have 3 children and 1 grandchild.

I am committed to you, and to the best interests of the city.

I am here to help and ready to serve.

JESSICA NAVARRO

Age: 43

Production Executive / Businesswoman

I'm running for Hesperia City Council because our city deserves stronger leadership, sharper strategic foresight, and a clear vision for the future. I'm committed to bringing more jobs, greater accountability, and real dialogue between city leadership and residents.

Hesperia is my hometown. I graduated with honors from Sultana High School, where I played four years of varsity soccer — two as team captain — and was elected junior class president and, in my senior year, ASB president. Leadership came early and naturally to me.

I went on to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, before building a career as a film and television producer. Through hard work, dedication, and faith, I rose from production assistant to production executive, overseeing all business aspects of dozens of projects, leading teams of more than 400 people, and managing over \$600 million throughout my career. I bring proven budget expertise, strong negotiation skills, and sound business judgment to the table.

I care deeply about Hesperia and the people in it — we deserve better. I'll put my network and experience to work bringing new investment, businesses, and opportunity to Hesperia. I'm asking for your vote and trust. I'd be honored to earn your support.

DAVID ELLIS

Age: 46

Small Business Owner

My name is David Ellis. I've lived in Hesperia since 2006, over twenty years now, and I've spent that time running a small business: solving problems, watching budgets, making sure the people who count on me get results.

I'm running for City Council because I care about this place. Our roads are falling apart, and fixing them means going after every dollar we can find, whether that's city, state, or federal money. It also means a council that actually works together instead of pulling in different directions.

Outside of work, I mentor youth through my church and help sponsor local youth sports here in the High Desert. I want to bring that same hands-on, honest approach to City Hall: listen first, do the homework, and be straight with people about where the money goes.

If you elect me, I'll push to fix our infrastructure, rebuild some trust between residents and city government, and make sure District 2 actually gets heard. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
CITY OF HESPERIA**

CAMERON GREGG
CEO / Business Owner

Age: 36

Cameron Gregg is a lifelong Hesperia resident, combat veteran, and local business owner committed to serving the community he proudly calls home. After serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Cameron returned to Hesperia and built a successful local business, creating jobs while helping protect businesses, schools, and neighborhoods.

As a business owner, Cameron understands the importance of responsible budgeting, accountability, and delivering results. He believes Hesperia's future depends on strong public safety, well-maintained roads and infrastructure, and responsible economic growth that protects taxpayers while preserving our quality of life.

Cameron is committed to honest, transparent leadership and believes every resident deserves to be heard. He will work to support first responders, invest wisely in essential infrastructure, encourage local businesses, and promote responsible planning that keeps pace with our community's growth.

With a lifetime of local roots, military service, and business leadership, Cameron will bring integrity, practical experience, and a commitment to public service to the Hesperia City Council. He is dedicated to making thoughtful decisions that put residents first and help build a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Hesperia for future generations.

NANDO MONARREZ
Rancher

Age: 30

My name is Nando Monarrez and I am honored to announce my candidacy for Hesperia City Council. My family and I have proudly called Hesperia home since 1999 for many years.

I have helped operate our family ranch where I learned the values of hard work, personal responsibility, and thoughtful decision-making that strengthens our community for future generations.

I am running because Hesperia deserves leadership that is transparent, fiscally responsible, and dedicated to serving its residents. Our community has the right to know how decisions are made and how taxpayer dollars are spent.

I will promote open communication, honest leadership, and accountability while insuring every decision reflects the best interest of our city. Supporting small businesses will be one of my highest priorities; they are the backbone of Hesperia's economy, creating jobs, strengthening neighborhoods, and driving opportunity. I will work to reduce unnecessary barriers, encourage responsible, economic growth, and help make Hesperia a place where businesses and families can thrive.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote. Together we can build a more transparent, fiscally responsible, and prosperous city. That provides opportunity, accountability, and a brighter future for all residents.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF HESPERIA**

DARREL A. SAUCEDA JR.
Small Business Owner

Age: 41

As a proud Hesperia resident for over a decade, I am committed to serving our community with integrity, accountability, and strong leadership. As a small business owner and Construction Superintendent, I have built my career managing budgets, leading teams, solving complex problems, and delivering projects that improve our city. These experiences have prepared me to be a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars.

My commitment to Hesperia extends beyond my profession. I am actively involved in youth sports and oversee construction improvements at Lime Street Park and Palm Street Park. I believe investing in our children and families today builds a stronger Hesperia for tomorrow.

I support strengthening animal services through partnerships that improve animal care, expand adoptions, and encourage responsible pet ownership. I will also advocate for better roads, improved infrastructure, and a full-service hospital with a trauma center to serve Hesperia.

As your City Council member, I will listen to residents, communicate openly, and make decisions based on what is best for our community—not special interests. I believe in responsible budgeting, practical solutions, and transparent leadership.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Hesperia City Council, District 4. Together, we can build a stronger, more united Hesperia.

ERIN BAUM
Retired Administrator

Age: 57

As a 20-year Hesperia resident who raised my family here, I am dedicated to protecting our community. My combination of 18 years working for the City of Hesperia and 15 years as a manager in the private sector gives me the necessary experience to serve as your District 4 Council Member.

I understand how City Hall operates and I know what it takes to balance a budget and drive efficiency. My primary mission is to strike a balance for our city: maintaining the unique rural lifestyle and open spaces we cherish, while improving our local infrastructure, maintaining safe roads, and expanding economic opportunities.

I am not a career politician; I am a public servant with proven local experience ready to work for you. I would be honored to earn your vote to ensure District 4 remains a safe, prosperous, and beautiful place to live, work, and raise a family. Let's build a stronger Hesperia together.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF HIGHLAND**

CHRISTY MARIN

Retired School Administrator

As a 35-year Highland resident, I am ready to serve our city as your District 4 council member. During my 30-year career in education, including 14 years as a school principal, I worked closely and effectively with community members, parents, students, school board members, advocates, labor unions, state and federal agencies, and law enforcement. I hold a BA in English and an MA in Education.

Currently, I am president of the American Legion Auxiliary Highland Unit 421 and secretary of the Highland Chamber of Commerce. To support local businesses is to strengthen Highland's economy, provide valuable services and create jobs.

Highland is growing, and we must ensure that growth is planned responsibly and with careful oversight. Traffic, student safety, commuting, infrastructure and our water resources are important considerations as we move forward.

Continued investment in law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical services is essential to ensure the timely responses our citizens rely on.

By investing in our parks, programs and public spaces, we can create more opportunities for our youth, support families and instill a sense of community that makes Highland a place we are proud to call home.

I would greatly appreciate your vote on November 3rd.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTCLAIR**

BILL RUH

Montclair Councilmember / Government Affairs Director

As your Montclair City Councilmember, it has been my honor to serve our community with integrity, common sense, and a commitment to protecting our quality of life. I am seeking your support for reelection to continue delivering results for Montclair families, businesses, and neighborhoods.

I have worked to improve public safety through practical solutions, including the installation of flashing stop signs at key intersections to help make our streets safer for drivers, pedestrians, and children. I have also supported efforts to bring the Gold Line to our region, expanding transportation options, reducing traffic congestion, and creating new opportunities for economic growth and local investment.

I strongly support Proposition 13 and will continue to oppose efforts that threaten the taxpayer protections it provides. I remain committed to protecting homeowners, seniors, and taxpayers from higher property taxes.

As a Councilmember, I have focused on responsible budgeting, maintaining city services, supporting our local police and first responders, investing in infrastructure, and encouraging economic development that strengthens Montclair while preserving the character of our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue working to keep Montclair safe, financially strong, and moving forward for everyone.

ALICE GARCIA

Project Coordinator

As a 25-year Montclair resident, my commitment to our city is rooted in deep community connection. Through grassroots advocacy and leading resident initiatives, I have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with neighbors across our city to defend transparency, ensure fiscal accountability, and keep local government responsive to the people.

Professionally, as a Project Coordinator, my daily focus is on oversight, complex problem-solving, and managing operational budgets. I bring a practical, structured approach to city governance - one that prioritizes clear communication, responsible oversight, and tangible results. My commitment to Montclair is clear: strengthen public safety, protect resident taxpayers, support local small businesses, and maintain open doors between City Hall and our neighborhoods.

Having spent years listening to the priorities of Montclair families at their doorsteps, I am ready to serve as a strong, accountable voice for you. With your support, I will work to keep Montclair safe, vibrant, and responsive to the needs of every family and resident. I would be honored to earn your vote for Montclair City Council.

Alice Garcia

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CORYSA MARTINEZ

Councilmember, City of Montclair

Age: 36

Neighbors,

It has been my genuine pleasure to represent you for the past six years as your councilmember for the City of Montclair, where I was raised and where I now work and raise my own family. As your advocate for health, safety, and the strength of our community, I have overseen one of the largest periods of redevelopment in our city's history, which includes major park enhancements, transit-oriented housing and commercial development, and an increased proactivity in handling traffic and school safety.

I remain committed to addressing housing insecurity, expanding mental health services, and investing in youth programs like our Montclair to College program, which saw a record number of graduates in 2026. I believe in empowering our community, providing good-paying jobs and economic opportunity, and ensuring that every resident has access to the services they need to thrive.

With your support, we can continue to build a community that strengthens neighborhoods and improves quality of life for all.

I would love to hear from you and continue to be your voice on the City Council.

Corysa Martinez

corysadm@gmail.com

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR
CITY OF NEEDLES

JEFF WILLIAMS
Retired Deputy Sheriff

For two decades, I've had the privilege of serving the City of Needles as a City Council Member, Vice Mayor, and Mayor. During that time, I worked every day to strengthen our economy, expand educational opportunities, promote tourism, and improve our quality of life.

I attended multiple International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conferences to recruit new businesses to Needles, helping bring Dollar General, AutoZone, and Hampton Inn to our community. Those projects created jobs, expanded local services, and strengthened our economy.

I was also instrumental in bringing Palo Verde College to Needles and supporting the bond measure that established its permanent campus, creating new opportunities for local residents.

Working with local citizens, leaders, three Assembly Members, and a State Senator, I helped secure legislation making Needles the only city in California with street access for off-highway vehicles, connecting visitors to thousands of miles of desert trails and strengthening year-round tourism.

These accomplishments were made possible through the teamwork of dedicated City Council members, outstanding city staff, and engaged residents. As Mayor, I will continue working to promote responsible economic development, maintain safety, improve city services and infrastructure, and ensure tax dollars are spent wisely.

I ask for your vote.

JANET JERNIGAN
Mayor

For more than four decades, I have proudly called Needles home. Growing up here, raising my family, owning and operating a local business, and serving our community have given me a deep appreciation for the people and values that make our city special.

Serving as your Mayor has been an honor. I have worked to strengthen partnerships that bring resources to Needles, support local businesses, improve infrastructure, promote our historic Route 66 heritage, and ensure our community has a strong voice at the county and regional levels.

I believe in responsible budgeting, transparent government, and listening to our residents. Needles has challenges, but it also has tremendous opportunities. By working together, we can continue improving public safety, supporting economic development, maintaining essential city services, and creating opportunities for future generations while preserving the character of our community.

My commitment has always been to serve with integrity, accountability, and respect. I will continue working hard to ensure Needles remains a welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

I respectfully ask for your vote so we can continue building a stronger, safer, and more prosperous future for the City of Needles. Thank you for your trust, support, and the opportunity to serve.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEEDLES**

WAYNE COLBURN
Non Profit President

The first responsibility of a City Council member isn't to speak—it's to listen. Before making good decisions, we must understand residents' concerns, frustrations, hopes, and ideas for Needles' future.

Four years ago, life brought me to Needles because it was the right place for my family. What began as a practical decision became much more. I found a community with a proud history, and as I became involved, I saw the opportunities ahead and wanted to help shape its future.

Since then, I have served our community through the River Communities Coalition and the Needles Chamber of Commerce, working alongside residents, businesses, nonprofits, and local, county, regional, and state leaders to build partnerships and create opportunities for Needles.

I do not believe one person can solve every problem, and I will not pretend otherwise. I believe the responsibility of a council member is to listen, ask thoughtful questions, bring people together, and help move good ideas toward real solutions.

Understanding our community is only the beginning. Real leadership means bringing people together to find the best path forward. That is how Needles will write its next chapter.

It would be an honor to earn your trust, your vote, and the opportunity to serve.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR CITY OF ONTARIO

KEVIN KIZZEE

Small Business Owner

Age: 53

My name is Kevin Kizzee, and I am running for Mayor of Ontario. Holding a B.S. in Business Administration (Cum Laude) and five associate degrees, I combine academic dedication with small business expertise conducting security, operating a black car service, and pool maintenance company.

I am a proactive community advocate, not a politician. When an unmanaged crisis severely impacted neighborhoods in Districts 2 and 3, I took action. I championed the installation of security gates to protect state property along the 60 freeway corridor and led the community cleanup of Grove Plaza to restore market place safety.

As Mayor, I will protect your wallet by ensuring local tax rates are not unnecessarily increased. I will safeguard the public's interest by encouraging federal agencies—like ICE—operate in a legal and empathetic manner within our city limits.

Our mission is to fully support revitalization, ease financial burdens on local entrepreneurs, and implement firm, accountable solutions to unhoused citizens. Ontario must be safe and clean for everyone. Real leadership means delivering results instead of passing the buck. I would be honored to earn your vote

PAUL LEON

Mayor / Pastor

Current Mayor
Former Two-Term Councilman
45-Year Ontario Resident
Army Veteran, Honorable Discharge
Community Pastor and Volunteer
Former Small Business Owner
Married — Two Grown Children and Grandchildren

For more than four decades, Ontario has been my home. It is where my wife and I raised our family, where I have served as a pastor, volunteered with local charities, owned a small business, and had the privilege of serving you as both a Councilman and now your Mayor. Throughout that time, I have only answered to you, the residents of Ontario. Today, our city is at an important crossroads. The people of Ontario deserve a city government that is transparent, accountable, and worthy of their trust. My commitment is to lead with honesty, integrity, and common sense while always putting the interests of Ontario residents' first.

As your Mayor, I will:

- Enact meaningful campaign contribution limits.
- Establish term limits for City Council members.
- Keep neighborhoods safe by supporting our police officers and firefighters.
- Improve roads, water systems, and infrastructure before approving new development.
- Reduce traffic congestion.
- Continue expanding affordable housing opportunities.
- Support local businesses and create good-paying jobs.
- Protect taxpayers through responsible, balanced budgets.

Together, we have:

- Expanded police and public safety services.
- Opened a 32-bed homeless center connecting people to housing and services.
- Built new affordable housing, with additional affordable housing already underway.
- Built new parks and recreational amenities.
- Returned Ontario International Airport to local control.
- Maintained balanced city budgets.
- Welcomed a new hospital. Created thousands of quality jobs.
- Continued investing in projects that keep Ontario one of California's safest and most successful large cities.
- My campaign is powered by Ontario residents, not political machines, wealthy developers, or special interests. I believe City Hall should answer to the people, not the other way around.

I respectfully ask for your vote so we can continue building an Ontario that is safe, honest, financially strong, and prepared for the future. Together, we will restore trust in government, protect our quality of life, and keep Ontario in the hands of its people.

The endorsement that matters most to me is yours.

Vote Paul Leon for Mayor to keep Ontario safe, honest, and in the hands of its people.

Visit www.ontariomayor.com and mayorpaulleon@gmail.com for more information.

Paul Leon

Mayor / Pastor

DAISY MACIAS

Councilmember / Businesswoman

For more than 30 years, I have proudly called Ontario home. It is a community that has shaped who I am, and one I have been honored to serve with dedication and a strong sense of responsibility. As Councilmember for the City of Ontario, I have represented residents with integrity, transparency, and a commitment to putting residents first.

During my time on the City Council, I have worked to maintain a balanced city budget, support the development of affordable housing, and expand transitional housing opportunities. I have created services to help individuals experiencing homelessness by connecting them with resources and the support necessary to regain stability. These accomplishments reflect my commitment to responsible leadership, collaboration, and practical solutions.

I am running for Mayor because I believe Ontario's future is bright. I will support our police and fire services. I will continue to create safer streets, improve roads and infrastructure, strengthen the local economy, support small businesses, ensuring every tax dollar is spent wisely.

Beyond my public service, I am the Founder and President of the United for Diabetes Wellness Foundation, where we bring people together through education, advocacy, and community partnerships to support individuals and families living with Type 1 diabetes.

I would be honored to earn your trust and respectfully ask your vote for Mayor.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF ONTARIO**

RUBEN VALENCIA
Retired Deputy Sheriff

Age: 59

Ruben Valencia: Ontario Resident (29 years)
I am a proud father, grandfather, son and husband.

Occupation: Retired Deputy Sheriff (32 years)
Hometown hero (12/20/2013)
LASD Medal of Bravery Recipient
LASD Lifesaving Award Recipient
Legendary Lawman Award (Gold)

It was my honor to be your councilmember for two terms. During my time in office I have approached every vote with deep commitment to its lasting impact on the residents of the city of Ontario.

As a standalone voter, I was never afraid to speak up when I believed it was the right thing to do. I voted against water rate increases because I refused to place a greater burden on hardworking families.

During my tenure as councilmember, I successfully pioneered key community and economic developments, including the Ontario Buzzers Stadium and Sports Complex, the Downtown Renovation Project, and the Mission Boulevard beautification initiative. Additionally, I spearheaded the creation of a vibrant new entertainment district near the Toyota Arena, drove the remodeling of De Anza Park (featuring a brand-new skate park), and secured over half a million dollars in critical funding for our local youth programs.

Public service requires public trust. To ensure transparency and integrity, I will work to pass strict campaign contribution limits and adopt a robust city ethics policy. The goal of an ethics policy is to help individuals make independent decisions regardless of funding. It is also time to bring accountability to city hall by establishing term limits for our council.

When I discovered Ontario homeowners had been overcharged more than \$500,000 in solar permit fees, I called for an audit and as a result more than half a million dollars were refunded to residents. The government should be accountable to the people it serves.

Voting has consequences. Every decision made at city hall impacts our families, neighborhoods and futures.

If elected, I will continue to stand for transparency, fiscal responsibility, public safety and honest leadership. I will always put the people of Ontario first.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

STEPHANIE MARTINEZ
Ontario Small Business Owner

Age: 34

My name is Stephanie Martinez, and I am proud to be a lifelong Ontario resident. I am running for Ontario City Council because I believe in giving back to the community that has given so much to me.

Ontario is more than the city where I live, it is the place that shaped my values, my work ethic, and my commitment to serving others. Growing up in District 2 has given me a firsthand understanding of the importance of safe neighborhoods, strong local businesses, quality schools, and a city government that listens to and values its residents.

As a bilingual Spanish-English interpreter, I have dedicated my career to helping people communicate, solve problems, and navigate some of life's most important moments. That experience has taught me the importance of listening with compassion, treating everyone with dignity and respect, and bringing people together to find practical solutions.

My commitment to our community extends beyond my profession. I have volunteered my time helping families and supporting community outreach because I believe that service does not begin when you are elected, it begins with showing up, listening, and giving back.

When elected, I will work collaboratively with my fellow council members, city staff, our police and fire departments, local businesses, schools, and residents to continue moving Ontario forward. I value the progress our city has made and believe we can build on that success while ensuring District 2 has a strong, thoughtful voice at City Hall.

My priorities include protecting public safety, preserving, and enhancing our quality of life, supporting responsible economic growth, investing in our neighborhoods and infrastructure, and promoting transparent, accessible, and accountable local government.

Leadership is about bringing people together, respecting different perspectives, and making thoughtful decisions that strengthen our community today while preparing for tomorrow.

I love this city, I believe in its future, and I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote for Ontario City Council, District 2.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
CITY OF ONTARIO**

ALAN WAPNER

Councilman / Retired Ontario Police Officer

I've proudly called Ontario home for nearly 50 years and have lived in District 3 for over 30 years. My wife, Judi, and I raised our family here. This is our community, and I'm committed to protecting quality of life and ensuring District 3 receives the attention and investment it deserves. As your Councilman, retired Ontario police officer, and longtime community leader, I've dedicated my life to making Ontario safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

For more than 30 years on the Ontario City Council, I've delivered results—and many of those accomplishments here in District 3. I've focused on our District by bringing Ontario's Police Headquarters and a future Ontario Ranch substation. I will continue adding more police officers to provide strict enforcement of speeding and e-bike laws. I've delivered three fire stations for South Ontario with two more planned, as well as increased paramedic service.

My leadership returned Ontario International Airport to local control, protecting our city's greatest economic asset and generating jobs and investment throughout Ontario.

Heavy truck traffic causes our roads to fall into disrepair. The city must focus additional resources on reducing truck traffic and repairing our roads at night, whenever possible, to minimize traffic disruptions.

Quality of life cannot be compromised by irresponsible development. Why are all warehouses built in South Ontario? Why do we suffer all the traffic and noise? Warehouses may create jobs, but when is enough, enough? I say no more warehouses in South Ontario.

I've helped bring parks to South Ontario. The Sports Empire is the largest recreational facility west of the Rockies. My vision brought ONT Field, home of the Dodgers' minor league team, to the Sports Empire and Grand Park is under construction.

I'm as tired as you of traveling to neighboring cities for dining and shopping.

Although the Sports Empire will include dozens of restaurants and retail—this isn't enough. We must attract more businesses and keep our residents' spending right here in Ontario.

Ontario Ranch was promised neighborhood schools. Where are they? We must insist the school districts build them.

I know how to attract investment, create jobs, and get major projects completed. I will use that experience to ensure District 3 receives its fair share of city resources and quality-of-life improvements our residents deserve.

I provide Real Leadership and Real Results!

I respectfully ask for your vote for Ontario City Council, District 3.

D'ANDRE D. LAMPKIN

Deputy Sheriff / Businessman

Age: 41

For 17 years, I have been proud to call Ontario home. During that time, I have had the privilege of serving this community, building relationships with residents, and working alongside neighbors, businesses, and community organizations to make a difference. Ontario is more than where I live; it is the community I have chosen to serve and help build. Now, I am asking for the opportunity to continue that service as your District 3 Councilmember.

As an Ontario Planning Commissioner, I have helped consider important decisions shaping our growing city, while supporting efforts to recognize and preserve the history that gives Ontario its unique identity. As a Deputy Sheriff with more than 20 years of public safety experience, I understand that safe communities are built through preparation, prevention, partnerships, and trust. My emergency management experience has also allowed me to help coordinate responses during major emergencies and disasters, strengthening my understanding of how government, nonprofits, and communities must work together before, during, and after a crisis. As a business owner and nonprofit founder, I understand the importance of creating opportunity, managing responsibly, and turning community needs into meaningful action.

My commitment to Ontario can also be measured by the work I have already done. Through the D'Andre D. Lampkin Foundation, I have brought residents and community partners together around youth programs, neighborhood service, food assistance, and community preparedness. I have worked alongside residents at community events, supported local youth and families, and helped build partnerships that strengthen our community.

My priorities are thoughtful growth that protects our quality of life; safe and resilient neighborhoods; stronger pathways connecting Ontario residents to jobs and economic opportunities; responsible stewardship of our city's resources; and better communication between City Hall and the people it serves.

Ontario's continued growth brings tremendous opportunity, but residents deserve a meaningful voice in shaping that growth. I will work to ensure infrastructure and public services keep pace with development while protecting the neighborhoods, history, parks, and community institutions that make Ontario special.

I believe leadership begins with listening. We will not always agree, but disagreement should never prevent us from working together. I will be accessible and willing to engage with residents across our community.

I am optimistic about our future, and ready to bring my experience, work ethic, and record of service to the City Council. I respectfully ask for the opportunity to serve as your District 3 Councilmember.

MICHAEL RIOS
Software Engineer

Age: 37

My name is Michael Rios and I would be honored to earn your vote for Ontario City Council to represent the newly formed District 3, which includes Ontario Ranch. As a proud graduate of Chaffey High School, my roots in this community run deep. My wife and I chose to grow our family in Ontario to be closer to family and raise our children in the city that shaped us.

For 13 years, I have built a career as a software engineer, where I have learned to fix and develop complex systems. I looked around our own community and identified an issue I could help solve. I realized there was a lack of news coverage around our city's government, so I started the Citizens4Ontario social media account to improve transparency in Ontario. In this capacity I have worked with non-profits and local groups across the region to grow civic engagement in Ontario. I have also fought to bring attention to issues affecting our most vulnerable neighbors, including standing up for families impacted by ICE raids, and helping connect our community to valuable resources.

Ontario faces real challenges moving forward that will impact the health of our kids, the value of our homes, and if the City remains a nice place to raise a family. Ontario has some of the worst air quality in the nation, largely driven by the unchecked growth of warehouses and truck traffic. This issue was forced onto our doorsteps during the recent massive warehouse fire, which put our residents at direct risk from the blaze itself and choked our neighborhoods with hazardous smoke for weeks afterward. This overdevelopment and overinvestment of public funds in a warehouse economy has not only polluted our air but has also made our local roads more dangerous.

As your City Councilmember, I will fight to put working families first. I will focus on halting warehouse overdevelopment to protect our neighborhoods from harmful emissions and working to improve our air quality so our children and seniors can breathe clean air. Furthermore, I will support working families by ensuring our city's resources are invested in community well-being, good local jobs, and safe neighborhoods, rather than corporate giveaways.

We need leadership that works for us, the Ontario residents. I respectfully ask for your vote to build a safer, healthier, and stronger Ontario Ranch.

For more information please visit Rios4Ontario.com

LARRY S. TRINIDAD
Registered Nurse

Age: 48

A lifetime of service has shaped who I am.

As an Army combat veteran, I learned that leadership means putting others before yourself. My experiences in combat changed how I view life, teaching me that every day is a gift and that the decisions we make can have a lasting impact. When I returned home from my military service, I continued my commitment to serving others as a Registered Nurse, leading teams through complex challenges, improving systems, and bringing people together to deliver real results.

Ontario isn't just the city where I live, it's home. It is where I was raised, where my wife and I are raising our family, and where I have dedicated years to serving our community through local commissions, volunteer work, and coaching our youth. Those experiences have reinforced my belief that the best leaders listen first, build trust, and remain accountable to the people they serve.

I am running for City Council District 3 to continue that lifetime of service. I believe local government should be transparent, fiscally responsible, and focused on practical solutions that improve the everyday lives of our residents.

As your Councilmember, I will work to keep our neighborhoods safe, support local businesses, protect taxpayer dollars, invest in our parks and youth, and preserve the quality of life that makes Ontario such a special place to call home.

Every decision I make will be guided by one simple question: "What is in the best interest of the people of Ontario?"

It would be an honor to earn your trust and your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MAYOR
CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA**

OLIVER KING

Age: 47

Small Business Owner / Attorney

Background:

5th Generation Rancho Cucamonga resident; Married with Four Children;

Small Business Owner; Attorney; Active Community Volunteer;

Bachelor's Degree; Juris Doctorate.

Goals:

- **Curtiling Overdevelopment**

It's time to reclaim Rancho's heritage – history, quality of life, and scenic living. I will prioritize neighborhood renewal and de-emphasize overdevelopment.

- **Housing The Homeless**

I will work with both private and public sectors to remove the homeless from our streets quickly, including the Pacific Electric Trail, and do so with dignity.

- **Public Safety**

We must focus on increasing safety in our neighborhoods, schools, and public areas by adding deputies, increasing patrols, and improving response times.

- **Improve Traffic Congestion & Road Repair**

I will prioritize infrastructure and road repairs but end daylight work to ease traffic congestion.

- **Affordable Housing**

It is critically important that affordable housing options are included in all future planning.

- **Parks & Recreation, Beautification**

We must ensure new parks and recreational facilities are added to the city. I will also prioritize the beautification of our neighborhoods and public spaces so they are clean and safe.

Please contact me at www.king4rancho.com.

Keep Rancho, Rancho! Vote King for Mayor!

LYNNE B. KENNEDY

Mayor Pro Tem / City Council

For more than 40 years, Rancho Cucamonga has been my home. I am committed to protecting what makes our city exceptional while preparing for its future.

During my 12 years on the City Council and as your current Mayor Pro Tem, I have helped keep Rancho Cucamonga one of California's best places to live, work, and raise a family. Together, we have maintained balanced budgets and strong financial reserves, invested in public safety—helping make Rancho Cucamonga the safest city in the Inland Empire—improved infrastructure, and supported responsible economic development.

As a teacher, school superintendent, and public servant, I know today's decisions shape tomorrow's opportunities. As Mayor, I will continue putting public safety first, protecting our neighborhoods, encouraging responsible growth, strengthening our local economy, and safeguarding the fiscal discipline that keeps our city strong.

I believe in listening, bringing people together, and making thoughtful decisions that preserve Rancho Cucamonga's exceptional quality of life.

I am proud to be endorsed by law enforcement and firefighters. Their support reflects my commitment to public safety and protecting the residents of Rancho Cucamonga.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Mayor.

Call me personally if you have any questions at (909) 353-0475.

www.Lynne4Mayor.com

MICHAEL R. PEREZ

Age: 70

Retired

I am retired with experience that includes developing core pillars of proper development – sensible residential Master Planning, improving public safety, reduce city crime rate, improve school's safety and environment for our children. Strengthening our business community through balanced development. Increase our open space/parks and work with community leaders to strengthen our core values and work ethic. Finish Central Park.

I'll advocate for fiscal accountability to reduce financial burden of our residents – advocating to reduce the costly state mandates and outside influences.

My experience includes being part of Chino Hills master planning - premiere community. Working for Sheriff's administration (budget, automation, and crime analysis). Built and modernized elementary/middle and high schools, and Special Ed schools. As a college vice president I worked in community college's, working with students, instructional staff and community businesses. Building better schools and helping colleges with their accreditations – improving the learning experience for students and our community.

Resident for 42 years, married, three sons (sons served Navy, Army and Airforce). Born in Chino, attended Cal Poly, Pomona and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. A strong supporter of our military service men and women.

Thank you for your support – Vote for Michael Perez as Mayor.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA**

DEJONAE MARIE SHAW
Licensed Vocational Nurse

Age: 37

Hi Neighbor,

I'm DeJonae Shaw, a Licensed Vocational Nurse and Union Leader, running to serve you on our City Council.

I believe our part of Rancho Cucamonga deserves the same investment and opportunity as the rest:

- Housing we can afford
- Jobs that pay living wages
- Faster emergency and police response
- Potholes filled and sidewalks repaired
- More support for small businesses
- Youth programs that open doors

That's the work I'll do as your Councilmember.

I know what working families need, because I've overcome tough odds. When my family faced hardships, I helped raise my siblings, put myself through school, and built a career in healthcare. As the President of the Inland Empire Labor Council, I ensure working families get a real seat at the table.

I will bring these experiences to advocate for you on the City Council and ensure we get our fair share from City Hall. I'll fight so Rancho Cucamonga families can afford to stay and build their futures here.

I would be honored to earn your vote. I invite you to share your priorities with me at campaign@shawforranhocucamonga.com and visit: shawforranhocucamonga.com

KRISTINE SCOTT
Rancho Cucamonga Councilmember

Age: 49

Serving Rancho Cucamonga is one of the greatest honors of my life. As your Council Member, I remain deeply committed to protecting the values, safety, and exceptional quality of life that make our city the premier place to live in the Inland Empire.

During my tenure, I have focused on what matters most to our residents:

- **Safety & Infrastructure:** Keeping neighborhoods secure, maintaining balanced budgets, and investing heavily in our parks and streets.
- **Economic Growth:** Supporting local businesses and championing major projects like the Brightline West high-speed rail station and the Reyes Coca-Cola expansion—driving investment and creating local jobs.
- **Regional Leadership:** Advocating on regional boards for transportation improvements, economic development, and proactive solutions to homelessness.

I believe in responsible growth, strict fiscal discipline, and always putting our residents first. I am incredibly proud to be endorsed by the Rancho Cucamonga Firefighters' Association and the Sheriff's Employees' Benefit Association (SEBA) for my unwavering commitment to public safety.

Together, we've built a city we are proud to call home. I respectfully ask for your vote so we can continue building a safe, thriving Rancho Cucamonga for generations to come.

Kristine Scott

DAVID VANGORDEN
Retired Police Officer

Candidate for Rancho Cucamonga City Council – District 2
Homelessness. Responsible Growth. Fiscal Responsibility. Accessible Government.

These are the issues I hear about most from Rancho Cucamonga residents, and they will be my priorities on the City Council.

We must address homelessness with practical, compassionate solutions that improve public safety while helping those who genuinely want assistance. We must ensure new development keeps pace with roads, public safety, water resources, and other essential infrastructure. Growth without infrastructure is not progress.

We must be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. Every major expenditure should provide a clear benefit to residents and reflect our community's highest priorities. Just as importantly, your council member should be available before, during, and after the election. Residents deserve an elected official who answers questions, explains decisions, and remains accessible throughout their entire term not just when asking for votes.

With more than 30 years of public service, I understand that trust is earned through accountability, transparency, and keeping your word. Together, we can protect the quality of life that has made Rancho Cucamonga one of California's best places to live while ensuring our city grows responsibly for future generations.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA**

STACY HENRY

School Board President

For more than 31 years, Rancho Cucamonga has been home. My wife, Lisa, and I raised our family here, and this community shaped who we are. I've coached youth soccer and baseball, volunteered at our kids' schools, and believed that showing up for your neighbors matters.

For 14 years, I've served as a Central School District Board Member, the last four as Board President. That taught me what servant leadership means: listen first, and serve the people who trusted you. It isn't about being at the front of the room — it's about doing the work that makes life better for families around you.

I know this district because I've lived it — as a parent, coach, volunteer, and neighbor. I understand what matters most: safe streets, strong schools, smart growth, and a government that listens before it acts. My board experience managing budgets and building consensus translates directly to this work.

I'm not running because I have all the answers. I'm running to roll up my sleeves and work hard for my neighbors. I'd be honored to earn your vote to represent District 3.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1
CITY OF REDLANDS**

ANDREW HODER
Retired Airline Pilot

No new warehouses

No data centers

Stay focused on Homeless solutions

Preserve Redlands' history and heritage with sensible housing developments. No high rises downtown.

DENISE DAVIS
Redlands City Council Member

Age: 43

Dear Neighbor,
Serving as your City Councilmember since 2018 has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I've worked every day to listen, bring people together, and deliver real results for Redlands.
Together, we've:

- Secured over \$40 million in state funding to address homelessness.
- Supported additional firefighters, paramedics, and emergency response resources to keep our community safe.
- Advanced housing solutions, including inclusionary housing.
- Established an advisory Climate Policy Council and launched the Food Security & Child Nutrition Task Force.
- Expanded youth leadership through the Redlands Youth Council.
- Invested in our neighborhoods, parks, local businesses, and public art while making City Hall more transparent and responsive.

I'm honored to have earned the endorsement of the Redlands Professional Firefighters Association for a third time, along with the endorsement of Teamsters Local 1932.

Professionally, I serve in Governmental & Community Relations at the University of California, Riverside, building partnerships that strengthen our region. I earned my bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands and my master's degree from the London School of Economics. I would be honored to earn your vote once again.

Denise Davis
www.DeniseForRedlands.com
Denise@DeniseForRedlands.com

DOUG GONZALES
Small Business Owner / Marine

Age: 45

Redlands is more than a city – it is a community worth protecting. I am running for City Council to preserve its character while preparing responsibly for the future.

For 25 years, I have served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. That service has required discipline, accountability, teamwork, and the ability to make difficult decisions under pressure. Above all, it has taught me to put service before self and to lead with integrity. I bring those same values to my work as a small business owner and community leader.

As Chairman of the Redlands Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, I have worked to strengthen our parks, recreational opportunities, and quality of life. I have also helped nonprofit organizations grow, raise resources, and better serve our community.

On the City Council, I will prioritize public safety, responsible budgeting, infrastructure, support for local businesses, and thoughtful growth that respects our neighborhoods and history. I will listen to residents and work to ensure City Hall remains transparent, responsive, and accountable.

I respectfully ask for your vote to keep Redlands safe, strong, and a great place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

Learn more at VoteGonzales.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
CITY OF REDLANDS**

MARIO SAUCEDO

Redlands Council Member

It's been my honor to serve our Redlands community for the past three decades as a Redlands Planning Commissioner, board member of the Redlands Community Foundation, and now as your Mayor.

I'm proud to have led community initiatives throughout the city to build safer neighborhoods, help at-risk youth, support our veterans, and strengthen small businesses.

My family's service to Redlands started with my grandfather, who founded the church that became the Community Faith Center, and my father carried on his legacy of helping those in need. They taught me the importance of hard work, community, and bringing people together to solve problems.

As your Mayor, I've been hard at work to improve quality of life in our City, strengthen public safety, and be responsible with taxpayer money by:

Hiring more police officers and firefighters
Cutting red tape for small businesses
Investing in street and road improvements
Addressing homelessness
Driving economic growth in downtown

As your Mayor, I will continue working to make Redlands a safer and more affordable City to call home. With your help, we can continue creating a new chapter for Redlands.

I'd be honored to earn your vote by November 3rd.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RIALTO**

EDWARD J. CARRILLO
City Treasurer

My name is Edward Carrillo, and I am proud to serve as your elected City Treasurer. Since 2000, I have dedicated over 25 years to a single mission: Safeguarding and maximizing your tax dollars. By prioritizing safety and liquidity, my conservative investment strategy has generated millions of dollars in returns, securing Rialto's financial stability.

As a USMC veteran, a local small business owner for over 25 years, and a Rialto homeowner since 1990, my roots in this community run deep. I am running for City Council to bring this lifetime of financial and civic experience to the council chamber. I will fiercely advocate for balanced economic growth, affordable housing, enhanced public safety, and safe route to schools. Most importantly, I will protect our neighborhoods by putting an end to warehouses in residential zones. I am deeply committed to representing you, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

ED SCOTT
Rialto City Councilman

Serving our Community has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. I am committed to responsible fiscal management, public safety, economic development, and improving the quality of life for all Rialto residents.

Over the past 8 years I have focused on new and improved parks, improvements to our streets, new restaurants, places to shop, a new police station, enabling our police officers to better serve you, and more equipment and fire station improvements for a safer Rialto. In just 10 years Rialto's sales tax is up to a projected 70 million next year, Lets continue making Rialto prosperous.

Together we have made important progress, but there is still more work to do. I remain committed to building a stronger, safer, and more prosperous Rialto for our families, businesses, youth, and seniors.

I respectfully ask for your support and vote so that I may continue serving our community and delivering results. Vote proven leadership, strong results, Vote Ed Scott for Rialto.

Thank you for your support!

Ed Scott

Working together for a stronger Rialto

ANA GONZALEZ
Nonprofit Executive Director

Age: 39

I am running for Rialto City Council to bring a new generation of leadership rooted in service, accountability, and action. For 30 years, Rialto has been my home. I have raised my family here, built relationships here, and dedicated my life to helping our community thrive. My experience as a community leader, nonprofit executive director, former Rialto Budget Advisory Committee and General Plan Community Advisory member, has prepared me to serve with integrity and purpose. I know Rialto's challenges, but I also know our growth and potential.

My priorities are clear: repair our roads and infrastructure, expand affordable housing, protect public health and safety, support our seniors, support small businesses, create quality jobs, and build more parks and safe, walkable neighborhoods. Through my service as Chair of the California Transportation Commission's Interagency Equity Advisory Committee, I understand how to pursue transportation funding and bring resources home to Rialto.

I will listen to all residents, demand transparency, and ensure every neighborhood has a voice in decisions that affect our future. This campaign is not about one person—it is about unity, opportunity, and building a healthier, safer, stronger Rialto together.

I hope to earn your vote this November 3, 2026; voteanagonzalez.com

EDWARD MONTOYA JR
Appointed Incumbent

As a lifelong Inland Empire resident who chose Rialto as my home upon retiring from the United States Army, I've proudly served this community for the past 17 years. As a Retired Army Combat Paramedic and former Law Enforcement Officer, I spent my career leading, training, and serving others.

Since joining the Rialto City Council, I've focused on delivering practical results that make our community safer and stronger. I have championed public safety, infrastructure improvements, responsive emergency services, fiscal responsibility, and a transparent government. Drawing on my military and law enforcement experience, I prioritize policies that support our police officers making Rialto a safer place and improves the quality of life.

Committed to giving back, I serve as a Mentor Coordinator for the San Bernardino County Superior Veterans Treatment Court, where I've helped veterans rebuild their lives. Through my nonprofit work, I've provided mental health services, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, substance abuse recovery, and service dog program integration assisting more than 1,800 veterans and first responders while reaching thousands more throughout the community.

I bring proven leadership, integrity, and compassion to every challenge. I'm running to ensure our community remains a place where families and businesses can thrive.

RAFAEL TRUJILLO

Case Manager / Parent

Standing up for working families has been more than my motto — it's always been about delivering real results for Rialto. Our families are struggling as inflation and costs are going up. Meanwhile, the federal administration is making cuts and unleashing masked ICE agents into our neighborhoods. I've been on the front lines reuniting families and fighting to get back our federal dollars. I'm running for re-election to continue to reduce costs for Rialto families.

Like many of you, I'm raising a family and want a brighter future for generations to come. We cannot afford erratic decision-making that chases away opportunities for our residents. While on the Rialto City Council:

- I uncovered illegal fees on our trash bills— then forced the City to remove them.
- I passed a 5-point veterans' preference in the city's hiring practices.
- I pushed for funding to address homelessness.
- I secured millions of dollars in community benefit agreements, high-paying jobs, and new parks.

I'm proud to have the backing of former 911 dispatcher and Congresswoman Norma Torres, a running list of working family organizations, women's groups, and community leaders.

On November 3rd, vote for a powerful voice and leader for our families. Vote for Rafael Trujillo for Rialto City Council.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL WARD 1
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

RON ALVARADO

Government Fraud Investigator

Age: 38

San Bernardino is moving backwards because the same politicians who led us into bankruptcy and out of City Hall are still failing our community. Decades of institutional neglect, unaddressed blight, and corporate slumlords continue to leave our historic Westside and Downtown neighborhoods behind.

As a lifelong resident, husband, father, and government fraud investigator for the County of San Bernardino, I have the experience to deliver real accountability. Serving as Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, Omnitrans Transit Rider Advisory Council member, and President of the Hanes Park Neighborhood Association, I serve our community daily.

Holding a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Science in Information Technology from California State University, San Bernardino, I bring technical discipline to local government. I will push for a citywide forensic audit to eliminate wasteful spending, enforce aggressive code compliance, revitalize public parks, clean transit, expand youth recreation, and secure union-backed job pipelines for working-class families.

I do not answer to special interests, predatory developers, or corporate landlords. My sole priority is serving you—the residents who make our city work. Together, we can rebuild our infrastructure and restore integrity to local government.

Move San Bernardino forward, vote Ron Alvarado for Ward 1 on November 3, 2026.

Ron Alvarado

www.RonForWard1.com

VIRGINIA MARQUEZ

Community Service Liaison

Dear Neighbor,

As a lifelong resident of San Bernardino, I believe our city deserves leadership rooted in integrity, accountability, and results. I proudly served two terms on the City Council (2010 - 2018), helping guide our city through bankruptcy and restoring financial stability during one of our most difficult times. With more than 30 years of experience in public safety as a California State Parole Agent and, recently, a Community Services Liaison for a County Supervisor, I understand what it takes to protect our neighborhoods and deliver solutions.

Today, we are seeing troubling failures in leadership. Vacant buildings downtown remain neglected and continue to catch fire, threatening public safety and slowing economic growth. The corruption and backroom decision-making at City Hall must stop.

My priorities:

- Addressing Homelessness
- Restoring Trust in City Hall
- Revitalizing Downtown

I am proud to have earned the endorsements of Congressman Pete Aguilar, Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes, Assemblymember James Ramos, and Mayor Helen Tran. Their support reflects the broad coalition we are building to bring effective leadership back to City Hall. That is why I am stepping up once again to serve You.

Don't lose hope - we can restore integrity and move our city forward.

Virginia Marquez

<https://votevirginiamarquez.com/>

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL WARD 2
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

CHRISTIAN SHAUGHNESSY

Age: 31

Housing Specialist

We have been left behind for too long. Our neighborhoods deserve consistent leadership, real presence, and action, not silence. Families are asking for paved streets, real solutions to homelessness, downtown areas they can shop in, and beautification that reaches every block. We cannot afford to be ignored any longer. It's time for leadership that shows up and delivers.

I've already been doing the work. As a housing and homelessness specialist working full-time in Ward 2, I'm on the front lines addressing the root causes of instability.

I serve as Chair of the County's Youth Coordinated Entry System, tackling the toughest cases of youth homelessness, and I lead the homeless youth motel voucher initiative contracted with the City of San Bernardino, bringing immediate shelter and stability to vulnerable youth. Through my service on key local committees, I advocate for working families and public safety.

I'm proudly endorsed by the Inland Empire Labor Council AFL-CIO, representing over 90 unions and 400,000+ families across Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

This isn't a promise, it's my record! We need action, accountability, and leadership rooted in community. We can't accept the status quo, and we can't go backward—together, we move forward!

BENITO BARRIOS

Age: 51

Small Business Owner

Benito Barrios is a proud Marine Corps Veteran, community leader, and former San Bernardino City Councilmember dedicated to serving our city. Lifelong resident of the 2nd ward and graduate of Pacific High School, Benito enlisted in the Marines just five days after graduation and served 16 years in Radio Communications. Benito served in over 10 countries, including Iraq, earning the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

As a life insurance agent, Benito has assisted numerous individuals and families and currently serves as a Marketing Director with PHP Agency.

As a former councilmember, Benito focused on public safety, housing, and job creation. Benito helped lead the city out of bankruptcy and was instrumental in protecting local jobs during the city's transition of waste management and fire services. He served in leadership roles with the California League of Cities and is currently the Inland Empire's Regional Director for the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Advocates for Veterans through the Marine Corps League as the Senior Vice Commandant and is on the advisory board for the National Veterans Chamber of Commerce in San Bernardino.

Benito will be focused on public safety and homelessness, improving our streets, and economic development. He is running to deliver responsive and accountable leadership, respect, stability and to build trust - not just with Ward 2 residents, but with the entire city!

Let's talk 909-269-1947

barrios4sbcitycouncil@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL WARD 4
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

FRED SHORETT

San Bernardino City Council Member / Businessman

I'm a 3rd generation San Bernardino resident and businessman — my family's done business here for over 100 years. Elected to represent Ward 4 in 2009, representing you has been my greatest honor.

I have 40+ years of business experience and 17+ years as your councilmember. I am a councilmember/candidate with real, tested business experience and city leadership! I'm also a U.S. Army combat veteran who served overseas defending our country. Now I'm defending you.

San Bernardino has come a long way since I helped us exit bankruptcy. I've backed our police and first responders, helping drive a 25% drop in crime. Real challenges remain, and I have a plan:

- Reduce homelessness and clean up encampments
- Balance the budget and grow reserves
- Keep cutting crime by supporting police and first responders
- Repave streets, improve parks, clean up graffiti and trash
- Attract good-paying jobs and affordable senior housing
- Encourage quality economic development

San Bernardino is competing in a growing region, and competition requires stability, continuity, and consistent leadership. I'm proud to be endorsed by San Bernardino's police — they know I'm fighting every day to keep our city safe.

Vote for experience. Vote Fred Shorett.

Learn more: ElectShorett.com

JOE SALAS

Teacher / First Responder

As a teacher, I dedicated my career to preparing the next generation for success because I believe when we invest in residents and families, we invest in the future of the City of San Bernardino. I will bring the same commitment to growth and accountability for the residents living, working, and playing in Ward 4.

For nearly two decades, we have seen San Bernardino plummet. We have seen efforts to sideline voters and concentrate power at City Hall instead of respecting the will of the people. Closed-door politics are routine and business as usual has destroyed public trust. Resident tax dollars are being spent on priorities that do not improve the quality of life for you and your family.

Through my work in the community, I helped champion a Community Workforce Agreement that will bring hundreds of livable-wage jobs to San Bernardino families. I brought a farmers market to downtown San Bernardino, expanding access to fresh, organic food. As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, I moved the meeting to the evening so working families get better access and participate in public dialogue.

Our campaign is proudly endorsed by business leaders, Teamsters Joint Council, and the Inland Empire Building Trades Council.

Together, we can rebuild the city and choose A Better Way Forward for San Bernardino.

Joe Salas

joesalas.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS**

KARMOLETTE O'GILVIE
Registered Nurse

Age: 64

I am honored to be a candidate for Twentynine Palms City Council, District 4. My family and I have proudly called Twentynine Palms home for the past 33 years. As a retired military family, we understand the importance of service, commitment, and community. My husband honorably served our nation for 25 years, and together we raised our family here. Today, our grandchildren are growing up in the same community we proudly call home.

As a Registered Nurse, educator, and active community volunteer, I have dedicated my career to serving others. I received my education locally, at College of the Desert and Copper Mountain College, and currently work aboard the Marine Corps base. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents.

Having witnessed our city's growth, successes, and challenges over three decades, I believe our elected leaders must always put people first. I will advocate for responsible growth, support public safety, strengthen local families, protect services for children and seniors, and encourage economic development that creates quality jobs while preserving the character of our community.

I also believe our partnership with the Marine Corps is vital to the future of Twentynine Palms and will work to maintain strong relationships that benefit both our military and civilian communities.

It would be a privilege to serve the residents of District 4 with integrity, accountability, and a commitment to keeping Twentynine Palms a safe, thriving, and welcoming community for generations to come.

OCTAVIOUS SCOTT
Incumbent

I am seeking reelection to the Twentynine Palms City Council because I believe our city has a bright future. Once reelected, I will keep working to make Twentynine Palms a place where businesses want to invest, jobs can grow, families can put down roots, and young people can see a future here. I will work to increase opportunities for homeownership, encourage housing for a range of income levels, and protect what makes Twentynine Palms a great place to live.

Since taking office in 2022, I have worked with City Staff and Councilmembers to expand youth opportunities through a Youth Council, modernize our development policies to reduce red tape for small businesses and encourage housing development, organize neighborhood cleanups, and build partnerships that connect residents with local resources.

I was born and raised in the Southern California desert, served eight years in the U.S. Navy, and currently serve as Mayor Pro Tem. After leaving the Navy, I earned a bachelor's degree in management, a master's degree in leadership, and a graduate certificate in public administration. My professional experience includes nonprofit management.

It has been an honor to serve our community. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

CARLOS A. BLANDON
Geographer

I'm asking for your vote today to become the next District 4 Councilmember for Twentynine Palms. As an experienced geographer with a strong background in government administration, I am dedicated to improving our community through sustainable growth.

Raised in the desert, I've focused my education and career on regional planning, earning my Geography degree from the College of the Desert and CSU-Sacramento. I believe that transit-oriented development can significantly benefit our city by increasing property values, creating jobs, and lowering transportation costs. This approach fosters vibrant mixed-use spaces around transit hubs while protecting our valuable visual resources.

Let's work together for the common good. No one can address the challenges we face alone, but each of us has a part to play. Development is both a right and a responsibility, and we must ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive with dignity and access to essential resources. Together, we can create a brighter future for Twentynine Palms.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS**

MCARTHUR WRIGHT Age: 59
CRO Assistant Manager

As a retired United States Marine Corps veteran, community leader, and current City Council Member, I am honored to seek your support for another term serving the residents of Twentynine Palms. For the past 11 years, including two terms as Mayor, I have worked tirelessly to represent our community with integrity, accountability, and a commitment to public service.

My priorities are clear: strengthening public safety, improving infrastructure, supporting responsible economic development, expanding resources for veterans and families, and maintaining strong partnerships with the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, surrounding communities, San Bernardino County, and the State of California. I will continue to pursue opportunities that bring valuable resources and long-term investment to our city.

Twentynine Palms is truly a hidden gem in the desert. I am committed to preserving our small-town values while ensuring our city remains a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place to live, work, and raise a family. Most importantly, I will continue to listen to our residents and be a strong voice for every member of our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I may continue serving Twentynine Palms with integrity, honor, and dedication.

SHANESE RISPER
Veteran / Entrepreneur

I have proudly called Twentynine Palms home since 1998. As a retired United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant, educator, small business owner, and nonprofit leader, I have dedicated my life to serving others with integrity, accountability, and purpose.

For more than two decades, I have worked alongside our community through volunteer service, including over 10 years with Soroptimist International of Twentynine Palms, serving approximately six years as club president, helping raise educational opportunities for women and girls. As Community Outreach Director for The Hope Project, I have partnered with local organizations to help provide food, resources, and hope to families in need.

I hold multiple graduate degrees, including a Master's in Business from USC, a Master's in Human Resource Management, and a doctorate in theology. These experiences have equipped me to make thoughtful, informed decisions and responsibly steward public resources.

I am running for City Council to help build a stronger Twentynine Palms by promoting transparent leadership, supporting public safety, strengthening our local economy, encouraging responsible growth, and ensuring every resident has the opportunity to thrive.

Together, we can build a stronger future for our community.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
CITY OF VICTORVILLE**

RAFAEL ÁNGEL PORRAS
Pastor

Age: 58

My name is Rev. Rafael Ángel Porras, and I am running for Victorville City Council, District 2. I have lived in this district for more than 25 years, raising my family, serving our community, and listening to the concerns of our residents.

For 20 years, I have worked alongside the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department through community outreach and public safety efforts. My priorities are safer neighborhoods, cleaner streets, support for small businesses, quality jobs, responsible solutions for homelessness, and stronger city services.

I will work closely with law enforcement to address illegal street racing, dangerous nighttime driving, and reckless activity on La Mesa Road and surrounding neighborhoods. I will also advocate for dependable electrical power and compressed-air access where needed to support local businesses and economic development.

I respectfully ask for your vote and the opportunity to represent District 2. I will serve with integrity, transparency, accountability, and respect for every resident, every single day. Together, we can move Victorville forward with strong leadership, safer communities, and real results for every family and every neighborhood.

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." Proverbs 29:2

KEN LUTZ
Retired Sheriff Captain

Age: 66

As a retired San Bernardino County Sheriff's Captain with more than 35 years of public safety experience, I've spent my career solving problems, building partnerships, and protecting our communities.

Victorville deserves leadership focused on results—not politics. I have lived in the district for 30+ years, I have seen the growth.

I'll work to keep our neighborhoods safe, support our first responders, maintain clean parks and streets, improve transparency at City Hall, and make responsible decisions with your tax dollars.

Working families deserve a City Council that understands the challenges of rising costs and works every day to strengthen our local economy, support small businesses, and protect the quality of life we've worked hard to build.

I've dedicated my life to public service, and I'm ready to continue serving Victorville with integrity, experience, and common sense.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

CORRINE MORA

Victorville City Councilmember

Having called the High Desert home for nearly a decade, I've built my life and raised my children here. I've committed that same dedication to serving you on the Victorville City Council since my appointment in December 2025.

We all want a city we're proud to call home. This is why you can count on my determination to make Victorville a place where families can live, work, and thrive. My path from healthcare to government service taught me how to connect residents with the resources they actually need and that hands-on understanding of our community matters now more than ever.

With your trust, I will continue serving with a team approach to:

- Improve quality of life for every neighborhood and resident
- Build stronger partnerships with government agencies, non-profits, churches, and community organizations
- Make Victorville clean, safe, and full of opportunities for our children
- Advocate for real solutions to our challenges without raising taxes

Victorville's progress depends on all of us working together. I ask for your continued trust and support as I keep working, every day, to make our city better for all of us.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
CITY OF VICTORVILLE**

BOB HARRIMAN

Age: 69

Victorville City Councilmember

Victorville has been my home for more than four decades. My wife, Allison, and I raised our four sons here, built a local business, and continue to live in District 4.

As a contractor and small business owner, I understand the pressures facing working families and employers. During my first term, Victorville advanced a new Police Station, expanded Fire Station 313, added critical fire equipment, increased traffic enforcement, and supported the deputies and firefighters who keep our neighborhoods safe.

I have also worked to improve parks, recreation facilities and sports opportunities without raising taxes. My years coaching youth baseball and leading Victorville Little League continue to shape my commitment to better parks and affordable sports programs that help children learn teamwork, build confidence, and connect with positive mentors.

During the cost-of-living crisis, City Hall must avoid adding to families' burdens by spending responsibly, protecting taxpayers, supporting local businesses, attracting good-paying jobs, and maintaining essential services.

I am honored to be endorsed by Supervisor Colonel Paul Cook (Ret), Victorville's firefighters, our law enforcement and local leaders. I ask for your vote so we can keep Victorville safe, affordable, and moving forward for every family and neighborhood.

KASSANDRA SHAMSROUF

Auditor

Victorville is my home, and I care deeply about the future of our city. I am running for City Council because I believe our community deserves leaders who listen, work hard, and make decisions based on what is best for the people they serve. For nearly seven years, I have worked in public service helping ensure accountability, transparency, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. My work has taught me to solve problems, ask the right questions, and make thoughtful decisions with fairness and integrity. Giving back has always been important to me. As a youth basketball coach and basketball referee, I have had the privilege of mentoring young athletes and building relationships with local families. Those experiences have reinforced the importance of leadership, respect, teamwork, and serving the community. If elected, I will work to support public safety, improve our roads and infrastructure, encourage responsible economic growth, and make sure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. I will always be accessible, honest, and committed to listening to the people of Victorville.

I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote.

DEREK MARSHALL

Age: 43

Small Business Owner

I've spent the last several years fighting for the people of Victorville—not political parties or special interests. Whether it's standing up for working families, advocating for safer streets, or bringing resources back to our community, I've always believed leadership means showing up, listening, and delivering results.

As your City Councilmember, I'll focus on repairing our roads, supporting local businesses, creating good-paying jobs, improving public safety, and ensuring City Hall works for the people—not the other way around.

I don't believe every answer comes from the left or the right, I believe the best ideas come from listening to our community, having a clear vision, and the courage to do what's right.

Together, we can build a safer, stronger Victorville that works for everyone—and a city we can all be proud to call home.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1
CITY OF YUCAIPA**

CHELSEA BRAMMER RAMIREZ
Educator

Age: 48

I was born and raised in Yucaipa, graduating in Yucaipa High's first class in 1995, alongside my now-husband of 21 years, Rob, a law enforcement officer. My father served on the town council, before incorporation, my mother was a PTA fixture, and I am a member of our Rotary club. Service to our community runs in my family.

That foundation shaped my career in public service. I started working at my family's business negotiating purchasing and pricing contracts, then became an educator, a San Bernardino County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Commissioner, and a Workforce Development Coordinator connecting local students with jobs and careers. Through these roles, I have gained decades of experience managing budgets, and public funds with accountability, integrity, and transparency.

My priorities as your Councilmember are:

- Keep Yucaipa Safe: fully fund law enforcement and public safety
- Fiscal Discipline: transparent budgeting and long-term planning that protects taxpayers
- Protect our Quality of Life: preserve the existing character and rural heritage of our city, support our local businesses, and attract new amenities for residents

I love Yucaipa and that's why our Mayor, Chris Venable, has endorsed me. I'm asking for your vote to bring common sense and responsible governance to Yucaipa.

GREG FRANKLIN
Retired Finance Officer

Age: 64

Serving on the City Council is a matter of great public trust that should never be taken lightly. I am running for this seat because Yucaipa is my home, and I am committed to advocating for the quality of life of our residents, families, and neighbors. Like many of you, I have a vested interest in preserving the safety, character, and values that make Yucaipa special.

My nearly 30 years of direct experience with the City of Yucaipa uniquely qualifies me to serve on the City Council. As Assistant City Manager, I helped deliver balanced budgets annually and earned national recognition for excellence in financial reporting. During those years, the City completed major public facilities without relying on external borrowing. I will continue supporting strong fiscal stewardship, transparency, and accountability.

As your Councilmember, I will lead with integrity and common sense, with a commitment to listening. I will support investment in roads, public safety, responsible growth, and quality job opportunities that reduce commute times and create value for our community. Before every vote, I will ask: How will this decision affect the quality of life of our residents?

Ready to listen, willing to serve, able to lead.

For more; www.gregforyucaipa.com.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY**

DION ANTIC
Small Business Owner

Age: 62

I'm running for Town Council because I believe in the uniqueness and special character of Yucca Valley, and I want to see it flourish. My vision is to establish an arts district that transforms empty and underused buildings into visually striking, profitable spaces for local small business owners—while embracing the vibrant music and arts community that has taken root here in the high desert.

Our Old Town district has been neglected and underutilized for far too long. It's full of character, and it deserves to be revitalized. Restoring it addresses a real economic challenge facing our town—and neighboring communities are already embracing this kind of change and reaping the rewards. Yucca Valley can too. An arts district means new jobs for residents and new life for buildings that now sit empty.

It also means investing in our young people. Our kids deserve meaningful outlets for self-expression and growth—positive ways to build their futures right here at home.

Yucca Valley's potential is as vast as our high desert landscape. Let's honor what makes our town special while building a community that works for everyone. I'd be honored to have your vote.

RICK DENISON
Retired Fire Department Battalion Chief

When I gave my commitment to Yucca Valley and was elected as a member of your Town Council, during my original campaign I stated my goals were to strengthen public safety, improve roads and infrastructure, and enhance activities for all residents while maintaining a balanced budget and strong reserves.

Together, we have increased staffing for public safety, brought new and improved roads throughout the town, new and improved parks, additional recreational activities for all ages, and remain among the top California cities for fiscal health. While much has been done, we continue to listen to your vision of Yucca Valley and work hard to build a community that provides a sense of well-being.

Serving as your Council Member for District 5, Board Member for the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, and as Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments Energy and Environment committee, along with many other agencies, we lobby for the needs of our community. I regularly meet with our County, State, and Federal representatives to ensure needed projects move forward. These changes are directly related to the community outreach and strategic planning during my time on the Council, and with your support and vote, I will continue my commitment to the community of Yucca Valley.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BIG BEAR CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

PATRICE M. DUNCAN

Age: 64

Sales Professional / Community Advocate

As a resident of the Big Bear Valley since 2017 and a sales and marketing professional with over 25 years of experience in budget management, I have built my career on fiscal responsibility, strategic planning, and accountability. For the past six years, I have served as President of the Sugarloaf Community Association, working with residents, local organizations, and public agencies to address community needs and improve our neighborhoods. I have also served for five years as a Director of the Big Bear Fire Safe Council, helping promote wildfire preparedness and community resilience. My commitment to public service includes advocating for Big Bear Firefighters Measure I in the 2020 General Election and Bear Valley Community Hospital District Measure U in the 2024 General Election. These efforts reflect my belief in informed decision-making, transparent government, and protecting essential community services. If elected, I will bring practical leadership, sound financial judgment, and a commitment to listening to residents. I believe in honest communication, responsible stewardship of public resources, and working collaboratively to represent the interests of our mountain communities and all residents of the district.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you for your support.

ANDREW SAUER

Age: 36

Software Developer / Father

I'm Andrew Sauer, a software developer and homeowner in Sugarloaf. My wife and I have called the Big Bear Valley home full time for more than six years, and we're expecting our first child. Between our little one and the young kids of family and friends here full time, the next generation depends on this district. I pay the same sewer and trash bills you do, and I intend to get these decisions right.

I serve on the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency and Sugarloaf Property Owners Association boards, so I know how these systems and budgets work.

Not everything happens overnight, but here's where I'm headed:

- Real communication: televised, recorded board meetings with Spanish translations, and updates that reach you before changes do.
- Community events that bring the East Valley together.
- Modern technology that stretches every dollar: better tools, not fewer jobs, and livable wages for our crews.
- Bridging the gap with our regional partners.
- A CARE-style assistance program for our seniors and underserved neighbors.

Affordable today, invested for the long haul: I'll do all I can to keep rates affordable while steadily funding the infrastructure our kids will inherit.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

EILEEN BERNE

Retired Financial Analyst

The CSD faces many complex issues including the future of our fire protection service responsibilities, continuing fiscal challenges, and BBARWA related projects. Strong, informed voices are needed now more than ever.

As your next elected Board member of the Big Bear City Community Services District, you have my commitment to leverage my financial and management expertise, earned over more than 40 years (the last 15 years at the CSD as Fire/EMS Financial Coordinator and as your District's Financial Analyst,) to hear your concerns and advocate for the best interests of the members of the CSD community.

Let's work together to forge a dynamic future for our community!

Thank you for your vote!

Eileen Berne

MIGUEL J. GONZALEZ

Real Estate Broker

For years, I have worked to keep our community informed by thoroughly researching local issues, sharing factual information, and encouraging open communication while recognizing the good work being done throughout our community. Through my business, volunteer service, and involvement in local organizations and charitable events, I have remained committed to giving back to the community my family and I proudly call home.

I am running because I believe our community is strongest when we listen to one another, treat each other with respect, and make decisions based on facts rather than division.

If elected, I will work to promote transparency, fiscal responsibility, thoughtful long-term planning, and open communication. I will remain accessible and accountable, listen to all perspectives, and always strive to make decisions that are in the best interest of our entire community.

It would be an honor to earn your trust and serve Big Bear City with integrity, common sense, and dedication.

MARGARET TIEFENTHALER
Peer and Family Advocate

For the past 12 years, I have served older adults throughout the Big Bear Valley. I assist residents age 60 and older navigate complex systems, obtain essential resources, and remain safe and independent in the community they call home.

That experience has taught me to listen carefully, ask difficult questions, challenge assumptions, coordinate public and private agencies, and protect people living on fixed or modest incomes.

The CSD faces major decisions. As a Big Bear City resident, it is my firm belief that dissolving the Big Bear Fire Authority agreement must not jeopardize emergency services or leave local taxpayers with an inequitable burden.

Replenish Big Bear may strengthen our groundwater supply and could eventually benefit the lake. I will support necessary wastewater and water-quality improvements while demanding transparency, independent financial analysis, proven safety, and fair cost-sharing. Residents should not bear costs out of proportion to the benefits they receive.

Public service requires preparation, integrity, and accountability. In my daily work I must balance competing needs and resources in order to help my clients survive and thrive. I will bring that same diligence to this position.

THEODORE JOSEPH TRENTMAN
Television Producer

Age: 56

Theodore Trentman is the owner of Big Bear Television, a longtime community volunteer, and founder of several local initiatives dedicated to serving Big Bear Valley. He is running for the Big Bear City Community Services District Board to strengthen communication, increase transparency, modernize technology, and ensure residents are informed, heard, and connected. Theodore believes local government should be open, accessible, and responsive while responsibly managing the essential services our community depends on.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELENDALE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

DAVID HART

Community Volunteer

I have attended the CSD Board meetings continually for 7 years. I am very familiar with how they operate and with the needs of the community that are supported with this office. Maintaining the structure of waste, water, parks to the needs of the community and the funds that are necessary to keep everything operating to the needs of the people.

My community involvement is working with Concerts in the Park, Youth Recreational Sports, Citizens on Patrol, Community Clean up Day and Garage Sale. The Senior Lunch program is a great need to our small community and a place for them to gather is a definite need. I am a Marine Corp Veteran, retired Postal Employee, and now do many community functions as listed. I believe being on the CSD board is the next step to making our little city a better place.

Also, keeping the Railroad Project (BIG) accountable to Silver Lakes so as not to cut us off from Rt. 66. A bridge or at minimum a viable access road to meet our safety and emergency needs totally.

GEORGE R. CARDENAS

Engineering Manager

Age: 59

For the past four years, I've had the privilege of serving the residents of Helendale as a member of the Community Services District Board of Directors. I respectfully ask for your vote for re-election.

Providing safe, reliable water service is one of the District's most important responsibilities. Every decision involving infrastructure, public funds, and long-term planning must be made carefully because their impact will affect our community today and for generations to come.

My career has been dedicated to the water industry, parks, and wastewater, the very services our District exists to provide. That experience allows me to evaluate complex issues, ask informed questions, and make decisions that protect both our infrastructure and our ratepayer dollars.

Throughout my service on the Board, every decision has been guided by one simple question:

"Is this in the best interest of our community and our ratepayers?"

That principle guides every budget, investment, and policy decision.

Helendale deserves leadership that understands both the responsibility of public service and the complexity of managing essential utility services. I'm committed to continuing that work with careful planning, fiscal responsibility, and a clear focus on Helendale's future and respectfully ask for your vote.

RON CLARK

Incumbent

Ron Clark has lived in Helendale for 59 years. He is a nationally recognized expert in recreational and environmental health and has served on the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Certification Board and California environmental health and recreation committees, helping establish standards and policies used throughout the United States.

Ron and his wife, Debby, have a strong record of public service. Ron has served 17 years on the Helendale Community Services District Board, including as president. Debby served the Helendale School District for more than 20 years as a teacher and administrator.

Ron has supported drilling new water wells and securing water rights to help ensure Helendale maintains a safe and reliable water supply. He has also advocated for community safety, recreation programs, improvements at the Community Park, and supporting events that bring neighbors together.

Ron believes public service requires experience, accountability, and common sense and believes government should remain responsive, transparent, and fiscally responsible. He is committed to making decisions that improve everyday life for residents. Ron will continue using his education and experience in water and environmental management to protect local resources, address community needs, and improve the quality of life for all Helendale and Silver Lakes residents.

HENRY SPILLER

Businessman

Henry Spiller is seeking election to the Helendale Community District Board of Directors. After narrowly losing his bid for re-election in 2024, Henry is ready to bring his experience, dedication and commitment back to the Board.

Henry and his wife Annette have lived in the Silver Lakes / Helendale Community since 2005. He retired from Raytheon Defense Systems after 37 years of service and has a degree from UCLA and Cal State Dominguez Hills. Henry is an avid volunteer and has participated on several Silver Lake/CSD committees, teams, and projects throughout the years. He also has coached/managed youth sports and is the commander of our local Citizens on Patrol Unit (#436).

Your vote for Henry will continue his efforts to maintain, improve and develop activities that benefit our growing community. His focus will remain on keeping an ample water supply and customer service, budget discipline, youth and senior programs, CSD events, local state and federal networking, and maintaining low rates while working toward a safe and secure community.

Henry Spiller deserves your vote.

Thank You!

GAIL GUINN

Incumbent Director

I have been an active member of Helendale for 25 years. You may have seen me walking, running, or at various meetings and activities and know that I am fiercely dedicated to the quality of life in our community.

I am a UCLA graduate. My academic foundation paired with decades of management experience has given me a proven track record of business development, fiscal responsibility and strategic planning.

I was appointed to the HCSD in March 2024 after a comprehensive selection process, then elected in November 2024. During my tenure:

- I have been instrumental to the establishment and success of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), strengthening emergency readiness.
- I initiated and led development of our Strategic Plan which is used to ensure the actions of the district accomplish goals while anticipating and navigating the issues coming our way.
- I strongly advocated for responsible growth and infrastructure.
- I worked on enhancing our concerts, parks, and youth sports.
- I became proficient in matters of water, wastewater, and solid waste and strived to protect ratepayer tax dollars with every vote.
- I recently initiated an innovative idea to improve the safety of our community.

I would be honored to have your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 2
LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

JACQUELINE BROWN

Age: 70

Appointed Incumbent

I've been a full-time resident in Lake Arrowhead Woods for 38 years. In 1977, I started my work in Special District's where I gained knowledge of public agency operations. I later worked for a general engineering contractor managing accounting, administrative operations, and assisting with bids and contracts for public work projects. The last 20 years of my career, I managed military bids, contracts and compliance requirements for a specialized trucking company. My professional experience has prepared me to make responsible decisions on behalf of my community. As your director, I have remained committed to protecting our water supply and water quality while being a responsible steward of your taxpayer dollars. I support reducing pension costs, pursuing grants, investing in solar energy, outsourcing services when it saves money, upgrading fire hydrants by painting them, and ensuring projects are completed efficiently and cost effectively. I also support LACSD's proactive efforts to remove PFAS from our drinking water and secure reliable water supplies for the future. I have proudly served on the Board of Directors for nearly two years. Every decision I make is guided by what is in the best long-term interest of Lake Arrowhead and the people who call it home.

PAUL BAYER BURNEY

Age: 63

Retired Chef / Carpenter

For thirteen years, Lake Arrowhead has been my home. I am running for the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Board to restore fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability to the District.

LACSD should focus first on its core responsibilities: providing safe, reliable water and sewer service, maintaining aging infrastructure, and planning responsibly for future needs. Ratepayer money should be treated as a public trust. Before approving major projects or long-term financial commitments, the Board should clearly explain the cost, the benefit, the alternatives considered, and who will ultimately pay.

I will support independent review of major expenditures, plain-English financial reporting, meaningful public access to meetings, including remote participation, and timely disclosure of information. Decisions should be made openly and should serve all ratepayers, not favored interests.

Many Lake Arrowhead property owners are part-time residents who still pay the rates and bear the costs of District decisions. They deserve practical ways to participate and be heard.

At 63, I bring a lifetime of practical judgment and a straightforward approach: maintain essential infrastructure, control unnecessary spending, ask hard questions, and make decisions based on facts. I respectfully ask for your vote for Division 2.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 3
LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

ROBIN T. HARRISON

Professional Engineer / Attorney

My wife and I are permanent residents in Division 3. I am running for the Board to provide oversight, transparency, and respect for the ratepayers.

Though I have retired from nearly 30 years of government service, I am still active as both an engineer and a lawyer. My legal practice has focused on regulatory law representing manufacturers before state and federal agencies. As a registered Safety Engineer, I have worked extensively as an expert witness involving defects in industrial equipment and machinery.

This combination of legal, regulatory, and engineering experience is directly relevant to the solution of serious problems facing LACSD. Board members must examine complex contracts, infrastructure projects, budgets, water-quality requirements, and regulatory requirements rather than accepting staff recommendations.

I do not seek this position for personal recognition. I do because LACSD's culture of excessive spending, limited accountability, and disregard for transparency must change. Ratepayer money is public money-not a blank check.

As your Division 3 representative, I will insist upon fiscal discipline, open decision-making, accessible public meetings, review of major expenditures, and long-term investment in reliable water and wastewater infrastructure. LACSD exists to serve this community. Its Board must never abandon this obligation.

MICHELLE AMBROZIC

Business Owner

Age: 44

I've been a full-time resident of the Arrowhead Villas for 21 years. With my husband, I co-own and operate a construction business where I manage accounting, administrative operations, and writing bids and contracts. My professional experience has given me insight to make responsible decisions on behalf of our community. I have proudly served on the Board of Directors for nearly two years. Responsible financial leadership has been my priority as your director. I support the use of grant funding to reduce the burden on ratepayers and support outsourcing when it saves money. It is my view that projects should be completed efficiently and that we need to reduce long-term pension expenses. I scrutinize bids and vigorously question all spending proposals to ensure every dollar spent is critical to ongoing operations and maintenance.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 5
LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

ERIC CHAPPELL

Age: 64

Appointed Incumbent / Retired Fire Captain

Community Service and Experience as a longtime Mountain Communities resident, and a graduate of MPH and Rim of the World High School, service to my community has been a way of life. I began my career as a paid-call firefighter with the Running Springs Water District in 1981 and continued serving through my retirement from the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Station 26 in Twin Peaks, in 2018.

Local Involvement Over the years, I have served as PTA President, on HOA boards of directors, on school site councils, as an assistant Boy Scout troop leader, and as a Little League team manager.

Commitment to Water and Sewer Services Our mountain communities' water and sewer facilities have overcome serious challenges and must remain vigilant to continue providing clean drinking water, protect against harmful contaminants, maintain reliable infrastructure, and manage costs for those served. These are the issues I am committed to addressing.

BEN NARAGHI

Professional Engineer / Contractor

As a licensed Professional Engineer and Licensed General Contractor, I have spent my career planning, building, and managing complex construction and infrastructure projects. I am running for the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Board to bring professional engineering judgment, fiscal responsibility, and accountable leadership to our community.

LACSD's mission is to provide safe, reliable water and wastewater services while protecting the investments of its ratepayers. I believe every public dollar should be spent wisely, with careful oversight of infrastructure, long-term planning, responsible budgeting, and transparent decision-making.

My engineering and construction experience allows me to objectively evaluate capital projects, identify practical and cost-effective solutions, and ensure that maintenance and infrastructure remain the District's highest priorities. Residents deserve open meetings, honest communication, and a Board that listens to the community before making important decisions.

I will bring an independent, practical, and solutions-oriented approach to every issue before the Board. My commitment is to protect our community's resources, maintain essential public infrastructure, and help ensure dependable utility services for current residents and future generations. I respectfully ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NEWBERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

DEVORAH ALLEN-SOLORIO

Age: 58

Logistics Professional

Having called this community home for many years, I understand what makes Newberry Springs a special place to live, work, and raise a family. As a small business owner, former credit union director, and experienced nonprofit board member, I bring practical leadership experience, a commitment to responsible governance, and a focus on protecting the services and quality of life our residents value.

My priorities include:

Protecting reliable water availability and opposing AI data centers that could threaten local water resources and community character

Investing in dependable infrastructure that meets today's needs while preparing for the future

Providing strong fiscal oversight and greater transparency in how taxpayer dollars are managed

Through my experience managing budgets, serving on boards, and leading organizations, combined with my bachelor's degree in operations management and MBA from Cal State Long Beach, I bring practical skills in planning and accountability.

I will listen to residents, communicate openly, and make decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of the community. I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote.

ROBERT SHAW

To my fellow Newberry Voters:

It is time for change, we have many serious matters to decide in the following 2 years'. And, since I would like to be your representative I will state my positions below so you can evaluate my service with knowledge of my proposed actions.

My focus on the community park project goes to the current Park aka the South Park, the project is on its way to completion and is currently suffering due to the Boards current focus on the new park aka the North Park.

My financial focus is very conservative which will allow the Board to keep the office open for service 5 days per week so that we will have the time necessary to complete our administrative functions in a timely and thorough manner. If necessary I will vote to increase our Directors meetings to twice a month.

Last is our Volunteer Fire Dept. and our Chief which I support 100% and will in the future support their efforts to continue exceptional service to our community.

So, with all that said, it is my desire to become your new Director on our CSD Board. Together we can make a positive Change.

ROBERT M. SPRINGER

Age: 62

Incumbent

Thank you for your trust and support. I am committed to guiding our community forward with integrity, innovation, and collaboration. Together, we will continue build a safer, stronger, and more resilient future. I'm honored to serve and eager to keep advancing our shared vision.

TED STIMPFEL

Hi, I'm Ted Stimpfel, and I'm running for the Newberry CSD Board of Directors! I love our community, but let's be honest — we've been stuck in neutral for decades. No actual royalty was harmed, but it's definitely time to shake things up and get things moving!

My Core Priorities are straightforward:

- **Smart Spending:** Keeping a sharp eye on the budget so we get better services without emptying our pockets.
- **Open Doors:** Real transparency where your voice actually matters, meetings are videoed, and public participation is welcomed.
- **Better Infrastructure:** Upgrading our park, ensuring our wonderful fire department is fully supported, and our new planned civic center gets completed.

With a background in business and a fierce commitment to common-sense management, I have zero personal agendas — just a genuine drive to see Newberry thrive.

Let's ditch the stagnation and build a brighter, more vibrant neighborhood together. I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote for Ted Stimpfel!

JACK UNGER

Newberry deserves honest government. We're not getting it. Your tax money keeps going down the toilet.

I'm on the Board. Am I the only one watching the Board?

It's said that "daylight is the best disinfectant" yet only about 12 people (out of 2200 in Newberry) even attend the Board meetings.

The Board sees this. That's why they can get away with whatever illegal and improper behavior they want – nobody is watching them!

For example, conflicts of interest when a Director financially benefits from Board decisions must be avoided.

Board meetings should be on the Internet but the Board prohibits Directors from having a camera during a meeting. Members of the public need to attend meetings, videotape the meetings or stream them to the Internet.

Remember, daylight is the best disinfectant. If you don't watch, the abuse and the waste (your tax money) will continue.

I respectfully ask for your vote. I can't look away. I won't look away. I will keep watching, reporting and working for a better, more honest Newberry Springs.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

MATT COVINGTON

High Desert Business Owner

I'm running for the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District Board because I care about this community and believe residents deserve a stronger voice when it comes to how their hard-earned money is spent. We deserve better leadership and water rates we can afford.

I grew up in our community and love our rural lifestyle. I'm also a High Desert business owner. I know firsthand that families and businesses must make tough choices when costs increase. Government should do the same. Before asking residents for more money, we should be looking for ways to save, operate more efficiently, and make better use of the resources we already have.

Our water rates are already sky-high and the district recently voted to raise our water rates another 70%! They do not serve us, they serve themselves. They voted to build themselves a \$15-million office building that we are paying for with our taxes. It's time for a change! As your board member, I will:

- Stop water rate hikes
- Conserve our resources
- Serve residents, not me

I'm endorsed by the High Desert Taxpayers Association because they know I'll fight for residents. I would be honored to earn your vote.

KEN ANDERSON

Facilities Project Manager

Age: 67

Ken believes high desert residents deserve high quality water, excellent service, and affordable prices.

As a elected board member at Phelan Pinon Hills CSD, his 30 years of business ownership experience, combined with a long history of community representation will enable him to advocate effectively on your behalf. His years of service on local PPHCSD board has prepared him to work well with other board members to institute good policies and ensure all important issues are discussed before decisions are made.

Ken has lived in the high desert for over fifty years, while raising his family of 6 children. Currently working as a Facilities Project Manager, managing construction projects in the high desert.

Qualifications of Community Service

Phelan Chamber of Commerce Member over 20yrs, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Director. Phelan Pinon Hills Community Service District Elected Board Member. San Bernardino County Phelan MAC, SBC Planning Commissioner.

Ken brings broad and unique experience; he shares your values and will listen to your concerns. Please give him your vote!

Vote for Ken Anderson!

IDILIO SANCHEZ

Local Business Owner / Father

Age: 58

I'm running for the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District Board because we deserve leadership that puts ratepayers first, protects essential services, and treats every dollar as if it were our own.

As a successful business owner, I understand how to control costs, prioritize spending, and deliver value. I previously served for 12 years on a local planning commission, hearing the concerns of the community. That experience taught me the importance of careful planning, transparency, accountability, and making responsible decisions that benefit the community, not myself.

Our community is facing a 70% increase in water rates, while the District is spending more than \$15 million building themselves a new office and increasing the Board's salaries and travel expenses over 25% in one year alone! I believe we deserve better priorities, and so does the High Desert Taxpayers Association, which is why they have endorsed me.

As your Board Member, I will:

- Cut our water rates
- Find savings and stop luxury travel
- Improve operational efficiencies to deliver clean, reliable drinking water

I'm asking for your vote to bring proven business discipline, public-service experience, and trusted fiscal accountability to the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District Board.

GREGORY SCOTT SNYDER

Water Professional

It has been an honor to serve the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District since 2022. I am seeking reelection to continue providing experienced, practical leadership.

Water is our community's most critical resource. I will continue providing safe, reliable water while reviewing costs, pursuing grants and outside funding, protecting ratepayers, and planning responsibly for future needs and state mandates.

My family chose Phelan as our home 33 years ago because of its rural character, open space, room to raise animals, and strong sense of community. I am committed to preserving local control and ensuring District services support not change the rural lifestyle that makes Phelan and Piñon Hills unique.

I bring more than 35 years of municipal water and wastewater experience. I began as a water and sewer maintenance worker and advanced to Director of Water Distribution and Director of Public Works. I hold California Water Treatment Grade 4 and Water Distribution Grade 5 operator certifications, giving PPHCSD strong technical knowledge and practical oversight.

I also support well-maintained parks, recreation programs, and community facilities that serve local families and create opportunities for our youth.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I may continue serving our community.

DEVON D. GUSTAFSON Local Business Owner	Age: 36
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I've called this community home my entire life. Like many of you, I've worked hard, while raising my family here, and care deeply about the future of our town.

I'm running to bring common sense, accountability, and responsible spending to local government. I promise to vote against any water rate increase, new charges, or fees, to try and make residential water affordable once again. I want to protect the small-town values that make this community special while creating more parks and places where our kids and families can enjoy the outdoors.

I'll work hard, listen to the people, and always put our community first. I'd be honored to earn your trust and your vote.

JEANNA MILLS Business Owner	Age: 58
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For more than 47 years, I have proudly called Phelan home. After graduating from Serrano High School, I spent over 41 years working in our local community, including the past 12 years as the owner of a local family business.

Living and working in Phelan for nearly five decades has given me a deep appreciation for our community and the values that make Phelan and Piñon Hills such a special place to live. I am committed to preserving those values while supporting responsible growth, sound decision-making, and fiscal responsibility.

For more than 21 years, I have proudly served through organizations including the Phelan Chamber of Commerce, Snowline School District and Tri-Community Kiwanis.

It has been an honor to serve the past two years as a Director and Vice President of the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District Board after being elected unopposed. I remain committed to serving with integrity, accountability, and transparency. I respectfully ask for your support and vote for another four-year term on the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District Board of Directors so I can continue working on behalf of our families, businesses, and the future of our community.

ANDREW "ANDY" MINNALA Pinon Hills Business Owner / Pipefitter	Age: 51
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I'm running for the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District board because I believe the people deserve someone that answers to them.

I attended school in the Snowline Joint Unified School District. I built my business here. My wife taught for Snowline USD where my three children went to school. She is now a Program Specialist in the San Bernardino Unified School District.

Running a business for 20 years taught me what to do when costs outrun what customers can pay: Cut waste, plan ahead, and only spend money you have.

Our area already pays 60% more for water than our neighbors in Oak Hills. Instead of fixing that, the Board approved another 34% increase for next year while also approving \$15+ million on a new office building and raising their salaries and expenses more than 25% in a single year! Our community is paying for this failure.

I'll push for real savings, cut administrative costs, and put money where it belongs: reliable water service and rates families can actually afford. That is why I am endorsed by the High Desert Taxpayers Association. We need accountability and lower water rates. I will deliver that.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

WES ZUBER
Local Businessman

Age: 65

I am Wes Zuber, and I am running for the Wrightwood Community Services District Board. I was proud to serve on the original board when the CSD was formed, and I remain committed to its success.

As the founder and owner of UIA, I bring decades of experience building and managing essential infrastructure that serves our mountain community. I believe in solid, practical management and operational efficiency—focusing resources on clear goals that benefit all of Wrightwood rather than bureaucracy or waste.

My priority is accountable stewardship: reliable services, careful use of public funds, and decisions grounded in the needs of residents and property owners. I will work to keep the CSD effective, transparent, and focused on results.

I ask for your support so we can continue strengthening Wrightwood together.

JASON AGRAZ
Business Owner / Financial Advisor

We owe it to our future generations and long-time residents of Wrightwood to preserve this small mountain town culture and its magnificent beauty.

As your next elected member of the Board of Directors of Wrightwood Community Services, I intend to make every effort to keep this town peaceful, safe, and of wholesome family values out of respect and appreciation for generations to come.

My wife and I are absolutely blessed to live in such a community, and we want to contribute however possible. My wife Gabby and I are local business owners and are grateful to be in such exciting professions. Since our businesses tend to be heavily regulated requiring special care throughout all our actions, our clients' best interest is paramount and therefore demands the utmost attention to accountability, accuracy, and transparency. For those reasons I'm confident that I am prepared to represent the people of this community as a member of the Wrightwood Community Service District.

I'm here to listen to the voices of the community and to make sure that Wrightwood is a city for families to grow strong in.

Vote for Jason Agraz! Thank you for your support!

RUSS DREW

My Name is Russ Drew. I am honored to be a candidate for the Wrightwood Community Services District Board of Directors.

We fell in love with Wrightwood on a ski trip, moving here in 1981 to raise our family. Wrightwood is a community where people matter and help each other. Thus, I chose to volunteer wherever I could.

I've enjoyed volunteering for the Mac Board, Lions Club, Forest Service, WES Ski Program, WES PTG, Tri community Soccer, Native Plant Group, Trail Keepers, SGMIA. Currently I am serving as the President of the Wrightwood Property Owners Association.

If you elect me, I will bring years of experience in Management, and HR, working with people to find solutions. My mission will be to collaborate with the directors and staff to organize and improve CSD operations. It is my goal to create an atmosphere where residents and businesses can come to the board with both concerns and suggestions. To achieve this goal, I will help the board set up standing committees made up of residents/businesses. Together we can make Wrightwood Shine!

ERIN C. DEGROOT
Mother / Business Owner

As your appointed incumbent, I've worked hard to be a deeply engaged board member. I've been integral in demanding better financial transparency and have led thoughtful discussions on many of the issues that matter most to our district. When the Lone Pine Canyon Quarry mining project raised concerns for our community, I drafted the district's official response demanding a full environmental impact report to protect our land and environment.

I've been a consistent supporter of the local organizations that make Wrightwood special, and I want to keep building on that by bringing new parks and recreational opportunities to our community.

I've called Wrightwood home for 10 years, with family ties going back 40. As a mother, I think about the long-term health of this community, including its environment, its safety, and what we're leaving for the next generation. As a small business owner, I understand budgets, accountability, and the value of a dollar, which is why fiscal transparency and responsibility remain central to how I serve.

I'd be honored to keep serving Wrightwood with the same care and diligence I bring to my own family and business. I ask for your vote to continue this work.

DAVID E. SCHOENWETTER

Retired Facilities Executive

I am an appointed Incumbent Board Member and the current President of the Wrightwood Community Services District Board of Directors. I am seeking election to continue serving the Wrightwood community. During my tenure I have worked to improve District financial transparency, strengthen oversight of operations and ensure better customer service. I currently serve on three separate ad-hoc committees.

My family and I moved to Wrightwood from Upland, CA during the Narrows Fire in the Fall of 1997. We were impressed by the local response, communication and overall sense of community we felt. We have considered Wrightwood our home ever since.

Professionally retired, my career concentrated on optimizing utilization of high-value facilities and government assets. I have held executive facilities leadership roles in aerospace, entertainment and education. I hold Master and Bachelor of Science degrees focused on improving facilities infrastructure and operations using strategic decision-making models. I have led complex operations, managed major capital investments and built high-performing teams.

I am committed to thoughtful leadership, responsible stewardship, continuous improvement and decisions that reflect the best interests of the Wrightwood community. I would be honored to earn your vote and continue serving our District.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 3
CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT**

TOM HAUGHEY

Chino Valley Independent Fire District, Board of Directors

I am honored to seek re-election to the Chino Valley Fire District Board of Directors and respectfully ask for your support. Serving our community has been the privilege of a lifetime, including 20 years as a Chino City Councilmember and four years on the Fire Board.

During my current term, I have worked to ensure the District remains fiscally responsible while continuing to provide the high level of emergency services our residents expect. We have maintained a balanced budget yearly, carefully managing taxpayer dollars while investing in the personnel, equipment, and resources needed to protect our community.

I am especially proud to have helped secure millions of dollars in funding for a new fire station, an investment that will improve emergency response times, enhance firefighter safety, and meet the needs of our growing community.

Experience, accountability, and sound financial leadership matter. My record reflects a commitment to responsible governance and putting public safety first. If re-elected, I will continue working to strengthen our Fire District, support our firefighters, and ensure our community receives the outstanding emergency services it deserves.

I respectfully ask for your vote so we can continue building a safer, stronger future for the Chino Valley Fire District.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 4
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**

VICTOR HUGO RODRIGUEZ

Age: 57

Retired Water Professional

When I look at our community's water and wastewater systems, I see more than budgets and numbers. I see equipment, facilities, and dedicated people who keep our community safe and essential services reliable.

I am proud to announce my candidacy for the Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board of Directors, Division 4, representing Fontana.

After 33 years of service with IEUA, I've retired, but my commitment to public service remains strong. I began as a Plant Maintenance Worker, then served as a Wastewater Operator, Recycled Water Distribution Operator, Training Coordinator, and ultimately Operations and Maintenance Training Officer.

My career provided firsthand knowledge of the systems that protect public health and deliver reliable water services. As a training officer, I also mentored and prepared the next generation of utility professionals.

Public service is a family commitment. My wife and children have also dedicated their careers to serving the public. We understand the responsibility, sacrifice, and pride that come with serving our community.

IEUA faces rising costs, aging infrastructure, water reliability challenges, and the need for responsible long-term investment. I bring 33 years of hands-on experience to these challenges. If elected, I will promote accountability, responsible stewardship, and practical solutions.

EVERETTE WAYNE RICHARDSON

Age: 35

U.S. Air Force Veteran / Small Business Owner

As a Fontana business owner, Air Force veteran, and former investment banker, I have dedicated my life to service, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public and private resources.

IEUA plays a critical role in protecting our water resources, maintaining essential infrastructure, and ensuring reliable service for residents throughout our region. Board directors need experience in long-term planning, fiscal discipline, and strategic decision-making.

Once elected, I will focus on three priorities:

- **Reliable Utilities:** Ensuring dependable water and wastewater services while investing responsibly in infrastructure needed to support our communities.
- **Responsible Leadership:** Making decisions based on facts, transparency, accountability, and a commitment to delivering results.
- **Respect for Taxpayer Dollars:** Promoting responsible budgeting, smart financial planning, and efficient operations that maximize value while protecting residents from unnecessary costs.

Growing up in Fontana taught me the value of hard work. Today, I own a small business serving healthcare providers across CA. I make decisions about budgets, employees, and customer service daily, giving me a practical understanding of responsible leadership and fiscal stewardship.

I will bring integrity, accountability, and a commitment to public service to the IEUA Board. www.richardson4ieua.com (909) 730-9985

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 1
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

JOSE VELASQUEZ

Appointed Director, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water

As a lifelong member of our local community, father of two, and water industry professional with more than seventeen years of leadership serving municipal water districts throughout Southern California, I understand that safe, reliable, and affordable water is essential to every family and business.

During my first term on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board, I worked to protect ratepayers by supporting responsible financial stewardship and long-term planning. Together, the Board reduced property tax rates by 64%, providing taxpayers with more than \$60 million in tax relief while continuing to make responsible investments to ensure a safe and reliable water supply.

My professional experience has helped water agencies secure millions of dollars in grants and financing for critical infrastructure, strengthen financial accountability, and maintain balanced budgets. I remain committed to maintaining that same fiscal discipline and transparency in every decision made on behalf of our community.

As your Director, I will continue working to protect taxpayer dollars, strengthen our region's water reliability, invest responsibly in our infrastructure, and ensure safe, sustainable water supplies for future generations.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 3
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

DAVID E. MLYNARSKI

Water Board Member San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

I am a husband, father of six, military veteran, and longtime public servant. I understand how important reliable and affordable water is to our families, businesses, and communities.

Since 2014, I have proudly served as a Commissioner on the City of San Bernardino Water Board. During that time, I have worked to protect our water supply, maintain water quality, keep monthly bills as low as possible, and make sure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly.

I am running to represent Division III on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board. The District is responsible for important water infrastructure and securing imported water from the State Water Project. I support the District's recent 67% property-tax reduction and will work to keep taxes and water rates as low as possible.

My priorities are simple: protect our local water resources, improve aging infrastructure, plan for future water needs, and always put ratepayers first.

I respectfully ask for your vote. I will bring experience, common sense, fiscal responsibility, maintain long-term water portfolio reliability, and independent leadership to the Board while working to secure a reliable and affordable water supply for future generations.

www.DavidForWater.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 5
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

PAUL RICHARD KIELHOLD
Incumbent

- As a 65-year Yucaipa resident, business owner and project manager, it has been an honor to serve on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board. My priority remains securing a reliable, clean and affordable water supply for families, local businesses and future generations.

During my tenure as Director and Board President, I have delivered real results for taxpayers.

- Regional Water Security: Directed major infrastructure projects, including construction of recharge basins, acquisition of hydroelectric facilities to gain control of headwaters and lower operational costs, and supported 100 local water projects by pursuing habitat conservation plan efforts and acquisition of mitigation habitat and sites for water facilities.
- Innovative Conservation: Proponent of the Demand Management Incentive Program, saving over 5,000 acre-feet of water and returning more than \$800,000 in incentives to local water purveyors.
- Fiscal Accountability: Exercised budget oversight to modernize aging infrastructure, expand groundwater storage, and protect taxpayers against rising costs.
- Proven Experience: Brought over 45 years of project management experience alongside prior service on the Yucaipa Planning Commission and San Bernardino County Grand Jury.

I remain committed to protecting our local water rights, securing drought supplies, and maintaining fiscal responsibility. I humbly ask for your vote.

KEITH T. COLLIER
Water Senior Advisor

Age: 50

At seventeen years old I went to work for my father's water well drilling and pump company in our community. I started my Company in 2010 providing my expertise to water districts throughout San Bernardino County. Growing the business with success then eventually selling a year ago. That's been 33 years ago and I'm still at it.

I've created private sector jobs, balanced a budget, and signed the front of a paycheck for employees for decades. Valley Water district is sitting on a reserve of 900 Million dollars of our property taxes. Instead of using our taxes locally to lower water rates, they are funding a proposed lake near Sacramento- 450 miles from our community a \$6.8 billion project and climbing- Sites Reservoir is mired in litigation, cost overruns, and bureaucratic boondoggles. It may never be built. Yet Valley Water Agency is funding it with our property taxes. I'm running to bring common sense business experience to the board.

I strongly support term limits and suspending the Valley property tax assessment.

A \$900 Million surplus shows we are being overcharged. It's time for a change. I ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 1
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

SHERRI "SHERRI K" KASTILAHN

Attorney / Advocate

I'm running for the Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board because I believe our community deserves leadership that is transparent, accountable, and prepared. Serving on the Board is about more than attending meetings it's about doing the work protecting taxpayer dollars, and making informed decisions that enhance our parks and recreational facilities. Residents deserve board members who are accessible, accountable, and committed to open communication. Public trust is earned by listening to the community, explaining decisions, and encouraging meaningful public participation. I believe our parks and recreational facilities belong to the people of Hesperia, and every decision should reflect responsible stewardship of those public resources. Leadership requires preparation, integrity, and a commitment to putting the community first. If elected, I will advocate for fiscal responsibility, transparency, and thoughtful planning while ensuring every voice has the opportunity to be heard. My commitment is simple: to serve with honesty, accountability, and respect while working every day to earn the trust of the residents of Hesperia.

SHAWNA R. LUPTON IRISH

Hesperia Rec & Park District Member, Board of Directors

As a proud Hesperia resident since 1978, it has been an honor to serve on the Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board of Directors. As an office manager, I bring leadership, organization, and fiscal responsibility to every decision I make.

During my two terms, I worked with grant writers to secure state and federal funding for park improvements, bringing new grant dollars to our District. Those funds are helping transform our parks with a splash pad, upgraded restrooms, dog parks, walking trails, additional pickleball courts, renovated baseball fields, and outdoor fitness area completed the renovation and opening of Novack Center.

I am proud to have supported programs that strengthen our community, including intergenerational dinners honoring our seniors and veterans, while expanding activities and events at our Senior Center.

I believe in protecting taxpayer dollars by pursuing grants and outside funding so we can improve parks and recreation without placing additional financial burdens on residents.

If re-elected, I will continue completing these projects, expanding opportunities for youth, families, seniors, and veterans, and ensuring our parks remain safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone. I would be honored to earn your vote and continue serving Hesperia.

RHONDA JUNE YOUNG

Retired Customer Service

Age: 68

Hello, my name is Rhonda Young, and I am honored to be a candidate for this position. As Vice President of the Hesperia Leisure League, I am deeply committed to supporting the seniors in our community while also recognizing the importance of creating opportunities for families of all ages to enjoy everything Hesperia has to offer. As a proud grandmother, I believe in serving with integrity, transparency, and a positive attitude. I enjoy bringing people together, listening to their ideas, and finding practical solutions that enhance the quality of life for everyone. Through my experience, I have developed strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills that I will continue to bring to this role. I am dedicated to being approachable, dependable, and focused on what is best for our community. If elected, I will continue working hard to support our seniors, advocate for families, preserve and enhance our parks and recreational opportunities, and help ensure Hesperia remains a wonderful place to live, play, and raise future generations. Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving our community and working to make Hesperia an even better place for everyone.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 3
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

DON BARTZ
Park District Manager

Age: 62

Hesperia has been my home for more than 40 years. It is where my wife and I raised our four children, built our lives, and developed an appreciation for the people and traditions that make this community special.

I bring more than 35 years of experience working with Special Districts, including parks and recreation and water services. That experience has taught me that leadership requires planning, open communication, financial discipline, and respect for the residents whose tax dollars support our district.

As your District 3 representative, I will work to protect District resources, improve parks and recreational opportunities, and ensure decisions are made responsibly and transparently. I believe qualified local contractors and vendors deserve fair consideration for district projects so that jobs, opportunities, and investment remain within our community.

I also want to bring residents together by supporting programs and events that create lasting memories for Hesperia families. That includes working to restore the Hesperia Rodeo as the community tradition generations of residents remember.

I am prepared to listen, ask difficult questions, and work cooperatively to achieve practical results. I respectfully ask for your vote and the opportunity to serve District 3 with experience, integrity, accountability to Hesperia. donforparks.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 5
HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

GARY "GRIZ" DRYLIE

Retired Air Force

Age: 71

I believe that all of the Hesperia residents deserve total and complete transparency in how the Hesperia Recreation and Parks District is managed. As your next elected member of the Board of Directors of the Hesperia Recreation and Parks District, I will strive for the goal stated. I have an educational background in management, book keeping, heavy maintenance, education, law enforcement, community service and 501c3's. My years of experience in these areas has prepared me with an excellent understanding of the public's wants and needs of good honest communication and balanced budgets and mutual respect between boards. I have lived in the High Desert with my family for 46 years with the last 25 years in Hesperia.

Qualifications

- Member of the H.A.R.D. Foundation 19 years 2005-2024
- Hesperia's Historian, author of Images of America Hesperia Book 2002- present
- Griznelly's Inc, Shelly's Place Restaurant, CFO 2002- 2007
- Member of the Chamber of Commerce's for the past 40 years.
- Tri Community Municipal Advisory Committee "M.A.C." Board late 1980s
- Organized Phelan Phamily Phun Days 1989-1993
- Retired Air Force, serving from 1973-1993

Please Vote Gary "Griz" Drylie, Board of Directors, District 5.

JAMES MICHAEL RODRIGUES

Retired Air Force

Candidate Statement – Hesperia Recreation and Park District, Division 5

As a candidate for the Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board, Division 5, I am committed to serving our community with integrity, transparency, and honesty. As a concerned resident and a 22-year Air Force veteran, I believe taxpayers deserve responsible stewardship of every public dollar.

I will ask the tough questions, demand accountability, and ensure district decisions are made openly and in the best interests of our residents. Our parks and recreation programs should strengthen our community while operating within responsible budgets and with sound financial oversight.

I proudly support our equestrian community, our senior programs, and recreational opportunities that serve residents of all ages. I believe every resident deserves a voice and access to information about how their tax dollars are spent. My commitment is to listen, lead with integrity, and make decisions based on facts, fairness, and fiscal responsibility.

Together, we can protect our parks, expand recreational opportunities, and build a stronger future for Hesperia through honesty, transparency, and accountability.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board, Division 5.

Vote James Michael Rodrigues November 3, 2026

JAMES ROBERTS III

Hesperia Recreation And Park District Board of Director

It has been an honor to serve the residents of Hesperia Recreation and Park District 5. I believe quality parks, recreational programs, and open spaces are essential to building a healthy, safe, and vibrant community for residents of all ages.

As your Director, I have worked to promote integrity, accountability, fiscal responsibility, and thoughtful decision-making. My priorities include maintaining safe, clean, and well-maintained parks, supporting youth sports and community recreation programs, protecting our open spaces, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are invested responsibly to improve the facilities and services our families enjoy.

I believe in listening to residents, working collaboratively, and making decisions that reflect the best interests of our community. Long-term planning, responsible stewardship, and transparency are essential to preserving and enhancing our parks for future generations.

During my service, I have supported cost-saving measures, reduced unnecessary waste, and helped strengthen the District's financial position by helping generate more than \$1 million annually for parks and recreation services.

James Roberts III

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CRESTLINE SANITATION DISTRICT**

RICK DEVER

Retired Wastewater Manager

I bring more than 40 years of wastewater operations experience, along with a strong commitment to responsible management, accountability, and service to our community. Throughout my career, I have learned the importance of making practical decisions, managing resources wisely, and finding solutions that balance quality service with financial responsibility.

As a board member, my primary goal will be to help keep costs as low as possible while ensuring that the district continues to provide reliable and effective sanitation services. I understand that rising costs affect every household and business in our community, and I believe the district should carefully evaluate expenditures, prioritize essential projects, and seek efficiencies wherever possible.

My 52 years of residency reflect a lifelong commitment to this community and its residents. Thank you for your consideration.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CRESTLINE VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

ROBERT W. BLOCK

Volunteer / Business Manager

I am proud to call our mountain community home and believe in giving back to the place we share. I have the privilege of volunteering and taking part in so many opportunities throughout our community, and through that work I have come to understand the unique concerns and risks our community faces. I have seen firsthand the importance of neighbors working together to protect what matters most. I am running for the Crestline Village Water District Board of Directors to bring experienced, responsible leadership focused on our community's future.

My professional career in business management has given me extensive experience managing multi-million dollar budgets, operations, planning, and making sound decisions. If elected, my priorities will be ensuring safe, reliable water service, maintaining and improving our infrastructure, managing resources responsibly, and providing transparent, accountable leadership. I will listen to residents, work collaboratively with fellow board members, and serve as a responsible steward of our community's water resources.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

RONALD L. COATS

Chairman of the Board of the East Valley Water District

The ratepayers of EVWD expect and deserve the most reliable, safe, clean, and efficient water and wastewater services available, at a reasonable price, while always surpassing local, state, and federal standards.

As a U.S. Army veteran, honesty, integrity, and transparency have been my guiding principles throughout my life. I am a lifelong resident of the San Bernardino area. For the past 13 years, I have been honored to serve the ratepayers of EVWD as a board member, vice chairman, and chairman of the board.

Our successes at EVWD are many and varied. Most recently, we built a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment and water recycling center, and we are drought-proofing our District by recycling 8 million gallons of water each day. We have consistently received the highest honors from the state for our budgeting standards. We received 28 awards for our Sterling Natural Resource Center, a facility unlike any other in the world.

I am a ratepayer, just like you, so I am always looking out for your best interests. I ask for your consideration when you vote.

For questions, please contact me at 909-648-0028 or rcoats@eastvalleywater.gov.

JEFF SAKS

Retired Teacher

My name is Jeff Saks and I am honored to be a candidate for the East Valley Water District Board of Directors, I am dedicated to ensuring the continued prosperity and sustainability of our community's water resources. My commitment to you includes:

Transparency and Accountability: I will advocate for open communication and clear, honest reporting on all district activities and decisions.

Sustainable Water Management: Prioritizing the conservation and efficient use of our water resources to ensure a reliable supply for current and future generations.

Infrastructure Improvement: Ensuring our water infrastructure is modern, resilient, and capable of meeting the demands of our growing community.

Customer Service Excellence: Fostering a culture of exceptional service, ensuring all customers' needs are met promptly and effectively.

Financial Responsibility: Promoting prudent financial management to keep water rates affordable while making necessary investments in our water system.

Community Engagement: Encouraging community involvement and education on water issues, empowering residents to be informed and proactive. I am ready to work diligently for the benefit of our community.

Together, we can secure a sustainable and prosperous future for the East Valley Water District.

PHILLIP R. GOODRICH

I am a 36-year resident of Highland, I raised my family here, it's a community I'm proud to call home.

My service to our community and the East Valley Water District began in 2016 and has been multi-faceted. Before serving on the board, I was a volunteer member of both the Conservation Commission and then the Community Advisory Commission.

As a board member I have been a party to many important projects and business decisions and still the Sterling Natural Resources Center is one of my proudest accomplishments. This project alone provides our community with a guarantee of water supply stability for many years to come.

Currently the District is engaged in strategically planned program to replace aging water mains and other infrastructure, strengthening our delivery system and protecting ratepayer investments.

We live in a very arid State that appears to be in some kind of drought condition every year and helping to manage water in our District has never been more important.

I'm committed to the best interests of our rate payers, I'm honored to represent you, and I humbly ask for your continued support.

JAMES MORALES JR

Age: 59

East Valley Water District Member, Board of Directors

When voting, ask yourself "Who should I trust" to safeguard our community health and safety? I take this responsibility seriously and will keep you, our families and the community well-being at the heart of every decision. Living here since 1982, I understand our local needs, I am committed to safe and reliable water by testing every drinking water source, responsible system investments, and performing proactive maintenance.

Protecting water affordability is very important, no unnecessary rate increases.

Recently in another city, we have seen expensive water flooding the streets, causing damage and loss because of underinvestment, replacing our aging water mainlines with modern materials built to last is a high priority. Other key areas of investment, new wells, water treatment improvements, and more water storage to protect quality and safety during emergencies and extend the lifespan of our critical infrastructure.

As a retired professional and a local business owner I have decades of excellent professional and public sector experience to accomplish these goals.

Locally educated: Bachelor of Economics and Master of Public Administration degrees. If you have questions or suggestions for our District, contact me at james4water@roadrunner.com

Commitment. Experience. Vision. I ask for your Vote!

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 1
HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT**

SHARON A. ROSE
Public Official

Dear Neighbors: As a three-term board member of the Goleta Sanitary District (GSD), I helped contain costs while maintaining reliable service. I will bring that same commitment to the Hi-Desert Water District.

Managing public health programs in Santa Barbara and Inyo Counties prepared me to oversee budgets, policies, personnel, and long-term planning for a public utility.

I helped GSD complete two wastewater treatment plant upgrades with only minor rate increases and one rate refund. Water reclamation and securing low-cost funding and grants were priorities.

As wildfires and evacuations became common, I urged GSD to strengthen disaster preparedness, expand backup fuel supplies and generators, and identify crisis staffing. When disaster led to freeway closures and loss of life, our District continued providing uninterrupted service.

If elected to the Hi-Desert Water District Board, I will continue seeking grants and low-cost funding to improve infrastructure, protect groundwater, complete the mandated septic-to-sewer project, and avoid unnecessary costs.

Let's expand water reclamation to reduce taxpayer costs for watering Town parks and facilities while strengthening our community's long-term water security. I ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT**

TOMMY ARNOLD

Realtor

My name is Tommy Arnold and I have been a homeowner in Running Springs for 32 years and a full-time resident for 7 years. My career history started in 1985 as a loan officer, and I then became a National Training director of mortgage for one of the largest lenders in the United States. I was instrumental in teaching 1600 beginning mortgage brokers how to originate loans and understand all the procedures and companies involved in completing the loan process. I still support those that I trained on a daily basis. I now work for Keller Williams as a realtor. I have experience sitting on Board of Directors for a homeowner's Association. I have participated in supporting local charities and helping at community events. I love our mountain and its community and look forward to serving and doing my part to keep this a great and safe place to live.

LAURA DYBERG

Incumbent / Non-Profit Leader / Community Advocate

My commitment to our community is rooted in nearly three decades of active service. Since 1996, I have dedicated myself to protecting and improving our local quality of life. As your current Water District Board Member, I bring proven leadership, fiscal responsibility, and a forward-looking vision to local water, sewer and emergency services management.

Beyond this role, my experience across multiple public and local boards - including elected service on the Arrowbear Park County Water District and Rim Park District - gives me a comprehensive understanding of special district governance, infrastructure planning, and natural resource stewardship.

As president of Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, I actively lead efforts to protect our Mountain communities and environment. My involvement with local Chambers of Commerce and Rotary further anchors my dedication to civic collaboration and economic health.

Water security, emergency response, sewer services and proactive management are essential to our community's future. If re-elected I will continue to drive progressive policy development, protect our precious resources, support personnel, maintain fiscal accountability and provide transparent leadership.

I ask for your vote to continue serving Running Springs.

EVE K. SINCLAIR

Appointed Running Springs Water District, Board of Directors

I am honored to serve on the Running Springs Water District Board of Directors and respectfully ask for your support in continuing this work on behalf of our community.

After being appointed earlier this year to fill a vacant Board seat, I have focused on providing steady, transparent, and responsible leadership while supporting the District's essential mission of delivering safe and reliable water, wastewater, and emergency services. I believe strong public service is built on accountability, fiscal discipline, and decisions guided by facts, law, and the long-term needs of the people we serve.

My professional background includes public-sector governance, constituent services, and community leadership. In these roles, I have worked closely with budgets, policy implementation, public communication, and stakeholder concerns, always with a focus on integrity and responsiveness.

As a resident of Green Valley Lake, I am especially grateful for the opportunity to represent our community following its inclusion in the Running Springs Water District. I am committed to ensuring that all communities within the District are heard, respected, and fairly represented in decision-making.

I would be honored to continue serving with consistency, professionalism, and a strong commitment to public trust.

CAROLINE V. RIMMER

Current Appointee

Caroline V. Rimmer - Current Appointee

Semi-Retired - Part time Controller for Aklaq Accounting, LLC.

As the former Administrative and Board Secretary for a neighboring Water, Sewer, and Fire District for over 12 years, I have the experience necessary to be on the Board of Directors at Running Springs Water District. After semi retiring, I was appointed in January 2026, to fill a vacancy until November 2026. I enjoy serving the community in this way and if elected, look forward to 4 more years of service. I have brought a wide variety of experience to the Board and have been able to utilize this in my current role on the Finance Committee.

I am an Intake Coordinator for the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to home owners for fire prevention and safety.

I am also the part time Controller for my brother-in-law's accounting firm for the Native American tribes in Alaska.

I have lived in Running Springs permanently since 2009 and love my community and the people in it.

ANDY GRZYWA Fire Chief / RSFD	Age: 60
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I am not a Politician; I am a Public Servant. I have been in the fire service for over 42 years, serving in all roles from Firefighter/Paramedic to Fire Chief. Prior to accepting my current position, I served as a Chief Officer for the second largest fire department in the state. I have also previously served collaterally as a full-time and reserve police officer for 25 years. I also instruct part time at 3 community colleges. I hold Master's, bachelor's and two associate's degrees in business management and employment related topics.

My education and experience have provided me with the strong tools to represent you on the RSWD Board, which not only administers your water and sewer services, but your Fire Department and Paramedics in Running Springs and sewer services and Paramedics in Green Valley Lake. I led our community through Snowmageddon and the Line Fire and will do the same as a Board Member.

I humbly ask for your vote and promise that if elected I will serve with transparency, integrity and dedicate myself to remembering I am a Public Servant first, and your needs come before my own!

Vote Gryn for truth and transparency!

BILLY MILLIGAN 34 Years Retired Fire Service
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Looking forward to serve the community of Running Springs in which we live in. Currently the Training Manager for Riverside CA-TF6 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team, responsible for coordinating training, preparedness and professional development for specialized rescue operations. Retired from the fire service with 34 years of service focused on public safety, emergency response, and operational readiness.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 2
YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

ROBERT CRUSE

Retired Municipal Worker

Age: 64

I am honored to express my candidacy for the Valley Water District Board. As a proud father of seven with 37 years of dedicated municipal experience, I bring proven leadership and extensive operational expertise to safeguarding our community's future. Serving as a lead supervisor for city infrastructure operations, I spent nearly four decades managing complex public assets, directing diverse field teams, and mastering the intricate details of public logistics, personnel management, and local budgeting.

This extensive background provides me with a deep, practical understanding of utility management and multi-agency cooperation. I have spent my career solving critical operational problems, ensuring strict regulatory compliance, and delivering reliable public services to residents while maintaining absolute fiscal responsibility.

Water security, infrastructure modernization, and long-term sustainability are vital to our families. Having managed public infrastructure from the ground up, I know exactly how to lead major teams and manage tax dollars effectively. As your representative, I will utilize my 37 years of institutional knowledge and supervisory experience to champion transparent governance, fully protect our water supply, and ensure administrative accountability. I respectfully ask for your vote to bring proven, reliable, and committed leadership directly to our local Valley Water District board today.

NYLES O'HARRA

Incumbent

As Incumbent Vice President of YVWD, I ask for your vote to re-elect me as Director of Division 2. It has been an honor to provide fiscally conservative leadership while serving on the Board of Directors.

I am endorsed by all members of Yucaipa City Council: Mayor Chris Venable, Deputy Mayor Justin Beaver, Councilmembers Judy Woolsey, Bob Miller, and Jon Thorp. I am endorsed by YVWD Directors Brett Granlund and Joyce McIntire.

I have worked to keep water rates low while making responsible investments to ensure safe, reliable water.

During my term, I championed initiatives that:

- Expanded water supplies through groundwater recharge, recycling, and storage projects that strengthen long-term reliability.
- Built one of Southern California's largest clean-energy microgrids for water facilities to protect water service during outages.
- Secured millions in low-interest federal funding to modernize water infrastructure while saving ratepayers money.

My career is dedicated to helping Southern California cities solve infrastructure and regulatory challenges, and I bring that expertise to the YVWD Board. My wife and I are proud to be raising our family in Yucaipa. As a community, we can continue protecting our water supply, investing responsibly, and serving our community with integrity.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 2
WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

DAN JENKINS

Age: 58

Incumbent / Medical Professional

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving as your representative on the West Valley Water District Board of Directors.

It has been an honor to serve our community. Since taking office, I have remained committed to my promise of strengthening the District's finances through responsible fiscal management while protecting ratepayers.

During my tenure I have:

- Secured more than \$6 million in grant funding to improve our water system and reduce the burden on local ratepayers.
- Consistently advocated for responsible spending and long-term financial stability.
- Cast the only vote against increasing water rates because I believe families are already facing enough financial challenges.

With your support I will:

- Continue aggressively pursuing state and federal grant funding.
- Fight to keep water rates as low as possible while maintaining reliable service.
- Ensure every taxpayer dollar is spent wisely and transparently.

It would be my privilege to continue serving our community, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

CAROLINA VERDUZCO

Age: 47

Businesswoman / Financial Officer

Your water bill shouldn't rise faster than your paycheck. As the cost of housing, groceries, gasoline, insurance, and everyday necessities continues to climb, families deserve leaders who will fight to keep water affordable while protecting the reliable water we depend on every day.

As a businesswoman, financial officer, and mother of three, I understand every dollar matters. West Valley Water District manages a budget of nearly \$48 million, and every decision should reflect one principle: protect the ratepayer. I will demand responsible budgeting, eliminate unnecessary spending, and ensure every dollar is invested wisely to strengthen the water system.

I will work to keep water rates affordable by replacing aging infrastructure before costly emergencies occur, pursuing state and federal funding, and holding the District accountable for every taxpayer dollar spent. Smart financial management today helps prevent higher costs tomorrow.

As our region grows, I will support responsible planning that protects water supplies and ensures families are never forced to subsidize unchecked growth.

I will bring independent leadership, financial expertise, transparency, and accountability to every decision. My commitment is simple: protect our water, protect our ratepayers, and keep West Valley Water District strong for generations to come. I ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 6
MOJAVE WATER AGENCY**

JESSE R. RAMIREZ

I am currently serving as the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) board member representing Division 6. I have spent over 40 years in the water industry. During my career, I have done everything from digging ditches, reading meters, inspecting water pipelines and equipment as well as managing small- and large-scale construction projects. I deal regularly with residents and answer their questions about water quality, water use, and conservation. When businesses are looking to come to our area, I am often the first one to speak with them about what opportunities and challenges await them regarding water.

My family first settled in the High Desert over 100 years ago. My wife and I have been married for 46 years and together we are the proud parents of 3 children and 11 grandchildren. Over the years, I have been a youth soccer coach, service club member, and science fair judge. I am a lifetime member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church and a 4th degree Knights of Columbus member promoting charitable donations to needy families. I understand the water needs of the High Desert and ask for your vote so I can continue to serve as your representative on the Mojave Water Agency.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 7
CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

DAVID WARREN

Age: 60

Retired Water Industry Professional

My name is David Warren, and it would be a privilege to serve you on the Chino Basin Water Conservation District Board, Division 7. Our region faces real and pressing challenges. Prolonged drought, growing demand, and an uncertain climate future put pressure on the water supply we all depend on. The work of this District has never mattered more. Recharging and protecting our groundwater basin, advancing water conservation, and educating the next generation are essential to keeping the communities we serve strong and secure. For 30 years, I have built my life in the Chino and Chino Hills area. I care deeply about the future we leave behind. I bring 34 years of public service from the Rowland Water District, where I served as Assistant General Manager and worked alongside elected leaders and a talented team. I understand how boards function and how careful financial stewardship protects taxpayers. I served 12 years on the Southern California Water Utilities Association board, including two years as President, and I hold State certifications in Water Treatment and Water Distribution. Our water, our finances, and our future depend on experienced leadership. I humbly ask for your vote and the honor to serve you.

RANDY LEE

Age: 54

Professional Water Engineer

Chino Hills has been my home for nearly 40 years. My family and I built our lives here, raised our two children here, and care deeply about protecting the quality of life that makes our community special. Safe, reliable, and affordable water is essential to our future.

For more than 25 years, I have worked to protect water quality and strengthen reliability for Inland Empire communities. With bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental engineering from UC Riverside, I have held leadership roles at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency and serve as Acting Deputy General Manager. This gives me a deep understanding of regional water challenges and cost-effective solutions.

Effective water leadership means listening to the community, planning ahead, protecting local resources, and making fiscally responsible decisions that deliver value for every taxpayer dollar.

If elected, I will protect the Chino Groundwater Basin, safeguard water quality, advance conservation and education, and strengthen local water agency partnerships. My focus will be reliability, stewardship, and affordability for local residents.

I would be honored to put my experience, local knowledge, and commitment to public service to work on the Chino Basin Water Conservation District Board, Division 7.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 4
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

JOHN LONGVILLE
Community College Trustee

Age: 76

Some people enjoy solving crossword puzzles, or sudoku, or video games. I enjoy solving public policy problems.

Over the years, you have elected me to several positions where I could use my problem-solving skills.

In 1992, a few friends and I created — and found ways to pay for — the Metrolink train system.

Then I led a group that funded the conversion of diesel buses in Southern California to clean-burning natural gas. Later, I brought the Freeway Patrol free tow-truck system to San Bernardino County.

If they allowed longer statements here I could list a lot more.

In recent years I have enjoyed working on water conservation:

- maintaining the cleanliness of the water you drink,
- increasing our Water District's efficiency and reducing expenses,
- and defeating powerful interests' efforts to make us pay for their water.

I would appreciate your vote to let me solve some more problems for you.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION 5
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

MELODY A. HENRIQUES MCDONALD

Director, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Since 1991 I have held the office of Director, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District. Our Agency's sole mission is to protect and conserve the water resources of the Santa Ana River for our residents. We maintain one of the lowest groundwater rates in this state.

It is vital that we ensure the sustainability of water resources for this region and the entire state. At the heart of every drop is a legacy of science, stewardship, and smart planning for tomorrow. For over 100 years the SBVWCD has set an example in meeting and exceeding state mandates. The District continues to demonstrate leadership in conservation and sets the tone for water industry standards.

I have worked tirelessly over the years and throughout the state on pressing water issues.

Highlights include:

- President & Vice President, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- President & Chair, ACWA JPIA Board of Directors
- Multiple positions on ACWA committees

SBVWCD groundwater storage is up 72%. We have a success story we are proud of. I am asking for your vote to continue in the great work of saving water, our region's most vital asset. Thank you.

Conservation is a mindset...Grounded in responsibility
Melody Henriques-McDonald

SCOTT OLSON

Retired Water District Employee

Age: 64

I respectfully ask for your vote for San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board of Directors. After 32 years of the same leadership, I believe it is time to bring fresh ideas, renewed accountability and a new perspective to our district.

If elected I will focus on:

Protecting our groundwater resources and ensuring a reliable water supply.

Improving operational efficiency while maintaining the district's essential infrastructure.

Practicing fiscal responsibility and safeguarding every taxpayer dollar.

Promoting transparency, accountability, and long-term planning for future generations.

I believe we can honor the district's important work by embracing practical solutions, innovative thinking and responsible stewardship to meet tomorrow's challenges.

I will listen to our communities, work collaboratively, and keep the district focused on our region's water sources, and conservation education needs.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Scott Olson

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

PETER BOSS

Incumbent / Physician

Our Hospital District has made great progress. But, there is more to be done.

I am a board certified emergency physician, born and raised in Bear Valley. I have worked many years in our emergency room, and I have been a board member for over 8 years. During that time, the Hospital District has gone from near bankruptcy with limited services and providers to being financially sound with many services and providers (please visit BVCHD.com). But, we still face many challenges.

In order to meet the California 2030 seismic requirements our existing hospital will require significant upgrades and a major expansion. A project I have been very involved in. We also need to continue to expand our services and contracts with health insurance providers.

If re-elected, my goal is a healthcare system that can provide the majority of your medical needs right here in Bear Valley and covered by your insurance.

AMBER LYNN GONZALEZ

Incumbent

It has been a privilege to serve on the Bear Valley Community Healthcare District Board of Directors over the past year. I respectfully ask for your vote so I may continue serving our mountain community.

As a full-time Big Bear resident, I understand the importance of having quality healthcare close to home. I bring more than a decade of healthcare experience through my career in pharmacy, along with professional experience in business, finance, and real estate. I have been proud to volunteer throughout our community, supporting local organizations and serving our neighbors.

These experiences have strengthened my commitment to responsible decision-making, fiscal accountability, and public service.

During my time on the Board, I have worked diligently to learn every aspect of the Healthcare District, listen to our community, ask thoughtful questions, and make informed decisions that support quality patient care and the long-term financial strength of our hospital.

I believe in transparency, collaboration, and planning for the future while remaining accountable to the residents we serve. It would be an honor to earn your vote and continue serving the Bear Valley community.

Thank you for your trust and support

SHELLY JEAN EGERER

Retired Healthcare Professional

My name is Shelly Egerer and I have lived in the Big Bear Valley Community for 48 years. I raised my three children here with my husband. We were deeply involved in the local soccer community for over 20 years. We have always valued the strength of our neighbors and community.

I have recently retired from our small community hospital after serving proudly as Executive Assistant to the CEO for over 14 years, giving me firsthand insight into the hospital operations, patient care and the challenges of maintaining financial sovereignty while delivering safe patient care.

If Elected to Bear Valley Community Healthcare District board I will bring that experience and my commitment to our community to help ensure our hospital remains a reliable high-quality resource for everyone.

**BOND MEASURE A
UPLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE A

This Impartial Analysis of Bond Measure A has been prepared by County Counsel pursuant to Section 9500 of the California Elections Code.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Upland Unified School District (District). A "yes" vote by at least fifty-five percent of the voters voting on this Measure will authorize the District to issue bonds in the amount of \$236,700,000 to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this ballot Measure. A "no" vote means that the District will not be authorized to issue and sell the \$236,700,000 in bonds set forth in the Measure.

The District's Resolution was adopted pursuant to California Education Code sections 15100 et seq., 15264, et seq., Government Code section 53506 and Articles XIII A and XVI of the California Constitution.

The bond proceeds may only be used for the types of projects listed in the Measure which is contained in Exhibit B to the Resolution. These projects include: constructing, expanding, renovating, modernizing, replacing, upgrading, or removing classrooms and learning spaces to support current educational programs and improve safety, accessibility and operational efficiency; various building property maintenance projects and updating/adding restrooms; providing upgraded or new classrooms, labs, shops, and specialized instructional spaces for job training and career readiness after high school; constructing or renovating science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classrooms, labs, and teaching spaces, student support facilities, facilities to provide administrative services and multi-purpose rooms/auditoriums/theaters; improving school safety and security through upgraded emergency communications, cameras, alarms, fencing, emergency response systems, security infrastructure, secure campus entry points, student safety and traffic flow at parking and school drop-off and pick-up areas; improving facilities for accessibility, including those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and other projects for all grade levels of schools and other District sites. Some of the projects listed in the Measure may assume the receipt of matching State funds which may or may not be approved by the State Legislature.

The District will conduct financial and performance audits annually and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that the bond proceeds are spent as promised and specified as required by Education Code section 15278 et seq. in order to ensure bond revenues are used for proper purposes. No District employees or vendors will be allowed to serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee. Bond proceeds cannot be used for teacher or administrator salaries not related to oversight of the projects.

The District will also take all actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds from the bond Measure will be deposited in accordance with state law.

The bonded debt will be a general obligation of the District and will be financed by taxes levied annually on taxable property located within the District.

LAURA FEINGOLD
County Counsel
s/ JOLENA E. GRIDER
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE A

This Argument in Favor of Bond Measure A was submitted pursuant to Section 9501 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Your Yes Vote on Measure A will do three things: Repair schools. Protect students. Prepare our children for the future.

Many of our District's campuses were built in the 1950s and 60s and need repairs and updates to meet modern education and safety standards. Our students can't prepare for careers in the 21st century if they are still learning in old, outdated classrooms and labs.

All students deserve safe schools. Aging HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems have failed several times in recent years, causing learning disruptions. In the last two years alone, the District suffered 602 roof leaks and 1,294 plumbing failures.

While Upland Unified School District has a positive budget certification and certified reserves for the next 3 years, the State does not provide adequate funding for these facility repairs and updates at our schools without a local funding source.

Your YES vote on Measure A is a trustworthy investment in student safety and classroom upgrades. Strong schools protect property values, support quality of life, and improve our neighborhoods.

ALL Funds For Facilities, ZERO funds for Salaries:

- All funds would be controlled locally for our schools only and could not be taken away by the State
- ZERO funds could be used for employee salaries or general expenses
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits will ensure ALL funds are spent as voters intended

Keep Upland Students Safe and Prepared:

- Improve school safety and security systems
- Provide classrooms and labs for job training and career readiness after high school
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Make accessibility improvements for people with disabilities
- Upgrade inadequate plumbing, electrical, sewer and HVAC systems
- Make energy efficiency improvements that reduce school utility costs

Let's lift Upland students up with safe, modern schools that prepare them for the future. Vote YES on A.

s/ Dr. Loren E. Sanchez, Retired Superintendent of Upland Unified School District

s/ Farzad Yektafar, CEO, Upland Scheu YMCA

s/ Sarah Fash, President, Upland Teachers Association

s/ Emily Gomez, Auditor, Highlander Educational Foundation

s/ Steve Spears, Retired CPA and Upland Resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE A

This Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Bond Measure A was submitted pursuant to Section 9504 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

The School District should not be asking taxpayers for \$237 Million dollars to fix clogged toilets, leaky faucets or leaky roofs! These are ordinary facility operations problems to be paid from the District's \$173 million dollar budget revenues. Bonds are for capital improvements not routine repairs and maintenance.

Taxpayers are still paying for the previous school bond for technology upgrades at all campuses, energy efficiency, upgrading classrooms, roofs and facilities. It's outrageous the District wants MORE BOND MONEY for the same reasons. At today's interest rates, **the new proposed bond could cost taxpayers over \$600 MILLION dollars over the next 30 years!**

The decline in student enrollment is predicted to continue. The District must face the economic reality and not request for more tax dollars from residents struggling with the rising cost of living. This potentially means school closures, operations consolidations and reductions to administrative staffing preferably through attrition.

All the money spent from the previous bond funds had no positive impact on educational outcomes based on the dismal standardized student test scores. There is an apparent curriculum problem at the District and Statewide. Over 1300 University of California professors have requested the Chancellor to reinstate SAT/ACT standardized testing for incoming students to address the decline in student preparedness for college level courses. More bond money will not fix this problem.

Providing a solid education to students is key to their success. More bond money will not fix the poor standardized testing results problem. **VOTE NO on A!**

s/ Glenn Bozar, Former Adjunct Professor

ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE A

This Argument Against Bond Measure A was submitted pursuant to Section 9501 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

As a former part time adjunct professor in the Business Department at Chaffey College for 13 years teaching business courses, I helped students to advance their careers. I know the value of a good education. Taxpayers are still paying for the District's previous bond measure to modernize school facilities, energy upgrades and new technology. Now the District is proposing a new \$237 million bond to be paid over the next 20 years for essentially the same purposes.

The District's current operating budget revenue is a whopping \$173 MILLION! Properly managed budgeting sets aside funding for maintenance, repairs and replacement of heating, air conditioning, plumbing, roofs etc. Where is the accountability and oversight the School Board should be providing?

District student population has DECLINED 25% in the last 15 years. Why is the District asking for bond funding to upgrade school classrooms? It's not needed! The District actually allows a significant number of students from other cities to transfer into Upland schools to help make up for the decline in student population. It is expected to continue to decline.

Most technology becomes obsolete in a couple of years and is not the answer to better education. Giving Chromebooks to students was not a good outcome. A staggering 55% of Upland students are below grade level in mathematics and 45% below grade level in reading according to recent standardized testing! Additional bond money will not fix this problem!

The District needs to operate within its \$173 MILLION budgeted revenue! Upland's working families and seniors on a fixed income are struggling to make ends meet with the high cost of living. Home, car, prescription and medical insurance costs have skyrocketed in recent years. Food, gasoline, heating and air conditioning costs have also severely strained household budgets. Vote NO on A!

s/ Glenn Bozar, Former Adjunct Professor

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE A

This Rebuttal to Argument Against Bond Measure A was submitted pursuant to Section 9504 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Quality schools are key to providing an excellent education, preserving property values, and maintaining our great community.

As parents and engaged community members, we know the condition of our schools firsthand. While our schools are well cared for, they were built decades ago. After 70 years of near-daily use by our community, they simply need critical updates to meet today's health, safety, and educational standards.

The facts simply speak for themselves.

FACT: The District's **responsible** fiscal management has resulted in a balanced budget and 100% compliant oversight of previous bond funds.

FACT: **No other source of funding exists to upgrade our schools.** The State provides funding for staff, books, and basic maintenance, but not major renovations that Upland schools currently require. Measure A will provide locally controlled funding needed to upgrade failing plumbing, electrical, sewer, and HVAC systems.

FACT: The State **will** provide millions in matching funds to help pay for projects, but a local match is required to qualify. Measure A is that match and is the only solution to improve Upland Unified School District classrooms and school facilities.

Measure A protects local taxpayers with strict accountability measures.

No funds for ANY salaries or general expenses.

No money for the State, only locally controlled funds for voter-approved projects.

Full transparency with independent oversight and annual audits.

We know what our students deserve: safe, modern schools that help maintain a high-achieving, well-rounded education.

Vote Yes on A to repair schools, protect students, and prepare our children for the future!

s/ Jonathan Dunn, Upland Citizen Bond Oversight Committee
s/ Joel Cascadden, Upland Fire Battalion Chief (Ret.)
s/ Allyson Brown, Former PTA President, Upland
s/ Alan K. Ontiveros, Realtor/Real Estate Agent
s/ Bonnie Cole, Executive Director, Foothill Family Shelter

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR BOND MEASURE A

UPLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BOND MEASURE A

An election will be held in Upland Unified School District (the "District") on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$236,700,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$47.46 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2062-63.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$49.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for fiscal years 2027-28 through and including 2059-60.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$511,360,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: July 29, 2026

/s/ Dr. Lynn J. Carmen Day

Superintendent
Upland Unified School District

FULL TEXT FOR BOND MEASURE A

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE UPLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

KEY FINDINGS

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Upland Unified School District (the "District") has made the following key findings:

- The District has provided high quality education to more than 9,000 students at 16 schools, consistent with its mission to provide students with the knowledge to recognize their significance and potential, allowing them to use their 21st century learning experiences to become responsible and productive citizens.
- While the District strives to meet the needs of our community and students, many neighborhood schools are now starting to age, with classrooms and science labs that have seen little to no modernization and were built for a different era of education.
- Aging education facilities need basic safety, technology and educational upgrades to meet modern academic and safety standards.
- Some District schools were built so long ago that the aging underground pipes and infrastructure are now failing.
- Over the last several years, the District has conducted and completed comprehensive outreach to our community, and completed a long-term community Facilities Master Plan that identified the needs at each school site to meet modern safety and security standards, meet the District's goals for supporting current academic standards, and address specific priorities at individual school sites.
- Bond revenue is the primary means by which a school district is able to keep its school buildings and classrooms in good repair and safe, and designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches.
- The District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.
- Approval of a bond measure will position the District to pursue available State school facility funding and other grant opportunities, allowing local bond proceeds to be leveraged to maximize investments in District facilities to the extent that such funding is available.
- This bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly.

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the District:

"To improve the quality of education by modernizing, constructing, upgrading and equipping classrooms, restrooms/school facilities, career technical classrooms/labs; replace roofs; make safety/security improvements; and renovate/replace electrical/plumbing/sewer systems; shall Upland Unified School District's measure be adopted, authorizing \$236,700,000 of bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$47.50 per \$100,000 assessed value (raising \$14,200,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with audits, independent oversight, NO money for salaries, including administrators, only Upland USD educational facilities?"

SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM BOND PROCEEDS

The Board has determined that facility needs exist throughout the District. As schools and support facilities continue to age, and educational programs, technology, and safety requirements evolve, modernization, repair, replacement, and infrastructure improvements are necessary to provide safe, secure, and effective learning environments, as further described below.

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

High Schools

- Construct, expand, renovate, modernize, reconstruct, reconfigure, replace, upgrade, or remove classrooms and learning spaces, including standard classrooms, portable classrooms, and special education classrooms to support current educational programs and improve safety, accessibility, and operational efficiency

- Provide upgraded or new classrooms, labs, shops, and specialized instructional spaces for job training and career readiness after high school
- Construct, expand, renovate, upgrade, or modernize STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classrooms, labs, and teaching spaces
- Improve school safety and security through upgraded emergency communications, cameras, alarms, fencing, intrusion detection, emergency response systems, security infrastructure, and secure campus entry points
- Improve student safety and traffic flow at parking and school drop-off and pick-up areas
- Improve facilities for accessibility, including those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Make energy efficiency improvements that reduce school utility costs and save money for classrooms
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Repair or replace aging, deteriorating, or failing plumbing, sewer, heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC), storm drain, drainage, landscaping, water, gas, irrigation, fire sprinkler, communications, and utility systems and infrastructure
- Upgrade inadequate electrical systems, emergency power systems, generators, and electrical resiliency improvements
- Install, repair, or replace worn-out and deteriorated gutters, windows, walls, floors, sinks, doors, canopies, lighting and lighting controls, and asphalt
- Renovate outdated restrooms and construct additional restrooms where needed
- Construct, expand, renovate, upgrade, or modernize student support facilities including outdated libraries, cafeterias, kitchens, student unions, health and wellness centers, counseling and student services buildings, storage/shop buildings, music, dance, theater, visual, performing and fine arts classrooms and facilities, gymnasiums, locker rooms, fieldhouses, aquatics facilities, facilities to provide administrative services and multi-purpose rooms/auditoriums/theaters
- Construct, expand, renovate, or upgrade outdoor student areas including patios, quad areas, pools, tennis courts, shade structures, seating, bleachers, grass/turf fields, hardcourts, stages, lunch shelters, and athletic facilities, field lighting, sports lighting and related infrastructure
- Upgrade, install, or expand educational technology infrastructure, equipment, software, networking, communications systems, and related instructional technology

Middle Schools/Junior High Schools

- Construct, expand, renovate, modernize, reconstruct, reconfigure, replace, upgrade, or remove classrooms and learning spaces, including standard classrooms, portable classrooms, and special education classrooms where needed to support current educational programs and improve safety, accessibility, and operational efficiency
- Provide upgraded or new classrooms, labs, shops, and specialized instructional spaces to prepare for high school and future careers
- Construct, expand, renovate, upgrade, or modernize STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classrooms, labs, and teaching spaces
- Improve school safety and security through upgraded emergency communications, cameras, alarms, fencing, intrusion detection, emergency response systems, security infrastructure, and secure campus entry points
- Improve student safety and traffic flow at parking and school drop-off and pick-up areas
- Improve facilities for accessibility, including those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Make energy efficiency improvements that reduce school utility costs and save money for classrooms
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Repair or replace aging, deteriorating, or failing plumbing, sewer, heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC), storm drain, drainage, landscaping, water, gas, irrigation, fire sprinkler, communications, and utility systems and infrastructure
- Upgrade inadequate electrical systems, emergency power systems, generators, and electrical resiliency improvements
- Install, repair, or replace worn-out and deteriorated gutters, windows, walls, floors, sinks, doors, canopies, lighting and lighting controls, and asphalt
- Renovate outdated restrooms and construct additional restrooms where needed
- Construct, expand, renovate, upgrade, or modernize student support facilities including libraries, cafeterias, kitchens, student services, health and wellness centers/hubs, counseling facilities, storage/shop buildings, music facilities, gymnasiums, locker rooms, facilities to provide administrative services and multi-purpose rooms/auditoriums
- Construct, expand, or upgrade outdoor student areas including outdoor learning areas, shade structures, seating, gardens, grass/turf playfields, stages, lunch shelters, and athletic facilities

- Upgrade, install, or expand educational technology infrastructure, equipment, software, networking, communications systems, and related instructional technology

Elementary Schools

- Construct, expand, renovate, modernize, reconstruct, reconfigure, replace, upgrade, or remove classrooms and learning spaces, including standard, portable, kindergarten, transitional kindergarten (TK), preschool, special education classrooms, and school signature programs where needed to support current educational programs and improve safety, accessibility, and operational efficiency
- Provide upgraded or new classrooms, labs, shops, and specialized instructional spaces to prepare for middle school, high school, and future careers
- Construct, expand, renovate, upgrade, or modernize STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classrooms, labs, and teaching spaces
- Improve school safety and security through upgraded emergency communications, cameras, alarms, fencing, intrusion detection, emergency response systems, security infrastructure, and secure campus entry points
- Improve student safety and traffic flow at parking and school drop-off and pick-up areas
- Make energy efficiency improvements that reduce school utility costs and save money for classrooms
- Improve facilities for accessibility upgrades, including those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Repair or replace aging, deteriorating, or failing plumbing, sewer, heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC), storm drain, drainage, landscaping, water, gas, irrigation, fire sprinkler, communications, and utility systems and infrastructure
- Install, repair, or replace worn-out and deteriorated gutters, windows, walls, floors, sinks, doors, canopies, lighting and lighting controls, and asphalt
- Renovate outdated restrooms and construct additional restrooms where needed
- Construct, expand, renovate, or modernize student support facilities including libraries, cafeterias, kitchens, health and wellness centers/hubs, counseling facilities, facilities to provide administrative services, and multi-purpose rooms/auditoriums
- Construct, expand or upgrade playgrounds, playfields, turf, preschool play areas, outdoor learning areas, shade structures, lunch shelters, seating, gardens, and other outdoor student spaces for school and community use
- Upgrade inadequate electrical systems, emergency power systems, generators, and electrical resiliency improvements
- Upgrade, install, or expand educational technology infrastructure, equipment, software, networking, communications systems, and related instructional technology

Other District Sites

- Construct, renovate, modernize, replace, and upgrade District support facilities, including maintenance and operations facilities, transportation facilities, warehouses, central kitchens, District office facilities, administrative buildings, storage buildings, support service facilities, fleet facilities, charging infrastructure, and related operational improvements
- Improve facilities for accessibility upgrades, including those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Make energy efficiency improvements that reduce utility costs and save money
- Install or upgrade security, fencing, and access roads
- Replace, repair, or upgrade aging water, gas, irrigation, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, communications, and utility infrastructure
- Upgrade emergency power systems, generators, and electrical resiliency improvements
- Upgrade, install, or expand educational technology infrastructure, equipment, software, networking, communications systems, and related instructional technology

To achieve the project categories identified above, bond proceeds may also be used, as applicable and to the extent permitted by law, for related improvements and activities that support or are incidental to those projects. These improvements include but are not limited to: construct energy efficient and climate resilient facilities, upgrade of facilities for energy savings and environmental sustainability, including solar panels, and other projects designed to reduce operating costs and improve environmental sustainability; construct, expand or renovate offices and facilities for professional development of teachers, more efficient administration and multi-purpose learning spaces; expand kitchen and dining capacity; add or enhance outdoor dining spaces; acquisition of furniture; expand and modernize administration buildings; add large group assembly spaces; expand and improve the existing District office and other non-school sites; upgrade and renovate morning and after school care facilities; improve pedestrian and bicycle approaches; upgrade and renovate facilities for family support services; improve teacher and staff support; improve site storage; improve digital hubs and student stores; expand health centers; support student wellbeing; upgrade, renovate, expand, acquire, or

construct support facilities and educational spaces, including central plants, boilers, kitchens, administrative facilities, physical education facilities, music, art, visual and performing arts facilities, amphitheaters, stages, bleachers, science and computer laboratories, multi-purpose rooms, auditoriums, swing space, covered eating areas, maintenance and operations facilities, storage and related support facilities; resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve walkways, hard courts, play area surfaces, turf and irrigation/drainage systems and campus landscaping; install signage, and fencing; expand, construct or improve parking and pick-up/drop-off areas; acquire land; construct or acquire new schools and classrooms, buildings, and libraries; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering (including carpets), portable classrooms and school facades; demolition; construct various forms of storage, cabinets and support spaces and classrooms; improve outdoor learning environments and quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; construct, acquire or improve learning walls, tack boards, markerboards, playground equipment, play structures, turf and artificial turf, tracks, and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety, lockers, and other facilities serving District students; replace or repair security systems (including access control systems), learning centers and media centers; demolish, remove, replace, reconstruct, or relocate obsolete, aging, or deteriorated facilities and portable classrooms where determined to be educationally appropriate or more cost-effective than renovation. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List.

The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, cabling, access points, computers, mobile interface devices, monitors, data centers, main distribution frame, switches, routers, modules, power supply, data storage, sound projection systems, public address systems, phone communication systems, data/voice network systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, clock/telephone/intercom systems, call manager and IT security, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, acquire necessary software and miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, phones, identity cards and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for the District enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

Each of the bond projects described in the Project List includes the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above.

To the extent permitted by law examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: planning, design, engineering, and other professional services, facilities assessments, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction and/or project management and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; costs of the election; project construction oversight, management and administration during the duration of such projects, including by District personnel, and bond issuance costs.

Unforeseen conditions may arise during the course of planning, design and construction resulting in the scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above being altered by the District. In the event that the District determines that, with respect to a modernization or renovation project, it is more economical for the District or otherwise in the District's best interests to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction, including land acquisition, relocation, expansion and construction and/or reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto. Conversely, if the District determines that it is more economical or otherwise in the best interests of the District to modernize or renovate District facilities instead of undertaking a new construction project, this bond measure authorizes such a project. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities both to expand existing schools and to construct new schools. Further, authorized projects include reimbursements for project costs previously paid and paying and/or prepaying interim financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within this Bond Project List will be funded. The District plans to continue to pursue funds from the State of California, if available, to complete certain of the identified facilities projects. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

The order in which projects are listed in the foregoing Project List does not suggest an order of priority. Project prioritization is vested in and will be determined by the District's Board. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code section 53410.

These projects may include participation in the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program to gain matching funds for teacher education, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, libraries, childcare, and other qualifying Joint-Use facilities. With respect to such joint-use projects, the bond funds authorized by this Measure may be used to pay all of the local share needed to qualify the projects for special State matching funds under the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program requirements.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent only to address specific facilities needs of the District in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section I (b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the project list contained in this ballot proposition.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the projects listed in this ballot proposition. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects listed in this ballot proposition.

Financial Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the projects listed in this ballot proposition.

Special Bond Proceeds Account: Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited which will be a Building Fund to be held by the San Bernardino County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series in accordance with the financing plan determined by the Board of Education. Bonds may be issued pursuant to the Education Code or the Government Code in the discretion of the Board of Education at interest rates not exceeding the legal limits.

Limit on Use of Bond Proceeds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition may be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries not related to oversight of the projects to be constructed with the bonds and other school operating expenses. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the projects being financed.

STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER EDUCATION CODE 15122.5

"Approval of Bond Measure A does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Upland Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Bond Measure A will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Bond Measure A. The District's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

BOND MEASURE B BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE B

This Impartial Analysis of Bond Measure B has been prepared by County of Riverside County Counsel pursuant to Section 9500 of the California Elections Code.

The purpose of Measure B is to enable voters to authorize or reject the Beaumont Unified School District ("District") issuing and selling bonds to provide financing for school facilities projects. The Board of Trustees of the District, by adopting Resolution No. 2026-27-03 ("Resolution"), elected to call an election to place this Measure on the ballot.

Measure B would enable the District to issue and sell bonds of up to a maximum of eighty six million (\$86,000,000), at legal rates, levying 2¢ per \$100 (or \$20 per \$100,000) of assessed value while the bonds are outstanding. This Measure, if approved, will not increase current tax rates. Money raised by the sale of the bonds must be used exclusively to finance the list of projects described in the full text of Measure B, which is included in this voter information pamphlet. Bond proceeds will be expended on improvements of deteriorating roofs; plumbing; HVAC; electrical; safety systems; repair/upgrade aging classrooms; science labs; school/career technology facilities at existing schools to support college/career readiness in health sciences, engineering, and skilled trades. Monies generated by the sale of such bonds shall only be spent for these specified purposes. Bond proceeds cannot be expended to finance teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.

Measure B provides for the District to establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure bonds proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects that have been listed on the ballot pamphlet. The District will conduct annual, independent performance and financial audits to oversee that bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed.

For this Measure to be approved, at least 55% of qualified voters within the District who vote on the Measure must vote yes.

A "YES" vote on Measure "B" is a vote to authorize the District to issue and sell bonds to provide financing of school facilities projects.

A "NO" VOTE on Measure "B" is a vote to reject the District from issuing and selling bonds to provide financing of school facilities projects.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE B

This Argument in Favor of Bond Measure B was submitted pursuant to Section 9501 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on B – Repair and Upgrade Our Beaumont Unified Schools Without Increasing Taxes!

Our community continues to grow. Families choose to move and raise their families here due to our strong community and public schools. The growing number of students has increased the demand and usage at our schools, and our oldest schools are aging and are starting to show the wear and tear.

Deteriorating roofs, failing plumbing, and outdated electrical systems are expensive, ongoing problems. Last year alone, our schools experienced **138 roof leaks**. Meanwhile, 81 portable classrooms – many more than 20 years old – are past their useful life, plagued by structural damage, water leaks, and mold.

Aging schools are built for a different era of education and need upgrades and repairs to meet today's safety and educational standards. Student safety should always be a priority.

Measure B addresses these problems without increasing taxes by a single penny. Measure B will provide a dedicated source of locally controlled funding that can only be used for improvements to our local schools.

Strict Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

- **Oversight and Transparency:** A citizens' oversight committee, public spending disclosures, and annual audits will ensure that funds are spent as promised
- **Local Funds for Schools:** No funds can be taken by the State – all Measure B funds stay right here to benefit Beaumont schools

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR – Continued on next page

Vote YES on Measure B: Safety Updates and Improved Schools

- Improve student safety and campus security systems
- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical systems
- Upgrade older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities
- Provide modern labs and career technical education facilities so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers

Vote YES on Measure B: Better, updated Schools for all Beaumont students!

s/ Steven A. Hovey, Senior Community Resident
s/ Susan Y. Aguilar-Martinez, BEST President
s/ Joan Marie Patsky, Citizens Bond Oversight Committee
s/ Shawn D. Mitchell, Director, Beaumont Library District
s/ Francisco C. Hernandez Jr., CSEA President

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR BOND MEASURE B

**BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
BOND MEASURE B**

An election will be held in Beaumont Unified School District (the "District") on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the principal amount of \$86,000,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on the taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2056-57.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for fiscal years 2028-29 through and including 2056-57.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$178,000,000.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Assessed valuation is not the same as market price of real property. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the official tax rolls of Riverside County, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: July 22, 2026

/s/ Mays Kakish
Superintendent
Beaumont Unified School District

FULL TEXT FOR BOND MEASURE B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

KEY FINDINGS

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- While the District strives to meet the needs of our community and students, many neighborhood schools are now starting to age, with classrooms and science labs that have seen little to no modernization and were built for a different era of education.
- This past year, the District recorded over 138 roof leaks, and the aging air-conditioning systems are increasingly unable to keep up during extreme heat.
- Currently, students attend classes in more than 81 portable classrooms that are over 20 years old. Many of these classrooms suffer from water leaks, structural damage and other ongoing maintenance challenges.
- Over the past year, the District has conducted and completed comprehensive outreach to our community, and two years ago a comprehensive, transparent, long-term community Facilities Master Plan was adopted that identified the needs at each school site to meet modern safety and security standards, meet the District's goals for supporting current academic standards, and address specific priorities at individual school sites.
- Bond revenue is the primary means by which all school districts are able to keep their school buildings and classrooms in good repair and safe, and designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches.
- The District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.
- This bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly.

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the District:

"Without increasing current tax rates, to repair/replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, HVAC and electrical systems; improve student safety/security; repair/upgrade aging classrooms, science labs, school/career technology facilities at existing schools to support college/career readiness in health sciences, engineering, skilled trades; shall Beaumont Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$86,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$20 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$6,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with audits, citizen oversight, all money locally controlled?"

SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM BOND PROCEEDS

The Board of Trustees of the District has determined that facilities needs exist at all of its schools, and that additional school facilities will need to be constructed as the District's enrollment increases or priorities change, as further described below.

Existing Facilities. The Board has established a list of projects to be financed at the District's existing schools and facilities. The projects to be financed by the bonds to be issued by the District include the construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, equipping and furnishing of the following existing and future schools and facilities listed below:

Anna M. Hause Elementary School
Brookside Elementary School
Palm Innovation Academy
Starlight Elementary School
Sundance Elementary School
Summerwind Trails School
Three Rings Ranch Elementary School
Tournament Hills Elementary School
Mountain View Middle School
San Gorgonio Middle School
Beaumont High School
Glen View High School
21st Century Learning Institute
Beaumont Middle College High School
Beaumont Adult School
District Educational Support Facilities and Transportation Facilities
Future School sites

The projects to be financed at each of the school facilities and locations listed above include the following and may be completed through either new construction or the reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of existing improvements, and will include furnishings and equipment as needed for classrooms and other facilities:

- Safety and security improvements including security fencing, cameras, emergency communications, alarms, sprinklers, keyless entry, electronic locks and window protection.
- Classrooms, science labs, career technical education and skilled trade facilities, auditoriums, multipurpose rooms, cafeterias, kitchens, libraries, performing arts, sports facilities, lighting, restrooms and other facilities.
- Roofs, plumbing, lighting, electrical, sewer, water and fire alarm systems and building exteriors.
- Replacement of portable classroom space with new portable, modular or permanent classrooms for current and future program needs.
- Modernization of permanent school facilities.
- Upgrading or replacing aging school infrastructure.
- Site improvements including lunch and shade structures, playground areas and equipment, fields and hard courts, parking improvements, concrete walkway rehabilitation and replacement, and improvements to meet Americans for Disability Act (ADA) access requirements.
- Energy efficiency improvements including solar, heating, ventilation and air conditioning installation and replacement, and window replacement to improve classroom environments.
- Removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint.
- Added space for school support programs, including dedicated offices, conference rooms, family resource centers and other support areas.
- Technology improvements and equipment for all classrooms, libraries, laboratories and other facilities including hardware and wireless systems, internet connectivity and software for instruction in math, science, engineering and technology.

Whenever specific items are included in the list above, they are presented to provide an example and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects.

New School Facilities. The projects to be financed with bond proceeds also include the construction, site acquisition, equipping and furnishing of new schools, and the renovation and rehabilitation thereof, to provide facilities as enrollment increases or priorities change. These projects include all elements of new schools including, but not limited to, classrooms, career technical education facilities, science and computer labs, auditoriums, gymnasiums, fields and stadiums, athletic facilities, lighting, cafeterias, administration and support facilities, parking, playgrounds, hardscape, energy efficiency improvements, landscaping, furnishings and equipment.

Implementation of Construction and Bond Program. Listed projects will be completed only as needed and the above order in the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among projects. Decisions regarding the scope, timing, prioritization or other facets of project implementation will be made solely by the Board of Trustees by subsequent action. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board of Trustees' priorities. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites and education buildings where such projects are determined necessary by the Board of Trustees. Where terms such as "rehabilitation" and "replacement" are used in the foregoing Project List for the Bond Measure, the Board of Trustees shall determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective. For any listed project involving renovation of all or a portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost, and other relevant factors.

Each project financed will include its share of architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, project or construction management, a contingency for unforeseen circumstances, offsite/utility connection costs, and interim housing. Projects also may include the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies, construction documentation, plan check, inspection and permit fees and costs for temporary facilities, furnishings and equipment necessary in connection with construction activities.

The projects may include the acquisition of improvements on the project list that are financed by the District on an interim basis through temporary loans, leases, lease-leaseback, or lease-purchase arrangements.

The District intends to apply for State matching funds for all eligible projects to be financed. In the absence of such funding, the District may not be able to undertake some of the projects listed above. Approval of this proposition does not guarantee that the proposed projects that are the subject of this proposition will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this proposition. The District's receipt of matching State funds will be subject to appropriation by the Legislature and approval of a statewide bond measure.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent only to address specific facilities needs of the District in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section I (b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the project list contained in this ballot proposition.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the projects listed in this ballot proposition. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects listed in this ballot proposition.

Financial Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the projects listed in this ballot proposition.

Special Bond Proceeds Account: Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited which will be a Building Fund to be held by the Riverside County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board annually stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine and may be incorporated in the annual budget, audit, or another appropriate routine report to the Board.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series in accordance with the financing plan determined by the Board of Trustees. Bonds may be issued pursuant to the Education Code or the Government Code at the discretion of the Board of Trustees with final maturity dates and at interest rates not exceeding the legal limits set forth therein.

Limit on Use of Bond Proceeds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition may be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries.

STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER EDUCATION CODE 15122.5

Approval of Bond Measure B does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Beaumont Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Bond Measure B will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Bond Measure B. The District's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

**BOND MEASURE C
BARSTOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE C

This Impartial Analysis of Bond Measure C has been prepared by County Counsel pursuant to Section 9500 of the California Elections Code.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Barstow Community College District (District). A "yes" vote by at least fifty-five percent of the voters voting on this Measure will authorize the District to issue bonds in the amount of \$37,000,000 to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this ballot Measure. A "no" vote means that the District will not be authorized to issue and sell the \$37,000,000 in bonds set forth in the Measure.

The District's Resolution was adopted pursuant to California Education Code sections 15100 et seq., 15264, et seq. and 5322; Government Code section 53506; and Articles XIII A and XVI of the California Constitution. The bond proceeds may only be used for specific projects listed in the Measure. The full text of the Measure contains a "Bond Project List" that lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this ballot Measure and the bond proceeds may only be used for those specific projects. These projects include: construction and renovation of educational facilities to support veterans transitioning to civilian careers; construction, renovation, and modernization of instructional buildings, classrooms, labs and other student facilities including a university center, child care facilities and facilities for education in skilled trades and high-demand careers; repair, replacement or upgrading of campus-wide communications systems, hardware, and other data center equipment, security and safety systems, deteriorating roofing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems, electrical systems, plumbing, sewer, gas systems, storm drains and valves, hardscaping, parking areas and shade structures, roofs, flooring, windows, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, paint and building systems; improvement of fire safety; making earthquake safety seismic upgrades; and other repair, renovation and construction projects needed to comply with building codes and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Some of the projects listed in the Measure may assume the receipt of matching State funds which may or may not be approved by the State Legislature.

The District will conduct financial and performance audits annually and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that the bond proceeds are spent as promised and specified as required by Education Code section 15278 et seq. in order to ensure bond revenues are used for proper purposes and that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses. No District employees or vendors will be allowed to serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

The estimated tax rate to repay these bonds is \$25 per \$100,000 assessed value, with the District estimating that the tax will raise a total of \$2,500,000 in additional revenue per year. The bonded debt will be a general obligation of the District and will be financed by taxes levied annually on taxable property located within the District.

LAURA FEINGOLD
County Counsel
s/ JOLENA E. GRIDER
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE C

This Argument in Favor of Bond Measure C was submitted pursuant to Section 9501 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

VOTE YES on Measure C to protect access to an affordable, high-quality education – strengthening Barstow Community College (BCCD) for future generations.

Every year, over **5,300 students, veterans, active-duty service members, and working adults** rely on Barstow Community College for a **high-quality education close to home**. As a key pipeline for workforce training, the College prepares students/veterans for in-demand careers and provides an **affordable pathway** to transfer to four-year colleges/universities.

Here's the problem: BCCD facilities are aging and need attention. After more than **60 years of continuous use**, many campus buildings and infrastructure systems require repairs to deteriorating gas/electrical lines and leaky roofs; upgrade aging air conditioning/heating systems; and other needed repairs so students can learn in safe, healthy classrooms. **Measure C will help.**

No other funding exists to fully address these needs.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR – Continued on next page

Measure C will:

- **Prepare** students and veterans for skilled trades, high demand jobs/careers
- **Maintain** local affordable higher education
- **Repair/Update** deteriorating gas, electrical lines, air conditioning, and heating systems
- **Improve** access to skills training, career counseling, and job placement for veterans/active-duty service members
- **Upgrade** facilities supporting career training in technology, engineering, nursing, and other in-demand fields

Taxpayer protections are REQUIRED: Independent Citizens' Oversight, annual financial audits, public spending and disclosure. **ALL funds STAY LOCAL to benefit Barstow Community College and cannot be taken by the County/State government.**

Consider the benefits to OUR community! Measure C will improve local education, and provide opportunities to partner with local employers such as Barstow Community Hospital, BNSF, and local businesses to ensure it is offering programs that train local people for good-paying jobs.

A stronger Barstow Community College means a stronger local workforce, more educational opportunities, and a stronger High Desert economy.

Join students, veterans, educators, local employers, and community leaders in **VOTING YES on Measure C.**

s/ Beverly Lowry, Former Bd. Director, Mojave Water Agency & Advocate for High Desert Communities

s/ Fernando Baca, Local Business Owner & 46-Year Resident

s/ Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, BCCD Board President, Former Mayor of Barstow

s/ Juan P. Rivera, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, Community Leader

s/ Dale T. Jensen, Retired English Professor

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR BOND MEASURE C

An election will be held in the Barstow Community College District (the "District") on November 3, 2026, to authorize the sale of up to \$37,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2056-2057.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply in each fiscal year that bonds are outstanding.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$73,723,057.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

s/ Eva Bagg
Superintendent-President
Barstow Community College District

FULL TEXT FOR BOND MEASURE C

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Barstow Community College District (the "District") will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$37,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of community college facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List included below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

Bonds authorized by this measure may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by community college districts. The bonds may be issued in series by the District, from time to time, and each series of bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the bonds are issued.

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") has identified detailed facilities needs of the District, and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List described below.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Following approval of this measure, the Board will establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits. The Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the facilities projects listed below.

Financial Audits. The Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the facilities projects listed below.

Government Code Accountability Requirements. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the San Bernardino County Treasurer, as required by the Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent-President of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of the District, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

Bonding Capacity. Issuance of each series of bonds authorized by this measure is required to conform with all applicable legal requirements. This includes issuance within applicable bonding capacity limitations, which may include a waiver of bonding capacity granted by the State Board of Trustees, if sought and granted.

NO INSTRUCTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), specifically the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including instructor and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses, in accordance with Opinion 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded

beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, including relating to estimated tax rates, the duration of issued bonds and related tax levies and collections are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters which is subject to a word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

BOND PROJECT LIST

Scope of Projects. Bond proceeds will be expended on the modernization, renovation, expansion, acquisition, construction/reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of facilities of the District, including the furnishing and equipping of facilities, at all existing sites of the District and all sites that may be acquired by the District in the future.

Project List. The items presented on the following list provide the specific types of projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The following types of projects are authorized by this measure:

- Construct and renovate educational facilities to support veterans transitioning to civilian careers
- Construct, renovate and modernize instructional buildings, classrooms, labs, and other student services facilities, including [a university center and] child-care facilities
- Construct, renovate and modernize facilities for education in skilled trades and high-demand careers
- Replace or upgrade campus-wide communications systems, hardware, and other data center equipment, storage area network, software, computer technology and network connections and infrastructure, data backup internet and wi-fi systems
- Replace or upgrade security and safety systems including security cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, communication systems, outdoor lighting, fencing, gates and classroom door locks and access control
- Improve fire safety by adding or improving alarm, sprinkler, communication and protection systems
- Repair, upgrade or replace deteriorating roofing, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning systems, electrical systems, plumbing, sewer. And gas and systems, storm drains and valves, and other utility systems
- Replace and repair hardscaping, including shade structures, parking areas, asphalt and concrete
- Replace, repair or upgrade roofs, flooring, windows, window coverings, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, paint and building systems
- Improve, install, replace or upgrade energy management systems, utility isolation systems, solar and other systems to improve energy efficiency and sustainability
- Make earthquake-safety seismic upgrades
- Construct or improve athletic facilities improvements, including, but not limited to, fields, tracks, courts, and pools, locker rooms, lockers, gymnasias, and athletic equipment
- Upgrade or replace offices and administrative areas and buildings, staff work and kitchen facilities and equipment
- Make other improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act, and handicapped access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, interior and exterior painting, bond project construction management, administration and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; abatement, demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; the preparation or restoration of construction, renovation or remodeling; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; the acquisition or improvement of interim housing, including portable classrooms and other modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

Furnishing and Equipping. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, fixtures, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the list; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers and computer stations, racks, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, audio-visual equipment, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment.

Alterations to Scope; Acquisition of Real Property. The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for or otherwise determined by the Board to be in the best interests of the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction including land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. For any project involving rehabilitation or renovation of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new construction instead, if the Board determines that replacement and new construction is more economically practical than rehabilitation and renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, and other relevant factors.

In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests required to expand District facilities, to provide access to other District facilities, or to provide additional related facilities.

Interim Financing Included; Joint Use Projects Authorized. Authorized projects include paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the Bond Project List, such as bond anticipation notes, and includes prepayment of lease payments to acquire title to facilities and/or equipment previously financed. Projects may also be undertaken on a joint use basis with other public entities.

Bond Project List Not in Order of Priority; Board Determines Prioritization. Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The District's capital needs currently exceed the amount of bonds the voters are being asked to authorize. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to suggest priority for funding or completion, and itemization of projects in the list above does not guarantee that all such projects will be undertaken. Project priorities will be determined by the Board. The ability of the District to undertake and complete the listed projects is subject to numerous variables including the adequacy and availability of sufficient funding sources. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Words used in the Bond Project List such as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used to describe projects in plain English but are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond what is authorized by law. As such, in accordance with legal requirements, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition for current maintenance, operation or repairs.

Severability. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

MEASURE D CITY OF NEEDLES

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D

This Impartial Analysis of Measure D has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

The City Council of the City of Needles has placed Measure D on the ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election. Measure D would amend Section 503 of the City Charter to increase the compensation paid to each member of the City Council from one dollar (\$1.00) per month to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month.

Effect of Measure on Existing Law:

The City of Needles is a charter city operating under a City Charter adopted by the voters in 1958. Section 503 of the Charter currently provides that each member of the City Council shall receive compensation in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per month. That amount has remained unchanged since the Charter was adopted approximately sixty-eight years ago.

Because the amount of City Council compensation is established by the City Charter, it may not be changed by ordinance or resolution of the City Council. Under the California Constitution and applicable law governing charter cities, any amendment to the Charter, including a change to City Council compensation, must be approved by the voters.

If approved, Measure D would amend Section 503 of the City Charter to establish compensation for each City Council Member at one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month. The measure would not modify any other provision of Section 503. Existing Charter provisions authorizing reimbursement for actual and necessary travel and other official expenses incurred in the performance of official duties would remain unchanged. The measure would not authorize any additional salary, benefits, or compensation beyond that expressly provided in the Charter.

If approved, the City has determined Measure D would result in an additional annual cost of \$20,916 to the City. Pursuant to State law, approval of Measure D requires a majority vote of the City's voters who vote in the election.

If approved, the amendment would become effective following certification of the election results and completion of all procedures required by law for charter amendments.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of amending Section 503 of the City Charter to increase City Council compensation from one dollar (\$1.00) per month to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month.

A "No" vote is a vote against the proposed Charter amendment, and Section 503 of the City Charter would remain unchanged, with City Council compensation continuing at one dollar (\$1.00) per month.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure D. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City Clerk's office at (760) 326-2113 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you, or you may obtain a copy by visiting the City's website at www.cityofneedles.com

Lena D. Wade
Deputy City Attorney
City of Needles

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D

This Argument in Favor of Measure D was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure D to modernize an outdated provision of the Needles City Charter and provide reasonable compensation for public service.

When Needles voters adopted the City Charter in 1958, compensation for City Council Members was set at just \$1 per month. Sixty-eight years later, that amount has never been changed.

Measure D would update the Charter by establishing compensation of \$150 per month for each Council Member. This modest amount recognizes the time, preparation, and responsibility required to serve the residents of Needles while maintaining the principle that service on the City Council is public service, not a full-time salaried position.

Council Members are responsible for studying issues, preparing for and attending public meetings, listening and responding to residents, representing the City, and making important decisions affecting City finances, infrastructure, public services, and the future of our community.

Providing reasonable compensation also helps remove a financial barrier to public service. Residents should have the opportunity to serve their community regardless of whether they can afford to devote substantial time to City business for essentially no compensation.

Measure D is limited and fiscally responsible. It establishes Council compensation at \$150 per month while continuing existing provisions for reimbursement of authorized travel and other official expenses. It provides no additional compensation beyond that expressly provided in the Charter.

Based on seven Council Members, the estimated additional cost is **\$12,600 per year**.

After 68 years at \$1 per month, it is time to update this outdated Charter provision.

Vote YES on Measure D—reasonable compensation for those willing to serve the people of Needles.

s/ Janet Jernigan, Mayor, City of Needles

MEASURE E CITY OF HIGHLAND

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE E

This Impartial Analysis of Measure E has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

On June 9, 2026, the Highland City Council unanimously voted to place Measure E on the November ballot. If approved by the voters, Measure E would authorize a one percent (1%) retail transactions and use tax ("Sales Tax Ordinance") within the City of Highland. This would increase the City's existing sales tax rate by 1%, or 1 cent, on every dollar of taxable sales of goods in the City, and on the taxable storage, use or consumption of goods purchased in the City. The Sales Tax Ordinance would remain effective until ended by the voters.

This sales tax would be a "general tax," meaning that revenues raised from the tax would go into the City's general fund to pay for any lawful City program, improvement, or service. City staff have estimated that the Sales Tax Ordinance will raise approximately \$6.35 million annually in local revenue. The City Council's adopted ballot question states the revenue from Measure E would be used to fund police, fire, and emergency services, and repair critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and interchanges, including the 5th Street Corridor Interchange, among other public improvements.

Similar to other sales tax revenue, the State of California will collect revenue generated by the Measure under a contract with the City, and will pay the revenue over to the City. The City's budget process and annual independent audit, as well as the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and other publicly available documents, will provide accountability over revenue and expenditures from the Sales Tax Ordinance. The total sales tax rate paid in the City of Highland, which includes the sales tax collected for the State of California, San Bernardino County, and other public agencies, is currently 7.75%. Sales tax is not collected on certain exempt items such as prescription medications or groceries.

Article XIIC of the California Constitution, commonly known as Proposition 218, requires that a majority of the voters voting on a general tax measure adopt the Sales Tax Ordinance for it to take effect. A "yes" vote on Measure E is to adopt the Sales Tax Ordinance. A "no" vote on Measure E is to not adopt the Sales Tax Ordinance.

Maricela Marroquin
Highland City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

This Argument in Favor of Measure E was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure E to maintain funding needed for City police, fire, and emergency services; and to maintain critical infrastructure.

Highland has been fiscally responsible and lived within its means through conservative fiscal management. Highland has consistently adopted balanced budgets by curbing costs and delaying much needed maintenance and infrastructure projects without reductions in public safety services. However, beginning in 2027, even with significant commercial development occurring in Highland, expenditures are projected to outpace revenues.

Measure E will generate approximately \$6.35 million in unrestricted funds annually that will allow Highland to:

- Improve police, fire, and paramedic staffing to maintain emergency response times
- Reduce crime with neighborhood community patrols, crime suppression, investigation, and traffic enforcement
- Repair and maintain roads, bridges, drainage, and other critical infrastructure including fixing traffic congestion at the 5th Street Corridor Interchange
- Improve code enforcement services to reduce blight, illegal dumping and nuisances

First responders need the equipment and personnel to protect Highland in case of a fire, medical emergency, or natural disaster. Highland also needs to properly maintain roads and bridges. Without a new revenue stream, the City will be forced to cut public safety services and essential infrastructure projects.

Measure E is fiscally accountable and transparent with independent annual audits. 100% of Measure E funds stay local and cannot be taken by the State.

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Measure E ensures that out-of-town visitors pay their share of police, fire, street repairs and other services when they shop in Highland.

Protect Highland's public safety services, and quality of life. **Vote YES on Measure E!**

s/ Penny Lilburn, Highland Mayor
s/ Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County Sheriff
s/ Liz Brown, Fire Chief
s/ Dawn Rowe, San Bernardino County 3rd District Supervisor
s/ Chris Neilsen, Highland Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

FULL TEXT FOR MEASURE E

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 3.40 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE A 1% TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9, the City of Highland ("City") is authorized to levy a Transactions and Use Tax for general purposes, subject to majority voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the People of the City desire to add a new Chapter 3.40 (Transactions and Use Tax) to Title 3 (Revenue and Finance) of the Highland Municipal Code, establishing a Transactions and Use Tax until ended by the voters, on the sale, use, or both the sale and use of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the City, at a rate of one percent (1%).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title and Text. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Highland Transactions and Use Tax," the full text of which is set forth in Attachment "1," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Approval by the City Council. Pursuant to California Government Code section 53724 and Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9, this Ordinance was duly approved for placement on the ballot by a minimum two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the City Council on June 9, 2026.

SECTION 3. Approval by the Voters. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9217, this Ordinance shall be deemed adopted and take effect only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the City of Highland voting at the General Municipal Election of November 3, 2026. It shall be deemed adopted when the City Council has certified the results of that election by resolution and shall take effect ten (10) days thereafter.

SECTION 4. Operative Date. "Operative Date" for the Highland Transactions and Use Tax means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the date this Ordinance is adopted.

SECTION 5. Amendments. This Chapter may be amended by the City Council without a vote of the people, except that, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment provision that would increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this Ordinance.

The people of the City of Highland affirm that the deletion, restoration, relocation, renumbering, amendment or alteration of the provisions of this Chapter and any provision of this Ordinance or provision of the Municipal Code adopted by this Ordinance is authorized and may be acted upon by the City Council without a vote of the people, provided that such action does not establish any new tax or increase any existing tax.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. Effective Date and Termination. This Ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately upon approval by the voters and shall remain in effect until repealed by the voters of the City of Highland.

I hereby certify that the Highland General Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance was submitted to the voters by the City Council at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Highland on the 9th day of June, 2026, and

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the voters of the City of Highland at the General Municipal Election held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Penny Lilburn
Mayor

ATTEST

Alondra Muñoz, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Maricela E. Marroquin
City Attorney

Attachment 1

Chapter 3.40 ("Transactions and Use Tax") of Title 3 ("Revenue and Finance") is hereby added to the City of Highland Municipal Code to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 3.40

TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

Sections:

- 3.40.010 - Short Title.**
- 3.40.020 - Operative Date.**
- 3.40.030 - Purpose.**
- 3.40.040 - Contract With State.**
- 3.40.050 - Transactions Tax Rate.**
- 3.40.060 - Place of Sale.**
- 3.40.070 - Use Tax Rate.**
- 3.40.080 - Adoption of Provisions of State Law.**
- 3.40.090 - Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.**
- 3.40.100 - Permit Not Required.**
- 3.40.110 - Exemptions and Exclusions.**
- 3.40.120 - Amendments.**
- 3.40.130 - Enjoining Collection Forbidden.**
- 3.40.140 - Duration of Tax.**

Sections:

3.40.010. SHORT TITLE. This Chapter shall be known as the City of Highland Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance of 2026. The City of Highland hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

3.40.020. OPERATIVE DATE. "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

3.40.030. PURPOSE. This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other 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, authorizing the City to adopt this tax ordinance, which 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 ordinance 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.

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

3.40.040. 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 incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have 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.

3.40.050. TRANSACTIONS 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 said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

3.40.060. PLACE OF SALE. For the purposes of this ordinance, 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.

3.40.070. 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 and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said City at the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of the property. 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.

3.40.080. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance 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 Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

3.40.090. LIMITATIONS ON ADOPTION OF STATE LAW AND 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 the City shall be substituted therefor. 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 ordinance.

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.

3.40.100. 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 ordinance.

3.40.110. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the 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. 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 of this ordinance, in which case the tax rate shall be the rate in effect in the City prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

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 of this ordinance, in which case the tax rate shall be the rate in effect in the City prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, 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 of this ordinance.

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 of this ordinance, in which case the tax rate shall be the rate in effect in the City prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), 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.

7. "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.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance 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.

3.40.120. AMENDMENTS. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance 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 ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, the City Council may amend this ordinance as deemed necessary for collection and enforcement, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

3.40.130. ENJOINING COLLECTION FORBIDDEN. 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 under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3.40.140. DURATION OF TAX. The tax imposed by this Chapter shall continue until this ordinance is repealed."

MEASURE F CITY OF CHINO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE F

This Impartial Analysis of Measure F has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

Measure F was placed on the ballot by the Chino City Council. If approved by a majority of voters voting on the measure, it would adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 3.44 to the Chino Municipal Code and repealing related existing business license tax provisions.

The City currently imposes a business license tax on businesses operating in the City. The measure would replace portions of the existing business license tax structure with a gross receipts-based tax. The tax would apply to gross receipts attributable to business activity conducted in the City.

For businesses with \$75,000 or less in gross receipts, the tax would be \$25. For gross receipts above \$75,000, the measure would impose the following maximum tax rates on gross receipts above \$75,000:

General/retail businesses: \$0.60 per \$1,000

Contractors: \$1.00 per \$1,000

Services: \$1.00 per \$1,000

Professional/advanced businesses: \$1.50 per \$1,000

Real property/rental businesses: \$1.50 per \$1,000

The measure would authorize the City to administer, collect, and enforce the business license tax, including through rules, procedures, audits, determinations, penalties, interest, refund procedures, and collection remedies, as provided in the ordinance. The City Council could adopt implementing rules and make amendments to administer the ordinance, clarify procedures, correct errors, conform the ordinance to law, or reduce, suspend, or repeal the tax. The City Council could not, without further voter approval, increase any tax rate above the voter-approved maximum rate, expand the tax to persons or activities not subject to the tax, or otherwise increase the tax in a manner requiring voter approval.

The measure is a general tax. Revenue from the tax would be deposited into the City's General Fund and could be used for any lawful municipal purpose. The measure states that revenue may be used for general City services, including police and 911 emergency response, streets, public area safety and cleanliness, protecting local drinking water sources, and other general City services. The measure does not legally restrict the use of revenues to those purposes.

If the measure is approved, the ordinance would be considered adopted when the City Council declares the election results and would become operative on the date specified in the ordinance. If the measure is not approved by a majority of voters voting on it, the ordinance would not be adopted and would have no force or effect.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the business license tax ordinance.

A "No" vote is a vote against approving the business license tax ordinance.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of the Measure. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office (City Clerk) at (909) 334-3306 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ Fred Galante, City Attorney

City of Chino

Dated: August 7, 2026

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

This Argument in Favor of Measure F was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure F - **Business License Reform and Small Business Protection Measure**

Chino's business license structure was created nearly 40 years ago, when the City and its business community looked very different. Chino has grown. Large warehouses, distribution centers, big box retailers, and businesses attract more customers, generate heavier truck and vehicle traffic, increase wear on streets, and require more specialized and directed police and emergency resources.

Under this outdated system, many large businesses pay the same business license rate as smaller businesses. Chino's 100 largest businesses account for approximately 65% of reported gross receipts, but represent 12% of the total business license revenue. Small and mid-sized businesses, therefore, pay a greater proportion, while larger operations contribute comparatively less.

The Business License Reform and Small Business Protection Measure creates a simple, modernized, and balanced system based on business size, category, and activity, while providing investment in City services.

Measure F protects small businesses. Approximately 56% of Chino businesses – those with annual gross receipts of \$75,000 or less – pay only \$25 per year. Larger businesses will pay between 60 cents and \$1.50 per \$1,000 of gross receipts, depending on business category.

Measure F does not tax Chino residents. Instead, it provides locally-controlled revenue to support police and City services, keep business areas clean and safe without redirecting limited resources from protecting Chino's neighborhoods, parks, and public spaces.

Measure F is estimated to generate approximately \$4.8 million annually for locally controlled services, including police and 911 response; cargo theft, retail theft, and commercial burglary prevention; street and truck-route maintenance; protection of local drinking water sources; safe business districts; and business retention and job creation.

Measure F will modernize an outdated system, protect small businesses, and require larger business operations to contribute fairly toward the services and infrastructure they use.

Vote YES on Measure F.

s/ Eunice M. Ulloa, Mayor, City of Chino
s/ Violette R. Rossi, Owner, Let's Party Entertainment, LLC
s/ Walter Pocock, Retired Business Owner
s/ Lizbeth A. Valdez, Resident

**MEASURE G
CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G

This Impartial Analysis of Measure G has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

On July 14, 2026, the City Council voted to place Measure "G" on the November 3, 2026 general municipal election ballot to seek voter approval of an ordinance enacting a one percent transactions and use tax locally in the City of Twentynine Palms (City), referred to herein by its common name a "Sales Tax." Such taxes are not taxes on homes or properties, and rather are applied to purchases (with exceptions for items such as groceries or prescription medication). As a result, the proposed Sales Tax will apply equally to anyone making an applicable purchase, including tourists and other visitors.

If approved by a majority of Twentynine Palms voters, this Measure would implement a one percent "sales tax" on applicable transactions within the City. The "sales tax" will be calculated based on the sales price of tangible personal property sold at retail in the City. For example, for every \$100 spent on taxable goods, the proposed tax would be one dollar (\$1.00).

The stated "Purpose" of the Measure is "to create a locally-controlled funding source, which is legally protected from being taken by the State, by creating a 1% transaction (sales) and use tax, the proceeds of which may only be used for local services and to address local priorities such as: maintaining 911 and emergency response times, police officers and patrols; repairing streets/sidewalks; responding to floods/natural disasters; maintaining safety of public parks; and upgrading the animal shelter." It is estimated this Measure will provide an additional \$2,000,000 in annual funding for the City. While the proposed tax would be a "general tax," meaning that funds received may be used to pay for any lawful City program, the Measure requires that any funds derived only be used in furtherance of the stated "Purpose." It also requires that the City's annual audit include a confirmation that this limitation on spending has been complied with, a summary of how the funds were spent, and that this summary be available for public review.

If approved, it is anticipated that the Sales Tax would begin to be implemented on April 1, 2027, and will remain in effect until ended by voters.

A "yes" vote on Measure "G" will authorize the one percent transactions and use (sales) tax.

A "no" vote on Measure "G" will not authorize the one percent transactions and use (sales) tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you desire a copy of the measure, please visit the City's website or call the City Clerk's Office at (760) 367-6799 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ A. Patrick Muñoz
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

This Argument in Favor of Measure G was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure G to protect essential public services and preserve our quality of life in Twentynine Palms.

Twentynine Palms is a proud desert community, and we believe every resident deserves safe streets, reliable emergency and 9-1-1 response, and effective public safety.

Measure G is critical to ensure our road maintenance, public safety, emergency preparedness, animal shelter, and other local services remain functional for the benefit of all Twentynine Palms residents.

Twentynine Palms is one of the few communities in our region without a local sales tax, and Measure G will ensure that Twentynine Palms visitors and tourists pay their fair share. This means non-residents will help pay for our streets, police, and other services.

Voting YES will keep this one-cent sales tax revenue here in Twentynine Palms, and generate \$2 million annually to safeguard the services that protect our quality of life.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR – Continued on next page

Vote Yes on Measure G for:

- **REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING** city streets
- **PROVIDING** effective public safety, police officers, patrols, and rapid 911 response times
- **PREPARING** the City for emergencies (including flooding, fire, earthquakes, and traffic accidents)
- **MAINTAINING** animal control services and ensuring the animal shelter meets basic health and safety standards
- **PRESERVING** parks, trails, and open spaces

Measure G requires strict fiscal accountability, transparency, and local control:

- ALL funds stay in Twentynine Palms. The State cannot touch one penny.
- Oversight, independent financial audits and yearly reports to the community are required

Measure G will protect local families. Groceries and prescription medications WON'T be taxed, so residents can support needed improvements to City services without increasing the cost of basic necessities.

Join public safety personnel, parents, civic leaders, and residents across Twentynine Palms. Vote YES on Measure G to keep our streets safe, our shelter healthy, and our tax dollars right here in Twentynine Palms.

s/ Daniel L. Mintz Sr., Mayor of Twentynine Palms
s/ Steven Bilderein, Councilmember of Twentynine Palms
s/ Janet Kodish, Owner, Desert Ace Hardware
s/ Matthew Shragge, Longtime Twentynine Palms resident
s/ Amy Woods, Longtime Twentynine Palms resident

FULL TEXT FOR MEASURE G

ORDINANCE NO. XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A ONE PERCENT (1%) TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Twentynine Palms ("City" or "Twentynine Palms") choose to reside in Twentynine Palms because it offers a wide range of programs and services that enhance residents' safety and quality of life, and maintain their property values; and

WHEREAS, Twentynine Palms residents strongly prioritize maintaining and protecting key City services that protect public safety, health and welfare of residents and improve the quality of life of residents in the City; and

WHEREAS, to preserve vital City services, the City must identify a reliable source of locally controlled funding; and

WHEREAS, Article XIIIC, Section 2 of the California Constitution authorizes a city to impose a general tax (including a transaction (sales) and use tax) if approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors; and

WHEREAS, Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and Section 7285.9 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, authorizes a city to adopt a transactions and use tax ordinance (commonly known as a "sales tax" ordinance), which 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; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance (the "Purpose") is to create a locally-controlled funding source, which is legally protected from being taken by the State, by creating a 1% transaction (sales) and use tax, the proceeds of which may only be used for local services and to address local priorities such as: maintaining 911 and emergency response times, police officers and patrols; repairing streets/sidewalks; responding to floods/natural disasters; maintaining safety of public parks; and upgrading the animal shelter. .

NOW, THEREFORE THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and, accordingly, are incorporated as a material part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment of Municipal Code. Chapter 3.30, Transactions and Use Tax, is hereby added to the Twentynine Palms Municipal Code to read as follows:

**"Chapter 3.30
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX**

3.30.010 Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the Twentynine Palms Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The City of Twentynine Palms hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

3.30.020 Operative Date.

"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth below. For purposes of Revenue and Taxation Code section 7265, this ordinance shall be considered adopted on the date of the election in which it is approved by the qualified voters of the City.

3.30.030 Purpose.

This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other 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 ordinance which 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 ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California (commencing with Section 6001 of the Revenue and Taxation Code) 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 ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore 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 ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

3.30.040 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 incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have 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.

3.30.050 Transactions 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 cent per dollar (1.00%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

3.30.060 Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this ordinance, 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 or her 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.

3.30.070 Use Tax Rate.

A use tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one cent per dollar (1.00%) of the sales price of the property. 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.

3.30.080 Adoption of the Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance 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 Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

3.30.090 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) 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 therefor. 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 ordinance.
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.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

3.30.100 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 ordinance.

3.30.110 Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the 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. 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 of this ordinance.

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 of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, 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 of this ordinance.

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 of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), 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.

7. "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.

8. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the state by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance shall be entitled to credit against that tax any transactions tax, or to reimbursement for a transactions tax, paid to a jurisdiction or retailer in a jurisdiction imposing a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

3.30.120 Amendments to State Law.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (commencing with Section 6001) 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 ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

3.30.130 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

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 under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3.30.140 Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3.30.150 Effective Date.

This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately.

3.30.160 Termination Date.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this ordinance shall not expire unless terminated by lawful vote of the electorate or as required or authorized by law."

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase added by this ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that anyone or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs sentences, clauses, or phrases are declared unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective.

Section 4. CEQA. The adoption of this ordinance is not a "project" subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section §§ 21000 et seq.). CEQA Guideline § 15378(b)(4) provides that the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment are not projects subject to the requirements of CEQA.

Section 5. Appropriations Limit. Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution, the appropriations limit for the City of Twentynine Palms is increased to the maximum extent over the maximum period of time allowed under the law consistent with the revenues generated by this tax.

Section 6. Election Required. This ordinance shall not become effective unless and until a majority of City voters voting on this measure vote to approve the imposition of City transactions and use tax (commonly known as a "sales tax") at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3rd, 2026.

Section 7. Term/Amendments Requiring Vote. This ordinance shall remain in effect unless rescinded or amended by a vote of the electorate of the City of Twentynine Palms at a properly called election; provided, however, the City Council is authorized to approve amendments if and as may be needed to conform the provisions hereof with any requirements of State law so long as such amendments do not conflict with the Purpose hereof as defined in the Recitals.

Section 8. Limitation on Expenditures; Audits/Disclosures. Revenue received by the City from the 1% transaction and use tax created by this ordinance shall only be used in furtherance of the Purpose hereof, as defined in the Recitals, and the City's annual audit shall include a confirmation that this limitation on spending has been complied with, as well as a summary of how such revenue was expended in the audit period with such summary maintained as a public record available for disclosure to the public.

Section 9. Execution. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of it and publish it in the manner required by law.

Section 10. Certification. The City Clerk of the City of Twentynine Palms shall certify that this ordinance was passed, approved and adopted by the People of the City of Twentynine Palms, California, voting on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Section 11. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote on this ordinance is certified by the City Council for the City of Twentynine Palms, and shall go into effect 10 days after that date.

ADOPTED by the vote of the people of the City of Twentynine Palms on, November 3, 2026 at a General Municipal Election as certified by the City Council of the City of Twentynine Palms on the XX day of XX, 2026, and becomes effective 10 days thereafter on XX, 2026.

ATTEST:

Cindy Villescascas, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Twentynine Palms

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) SS
CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS)

I, CINDY VILLESCAS, City Clerk of the City of Twentynine Palms, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the voters of the City of Twentynine Palms as an initiative measure at an election held on November 3, 2026, as certified by the City Council of the City of Twentynine Palms on the X day of X , 2026, and that the ordinance becomes effective 10 days thereafter on X, 2026.

Cindy Villescascas, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Twentynine Palms

MEASURE H CITY OF ONTARIO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE H

This Impartial Analysis of Measure H has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

On August 7, 2026, the City Council voted to place Measure "H" on the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election ballot.

If approved by a majority of Ontario voters, this Measure would authorize a one-half percent (1/2%) retail transactions and use (sales) tax within the City of Ontario. A one-half percent (1/2%) rate equates to an extra 50¢ per \$100 purchased. It is estimated that Measure "H" will provide an additional \$32,500,000 in annual local funding that could be used for maintaining general City services such as 911 fire, paramedic and police response, anti-gang programs, cleaning and maintaining public areas, repairing streets and potholes, addressing homelessness, increasing access to affordable housing for seniors, families and individuals, and retaining and attracting local businesses. This tax would be a "general tax," meaning that revenues raised from the tax would go into the City's general fund to pay for any lawful City program, improvement, or service.

California Proposition 218 and Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 authorize the City to levy a general transactions and use/sales tax at a rate of one-half percent (1/2%) so long as the tax is approved by a majority of the voters voting in an election on that issue. If approved, the tax would start being collected on April 1, 2027 and would remain in effect until repealed by voters at a subsequent election.

The tax would be paid in addition to current sales taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales taxes. All revenues raised by the tax would remain in the City and would not be shared with the State, County or any other agency.

A "yes" vote on Measure "H" will authorize the 1/2% transactions and use (sales) tax.

A "no" vote on Measure "H" will not authorize the 1/2% transactions and use (sales) tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "H". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City's elections official at (909) 395-2000 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

/s/ RUBEN DURAN
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

This Argument in Favor of Measure H was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Yes on Measure H for a Safer, Stronger Ontario

Vote YES on Measure H to maintain a safe, strong Ontario for all residents. Quality of life matters. Having safe neighborhoods, streets in good repair and strong public safety services helps ensure we maintain it.

Fast emergency response times save lives. Whether it's a medical emergency or house fire, every second counts. Ontario families deserve to know help is on the way.

Measure H helps maintain fire, paramedic, and 911 emergency services so first responders are there when we need them most.

Measure H keeps parks, playgrounds, trails, and public spaces maintained, safe and clean, giving children safe places to play and families clean recreational areas.

Reducing traffic, repairing potholes and investing in drinking water infrastructure is a priority. **Measure H makes our roads safer** for children and drivers, and provides locally controlled funding so we have clean, reliable water and avoid costly repairs.

Measure H expands affordable housing for veterans, seniors, and working families struggling with the rising cost of living, and supports proven programs connecting homeless residents to shelter, treatment, and outreach services.

Measure H has a clear system of transparency and accountability.

Every dollar of Measure H stays under local control and cannot be taken by the state or county. Independent audits and public disclosure ensure every penny is spent as promised.

Essential purchases like groceries, prescription medications, and diapers are exempt.

Measure H protects public safety and the essential services residents rely on every day.

- Maintain fire, paramedic, police, and 911 emergency response
- Repair streets and potholes, and reduce dangerous speeding
- Keep neighborhoods and public spaces safe, clean, and well maintained
- Expand affordable housing for seniors, veterans, and working families
- Support proven programs addressing homelessness

Firefighters, Police Officers, Neighbors, and Small Business Owners all agree – Vote Yes on Measure H!

s/ Michael Krouse, President/CEO GOCAL

s/ Chris Bowen, President, Ontario Professional Firefighters

s/ Zachary Houser, OPOA President, Ontario Police Officers Association

s/ Randy Korgan, Secretary/Treasurer, Teamsters L1932

s/ Omar Cobian, Carpenters Representative Western States Regional Council of Carpenters

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

This Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure H was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Highest Sales Tax Rate

Measure H is another Forever Tax. It raises Ontario's sales tax from 8.75% to 9.25%, with no end date, giving Ontario the highest sales tax rate in San Bernardino County.

Wrong Tax - Worst Time

Families face rising costs; small businesses fight to stay competitive. Measure H makes shopping in Ontario more expensive, pushing shoppers elsewhere.

Taxing You Is Unnecessary

Other Inland Empire cities pursue warehouse and industrial taxes instead of raising your sales tax. Ontario City Council should consider those options before asking families and small businesses to pay more.

Promises Without Guarantees

Measure H doesn't dedicate one dollar to firefighters, paramedics, police or 911. The Ontario City Council can spend all \$32.5 million elsewhere and still comply.

A \$32.5 Million City Council Piggy Bank

Measure H puts about \$32.5 million a year into the Ontario City Council's piggy bank. Police, fire, potholes, parks, housing and homelessness are promised, but there are no funding guarantees.

Audits Don't Guarantee Spending

The Argument in Favor claims audits ensure "every penny is spent as promised." Audits show where money goes; they can't force the Ontario City Council to spend it as promised.

Ontario Residents and Businesses Don't Agree

The Argument in Favor claims neighbors and small business owners "all agree." They don't. Ontario residents and business owners oppose this tax and signed the official Argument Against. None of the Argument in Favor signers lives in Ontario.

If Public Safety Is the Promise, Put It in the Law.

They don't.

Vote NO on Measure H.

VoteNoOnH.com

s/ Marty McBride, Ontario Resident, District 1 & Ontario Small Business Owner

s/ Margarita Hernandez, Ontario Resident, District 2 & Ontario Small Business Owner

s/ Michael Rios, Ontario Resident, District 3 & Founder, Citizens4Ontario

s/ Ted Burnett, Ontario Resident, District 4 & President, Ontario Future Alliance

s/ Matt Munson, Republican Club Member & Ontario Resident, District 1

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

This Argument Against Measure H was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Stop Another Ontario City Council Sales Tax Increase
VoteNoOnH.com

In 2022, the Ontario City Council promised Measure Q would meet the City's needs. Voters approved a 1% sales tax bringing City Hall \$60 million a year.

Four years later, they're back with the same promises, demanding another permanent tax. What happened to the first one?

Highest Sales Tax

Measure H would raise Ontario's sales tax to 9.25%, giving Ontario the highest sales tax in San Bernardino County.

The City Council wants Ontario taxpayers to pay the County's highest sales tax.

Another "Forever Tax"

Measure H has no expiration, just like Measure Q.

Another Blank Check

Measure H gives the City Council another \$32.5 million every year to spend however it wants.

Vanity Projects, Not Neighborhoods

Instead of promised neighborhood services, the City Council poured Measure Q money into massive projects, including the Ontario Sports Empire, estimated at nearly \$500 million.

They got their luxury box. We got the bill.

No Independent Oversight

Again, City Hall monitors City Hall. No Independent Citizens' Oversight. No guarantee politicians spend the money as promised.

Measure H comes down to trust. Can we trust this City Council with another blank check?

FBI Raids In Ontario

The FBI searched Councilmember Alan Wapner's home and Ontario International Airport. Ontario City Hall received a federal subpoena.

This is the worst time to give the City Council millions more in unrestricted tax money.

Wrong Time For Another Tax

Families and small businesses are struggling with higher costs. The City Council shouldn't make everything we buy even more expensive.

Warehouses Should Pay

Ontario is a warehouse and logistics powerhouse. Redlands taxes large distribution centers. Perris is pursuing a warehouse and industrial tax.

The Ontario City Council never considered making big warehouse operators pay more before taxing everyone again.

Ontario families make tough choices. The City Council should too.

Vote No on the Ontario City Council Sales Tax.

VoteNoOnH.com

s/ Sam Crowe, Former Ontario City Council Member, City Attorney & Resident

s/ Chris Robles, President, Fair Ontario & Resident

s/ Tina Silva, President, Greater Ontario Democratic Club & Resident

s/ Randy Bekendam, Ontario Farmer, Small Business Owner & Resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

This Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure H was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Ontario's quality of life depends on delivering the essential services to our residents—fast emergency response times, clean parks, and safe roads.

This truth is lost on our opponents, who didn't even take the time to do their homework and learn the facts about Measure H.

Here are the facts:

- **Measure H requires a transparent, clear system of accountability.** Public disclosure of all spending and annual independent financial audits ensure accountability. That's not a talking point; it's built into the text of the measure to make sure every penny is accounted for.
- **Measure H ensures everyone pays their fair share.** Warehouses and commercial activity will pay, but so will visitors, workers, shoppers, and anyone else passing through Ontario—helping fund the essential services residents depend on.
- **Measure H funds rapid, reliable fire, paramedic, and 911 response.** In an emergency, every second counts. Measure H ensures first responders are there when we need them most.
- **Measure H makes our roads safer.** Fixing potholes, repairing roads, and reducing traffic can make our streets safer while helping avoid costly repairs later.
- **Measure H expands affordable housing.** As the cost of living continues to rise, Measure H helps veterans, seniors, and working families through programs that reduce homelessness and make Ontario more affordable.

Don't just take our word for it. Trust the firefighters and police officers who keep us safe. Carpenters, laborers, and small business owners who fuel our economy. Trust the working-class, blue-collar people who live in Ontario. They all did their homework. Vote Yes on H!

s/ Jon P. Preciado, Business Manager – LiUNA Socal District Council of Laborers
s/ Reuben Reyes Jr., President of AFSCME
s/ Mia Melle, SM. Biz Owner
s/ Chris Bowen, President – Ontario Professional Firefighters
s/ Zachary Houser, President – Ontario Police Officers' Association

**MEASURE I
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE I

This Impartial Analysis of Measure I has been prepared by County Counsel pursuant to Section 9160 of the California Elections Code.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by an ordinance adopted by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (Authority) and a Resolution passed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Currently there is a one-half percent (1/2%) Retail Transactions and Use Tax that was approved by voters in 2004 and will remain in effect until March 31, 2040.

A "yes" vote by at least two-thirds of the voters casting votes on this Measure will authorize the Authority to continue levying the already voter approved one-half percent (1/2%) Retail Transactions and Use Tax until repealed by a subsequent ballot measure approved by County voters and until all debt is satisfied and committed contracts are fulfilled. A "no" vote will not extend the already existing one-half percent (1/2%) tax after March 31, 2040.

The Authority's Ordinance No. 26-1 was adopted pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C §2(d), California Public Utilities Code §§180000 et seq. and Revenue and Taxation Code §§7251 et seq.

Proceeds from this tax can only be used for the construction, maintenance, improvements, and operation of local streets, roads, and highways, state highways, and freeways; construction, maintenance, improvements, and operation of public transit systems; transportation technologies; and administration of this tax and its revenues. Profits from this tax cannot be used for other governmental purposes or programs. The Measure requires some of the identified revenue generated in specific subareas of San Bernardino County are spent on projects in that subarea.

The Measure requires that funding from this tax be used in accordance with the specified voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan included in this Ballot Measure. The specific projects and programs included in the Transportation Expenditure Plan can only be changed after the Retail Transactions and Use Tax has been in effect for 10 years, or after the year 2050.

Commencing in 2050 and at least every ten years thereafter, the Authority shall review and, where necessary, propose revisions to the Transportation Expenditure Plan. The review will include recommendations from local jurisdictions, transportation agencies, interest groups, and the general public. The Authority will be required to notify all local jurisdictions and the Board of Supervisors in writing of the proposed revision and said revisions will go into effect 45 days after the notice is given.

The Measure will also continue the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee that was created in 2004 to provide citizen review and to ensure that all funds generated by this tax are spent in accordance with the Transportation Expenditure Plan. An Administration fund will be established and one percent (1%) of the annual net amount of revenue raised by the tax shall be credited to the fund. Expenditures for the administration of the Retail and Transaction Use Tax shall not exceed the revenues in the Administration fund.

Collection of the tax enacted by this Measure shall commence on April 1, 2040.

LAURA FEINGOLD
County Counsel
s/ JOLENA E. GRIDER
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

This Argument in Favor of Measure I was submitted pursuant to Section 9162 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE I

Measure I is a common-sense investment in San Bernardino County's future. **It does not increase taxes.** It simply continues the existing one-half cent local transportation sales tax that has helped improve our transportation system for nearly 40 years.

Measure I is a proven local solution that protects our transportation investment, leverages billions in outside funding, improves safety, and prepares San Bernardino County for future growth.

Measure I has already secured **nearly \$3 billion** in state and federal matching funds that would otherwise go to other regions.

Yes on Measure I provides the local match needed to compete for billions of dollars in funding to improve highways and reduce bottlenecks.

Renewing Measure I is **an investment in cleaner air and a stronger economy:**

- Reduces traffic congestion, lowers vehicle emissions, and improves air quality.
- Creates nearly 100,000 direct and indirect jobs and generates billions of dollars in economic activity.

Renewing Measure I continues to **protect taxpayers:**

- Maintains an effective independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.
- Requires annual independent financial audits and full public spending disclosure to ensure taxpayers know exactly how every dollar is spent.
- By law, every dollar must be spent only on transportation, which includes maintaining/improving freeways, highways, local streets and roads, public transit, and related transportation projects and services.
- Funds cannot be diverted for other purposes or taken by the state or federal government.

By renewing this local funding, Measure I will continue repairing potholes, keeping streets in good condition, improving highways and freeways, and even repairing and structurally upgrading bridges rated in "poor" condition. These improvements will reduce traffic congestion, enhance public safety, and keep people and goods moving efficiently.

Please join local business leaders, public safety advocates, transportation experts, and community organizations by voting **YES on Measure I.**

Learn more - VoteYesonMeasureI.com

s/ Joe Baca Jr., San Bernardino County Transportation Authority President
s/ Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County Sheriff
s/ Greg L. Backley, President and CEO, Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA)
s/ Paul C. Granillo, Inland Empire Economic Partnership President & CEO
s/ Larry Smith, President of Inland Empire Tax Payer Association

FULL TEXT FOR MEASURE I

ORDINANCE NO. 26-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, AND THE PEOPLE OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF PERCENT (1/2%) TO FUND COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND ADOPTING AN EXPENDITURE PLAN DIRECTING THE SPENDING OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM SAID TAX MEASURE

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority ("Authority") is authorized to levy a retail transactions and use tax/sales tax ("TUT") in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of San Bernardino County for transportation improvements and projects pursuant to California Constitution Article XIIC §2(d), California Public Utilities Code §§180000 et. seq. and Revenue and Taxation Code §§7251 et. seq., subject to adoption of an ordinance/measure imposing the tax and adopting an Expenditure Plan (defined herein) by two-thirds (2/3) of the Authority Board of Directors and subsequent approval of the ordinance/measure by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the San Bernardino County electors voting on it at a special election called for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to voter approval of Measure "I" in 2004, the Authority, as the successor agency of the San Bernardino County Transportation Commission, currently levies a TUT of one-half percent (½%) on the sale and/or use of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of San Bernardino County, as more specifically set forth in current Commission/Authority Ordinance No. 04-01; and

WHEREAS, the current TUT has a sunset of March 31, 2040, which is 30 years from the operative date of the tax; and

WHEREAS, by its adoption of this Ordinance/Measure (hereinafter referred to as the "Measure"), the Authority intends to propose to voters continuing the current TUT, imposed by Measure "I" in 2004, at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%) on the sale and/or use of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of San Bernardino County until repealed by the voters in order to fund Countywide transportation improvements, programs, and services described in the Transportation Expenditure Plan; subject to subsequent approval of the Measure by two-thirds (2/3) of San Bernardino County electors voting on it at a special election called for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code §§180201 and 180206 require that a TUT ordinance contain an adopted Expenditure Plan "for the expenditure of the revenues expected to be derived from the tax imposed pursuant to this chapter, together with other federal, state, and local funds expected to be available for transportation improvements, for the period during which the tax is to be imposed"; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance includes a Transportation Expenditure Plan that meets the requirements of Public Utilities Code §§180201 and 180206 and which is hereby incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, and all of the City/Town Councils representing both a majority of the cities/towns in San Bernardino County and a majority of the population residing in the incorporated areas of San Bernardino County adopted the Expenditure Plan in accordance with Public Utilities Code §180206; and

WHEREAS, this Measure and the Transportation Expenditure Plan include provisions that dedicate revenues from this tax for transportation planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance only to the benefit of San Bernardino County and cannot be used for other governmental purposes or programs, and provide that funding from this tax is used in accordance with the specified voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan. These provisions include:

- The specific projects and programs included in the Transportation Expenditure Plan will be funded by revenue raised by the TUT. The Transportation Expenditure Plan can be changed only after the TUT has been in effect for 10 years (2050) and thereafter in accordance with state law.
- An Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee was originally created under Measure "I" and will continue to provide for citizen review to verify that all Measure funds are spent in accordance with provisions of the Expenditure Plan and Measure.
- San Bernardino County's ½% TUT is for transportation programs only and is not intended to replace traditional revenues generated through locally adopted development fees and assessment districts.

- The Authority will continue to seek maximum funding for transportation improvements through State and federal programs. The Authority will not provide TUT revenue to any city or to the County unless all federal, state, and local revenues currently used by that agency for transportation purposes continue to be used for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, by separate resolution, intends to submit the Measure to the voters at a Special Election to be consolidated with the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND THE PEOPLE OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and made an operative part of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY ADOPTION OF A TRANSPORTATION RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (TUT) AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and the People of San Bernardino County hereby adopt the following Measure:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. This Measure authorizes the Authority to continue levying a TUT tax at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%) in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of San Bernardino County for transportation improvements and programs pursuant to California Public Utilities Code §§18000 *et seq.* Pursuant to Public Utilities Code §180250, this Measure also authorizes the Authority to issue bonds secured by said tax revenues, and by Measure I revenues to the extent projects funded by the bonds are in both the Expenditure Plan and the Measure I Expenditure Plan, provides for the collection and administration of the tax by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration ("CDTFA"), and adopts a Transportation Expenditure Plan allocating tax revenues to transportation improvements, programs, and services to the benefit of San Bernardino County.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply in this Measure:

- A. "Authority" means the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority. The Legislature created the Authority, effective January 1, 2017 (Public Utilities Code Sections 130800 *et seq.*), consolidating the San Bernardino County Transportation Commission and other transportation-related entities into one agency, which shall be known as the Authority. In 1989, the San Bernardino County Transportation Commission was designated by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to serve as the Local Transportation Authority pursuant to the provisions of Public Utilities Code §§ 180050 *et seq.*
- B. "Bonds" means bonds, notes, contracts or other forms of indebtedness issued or entered into in accordance with this Measure.
- C. "Committee" means the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee established herein.
- D. "County" means San Bernardino County.
- E. "Existing Tax" means the current ½% TUT levied by the Authority, as the successor agency to the San Bernardino County Transportation Commission, pursuant to Ordinance No. 89-01, Ordinance No. 90-01, and Ordinance No. 04-01.
- F. "Expenditure Plan" or "Transportation Expenditure Plan" means the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Transportation Expenditure Plan (attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference) outlining transportation improvements, programs and services for which tax revenues may be expended, which is hereby expressly adopted as part of this Measure pursuant to California Public Utilities Code section 180206, including any future amendments thereto which are authorized by law.
- G. "Local Jurisdiction" means a city or town in the County or the County.
- H. "Measure" or "Ordinance" means this ordinance/ballot measure presented to voters seeking authorization to levy the tax and the approval of the Expenditure Plan.

SECTION 3. CONTINUED LEVY OF ONE-HALF PERCENT (1/2%) RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

(TUT). Upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the local voters casting votes on this Measure, the Authority shall continue to levy, in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of San Bernardino County, a retail transactions and use tax (TUT) at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%). The tax shall be collected until it is repealed by a subsequent ballot measure approved by County voters and until all debt is satisfied and committed contracts are fulfilled. The tax shall be imposed by the Authority in accordance with Section 180201 of the Public Utilities Code and Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. The provisions of Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 7261 and 7262 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein. This tax shall be in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, including any existing or future State or local sales tax or transactions and use tax.

SECTION 4. RETURN TO SOURCE. After deduction of required California Department of Tax and Fee Administration fees and authorized administrative costs, revenues generated from each specified Subarea within San Bernardino County as outlined in the Expenditure Plan will be expended on projects with direct benefit to that Subarea, except as set forth herein. Revenues will be accounted for separately for each Subarea and then allocated to specified project categories in each Subarea. Decisions on how revenues are expended within the Subareas for certain project categories, as defined in the Expenditure Plan, will be made by the Authority Board of Directors, based upon recommendations of local representatives. Other than the projects identified in the Interregional Mobility Expenditure Plan, revenues generated within a Subarea shall not be expended on projects without direct benefit to that Subarea except with approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the jurisdictions within the affected Subarea. Notwithstanding the foregoing, revenues shall be available as required to pay debt service on bonds regardless of the subarea in which the revenue was collected.

SECTION 5. TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES/EXPENDITURE PLAN.

- A. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code §§180205 and 180206, revenues from this tax shall be used for transportation purposes only and may include, but are not limited to, administration of the tax and its revenues, including legal actions related thereto and costs of the initial preparation of this Ordinance and the election thereon; the construction, maintenance, improvements, and operation of local streets, roads, and highways, state highways and freeways; the construction, maintenance, improvements, and operation of public transit systems including rail and bus facilities and service; transportation technologies; and related purposes. These purposes include expenditures for planning, environmental reviews, engineering and design costs, and related right-of-way acquisition. Expenditures also include, but are not limited to, debt service on bonds and expenses in connection with the issuance of bonds. The Authority shall allocate revenues from this tax in accordance with the Expenditure Plan adopted herein and for any other purposes authorized by law.
- B. Commencing in 2050 and at least every ten years thereafter, the Authority shall review and, where necessary, propose revisions to the Expenditure Plan. Such proposed revisions shall be submitted for approval according to the procedures set forth in this Subsection. Until approved, the then existing Expenditure Plan shall remain in full force and effect.
 1. Such review shall consider recommendations from local jurisdictions, transportation agencies and interest groups, and the general public.
 2. The Authority shall notify all local jurisdictions and the Board of Supervisors in writing of the proposed revision, reciting reasons and findings for the revision.
 3. The revision(s) to the Expenditure Plan shall become effective 45 days after the notice referenced in 2, above, is given.
 4. The boundaries of Subareas shall be revised only by unanimous approval of all local jurisdictions in the Subareas whose boundaries would be revised.

SECTION 6. BONDING AUTHORITY. The Authority shall have the power to sell or issue, from time to time, on or before the collection of taxes, Bonds, notes, contracts, or other evidence of indebtedness, including, but not limited to, capital appreciation bonds, in the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding of not to exceed the estimated proceeds of the tax, as determined by the Expenditure Plan, and to secure such indebtedness solely by way of future collection of taxes, for capital outlay expenditures for the purposes set forth in Section 5 above, including the carrying out of transportation projects described in the Expenditure Plan. To the extent Bond proceeds are to be spent on projects identified in both the Measure I Expenditure Plan and the Expenditure Plan, the Authority shall have the power to issue bonds secured by the Existing Tax revenues and the Measure's tax revenues. The Authority shall have a debt policy that will identify debt affordability limits, which are the maximum amounts that can be used to pay debt service.

SECTION 7. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT. The Authority, by enactment of this Ordinance, intends that the additional funds provided to local jurisdictions and transit agencies pursuant to this Measure shall supplement existing federal, state, and local revenues used for street, highway, and public transit purposes as of Fiscal Year 2038-39. Transactions and use tax revenue shall not be used to replace requirements for new development to provide for its own transportation facilities. Under this Measure, funding priorities should be given to addressing road and transit needs, easing congestion, improving roadway safety, increasing mobility services, and implementing active transportation solutions where feasible. Local jurisdictions and transit operators shall maintain their existing commitment of transportation funds for street, highway, and public transit purposes pursuant to this Measure, and the Authority shall enforce this Section by appropriate actions including fiscal audits of the local jurisdictions and adoption of implementing policies.

SECTION 8. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NEW DEVELOPMENT. No revenue generated from the tax shall be used to replace the fair share contributions required from new development. The methodology to determine the local fair share contributions shall be established by the Authority Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. The extant Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee ("Committee") shall continue in place up to and after April 1, 2040, to provide citizen review and to ensure that all funds generated by this tax are spent in accordance with the Expenditure Plan and this Ordinance as specified in Exhibit B of this Ordinance, which contains the specific terms and conditions for an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee and its review of periodic independent financial audits.

SECTION 10. LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND OTHER PURPOSES. The Authority shall establish an Administration fund, and one percent (1%) of the annual net amount of revenue raised by the tax shall be credited to this fund. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code §180109, the salary and benefits of staff required to administer the TUT shall not exceed the revenues in the Administration fund.

SECTION 11. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT. Pursuant to Article XIIIB §4 of the California Constitution and Public Utilities Code §180202, the appropriations limit for the Authority will be increased by the maximum projected aggregate collection authorized by the levy of this tax, as indicated in Section 3, in each of the years covered by this Measure plus the amount, if any, by which the appropriation limit is decreased by law as a result of the levy of the tax set forth in this Measure. The appropriations limit has and shall be subject to adjustment as provided by law.

SECTION 12. ADOPTION DATE OF MEASURE AND OPERATIVE DATE OF TAX. This Measure shall take effect at the close of the polls on the day of election at which this Measure is adopted by a vote of the electorate. Collection of the tax under this Measure shall commence on April 1, 2040.

SECTION 13. DURATION/TERM OF TAX. The tax enacted by this Measure shall continue to be levied until this Measure is repealed by the voters; provided that the tax shall continue to be collected while Bonds are outstanding and until committed contracts are fulfilled.

SECTION 14. TECHNICAL PROVISIONS FOR COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF TAX. By their adoption of this Ordinance, the Authority and the voters of San Bernardino County hereby expressly incorporate the technical provisions for the collection and administration of this tax by the CDTFA, which are required by State law and are specifically set forth in Ordinance No. 26-1, which was adopted by the Authority on June 3, 2026.

SECTION 15. CONFLICT BETWEEN ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Ordinance and the terms of the Expenditure Plan, the terms of this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 16. THE EXISTING TAX. Nothing in the Ordinance is intended to modify, repeal, alter, or increase the Existing Tax. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply solely to the retail transactions and use tax adopted herein and not to the collection or administration of the Existing Tax.

ARTICLE III. CEQA COMPLIANCE. The Authority finds that the approval of this Ordinance is not a "project" and, alternatively, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The Ordinance is intended to provide a funding mechanism for potential future projects and programs related to the Authority's provision of transportation services. The Ordinance does not commit the Authority to any particular project, program, or capital improvement. Accordingly, the Authority finds that, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), adoption of this Ordinance is not a project subject to the requirements of CEQA because the Ordinance is merely "[t]he creation of [a] government funding mechanism[] or other government fiscal activit[y], which do[es] not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment." (CEQA Guidelines § 15378, subd. (b)(4); see also *Sustainable Transportation Advocates of Santa Barbara v. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments*, 179 Cal.App.4th 113, 123.) Additionally, the timing, design, and approval of individual projects to be funded by the Ordinance are dependent on future funding availability, need, feasibility, CEQA review, future Expenditure Plan review and amendments, and numerous other factors. Thus, the timing and design of future

projects, which may not be brought forward for many years, are unknown, and insufficient information is available to enable meaningful environmental review. (CEQA Guidelines § 15004.) Further, because the Ordinance does not approve the construction of any projects that may result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and because future voter approval is required as set forth in PUC Sections 180201 and 180203, approving the Ordinance is not an approval that commits the Authority to a definite course of action. (CEQA Guidelines § 15352.) Thus, it can also be seen with certainty that the Ordinance has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from any further review under CEQA. (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3).)

ARTICLE IV. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance/Measure or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that holding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions, and the Authority and the People of San Bernardino County declare that they would have passed each part of this Ordinance irrespective of the validity of any other part.

ARTICLE V. CERTIFICATION. The Clerk of the Board shall certify the adoption of this Measure as an ordinance and shall record it in the official records of the Authority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority this 3rd day of June, 2026 by the following vote of the Authority Board and approved by a two-thirds vote of San Bernardino County voters at a Special Election consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on November 3, 2026:

AYES: 24

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 5

s/ Rick Denison, Board President
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

ATTEST:

s/ Marleana Roman, Clerk of the Board
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/ Julianna K. Tillquist, General Counsel
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

Exhibit A

Transportation Expenditure Plan

Revenue Estimates and Distribution. Allocation of revenue authorized by Ordinance No. 26-1 is established within this Expenditure Plan. Funds shall be allocated by percentage of the actual revenue received. An estimate of revenues and allocation among categories for the first 30 years is \$7.5 billion. The estimated revenue is based upon 2026 value of money and is not binding or controlling.

Return to Source. After deduction of required CDTFA fees, funds dedicated for the Interregional Mobility Expenditure Plan and authorized administrative costs, revenues generated from each specified Subarea within San Bernardino County will be expended on projects of direct benefit to that Subarea. Revenues will be accounted for separately for each Subarea and then allocated to specified project categories. Decisions on how revenues for certain project categories are expended within the Subareas will be made by the Authority Board of Directors, based upon recommendation of local representatives.

Subarea Identification. The San Bernardino Valley Subarea will include the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland and Yucaipa and unincorporated areas in the east and west portions of the San Bernardino valley urbanized area. The Mountain/Desert area will include the following subareas: (1) The North Desert Subarea, which includes the City of Barstow and surrounding unincorporated areas; (2) The Colorado River Subarea, which includes the City of Needles and the surrounding unincorporated areas of the East Desert; (3) The Morongo Basin Subarea, which includes the City of

Twentynine Palms, Town of Yucca Valley, and surrounding unincorporated areas; (4) The Mountain Subarea, which includes the City of Big Bear Lake and surrounding unincorporated areas of the San Bernardino Mountains; and (5) the Victor Valley Subarea, which includes the Cities of Adelanto, Hesperia, and Victorville; the Town of Apple Valley; and surrounding unincorporated areas including Wrightwood.

Contribution from New Development. No revenue generated from the tax shall be used to replace the fair share contributions required from new development as further described in Section 8 of the Ordinance.

Requirement for Annual Financial and Compliance Audits of Measure Funds. The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority shall undergo a biennial financial audit, and each local jurisdiction receiving an allocation of Measure revenue authorized in this Expenditure Plan shall undergo an annual financial audit, with all audits to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Compliance audits also shall be conducted to ensure that each agency is expending funds in accordance with the provisions and guidelines established for Measure revenue including compliance with Maintenance of Effort provisions

The Interregional Mobility Expenditure Plan. Upon initial collection of revenue, 3% of the revenue generated across all San Bernardino County subareas will be reserved in advance of other allocations specified in this plan, in an account for the Interregional Mobility Expenditure Plan. The Interregional Mobility Expenditure Plan will provide resources for the planning and implementation of projects and programs that provide critical infrastructure to communities impacted by regional motorist, tourism, interregional travel, and goods movement. This program will help plan and deliver critical infrastructure improvements, such as enhancements in the Cajon Pass and other key corridors, that address congestion, enhance mobility, improve safety, and strengthen resilience. It will also support evacuation planning, bolster emergency response capabilities, improve primary evacuation routes, and fund transit-related evacuation needs. In addition, the program will be available to address unexpected infrastructure damage resulting from natural or human-caused disasters, ensuring rapid recovery and the restoration of essential interregional mobility.

San Bernardino Valley Subarea Expenditure Plan. In that area described as the San Bernardino Valley Subarea, and referred to herein as the Valley Subarea, project categories shall be established as specified below. The San Bernardino Valley Subarea Expenditure Plan is illustrated in Figure A.

- A. State and Federal Transportation Funds.** A proportional share of projected state and federal transportation funds shall be reserved for use solely within the Valley Subarea.
- B. Local Mobility 25%.** Local priorities that focus on local roadway, bikeway, and sidewalk construction, repair, and maintenance for improved localized movement. Includes pass through for local priorities such as: local street widening & rehabilitation, potholes, grade separations, sidewalks, bike lanes, streetlights, and quiet zones. Allocations to local jurisdictions shall be on a per capita basis using the most recent State Department of Finance population estimates for January 1, with the County's portion based upon unincorporated population in the Valley Subarea. Estimates of unincorporated population within the Valley Subarea shall be determined by the County Planning Department, reconciled with the State Department of Finance population estimate for January 1 of each year.

Upon initial collection of revenue, each local jurisdiction shall reserve 5% of allocated revenue in a special account to be expended on active transportation projects. Eligible active transportation projects may include, at the discretion of the local jurisdiction, bicycle and pedestrian projects and costs for associated studies or plans. If, after at least ten years of revenue collection, the local jurisdiction's governing body makes a finding that the reserve for active transportation projects is no longer necessary, and the Authority Board of Directors subsequently approves the finding, then all Local Mobility funds allocated to the local jurisdiction may be used for any eligible purpose.

Local Mobility projects are defined as local street and road construction, repair, and maintenance and other eligible local transportation priorities. Except as set forth herein, Local Mobility funds can be used flexibly for any eligible transportation purpose determined to be a local priority, including local streets, major highways, state highway improvements, transit, and other improvements/programs to maximize use of transportation facilities. Expenditure of Local Mobility funds shall be based upon a Five-Year Plan adopted annually by the governing body of each local jurisdiction after being made available for public review and comment. Local Mobility funds shall be disbursed to local jurisdictions upon receipt of the annually adopted Five-Year Plan. The locally adopted Five-Year Plan shall be consistent with local, regional, and state transportation plans.

- C. Regional Mobility 50%.** Regional priorities that focus on goods movement, transit, managed lanes, congestion management, and emerging transportation technologies to enhance regional movement and include: highway improvements, bus and passenger rail (capital and rehabilitation), corridors, interchanges, environmental mitigation, traffic management systems (freeway service patrol and air quality strategies), quiet zones, planning and project development, and emerging transportation technology.

Regional Mobility projects are defined as congestion relief and safety improvements to corridors that connect communities, serve major destinations, and provide freeway access. Decisions on how Regional Mobility funds are expended will be made by the Authority Board of Directors, based upon recommendation of local jurisdiction representatives. Funding priorities shall be given to improving roadway safety, relieving congestion, and street improvements at rail crossings and shall take into account equitable geographic distribution over the life of the program. Eligible projects also include, but are not limited to, signal synchronization, systems to improve traffic flow, commuter assistance programs, freeway service patrol, and projects that contribute to environmental enhancement associated with transportation facilities.

- D. Operations 25%.** Resourcing the operational costs for providing mobility services via rail, transit, senior and specialized services, first/last mile connections, ridesharing, and safety support functions. Decisions on how Operations funds are expended will be made by the Authority Board of Directors, based upon recommendations of local jurisdiction representatives. Funding priorities shall be given to maintaining core services across all modes of mobility.

Mountain/Desert Expenditure Plan. In that area described as the Mountain/Desert area, the following Expenditure Plan requirements shall apply. The Mountain/Desert Subarea Expenditure Plan is illustrated in Figure B.

- A. State and Federal Transportation Funds.** A proportional share of projected state and federal transportation funds shall be reserved for use solely within the Mountain/Desert Subareas.
- B. Local Mobility 70%.** Local priorities that focus on local roadway, bikeway, and sidewalk construction, repair, and maintenance for improved localized movement. Includes pass through for local priorities such as: local street widening & rehabilitation, potholes, grade separations, sidewalks, bike lanes, and streetlights. Allocations to local jurisdictions shall be based upon population (50 percent) and tax generation (50 percent). Population calculations shall be based upon the most current State Department of Finance estimates for January 1 of each year. Estimates of unincorporated population within each Subarea shall be determined by the County Planning Department, reconciled with the State Department of Finance population estimate. Tax generation calculations shall be based upon CDTFA data.

Upon initial collection of revenue, each local jurisdiction shall reserve 5% of allocated revenue in a special account to be expended on active transportation projects. Eligible active transportation projects may include, at the discretion of the local jurisdiction, but are not limited to, bicycle and pedestrian projects and costs for associated studies or plans. If, after at least ten years of revenue collection, the local jurisdiction's governing body makes a finding that the reserve for active transportation projects is no longer necessary, and the Authority Board of Directors subsequently approves the finding, then all Local Mobility funds allocated to the jurisdiction may be used for any eligible purpose.

Local Mobility projects are defined as local street and road construction, repair, and maintenance and other eligible local transportation priorities. Except as set forth herein, Local Mobility funds can be used flexibly for any eligible transportation purpose determined to be a local priority, including local roads, major streets, state highway improvements, transit, including but not limited to, fare subsidies and service enhancements for seniors and persons with disabilities, and other improvements/programs to maximize use of transportation facilities. Expenditure of Local Mobility funds shall be based upon a Five-Year Plan adopted annually by the governing body of each local jurisdiction after being made available for public review and comment. Local Mobility funds shall be disbursed to local jurisdictions upon receipt of the annually adopted Five-Year Plan. The locally adopted Five-Year Plans shall be consistent with other local, regional, and state transportation plans.

- C. Regional Mobility 20%.** Regional priorities that focus on goods movement, transit, managed lanes, congestion management, and emerging transportation technologies to enhance regional movement and include: highway improvements, bus and passenger rail (capital and rehabilitation), corridors, interchanges, environmental mitigation, traffic management systems (freeway service patrol and air quality strategies), planning and project development, and emerging transportation technology.

Revenue collected within each Subarea shall be reserved in a special account to be expended on Regional Mobility projects of benefit to the Subarea. Regional Mobility projects are defined as major streets and highways serving as primary routes of travel within the Subarea, which may include State highways and freeways, where appropriate. Regional Mobility Projects funds can be used to leverage state and federal funds for transportation projects and to perform advance planning/project reports. Expenditure of Regional Mobility funds shall be approved by the Authority Board of Directors, based upon a recommendation of Subarea representatives and the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee. If, after five years of revenue collection and every five years thereafter, the local representatives and the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee make a finding that Regional Mobility funds are not required for improvements of benefit to the Subarea, then revenue in the Regional Mobility category may be returned to local jurisdictions within the Subarea. Such return shall be allocated and expended based upon the formula and requirements established in the Local Mobility category.

- D. Operations 10%.** Resourcing the operational costs for providing mobility services via rail, transit, senior and specialized services, first/last mile connections, ridesharing, and safety support functions. Decisions on how Operations funds are expended will be made by the Authority Board of Directors, based upon recommendation of Subarea representatives and the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee and/or Transit Committee. Funding priorities shall be given to maintaining core services across all modes of mobility services.

The Authority Board of Directors, based upon recommendation of Subarea representatives and the Mountain/Desert Policy Committee, may provide additional funding beyond 10% upon a finding that such increase is required to address unmet transit needs of the Subarea. All increases above the 10% initial revenue collected for the Operations category shall come from the Local Mobility category of the Subarea.

- E. Mountain/Desert Policy Committee.** The Mountain/Desert Policy Committee of the Authority shall remain in effect and provide oversight of the implementation of the Mountain/Desert Expenditure Plan.

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FIGURE A

San Bernardino Valley Subarea Expenditure Plan

Local Mobility 25%

Local priorities that focus on local roadway, bikeway, and sidewalk construction, repair and maintenance for improved localized movement. Includes pass through for local priorities.

- Local Street Widening & Rehabilitation
- Potholes
- Grade Separations
- Sidewalks
- Bike Lanes
- Streetlights
- Quiet Zones

Regional Mobility 50%

Regional priorities that focus on goods movement, transit, managed lanes, congestion management, and emerging transportation technologies to enhance regional movement.

- Highway Improvements
 - Managed Lanes
- Bus and Passenger Rail
 - Capital and Rehabilitation
- Corridors
 - Roadway, Transit, ATP
- Interchanges
- Environmental Mitigation
- Traffic Management System
 - Freeway Service Patrol
 - Air Quality Strategies
- Planning and Project Development
- Emerging Transportation Technology
- Quiet Zones

Operations 25%

Resourcing the operational costs for providing mobility services via transit, senior and specialized services, first/last mile connections, and safety support functions.

- Transit Operations
 - Bus, Rail, Innovative Technology
 - Student, Senior and Disabled Transit
- Traveler Emergency Network
- Vanpool/Ride Share
- First/Last Mile

FIGURE B Mountain Desert Expenditure Plan

Local Mobility 70%	Regional Mobility 20%	Operations 10%
Local priorities that focus on local roadway, bikeway, and sidewalk construction, repair and maintenance for improved localized movement. Includes pass through for local priorities. • Local Street Widening & Rehabilitation • Potholes • Grade Separations • Sidewalks • Bike Lanes • Streetlights • Quiet Zones	Regional priorities that focus on goods movement, transit, managed lanes, congestion management, and emerging transportation technologies to enhance regional movement. • Highway Improvements • Managed Lanes • Bus and Passenger Rail • Capital and Rehabilitation • Corridors • Roadway, Transit, ATP • Interchanges • Environmental Mitigation • Traffic Management System • Freeway Service Patrol • Air Quality Strategies • Planning and Project Development • Emerging Transportation Technology • Quiet Zones	Resourcing the operational costs for providing mobility services via transit, senior and specialized services, first/last mile connections, and safety support functions. • Transit Operations • Bus, Rail, Innovative Technology • Student, Senior and Disabled Transit • Traveler Emergency Network • Vanpool/Ride Share • First/Last Mile

Exhibit "B"

Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)

ITOC Goal and Function. Voter approval of this Measure shall result in the continuation of the existing Independent Taxpayer and Oversight Committee (ITOC) as follows:

The ITOC shall provide citizen review to ensure that all Measure funds are spent by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (hereby referred to as the Authority) in accordance with provisions of the Expenditure Plan and Ordinance No. 26-1, Measure I and the Measure I Expenditure Plan.

Audit Requirement. A biennial fiscal and compliance audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The audit shall review the basic financial statements of the Authority as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the financial and compliance audits of the member jurisdictions.

Role of Financial and Compliance Audit and the ITOC. The ITOC shall review the annual audits of the Authority; report findings based on the audits to the Authority; and recommend any additional audits for consideration that the ITOC believes may improve the financial operation and integrity of program implementation.

The Authority shall hold a publicly noticed meeting, which may or may not be included on the agenda of a regularly scheduled Authority Board of Directors meeting, with the participation of the ITOC to consider the findings and recommendations of the audits.

Membership and Selection Process. The Authority shall have an open process to select five committee members, which shall include solicitation of trade and other organizations to suggest potential nominees to the committee. The committee members shall possess one of the following credentials:

- Professional in the field of municipal audit, finance and/or budgeting with a minimum of five years in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the public or private sector.
- Licensed civil engineer or trained transportation planner with at least five years of demonstrated experience in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government and/or the private sector. No member shall be a recipient or sub-recipient of Measure funding.
- Three public members who possess knowledge and skills that will be helpful to the work of the ITOC.

The Chair and the Executive Director of the Authority shall serve as ex-officio members of the ITOC.

Terms and Conditions for Committee. Committee members shall serve staggered four-year terms. In no case shall any voting committee member serve more than twelve years on the ITOC.

- Committee members shall serve without compensation, except they shall be reimbursed for authorized travel and other expenses directly related to the work of the ITOC.
- Committee members cannot be a current local elected official in the County or a full-time staff member of any city/town, the County government, local transit operator, or state transportation agency.
- Non-voting ex-officio committee members shall serve only as long as they remain incumbents in their respective positions and shall be automatically replaced by their successors in those positions.
- If vacancies on the ITOC occur, for any reason, Authority staff will collaborate with Authority Board members to find an appropriate replacement, within 90 days of the vacancy or as soon thereafter as possible, to fill the remainder of the term.
- When more than one application is received for a vacancy, the General Policy Committee will make a recommendation to the Authority Board of Directors to appoint an applicant to the ITOC.
- When only one application is received, the Board President will recommend to the Board the applicant's appointment to the ITOC.

ITOC Operation Protocols.

- The ITOC shall continue as long as Measure revenues are collected.
- Authority Board of Directors and staff shall fully cooperate with and provide necessary support to ensure the ITOC successfully carries out its duties and obligations.

Conflict of Interest. ITOC voting members shall have no legal action pending against the Authority and are prohibited from acting in any commercial activity directly or indirectly involving the Authority, such as being a consultant during their tenure on the ITOC. ITOC voting members shall not have direct commercial interest or employment with any public or private entity that receives the transportation tax funds authorized by the voters in this Ordinance.

MEASURE J CITY OF CHINO HILLS

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE J

This Impartial Analysis of Measure J has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

If approved, Measure J would authorize a one percent (1% - one cent on every dollar) transactions and use (sales) tax within the City of Chino Hills. It is estimated that Measure J will provide an additional \$11,500,000.00 annually to the City's general fund, which is used mainly to fund police services, open space maintenance (including wildfire prevention services), park and street maintenance, and community programs and events. This tax would be a "general tax," meaning that revenues raised from the tax would be deposited into the City's general fund and could be used for any lawful City purpose.

The sales tax would generally be applicable to retail sales of tangible items. Like the existing sales tax, it would not apply to sales of certain food products for human consumption, sales of prescription medicine, tuition, rent, or utilities. Labor and services are also generally exempt from sales tax.

California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 authorizes the City to levy a general transactions and use (sales) tax so long as the tax is approved by a majority of the voters voting in an election on the issue. If approved, the tax would remain in effect until ended by Chino Hills voters voting at a subsequent election. The City Council may also choose to suspend all or a portion of the tax at any time in its discretion.

The current sales tax rate in Chino Hills is 7.75%, of which the state receives 6%, the City receives 1%, and the county receives 0.75%. The proposed 1% sales tax would be in addition to the current sales tax rate. However, all revenues raised by the proposed tax would be controlled by the City and available for local use. Neither the state nor the county would share in the tax revenue.

The Chino Hills City Council placed Measure J on the ballot. It takes a simple majority of the votes cast to pass Measure J.

A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of the 1% transactions and use (sales) tax.

A "no" vote is a vote against the 1% transactions and use (sales) tax.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

This Argument in Favor of Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote Yes on Measure J

Chino Hills is one of the safest and most desirable communities in the region because generations of residents and City leaders have invested in public safety, wildfire preparedness, streets, parks, open space, and the neighborhood quality of life. Measure J protects those priorities and keeps Chino Hills strong.

Measure J:

- Maintains 911 emergency response and neighborhood police patrols
- Supports crime prevention and keeps public areas safe
- Strengthens wildfire prevention and emergency preparedness
- Repairs streets, potholes, and aging infrastructure
- Maintains parks, open space, and recreation programs

It does not apply to groceries, prescription medications, rent or mortgage payments, utility service charges, medical or dental services, tuition, childcare, labor, or personal services.

An estimated 64% of Chino Hills' sales tax revenue is generated by visitors who shop, dine and seek entertainment here. Visitors strengthen our economy, but they also use local roads, emergency response and public safety services. Measure J allows visitors to help pay for the services and infrastructure they use.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR – Continued on next page

Measure J reinforces Local Control. 100% of Measure J would remain in Chino Hills to support local services and priorities. Neither San Bernardino County nor the State could take or redirect these funds. The money would be reinvested directly in our community to benefit Chino Hills residents and businesses.

Measure J requires independent financial audits and public disclosure of all spending.

Families moved to Chino Hills for its safe neighborhoods, well-maintained streets and parks, open spaces, and exceptional quality of life. We see the challenges facing other cities and understand what can be lost when communities stop investing in public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life. This is not about Sacramento or Washington, D.C. This is about Chino Hills - and our responsibility to protect what we have.

Vote Yes on Measure J.

s/ Ray Marquez, City Council Member, District 1
s/ Peter Rogers, Council Member, District 2
s/ Art Bennett, Council Member, District 3
s/ Brian Johsz, Council Member, District 4
s/ Cynthia Moran, Council Member, District 5

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

This Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

From the time we were toddlers until we entered college or joined the military, my seven siblings and I had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich just about every day for lunch, because that was all our parents could afford. However, if you go into your kitchen and lather one up as you read this you would probably agree that they taste pretty darn good. We did not need a double-double and a large order of fries, and neither does our city.

Do not fall for the scare tactics that have been circulated. The sky will not fall if voters reject Measure J. Working together by prudently watching expenditures and pursuing other revenue sources we can manage our city budget without the need for an additional sales tax. We can show the region how special Chino Hills really is by taking a stand against the tax increases that many neighboring cities have approved.

Peanut butter and jelly will do just fine.

Vote No on Measure J.

s/ Bill Shannon

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

This Argument Against Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

We keep hearing how special the City of Chino Hills is and how the city would face ruin if this additional sales tax is not approved. I agree that our town is special, for the same reasons identified by Measure J proponents: its stunning topography, incredible trail system, and reputation as one of the safest cities in the region.

But failure to pass this one percent sales tax rate increase will not change the city's topography, will not make our trail system disappear, and will not make our city less safe.

The city just finished the filtration plant on Eucalyptus Avenue that will allow all city wells back online. The plant will bring \$1 million a year back to the city. Before the plant opened, the city was spending \$1 million a year on imported water.

The city has a professional lobbyist and access to millions of dollars in grants from our congresspeople. In the past 12 months, Chino Hills received \$1.6 million for fire reduction citywide and \$1 million for storm drains in Los Serranos.

The city speaks about the rising cost of landscaping and parks but quietly abandoned its efforts to address this deficit head-on. Instead, they choose the easy way out by placing a one percent sales tax rate increase on the ballot for all residents to pay, not just the people who don't pay a landscape fee.

Chino Hills is indeed a special place and can remain special without caving to pressure from the city manager and council. Increasing taxes is a slippery slope, invites more tax increases, and discourages fiscal responsibility.

Vote No on new taxes. Vote No on Measure J.

s/ Bill Shannon

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

This Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

The opposition argument agrees with what we all know: Chino Hills is a safe community with an unmatched quality of life. But safety, trails, parks, and streets do not maintain themselves. They require consistency and reliable funding.

The opposition points to one-time grants and restricted water-system savings as magic fixes to an ongoing problem. They are not. Water funds can only be spent on water and cannot pay for police, fire preparedness, open space, or trails. Grants are unpredictable and restricted to specific projects. They supplement, but do not substitute stable, ongoing revenue. With California facing a massive, multi-billion-dollar structural deficit, relying on outside government handouts is a reckless gamble with our community's safety.

Measure J provides locally controlled revenue that benefits our community, while asking visitors to help carry much of the cost. Visitors already generate an estimated 60+% of the City's sales tax revenue, ensuring outsiders help pay for the services and infrastructure they use. It keeps 100% of our money here at home, entirely protected from being taken by the state or county.

Measure J protects essentials for families. It does not apply to groceries, prescriptions, rent, mortgages, utilities, childcare, or medical services. With mandatory independent audits and public disclosure built into the measure, every dollar is legally locked into preserving our parks, trails, open space, and public safety.

The question is whether we protect what our community has built and preserve the quality of life that sets Chino Hills apart.

Vote Yes on Measure J

s/ Ray Marquez, City Council Member, District 1
s/ Peter Rogers, Council Member, District 2
s/ Art Bennett, Council Member, District 3
s/ Brian Johsz, Council Member, District 4
s/ Cynthia Moran, Council Member, District 5

FULL TEXT FOR MEASURE J

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHINO HILLS, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 3.30 TO TITLE 3 OF THE CHINO HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A NEW TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF 1.0% TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

The people of the City of Chino Hills do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: A new Chapter 3.30 is added to Title 3 of the Chino Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

"Chapter 3.30 - TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX OF 2026

3.30.010 - Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance of 2026. The City of Chino Hills hereinafter shall be called "city." The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the city in addition to any and all other taxes levied within the city, specifically including, without limitation, sales and use taxes levied under Chapter 3.28 hereof.

3.30.020 - Operative date.

"Operative date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than one hundred ten (110) days after the adoption of the ordinance adding this chapter, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

3.30.030 - Purpose.

This chapter is adopted to achieve the following, among other 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 chapter which 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 ordinance 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 ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore 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 ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of part 1.6 of division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this chapter.

3.30.040 - 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 incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the city shall not have 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.

3.30.050 - Transactions 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 (1.0%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this chapter.

3.30.060 - 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.

3.30.070 - 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 and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the sales price of the property. 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.

3.30.080 - Adoption of provisions of state law.

Except as otherwise provided in this 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 section 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.

3.30.090 - Limitations on adoption of state law and 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 therefor. 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, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, 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 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.

3.30.100 - 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.

3.30.110 - Exemptions and exclusions.

- A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the 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. 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 of this chapter.
 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 of this chapter.
 5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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. 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 of this chapter.
 4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease that 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 of this chapter.
 5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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.
 6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), 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.
 7. "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.
- D. 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.

3.30.120 - Amendments.

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.

3.30.130 - Enjoining collection forbidden.

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 under this chapter, or part 1.6 of division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3.30.140 - Termination date of tax.

The taxes imposed by this chapter shall remain in effect until repealed by the voters of the City of Chino Hills.

3.30.150 - General tax.

The proceeds from the tax imposed by this chapter shall be for unrestricted general revenue purposes of the city and shall be placed into the general fund of the city.

3.30.160 - Amendment by City Council.

Except for amendments that would increase the tax rate, impose the tax on transactions and uses not previously subject to the tax, or be inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter, the City Council may exercise all applicable powers set forth in the Government Code including, without limitation, amending this chapter by ordinance upon three affirmative votes by its members. It may, in addition, adopt by ordinance or resolution such additional regulations that may be necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter.

3.30.170 - Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3.30.180 - Annual audit.

The proceeds resulting from this transactions and use tax shall be deposited into the city's general fund and become subject to the same independent annual audit requirements as other general fund revenue. The independent auditor's report, which shall include an accounting of the revenues received and expenditures made from the transactions and use tax, will be presented annually to the City Council and made available for public review. Further, such independent auditor's report and such presentation thereof to the City Council may be combined with the city's annual financial audit.

3.30.190 - Effective date.

SECTION 1: Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, this chapter shall be considered adopted on the date that the City Council declares that the voters of the City of Chino Hills have approved Ordinance No. ____ by a vote of no less than a majority of the votes cast by the electors voting at the election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and shall go into effect ten (10) days after the date that the City Council certifies the election results in accordance with Elections Code § 9217.

SECTION 2: Environmental Compliance. The city hereby determines that this Ordinance does not constitute a "project" pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., including without limitation California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the ordinance itself may have a significant effect on the environment. This Ordinance relates to a transactions and use tax and relates to the creation of City funding mechanisms and City fiscal activities, which does not involve any commitment to any project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

SECTION 3: Interpretation; Severability. This Ordinance must be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The voters declare that this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, would have been adopted or passed irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, phrases, parts, or portions is found to be invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity does not affect any application of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application.

SECTION 4: Date of Adoption; Effective Date. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, this Ordinance shall be considered adopted on the date that the City Council declares that the voters of the City of Chino Hills have approved this Ordinance by a vote of no less than a majority of the votes cast by the electors voting at the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and shall go into effect ten days thereafter.

SECTION 5: Execution. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance if a majority of the voters voting in the city's general municipal election on November 3, 2026, approve it.

SECTION 6: Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CHINO HILLS at the General Municipal Election held on November 3, 2026.

BRIAN JOHSZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL BALZ, CITY CLERK/ ELECTIONS OFFICIAL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK D. HENSLEY, CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)
CITY OF CHINO HILLS) ss

I, CHERYL BALZ, City Clerk of the City of Chino Hills, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Ordinance No. ____ was adopted on _____ 2026, as a result of the approval by a sufficient number of affirmative votes of a new transactions and use tax at a General Municipal Election held November 3, 2026, by the People of the City of Chino Hills.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Chino Hills, California, on the day and year last written below.

CHERYL BALZ, CITY CLERK/ELECTIONS
OFFICIAL

(DATE)

MEASURE K CITY OF NEEDLES

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE K

This Impartial Analysis of Measure K has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

Existing Law:

The City Council of the City of Needles has placed Measure K on the ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election. Measure K would amend sections 20-8, 20-9, and 20-10 of the Needles City Code to increase the City's transient occupancy tax ("TOT") from its current rate of ten percent (10%) to fourteen percent (14%) through a phased implementation.

Effect of Measure on Existing Law:

The City's transient occupancy tax is imposed on the rent charged for occupancy of hotels, motels, recreational vehicle parks, short-term residential rental units, and other lodging establishments within the City for stays of 30 days or less. Although hotel and lodging operators collect and remit the tax to the City, the tax is paid by the transient occupant rather than the property owner or operator.

Currently, the City's transient occupancy tax rate is ten percent (10%). If approved by the voters, Measure K would increase the tax rate in the following phases:

- Effective January 1, 2027, the tax rate would increase to twelve percent (12%);
- Effective January 1, 2029, the tax rate would increase to thirteen percent (13%); and
- Effective January 1, 2030, the tax rate would increase to fourteen percent (14%).

The measure would also amend related provisions of the Needles City Code governing the monthly reporting and remittance of the tax by lodging operators and the calculation of penalties for delinquent reports and payments to reflect the applicable tax rate in effect at the time the tax is due.

Measure K would impose a general tax. Revenues generated by the measure would be deposited into the City's General Fund and may be used for any lawful municipal purpose as determined by the City Council through the annual budget process. The measure itself does not dedicate the additional revenues to any particular program, project, or service.

If approved, the increased tax rates would apply beginning on the effective dates specified above and would remain in effect unless subsequently amended or repealed in accordance with applicable law.

Based on current lodging activity, if approved, the City has determined that Measure K would generate approximately \$200,000 annually beginning in 2027, \$300,000 annually beginning in 2029, and approximately \$400,000 annually upon full implementation beginning in 2030.

Because Measure K would enact a general tax, it requires approval by a majority of the voters voting on the measure to become effective.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of increasing the City's transient occupancy tax from ten percent (10%) to fourteen percent (14%) through phased increases beginning January 1, 2027.

A "No" vote is a vote against the measure, and the transient occupancy tax would remain at ten percent (10%).

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure K. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (760) 326-2113, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ Lena Wade, Deputy City Attorney

Dated: _____

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

This Argument in Favor of Measure K was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure K to strengthen Needles' ability to maintain essential City services while asking visitors who stay in local lodging to contribute more toward the community they use and enjoy.

Measure K increases the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), which is paid primarily by visitors staying in hotels, motels, recreational vehicle parks, short-term rentals, and other lodging establishments—not by City residents.

The increase is phased over several years, from the current 10% to 12% beginning January 1, 2027, 13% beginning January 1, 2029, and 14% beginning January 1, 2030. This phased approach allows the increase to occur gradually rather than all at once.

An independent fiscal analysis found Needles' lodging market has remained stable and concluded that the proposed increase is not expected to materially affect hotel occupancy or overall lodging demand.

When fully implemented, Measure K is projected to generate approximately **\$400,000 annually in additional local revenue**. These funds remain local and can support streets, parks, public infrastructure, public safety, economic development, and other essential City services.

Measure K also provides accountability through annual public disclosure of revenues and expenditures.

Needles is a community traveled by thousands of visitors who rely on our roads, public infrastructure, public safety, parks, and other City services. Measure K asks those visitors to contribute more toward maintaining the community and services they use.

Keep the revenue local. Keep investing in Needles. Vote YES on Measure K.

s/ Janet Jernigan, Mayor, City of Needles

BOND MEASURE L CITY OF NEEDLES

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE L

This Impartial Analysis of Bond Measure L has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

The City Council of Needles has voted to place a Measure on the November 3, 2026 ballot to seek voter approval to issue general obligation bonds up to \$11,200,000. The funds raised through these bonds would finance the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, renovating, and equipping municipal improvements and public infrastructure within the City, including but not limited to, improvements to roads and transportation infrastructure, street rehabilitation, street repaving, and pothole repair, public facilities, parks and recreational facilities, community safety improvements, and the revitalization of Downtown Main Street.

The maximum interest rate on these bonds will not exceed the legal limit. The Measure also sets forth a series of accountability measures to ensure that the funds are used exclusively for the intended purposes. These include:

- 1. Annual Reporting and Audits:** The City Treasurer is required to file an annual report with the City Council detailing the amount of funds collected and spent, as well as the status of the projects. Furthermore, the city will conduct annual independent financial and performance audits to ensure compliance with the Measure's provisions. These audits will be made publicly accessible and submitted to the California State Auditor for review.
- 2. Use of Funds:** The Measure explicitly prohibits the use of bond funds for city employee salaries or general operating expenses.

To pass, the Measure must receive approval from at least two-thirds of the voters.

Measure L would allow an increase in the property tax rate to pay debt service on the bonds. The City estimates that the tax rate required to pay for the bonds will be \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value of taxable property.

A "yes" vote would authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in the amount up to \$11,200,000 to fund street, roadway, and pothole repair improvements, sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements, and upgrade park and recreational facilities including restrooms, irrigation, landscaping, and parking at City parks and recreational facilities.

A "no" vote would not authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds.

Lena D. Wade
Deputy City Attorney
City of Needles

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE L

This Argument in Favor of Bond Measure L was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure L to repair Needles' aging infrastructure and invest directly in our community.

Needles faces important infrastructure needs that cannot be adequately addressed through existing resources alone. Measure L provides locally controlled funding to repair and improve the public infrastructure our residents use every day.

Measure L authorizes up to \$11.2 million in general obligation bonds to repair and repave deteriorating streets, fix potholes, improve roads and transportation infrastructure, repair sidewalks and pedestrian facilities, improve parks and recreational facilities, support community safety improvements, and help revitalize Downtown Main Street.

Measure L includes strong taxpayer protections. Bond proceeds cannot be used for City employee salaries or general operating expenses. All bond funds stay in Needles and must be used for purposes authorized by voters. The measure requires accountability safeguards, including annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, a separate account for bond proceeds, and annual reporting.

The projected property tax rate to repay the bonds is \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value—not market value. For a property with an assessed value of \$100,000, that is approximately \$60 per year.

Measure L is an investment in the basic infrastructure that serves our entire community. Better streets, safer sidewalks, improved parks and recreational facilities, and renewed public infrastructure benefit residents, businesses, and the future of Needles.

Vote YES on Measure L to repair, improve, and invest in Needles.

s/ Janet Jernigan, Mayor, City of Needles

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR BOND MEASURE L

An election will be held in the City of Needles (the "City") on November 3, 2026 to authorize the sale of up to \$11,200,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the City projects as described in the bond measure. If such bonds are authorized, the City expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the City, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the City's assessed valuation available at the time of this statement, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 6¢ per \$100 (\$60 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the final fiscal year in which the tax will be collected is fiscal year 2058-59.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is 6¢ per \$100 (\$60 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed for fiscal years 2027-28 through and including 2060-61; this tax rate is projected to apply in each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$25.16 million.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the City. These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the City based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the City as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Needles ("City") faces a number of challenges due to aging and insufficient infrastructure. Public improvements are needed to City infrastructure, including but not limited to streets and roads, sidewalks, and parks and recreational facilities. A local general obligation bond was identified as a necessary component in meeting the capital financing needs of the City.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure (the "Measure") by at least two-thirds of the qualified voters voting, the City shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$11,200,000 to provide financing for City projects consisting of improvement, acquisition, construction, and renovation of City facilities and infrastructure, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified in this Measure.

The City plans and expects to use proceeds of the bonds authorized by this Measure to finance the improvement, acquisition, construction, and renovation of public infrastructure, which is expected to include the following project elements:

Street, Roadway and Pothole Repair Improvements

- Repair, replace, resurface, repave, construct, acquire, and upgrade City streets, roads, alleys, parking, intersections and transportation infrastructure
- Fix potholes
- Address pavement deterioration
- Repair, replace, resurface, repave, construct, acquire, and upgrade street surfaces
- Improve street safety
- Repair, replace, construct, acquire, and upgrade drainage infrastructure
- Repair, replace, construct, acquire, and upgrade curbs, gutters, medians, traffic improvements, striping, signage, lighting, and signals

Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

- Repair, replace, resurface, repave, construct, acquire, and upgrade sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian paths, and accessibility improvements.

Parks and Recreational Facilities

- Acquire, repair, replace, construct, acquire, and upgrade parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, restrooms, irrigation, landscaping, and parking at City parks and recreational facilities.

Each of the foregoing bond projects may include all incidental projects, including abatement and removal of hazardous materials, addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction and/or reconstruction, other improvements required to comply with existing building codes, and all work necessary and incidental to specific projects described above, including any demolition, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to, costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, bond issuance, accounting and similar costs, demolition and disposal of existing structures, and federal and state-mandated safety measures and upgrades. Bond projects do not include money for administrator salaries or benefits or general operating expenses - see below.

The City Council has reserved the right to finance authorized projects with the bonds as it deems advisable and necessary. The inclusion or specification of a project in the foregoing list is not a guarantee that such project will be constructed or completed, or that it will be constructed or completed as described above at any particular time or in any particular order of priority. Projects and upgrades will be completed as needed at a particular site according to City Council-established priorities. This Measure authorized the financing of projects, and shall not be deemed to be an approval of any "project" for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

All of the purposes enumerated in this Measure shall constitute the specific purposes of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purposes.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

No Money for Administrators' Salaries or Benefits - Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this Measure shall be used only for costs incurred in connection with the improvement, acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of the projects listed above, and the costs of the issuance of the bonds, and not for any other purpose, including staff and administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

Special Bond Proceeds Account, Annual Audit, and Report to Board – The City Council hereby directs that a separate account shall be established for deposit of proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this Measure if the Measure is approved by the voters.

For so long as any proceeds of the bonds authorized by this Measure remain unexpended, the City Treasurer shall cause a report to be filed with the City Council no later than five (5) months after the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the first fiscal year during which any proceeds of bonds authorized by this Measure shall have been received. The report shall state (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in such fiscal year, and (2) the status of any projects funded or to be funded from the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued by this Measure. The report may be incorporated into or filed with the audit or other appropriate routine report provided to the City Council. Audited financial statements of the City will continue to be made available in accordance with applicable requirements.

OTHER TERMS OF BONDS

The bonds authorized by this Measure, in an aggregate principal amount of \$11,200,000 shall be issued upon the order of the City Council in one or more series and at one or more times as may be necessary and most advantageous to raise money for the purposes set forth herein.

The bonds shall bear interest payable at a rate not exceeding the legal limit.

The bonds, or any series thereof, shall have a maturity date no later than forty years following the date of issuance of such series.

The taxes levied pursuant to this Measure shall be collected in the same manner as *ad valorem* property taxes and applied towards the payment of principal of and interest on said bonds.

**MEASURE M
CITY OF UPLAND**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M

This Impartial Analysis of Measure M has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

For decades, the City of Upland has levied a license tax on businesses operating within the City. The business license tax is a general tax. Revenues are deposited into the General Fund and may be spent for any City expense, like street repair, infrastructure repair and maintenance, emergency response, and public safety. The existing license tax structure was last updated in 1994. Because the existing structure treats most businesses with gross receipts over \$1,400,001 identically, capping the amount of the tax at \$864, the structure taxes small businesses at a higher proportional rate while taxing larger businesses at a lower proportional rate.

On August 3, 2026, the City Council unanimously voted to place Measure "M" on the November 3, 2026 ballot. If approved by majority (50%+1) of Upland voters, this Measure would revise the City's business license tax to be based predominantly on gross receipts rather than a range of factors, including number of employees. For small businesses with less than \$100,000 in annual gross receipts, the business license tax shall be a flat \$75.00 per year. For annual gross receipts over \$100,000, the rates for each business classification would be:

- Retail/Commercial: 0.065%;
- Contractors: 0.150%;
- Rental (commercial or residential): 0.200%;
- General Service (nonprofessional or non-semiprofessional, e.g., hair and nail salons): 0.125%; and
- Professional service/calling or semiprofessional: 0.125%.

In addition, self-storage facilities would pay \$50 per unit.

Notwithstanding the above, the maximum business license tax would be capped at \$28,000 per business per year. With the larger cap, the proposed measure would result in larger businesses paying a greater proportional share relative to small businesses than they do under the current structure.

The Measure would continue to exempt businesses exempted by Federal or State law along with any person issued a special event permit who does not have a fixed place of business and is not otherwise engaged in business within the City.

The Measure also updates the City's tax collection and administrative procedures. This includes updating definitions, license application, review, denial, approval, renewal and transfer procedures, tax calculation formulas, and tax deficiency, credit, refund and appeal procedures. Proceeds from the tax will be subject to an annual, independent financial audit, and audit results shall be available to the public.

This tax is estimated to generate \$3.3 million annually, \$2.1 million more than the current business license tax structure. The new rates would become effective on January 1, 2028 and remain in effect until repealed by voters. From January 1, 2027 until December 31, 2027, the business license tax will be levied at a rate temporarily lowered by 0.005%-0.075%.

A "yes" vote on Measure "M" will approve this amendment to the City's business license tax code.

A "no" vote on Measure "M" will not approve this amendment to the City's business license tax code.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "M". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City's elections official at (909) 931-4120 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ THOMAS A. RICE
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

This Argument in Favor of Measure M was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Did you know Upland residents and small businesses are shouldering an unfair burden compared to big-box corporations for the essential services we all rely on? **Vote YES on M to make the largest businesses pay their fair share to maintain our quality of life, without raising taxes on residents!**

Our business license structure is 31 years old. YES on M simply reforms this structure to match the mix of businesses in our city today.

Measure M applies ONLY to businesses. YES on M will NOT increase taxes for residents or homeowners.

Currently, our local small businesses pay significantly higher rates than the largest businesses – in some cases, more than 100 times as much! That's simply unfair.

YES on M ensures the largest businesses step up and pay their fair share for the essential city services residents and small businesses already pay for, including our streets and 911 emergency response.

And **YES on M reduces taxes for a majority of small, mom and pop businesses**, so they can afford to stay in our community during these challenging times.

Measure M is fiscally accountable – all funds are subject to independent audits and public disclosure of spending. Every penny must be reinvested back into our community to benefit local residents and maintain critical services. **By law, NO Measure M money can be taken by Sacramento politicians.**

YES on M is a win-win for our community: millions more to address our local needs, without asking residents to pay more.

YES on M fixes streets and potholes.

YES on M keeps our parks, streets, and public areas safe and clean.

YES on M maintains fast 911 emergency response times.

Join Upland small business owners, Firefighters, Police, neighbors, and a unanimous City Council in voting YES on M!

For official information, visit: www.uplandca.gov

s/ Jim Thomas, Upland Resident For Over 65 Years

s/ Sunilchandra Patel, Small Business Owner - Colonies Cleaners & Shirt Laundry

s/ Tina Nguyen, Small Business Owner - Pho Century

s/ Amy Valdivia, Small Business Owner - Planet Home Lending

s/ Ciro Brito, Small Business Owner - La Michelada

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

This Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure M was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Upland City Council unanimously supported making your favorite big-box store and grocery store villains by the outrageous claim they are not paying their fair share of taxes! Businesses large and small provide all of us products, services and jobs while providing sales tax revenue to the City!

The proposed \$3.3 million business tax increase actually places a disproportionate burden on small, mid-size and professional services businesses. This tax is HIGHER than adjacent cities which could motivate some businesses to close or relocate during these financially challenging times! The Upland Chamber of Commerce opposes this tax increase.

Don't be deceived by politicians, the overwhelming majority of 911 calls are for medical assistance. The County Fire Department and AMR ambulance service handle these emergency calls, not the City. The \$3.3 million taxes collected would go into the General Fund and could be used for streets, but more likely to pay for employee salaries, benefits and pensions. Some employee contracts have expired and were extended until June 2027 and they want pay raises!

In 2017 to save money, the City seamlessly outsourced the Upland Fire Department to County Fire. A citizen taskforce also recommended outsourcing the police department to the County Sheriff as does Rancho Cucamonga and Chino Hills, two of the safest cities in SOCAL.

There is a potential cost saving of \$18 million dollars annually by adopting the same contract as Chino Hills. NO new taxes needed!

The Upland Residents for Good Government urges you to **VOTE NO on-M!**

s/ Glenn Bozar, Former Upland City Councilmember

s/ Lois Sicking, 37 year Upland Resident

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

This Argument Against Measure M was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Upland Businesses and taxpayers did not cause the City's budget problems! Current and past City Council member's financial mismanagement caused any budget shortfalls. This City Council gave themselves generous pay raises, health insurance, retirement plans, car allowances and City employees generous pay raises. Unbelievably, they hired a third City Manager! We now pay for a City Manager and two Assistant City Managers to run the City! Outrageous bloated government bureaucracy doesn't justify tripling the business tax to \$3.3 million annually!

Upland residents soundly rejected City Council proposals to increase sales taxes in 2022 and 2024!

Don't be fooled by untrustworthy politicians! The proposed \$3.3 million tax increase on businesses gross sales receipts will be passed onto we consumers. Businesses and residents have just been hit hard by City increased water, sewer, and Burttec trash rates. With record high food, energy, gasoline prices and insurance costs, hard-working families and seniors cannot afford additional City imposed taxes! The Mayor recently admitted sales tax revenues have declined. It's because residents have cut back on spending due to higher cost of living! This has negatively impacted Upland businesses large and small. Many businesses are in survival mode. Bed Bath and Beyond recently went bankrupt.

Just like businesses and residents, the City must operate within its budget and transform the way it functions more cost efficiently! Over the last 25 years, the City has been through various budget shortfalls, yet always finds a way to increase employee salaries and benefits. During this time, resident driven financial workout plans and task force recommendations forced City Councils to improve efficiency and reduce costs. More can be done!

Many businesses large or small and residents are financially struggling. As members of the Upland Residents for Good Government, we urge residents to VOTE NO on M!

s/ Glenn Bozar, Former City Councilmember

s/ Lois Sicking, 37 year Resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

This Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure M was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Don't be fooled! The opponents are recycling the same tired political attacks they have used for years: the politics of "no". This time, they're defending the status quo and letting Big Box Corporations avoid paying their fair share!

Vote YES on M: Make Big Corporations Pay Their Fair Share!

Measure M is a common-sense SOLUTION that fixes Upland's unfair business license system and helps protect the services that keep our city safe and clean, without residents having to foot the bill.

The opponents are right about one thing: our economy is tough right now. Neighbors and locally-owned small businesses are feeling pinched. That's exactly why **YES on M** provides relief for our small businesses.

The Truth Is:

FACT: YES on M simply reforms an outdated 31-year-old ordinance.

FACT: YES on M requires Big Corporations benefiting from the outdated system to pay their fair share.

FACT: YES on M lowers business taxes for more than half of small businesses.

FACT: YES on M does NOT increase resident or homeowner taxes.

FACT: YES on M is strictly accountable and transparent requiring independent audits and public disclosure of spending. NO money can be taken by out-of-town politicians.

While some believe Upland can simply cut its way out of financial challenges, potholes still need to be repaired, and 911 calls still need to be answered.

Don't fall for political attacks that want to jeopardize our quality-of-life. Join Upland small business owners and neighbors: Vote YES on M!

s/ Jim Thomas, Upland Resident For Over 65 Years

s/ Sunilchandra Patel, Small Business Owner - Colonies Cleaners & Shirt Laundry

s/ Tina Nguyen, Small Business Owner - Pho Century

s/ Amy Valdivia, Resident & Small Business Owner - Planet Home Lending

s/ Ciro Brito, Small Business Owner - La Michelada

**MEASURE N
CITY OF GRAND TERRACE**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE N

This Impartial Analysis of Measure N has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

On July 28, 2026, the Grand Terrace City Council voted to place Measure N, entitled the "Grand Terrace General Services Measure" ("Measure") on the November 3, 2026 general municipal election ballot.

If approved by a majority of voters, the Measure would add Chapter 3.32 to the City of Grand Terrace Municipal Code, establishing a one percent (1.00%) transactions and use tax (commonly known as a "sales tax") for City general fund purposes.

State law allows certain entities, including municipalities, to increase sales tax within their jurisdictions if approved by the voters. If approved, the Measure would impose a 1.00% tax upon retailers' gross receipts from the retail sale of most tangible personal property sold within the City, and to the storage, use, or other consumption within the City of most tangible personal property purchased from retailers.

It is estimated that this tax will generate approximately \$1,200,000 annually in revenue. Funds generated would be unrestricted and be placed in the City's general fund, and may be used for any City general fund purposes, such as the following:

- Law enforcement services,
- Responding to non-emergency calls for service,
- Funding general public services provided by the City.

Food purchased as groceries and prescription medication, among other common essentials, would not be taxed under the Measure. Visitors to Grand Terrace would bear part of the tax burden imposed by their local activities and thus contribute to the City's ability to maintain general public services they use while visiting. Residents and other purchasers of goods in the City would also be subject to the tax. The specific retail sales and uses subject to the tax would be determined under California Department of Tax and Fee Administration ("CDTFA") regulations and the CDTFA would administer the tax under contract with the City of Grand Terrace.

The Measure includes accountability provisions, including the creation of an Advisory Committee to review revenues and expenditures of the tax and review annual audit reports related to the tax, and make at least one written annual report to the City Council summarizing findings and including any appropriate recommendations.

While the ordinance permits future amendments by the City Council, any tax increase must be approved by voters. The transactions and use tax proposed by the Measure would take effect only if it receives a majority "YES" vote at the November 3, 2026 general municipal election.

A "YES" vote is a vote to approve a 1.00% transactions and use general tax.

A "NO" vote is a vote against a 1.00% transactions and use general tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure N. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Grand Terrace City Clerk's Office at (909) 954-5207 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

Dated: 8/13/2026

s/ Adrian R. Guerra, City Attorney
City of Grand Terrace

SUMMARY OF MEASURE N

The Grand Terrace City Council introduced a measure before Grand Terrace voters for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election to consider a locally controlled 1.00% transactions and use (sales) tax. If approved by a majority of voters, revenue generated by the tax would be deposited into the City's General Fund to help maintain essential municipal services and address local community priorities. The ordinance includes accountability measures such as annual independent financial audits, public reporting of expenditures, and oversight by a citizen advisory committee. The proposed tax would be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and would remain in effect unless repealed by voters.

A certified copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at the office of the City Clerk, 22795 Barton Road, Grand Terrace, California 92313-5295, during regular business hours.

MEASURE O CITY OF COLTON

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE O

This Impartial Analysis of Measure O has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

On March 3, 2026, the City Council placed Measure "O" on the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election ballot. Measure "O" asks Colton voters whether the position of Colton City Treasurer should be an appointed position or remain an elected one. If Measure "O" passes, the City Treasurer would be appointed by the Colton City Council and no longer elected by Colton voters. If Colton voters approve Measure "O", the City Council will appoint the next City Treasurer when the term of the current incumbent expires in November, 2028.

Currently in Colton, an elected City Treasurer serves a four year term. The Office was last elected in November, 2024, is currently occupied by Mr. Michael Razo, and will expire in November, 2028. California law requires that general law cities, like Colton, have either an elected or appointed City Treasurer. However, a transition from an elected City Treasurer to an appointed City Treasurer must be approved by a majority of the City's voters voting at an election. If Measure "O" passes and the position becomes appointed, the City Council will decide the minimum education and training requirements for the position and periodically review the City Treasurer's performance.

A "yes" vote on Measure "O" will convert the office of Colton City Treasurer into an appointed position and no election for the City Treasurer's Office would be held in November, 2028 or future years unless and until changed again by Colton voters via another measure.

A "no" vote on Measure "O" will leave the City Treasurer as an elected office which would be placed back up for election in November, 2028.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "O". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call Stephanie Vargas, the City's elections official at (909) 370-5001 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

/s/ CARLOS CAMPOS
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

This Argument in Favor of Measure O was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure O to institute critical accountability provisions in the vital role of Treasurer for the City of Colton.

The City of Colton is responsible for providing vital city services that our community relies on, and it is essential that the City Treasurer is properly qualified.

Currently, the only qualification to become City Treasurer is that the officeholder be a resident of the City of Colton.

Measure O would transfer the role of City Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position. This would ensure that the role of City Treasurer would be screened for experience, education, work ethics, and would be subject to a thorough background check.

Municipal treasury responsibilities have expanded significantly over time and have become more complicated. A City Treasurer should be a professional accountant who is qualified to perform the required duties and effectively communicate with the staff and the Council with timely and comprehensive monthly reports.

Vote YES on Measure O to:

- **Establish** professional qualifications/relevant experience requirements
- **Enhance** accountability provisions
- **Improve** continuity of operations
- **Provide** the necessary structure for true performance evaluation

Additionally, the potential election cost savings could be used to enhance our community programs such as Senior Citizen classes, summer youth sports or an enhanced childcare curriculum. Let's make the City Treasurer's office accountable to you, the taxpayers of Colton.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR – Continued on next page

Measure O would not change the importance of treasury functions of financial oversight. It would simply ensure that the role is performed by a professional accountant with relevant experience in doing the job.

Vote YES on Measure O. Colton taxpayers deserve a professional and experienced City Treasurer.

s/ Dr.G (Dr. Luis S. González), Council Member and Community Advocate
s/ Aurelio De La Torre, Utility Commissioner and Past Colton City Treasurer

FULL TEXT FOR MEASURE O

ORDINANCE NO. O-19-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF COLTON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.12.020 OF CHAPTER 2.12 AND ADDING CHAPTER 2.15 (CITY TREASURER) TO TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) OF THE COLTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER FROM AN ELECTED OFFICE TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF COLTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of a majority of the voters of the City of Colton at the scheduled election so designated by the City Council in a separate resolution placing this proposal on the ballot for such election, Section 2.12.020 of Chapter 2.12 is amended and Chapter 2.15 is hereby added to Title 2 of the Colton Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

[NOTE: deletions are identified in ~~strikeout text~~ and additions are identified in ***bold italics***]

"TITLE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL.

CHAPTER 2.12 - COMPENSATION OF CITY OFFICIALS - BONDS

2.12.020 - City Treasurer.

The ***appointed*** Treasurer of the City shall be paid a salary ***as set by the City Council*** ~~of four hundred and seven dollars and zero cents (\$407.00) per month~~ payable at the time and in the manner that other salaries are paid. ~~The City Council may provide by Resolution for supplemental compensation.~~

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CHAPTER 2.15 – APPOINTED CITY TREASURER

2.15.010 *Appointed Position.*

As of the November 7, 2028 General Municipal Election, or such earlier time should a vacancy occur in the office prior to said Election, the office of the City Treasurer shall be cease to be elected and shall become an appointive office. Pursuant to California Government Code section 36510, such appointive officer shall hold office during the pleasure of the City Council and, notwithstanding Government Code section 36502 to the contrary, shall not be required to be a resident or elector in the City. The City Council may by subsequent ordinance vest in the City Manager its authority to appoint such officer."

SECTION 2. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of law or other legal body with applicable authority, the invalidity shall not affect or prohibit the force and effect of any other provision or application of the Ordinance that is not deemed invalid. The voters of the City hereby declare that they would have circulated for qualification and/or voted for the adoption of this section, and each portion thereof, regardless of the fact that any portion of the initiative may be subsequently deemed invalid.

SECTION 3. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail over, and supersede, all other provisions of the Municipal Code and any ordinances, resolutions or administrative policies of the City of Colton which are in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This section shall not be repealed or amended except by a measure approved by a majority of the electors voting on the issue at a General Municipal Election, or at a special election called for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the City of Colton voting at a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, and shall take effect ten (10) days after the City Council has certified the results of the General Municipal Election by resolution.

SECTION 6. The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the People voting thereon on November 3, 2026, by signing where indicated below.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed, approved and adopted by the People of the City of Colton on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Dated: _____

FRANK NAVARRO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**ISAAC SUCHIL
CITY CLERK**

**CARLOS CAMPOS
CITY ATTORNEY**

**MEASURE P
CITY OF ADELANTO**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE P

This Impartial Analysis of Measure P has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

This ballot measure establishes a local transactions and use tax in the City of Adelanto. The ballot measure amends the Adelanto Municipal Code to add Chapter 3.70 to include the tax.

It is estimated that the tax will raise approximately \$3,000,000 for the City of Adelanto. All funds raised would go to the City's General Fund and could be used for any legitimate municipal purpose including, but not limited to, repairing and improving streets and infrastructure such as storm drains, sidewalks and public facilities, maintaining parks and public areas, fire protection, paramedic and emergency response services, public safety and crime prevention efforts, homelessness response activities, and other municipal services identified through the annual City budget process.

A transactions tax is generally known as a sales tax. The sales tax is imposed on all retailers within the City of Adelanto at the rate of 1% (one percent) of the gross receipts of the retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold within the City.

The use tax is similar to a sales tax and it applies when one purchases an item from a retailer outside of the City of Adelanto that does not collect sales tax. The use tax is at the rate of 1% (one percent) of the sales price of the property and includes delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use taxes. Use taxes are charged in order to treat transactions equally and not penalize local retailers that are subject to a sales tax.

Any transaction is only charged a sales or use tax and not both taxes. The 1% (one percent) tax is only charged once to any transaction. The tax is not only on transactions involving City residents, but the tax is also charged on transactions by non-residents that occur within the City.

The tax is not charged to transactions that are exempt from such taxation under applicable law.

If approved, the tax would go into effect April 1, 2027.

The proceeds of the tax shall be subject to an annual audit by an independent certified public accountant and the results of the audit shall be reported to the City Council in a document posted on the City's website and available for public inspection.

The measure will be adopted if a majority of voters who vote on the measure vote to approve the measure.

The measure was placed on the ballot by the Adelanto City Council.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure P. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's office at 760-246-2300 x11123 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ Todd Litfin, City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE P

This Argument in Favor of Measure P was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote Yes on Measure P for a Safer, Cleaner, Stronger Adelanto.

In Adelanto, we are committed to protecting our quality of life by keeping streets, parks, and public facilities safe, clean, and well-maintained. Measure P is how we get there.

Fast emergency response times for 911 calls save lives. Yet right now, Adelanto has just one fire station covering 55 square miles and fewer than half the law enforcement officers needed to keep a community our size safe. When an emergency strikes, that is not just inconvenient – it's dangerous. Measure P ensures firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officers can respond quickly and reliably when we need them most.

Adelanto also has more than \$100 million in unfunded street and infrastructure projects. With over 250 miles of streets and 130 miles of sidewalks to maintain, the longer we wait, the more expensive repairs become. Measure P lets us fix potholes, repair aging infrastructure, and stop kicking the can down the road.

Simply put, we need Measure P to protect public safety services and maintain the quality of life our residents deserve.

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Vote Yes on P:

- Fix potholes and pave City streets
- Keep streets, parks, and public facilities safe, clean, and well maintained
- Provide responses to 911 emergencies, fire protection, and paramedic services
- Clean up piles of trash, litter, and illegal dumping along streets, vacant lots, and in public areas

A Clear System of Transparency and Accountability:

All funds must support Adelanto services only. The state or county can't touch a penny of Measure P. Independent audits and full public disclosure ensure accountability.

Essential purchases like groceries, prescription medications, and diapers are exempt.

Neighbors, Community Leaders, Local Public Safety Officers, and Small Business Owners All Agree – Vote Yes on P!

s/ Jessie Flores, 30 yr Adelanto Resident
s/ Daniel Ramos, Adelanto Mayor Pro Tem
s/ Angelo Meza, Adelanto City Councilman
s/ Amanda Uptergrove, Adelanto City Council
s/ Gabriel Reyes, City Mayor

FULL TEXT FOR MEASURE P

ORDINANCE NO. 667

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADELANTO, CALIFORNIA,
ADDING CHAPTER 3.70 (TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX) TO TITLE 3 (REVENUE AND
FINANCE) OF THE ADELANTO MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE A TRANSACTIONS AND USE
TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE
ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS the City relies on its General Fund to provide municipal services including maintenance of streets, storm drains, parks and public areas; fire and paramedic services; public safety services; homelessness response; emergency response services; and other municipal services; and

WHEREAS the City currently has more than \$100 million in unfunded street and infrastructure projects, including 250 miles of streets, 130 miles of sidewalks and 261 miles of pipes with infrastructure needs that continue to grow over time; and

WHEREAS in order for the City to repair streets and potholes, keep public areas and parks safe and clean, maintain fire and paramedic services, address homelessness, and maintain 911 response times, it is critically important that the City have a new, long-term source of funds for its General Fund; and

WHEREAS a transactions and use tax for general purposes would provide such a source of funds; and

WHEREAS such transactions and use taxes are commonly referred to as "local sales taxes" and are separate taxes from the basic 1% Bradley-Burns sales and use tax that is levied by every city in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADELANTO DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated by this reference as if set forth in full herein.

SECTION 2. Amendment. Chapter 3.70 (Transactions and Use Tax) is added to Title 3 (Revenue and Finance) of the Municipal Code to read as follows:

3.70.010 Title and Scope.

This chapter shall be known as the City of Adelanto Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The City of Adelanto hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

3.70.020 Operative Date.

"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this chapter. For purposes of Revenue and Taxation Code section 7265, this ordinance shall be considered adopted on the date of the election in which it is approved by the qualified voters of the City.

3.70.030 Purpose.

This chapter is adopted to achieve the following, among other 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 ordinance which 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 ordinance 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 ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore 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 ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

3.70.040 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 incident to this chapter; provided, that if the City shall not have 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.

3.70.050 Imposition of 1% Transactions Tax.

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 1% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this Chapter.

3.70.060 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.

3.70.070 Imposition of 1% Use Tax.

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 and after the operative date of this chapter for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 1% of the sales price of the property. 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.

3.70.080 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this 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 Section 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.

3.70.090 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and 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 therefor. 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.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder

3.70.100 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.

3.70.110 Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the 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. 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 of this chapter.

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 of this chapter.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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. 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 of this chapter.

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 of this chapter.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (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.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), 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.

7. "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.

D. 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.

3.70.120 Amendments.

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.

3.70.130 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

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 under this chapter, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3.70.140 Use of Tax Proceeds.

The proceeds of the tax imposed by this chapter shall be deposited in the general fund of the city and may be used for any lawful municipal purpose. The tax does not meet the criteria established by Section 1(d) of Article XIII C of the California Constitution for special taxes, and is a general tax imposed for general government purposes.

3.70.150 Annual Audit.

The proceeds of this tax shall be subject to annual audit by an independent certified public accountant and the results of the audit shall be reported to the city council in a document posted on the city's website and available for public inspection. Such audit may be done at the same time (and as a part of) the city's annual audit, and such reporting may be done as a part of the city's consolidated annual financial report.

3.70.160 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3.70.170 Termination Date.

The tax imposed by this chapter shall not expire unless terminated by lawful vote of the electorate or as required or authorized by law.

SECTION 3. This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately. This Ordinance shall take effect only if it is both (i) approved by a two-thirds vote of all members of the City Council and (ii) approved by a majority vote (50%+1 vote) of the qualified voters of the city voting

**BOND MEASURE Q
SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE Q

This Impartial Analysis of Bond Measure Q has been prepared by County Counsel pursuant to Section 9313 of the California Elections Code.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District (District). A "yes" vote by at least two-thirds of the voters voting on this Measure will authorize the District to issue bonds in the amount of up to \$61,000,000 to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this ballot Measure. A "no" vote means that the District will not be authorized to issue and sell up to \$61,000,000 in bonds set forth in the Measure.

The District's Resolution was adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 32301 et seq., Government Code sections 53506 and 53531, and Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

The bond proceeds may only be used for specific projects listed in "Exhibit B" of the Measure. The "Project List" section of Exhibit B contains the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this ballot Measure. These projects include: construction of a new replacement inpatient acute care wing and emergency department to the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital (Hospital) building; a new entry, drop-off and pick-up area to improve patient access to the Hospital; upgrades and renovation of the existing inpatient acute care unit for use as long term care beds; infrastructure, utility and systems upgrades; grading and other construction and improvements to the existing receiving and parking areas located adjacent to the Hospital's main entrance and medical office building to improve patient access to the Hospital; and seismic upgrades to keep patients, skilled nursing care residents, doctors, nurses and other employees and visitors safe at the Hospital and to keep the hospital fully functional with temporary power, water and wastewater systems for up to 72 hours if cut off from external utilities during emergency situations.

The District will conduct financial and performance audits annually and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to review the use of bond revenues and determine whether the bond funds were used for proper purposes and review annual financial audits. The District will also create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code section 53410 and prepare annual reports to comply with the requirements of Government Code section 53411.

The bonded debt will be a general obligation of the District and will be financed by taxes levied annually on taxable property located within the District.

LAURA FEINGOLD
County Counsel
s/ JOLENA E. GRIDER
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE Q

This Argument in Favor of Bond Measure Q was submitted pursuant to Section 9315 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure Q to Save Healthcare Close to Home.

For 75 years, Mountains Community Hospital (MCH) has been our community-owned lifeline— not a corporate chain. As the only emergency room within 45 minutes, MCH is our vital lifeline close to home during mountain fires, blizzards, earthquakes, and road closures when our communities are cut off from outside help.

Now, our community faces a critical choice. MCH's main building was built in 1951. Strict state earthquake and accessibility mandates require us to upgrade MCH or cease hospital operations, including emergency services. That is why we need Measure Q.

MCH secured a USDA loan to cover most of the costs to make these updates. However, critical federal funding our hospital has relied on was recently cut. Measure Q will provide locally controlled funding to help repay the loan and help cover the remaining construction costs.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR – Continued on next page

Vote YES on Measure Q to:

- **Save Our Hospital:** Retrofit our aging hospital to meet mandatory state seismic and accessibility standards and make expanded specialized services possible.
- **Guarantee Disaster Readiness:** Upgrade utility, electrical, and plumbing infrastructure so MCH remains fully operational during natural disasters and mountain storms.
- **Build State of the Art Facilities:** Build a modern emergency room and inpatient unit with advanced medical technology, rapid care, and improved patient privacy.
- **Support Mountain Seniors:** Expand skilled nursing services so local seniors receive quality care close to home and near family.

Strict Fiscal Protections & Community Accountability:

- Every penny stays right here in our mountain community. By law, no funds can be taken by Sacramento or the County.
- Mandates an independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits to guarantee complete transparency.

Protect our lifeline. Vote yes on Measure Q to save healthcare close to home!

s/ Gerald Hinkley, President, Mountains Community Hospital
s/ Robert Mattison, Retired General Manager, Arrowhead Lake Association
s/ Susan Sparks, President, Mountains Community Hospital Foundation
s/ Mary-Justine Lanyon, Editor, Alpine Mountaineer
s/ Virgil Robertson, D.C., Family Nurse Practitioner

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR BOND MEASURE Q

An election will be held in the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District (the "District") on November 3, 2026, to authorize the sale of up to \$61,000,000 in bonds of the District for the specific hospital-related facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List established by the District, as described in the proposition. If the bonds are authorized, the District expects to sell the bonds in one or more series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction, or other demonstrable factors, is \$23.37 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of all property to be taxed. The best estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2055-56.

2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund that bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction, or other demonstrable factors, is \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) of all property to be taxed. The best estimate of the year in which the highest tax rate will apply is anticipated to be 2027-28.

3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$106,182,725.

Voters should note that such estimated tax rates are specific to the repayment of bonds issued under this authorization and are and will be in addition to tax rates levied in connection with other bond authorizations approved or to be approved by local voters for the District or for any other overlapping public agency.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on San Bernardino County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The estimates do include calculations based on the low tax exempt interest rate of the portion of the financing anticipated to be secured through the existing United States Department of Agriculture direct loan. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the San Bernardino County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: August 6, 2026.

s/ Mark Turner
Chief Executive Officer
San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District

FULL TEXT FOR BOND MEASURE Q

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District.

"To repair and upgrade 75-year-old Mountains Community Hospital including: fixing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical, and safety systems; upgrading/expanding emergency department, medical technology, and treatments; and maintaining local access to life-saving emergency medical care for accidents, heart attacks, strokes, and other emergencies, shall San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District's measure be adopted authorizing \$61,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$3,500,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight and all money locally-controlled?"

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District has evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs in developing the scope of projects to be funded, including evaluating alternative funding sources. The proposed Project consists of updates, improvements and expansions to the District's facility located at 29101 Hospital Road, Lake Arrowhead, in an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County (the "Hospital"), to meet SB 1953 requirements by January 1, 2030. In 2025, the District issued Bond Anticipation Notes as construction financing, which mature in 2028, to finance a portion of the Project. A portion of the proceeds of the proposed Bonds will be used by the District to refinance the Bond Anticipation Notes at or before their maturity.

The Project is being constructed in phases and will ultimately include:

- Construction of a new replacement inpatient acute care wing and emergency department to the Hospital building,
- A new entry, drop-off and pick-up area, to improve patient access to the Hospital,
- Upgrades and renovation of the existing inpatient acute care unit for use as long term care (skilled nursing) beds,
- Infrastructure, utility, and system upgrades,
- Grading and other construction and improvements to the existing receiving and parking areas located adjacent to the Hospital's main entrance and medical office building, to improve patient access to the Hospital, and
- Seismic upgrades to keep patients, skilled nursing care residents, doctors, nurses, and other employees and visitors safe at the Hospital and keep the hospital fully functional with temporary power, water and wastewater systems for up to 72 hours if cut off from external utilities during emergency situations.

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FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY FOR THE DISTRICT'S HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING, AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE.

NO EMPLOYEE SALARIES

BOND MONEY SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE DISTRICT'S HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING, AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, a customary contingency, and escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews and master plans, environmental studies, construction documentation, inspection and permit fees, temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects, and the refinancing of interim debt or lease obligations issued to advance listed projects. The repair and improvement of Hospital facilities includes the following types of projects: install lighting in receiving and parking areas; repair/replace shade structures; renovate or replace restrooms with modern, safe and accessible facilities; acquire, renovate and construct District buildings and administrative facilities; replace and add more efficient pathway lighting and add security cameras to improve safety; install modern hard surfacing, ramps and pathways to improve safety and accessibility for those with disabilities; improve pedestrian circulation; renovate and replace aging plumbing with modern, higher efficiency pipes, valves, pumps and control/monitoring systems to minimize loss to leaks; retrofit buildings as needed to meet current earthquake safety standards; replace roofing, windows, siding and insulation to seal the structures; remove hazardous materials, like asbestos and lead-based paint, as appropriate; replace aging and leaking roofs and windows; acquire property and easements; install or acquire energy efficiency improvements for buildings, including solar projects; install energy efficient lighting, air conditioning, heating, windows, insulation and ceiling systems; construct, upgrade, repair or install site parking, accessibility, utilities, plumbing, gas lines, general site paving, interior and exterior lighting, water heaters, and boilers; upgrade electrical wiring and systems; renovate and paint interior and exterior building surfaces to extend their useful life; improve security, install safety, security and communication systems, windows and floor coverings (including tiles and carpeting), and other Hospital facilities and improvements.

The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State grant funding and other funding sources for the projects and the final costs of each project. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur. Necessary site preparation/restoration and landscaping may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Bond proceeds shall be expended only for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410 and prepare annual reports to comply with the requirements of Government Code § 53411.

**MEASURE R
RIM OF THE WORLD RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE R

This Impartial Analysis of Measure R has been prepared by County Counsel pursuant to Section 9313 of the California Elections Code.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution adopted by the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District (District).

A "yes" vote by at least two-thirds of the voters casting votes on this Measure will authorize the District to increase by \$15.00 dollars per year the existing annual voter approved special parcel tax. The tax will increase from \$22.00 per parcel to \$37.00 per parcel, with an additional annual increase of 1% each year until repealed by a subsequent ballot measure approved by District voters. A "no" vote will not increase the current annual parcel tax of \$22.00 per parcel and that amount will remain in effect and continue to be collected on the real property tax bill collected by San Bernardino County.

The District's Resolution No. 07132026.1 was adopted pursuant to California Constitution Articles XIII A §4, XIII C §2(b), XIII D §3(a), California Public Resources Code §5789.1 and, California Government Code §§ 50077, 53722, and 53724.

The proceeds of the special parcel tax shall only be used for specific purposes including, but not limited to, all costs of capital improvements, operation, maintenance, repair and/or restoration of any and all District park and recreational facilities, the operation and maintenance of District recreational services and programs, including the salaries, benefits, training, and all other District personnel dedicated to the purposes above, as well as the costs of acquiring or leasing, operating, and maintaining real property, vehicles, equipment and apparatus used for the purposes above, and the costs of addressing emergency repair including, but not limited to, that resulting from weather conditions, snow load, flood or fire. The proceeds shall be deposited in a special account used only for these specific purposes.

The Chief Fiscal Officer of the District will be required to cause a report to be prepared by an independent auditor and filed with the Board of Directors no later than June 30 of each year identifying the amount collected and expended in each year and the status of any projects or programs funded from the proceeds of the special parcel tax.

If approved, the special parcel tax shall be assessed to the owner of each parcel with an assigned assessor's parcel number in the District commencing on July 1, 2027. The tax will continue until modified or repealed by the voters in the District.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure R. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the District's Secretary at (909) 337-7275 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

LAURA FEINGOLD
County Counsel
s/ JOLENA E. GRIDER
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

This Argument in Favor of Measure R was submitted pursuant to Section 9315 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Since 1985, Rim of the World Recreation and Park District, governed by a locally elected Board, consistently has served a 110-square-mile area by operating twelve parks, a sports complex, community spaces, two community centers and a range of programs for residents.

The District receives no state or county funding for ongoing operations and relies on the current \$22-per-year Special Parcel Tax paid by property owners within its boundaries. The Special Parcel Tax currently provides approximately 70% of the District's \$1.1 million annual operating budget.

As costs continue to rise, the District has taken significant steps to reduce expenditures, reducing staffing and overhead, conducting a comprehensive fee study to align program fees with actual costs, and designating a number of cost cutting measures. The District has also remained debt-free, demonstrating a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility. Despite these efforts, revenues cannot keep pace with increasing insurance, utility, maintenance, and repair costs, putting at risk the District's ability to continue to provide consistent recreational facilities and programs for the community.

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A yes vote on Measure R increases the existing annual Special Parcel Tax by only \$15 per parcel/year, from \$22 to \$37, with a 1% annual escalator. The measure would generate approximately \$510,000 in additional first-year revenue. That revenue could be used only for the purposes set out here.

Local tax revenue would remain local and support safe, accessible, and resilient District operations and recreation programs, while helping maintain emergency reserves for repairs following wildfires, severe storms, and other unforeseen events.

Independent oversight and annual audits provide accountability and transparency.

s/ Jenny Hueter, General Manager
s/ James G. White, Chair of the Board
s/ Lawrence Mainez, Secretary to the Board

FULL TEXT FOR MEASURE R

RESOLUTION NO. 07132026

MEASURE "R"

A RESOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE RIM OF THE WORLD RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, INCREASING THE RATE OF AN ONGOING SPECIAL PARCEL TAX UPON PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT BY \$15/YEAR AND ADDING A 1% ANNUAL ESCALATOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE RIM OF THE WORLD RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT DO HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Special Parcel Tax. The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District special parcel tax now set at \$22/parcel shall be increased by \$15/year to \$37/parcel, with an annual increase of 1%.

SECTION 2. Specific Purpose of Special Parcel Tax.

- A. The proceeds of the special parcel tax only shall be used for the specific purposes of sustaining essential recreation services; improving and maintaining parks, recreational facilities and community amenities, addressing rising costs, emergency repair and disaster recovery.
- B. For the purposes of this Resolution, the costs of sustaining essential recreation services, maintaining and improving parks, recreational facilities and community amenities, emergency repair and disaster recovery, and parks and recreational programs as set forth in subsection (A) above include, but are not limited to, the following: All costs of capital improvements, operation, maintenance, repair and/or restoration of any and all District park and recreational facilities, the operation and maintenance of District recreational services and programs, including the salaries, benefits, training, and all other District personnel dedicated to the purposes above, as well as the costs of acquiring or leasing, operating, and maintaining real property, vehicles, equipment and apparatus used for the purposes above, and the costs of addressing emergency repair including but not limited to that resulting from weather conditions, snow load, flood or fire.

SECTION 3. Special Account. The proceeds of the special parcel tax shall be deposited in a special account created and maintained by the District and used only for the specific purpose identified in Section 2 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Accountability Measures. The chief fiscal officer of the District shall cause a report (the "Report") to be prepared by an independent auditor and filed with the Board of Directors no later than June 30 of each year. The Report shall state: (a) the amount of special parcel tax proceeds collected and expended in such year; and (b) the status of any projects or description of any programs funded from proceeds of the special parcel tax. The Report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period, as the chief fiscal officer of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board of Directors. For the purposes of this Resolution, "fiscal year" means the District's fiscal year which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of each year.

SECTION 5. Application of Special Parcel Tax. The special parcel tax shall be assessed to the owner of each parcel within the District, unless the owner is by law exempt from taxation, in which case, the tax imposed shall be assessed to the holder of the possessory interest in such parcel, unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation. The special parcel tax shall not apply to any person, entity, parcel, or property as to whom or which it is beyond the power of the District to impose the tax herein provided; and

Subject to the provisions of the law, the term "parcel" means any parcel of land which lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the District, for which the San Bernardino County Assessor (the "County Assessor") has assigned an assessor's parcel number.

SECTION 6. Imposition of Special Parcel Tax/Adjustment of Rate by Board of Directors.

- A. The special parcel tax shall be levied each year commencing July 1, 2027, on all taxable parcels of property, improved or unimproved, within the boundaries of the District at the maximum rate set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution, until adjusted by the Board as provided in subsection (B).
- B. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, adjust the rate or temporarily suspend all or a portion of the special tax, as appropriate to the financial condition of the District. No adjustment to the rate or temporary suspension of the special tax shall constitute a decrease in a tax, or an increase in a tax requiring voter approval under California Constitution Article XIII C (Proposition 218); provided the Board's action does not increase the special tax beyond the maximum rate or methodology set forth in Section 1. To the extent that any aspect of a rate adjustment or temporary special tax suspension is found to invoke such a requirement under Proposition 218, the entire Board action shall be deemed null and void.

SECTION 7. Annual Report. The District shall annually provide an independent audit of the separate special tax account and thereafter shall adopt a written report which shall contain a description of each lot or parcel of property subject to the special parcel tax, the amount of the special parcel tax for each lot or parcel for each fiscal year, and the basis and schedule for the special parcel tax authorized pursuant to this Resolution.

SECTION 8. Computation and Method of Collection of Special Parcel Tax. The District General Manager or authorized designee or employee ("General Manager") hereby is authorized and directed each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year 2026-2027, to determine the special parcel tax amount to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each taxable parcel of real property within the District, in the manner and as provided in accordance with this Resolution and the authorizations set forth herein. The special parcel tax shall be collected on behalf of the District by the County of San Bernardino ("County") in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as, or with, other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the District, or by the County on behalf of the District. The District General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the County Treasurer-Tax Collector to effect proper billing and collection of the special parcel tax so that the installments of the tax shall be included on the secured property tax roll of the County. Unless otherwise required by the Board of Directors, no Board of Directors' action shall be required to authorize the annual collection of the special parcel tax as herein provided.

SECTION 9. Interest and Penalties. The special parcel tax shall be collected in the same manner as ordinary *ad valorem* taxes are collected; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may authorize other appropriate methods of collection of the special parcel tax by appropriate resolution(s). The special parcel tax shall have the same lien priority, and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency, as provided for *ad valorem* taxes.

SECTION 10. Successors. To the fullest extent permitted by law, this Resolution and its special parcel tax authorization and authority shall be binding upon any successors in interest to the District or any successors in interest to the District's recreation and park functions.

SECTION 11. No Injunction/Writ of Mandate. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action, or proceeding in any court against this District or against any officer of the District to prevent or enjoin the collection under this Resolution of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected and/or remitted.

SECTION 12. Future Amendment to Cited Statute. Unless specifically provided otherwise, any reference to a state or federal statute in this Resolution shall mean such statute as it may be amended from time to time; provided, that such reference to a statute herein shall not include any subsequent amendment thereto, or to any subsequent change of interpretation thereto by a state or federal agency or court of law, to the extent that such amendment or change of interpretation would require voter approval under California law, or to the extent that such change would result in a tax decrease. Only to the extent voter approval would otherwise be required or a tax decrease would result, the prior version of the statute (or interpretation) shall remain applicable. For any application or situation that would not require voter approval or would not result in a decrease of a tax, provisions of the amended statute (or new interpretation) shall be applicable to the maximum possible extent. To the extent that the District's authorization to collect or impose any tax imposed under this Resolution is expanded or limited as a result of changes in state or federal law, no amendment or modification of this Resolution shall be required to conform the tax to those changes, and the tax shall be imposed and collected to the full extent of the authorization up to the full amount of the tax imposed under this Resolution.

SECTION 13. Effective Date. Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C §(2)(b) and California Elections Code section 9320, if two-thirds of the qualified voters voting in the election on Measure "R" vote in favor of the adoption of such Measure, this Resolution shall be deemed valid and binding and shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the Board of Directors, and shall go into effect ten (10) calendar days after that date.

SECTION 14. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The People of the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District hereby declare that they would have adopted this Resolution and each section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 15. Certification/Summary. Following the District Secretary's certification that the citizens of the District have approved this Resolution, the President shall sign this Resolution and the District Secretary shall cause the same to be entered in the book of original resolutions of said District.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2026.

s/ James G. White
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Rim of the World Recreation and Park District

ATTEST:

s/ Lawrence Mainez
Secretary of the Board of Directors
Rim of the World Recreation and Park District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/ Elizabeth Martyn, General Counsel

**BOND MEASURE Y
SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE Y

This Impartial Analysis of Bond Measure Y has been prepared by County Counsel pursuant to Section 9500 of the California Elections Code.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District (District). A "yes" vote by at least fifty-five percent of the voters voting on this Measure will authorize the District to issue bonds in the amount of \$898,000,000 to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this ballot Measure. A "no" vote means that the District will not be authorized to issue and sell the \$898,000,000 in bonds set forth in the Measure.

The District's Resolution was adopted pursuant to California Education Code sections 15100 et seq. and 15264, et seq., Government Code section 53506, and Articles XIII A and XVI of the California Constitution. The bond proceeds may only be used for specific projects at San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College listed in Exhibits "A" and "B" of the Measure (Projects). The identified Projects are the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this ballot Measure and the bond proceeds may only be used for those specific projects. These projects include: affordable career education facilities for firefighters and skilled trades; local job training programs to prepare students for good-paying careers in nursing, teaching and firefighting; removing asbestos and mold; repairing deteriorating gas lines; upgrading emergency communications systems; upgrading campus safety and security, including fire safety systems; providing safe drinking water; repairing and upgrading classrooms and labs; repairing and upgrading air conditioning and heating systems; earthquake retrofitting school buildings and classrooms; creating a community college center in the mountain area of the District; upgrading classrooms and labs and career training facilities for nursing, teaching, and firefighting; improving student centers to provide job training, job placement, counseling, and support services to students; and other repair, renovation and construction projects.

The District will conduct financial and performance audits annually and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, in compliance with Education Code section 15278 et seq., that will receive and review annual audits, inspect District facilities, receive copies of maintenance plans, and review efforts to implement cost-saving programs. No District employees or vendors will be allowed to serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

The bonded debt will be a general obligation of the District and will be financed by taxes levied annually on taxable property located within the District.

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s/ JOLENA E. GRIDER
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE Y

This Argument in Favor of Bond Measure Y was submitted pursuant to Section 9501 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Our region faces economic challenges. **San Bernardino Community College District is part of the solution to this crisis, but it needs our help. That's why we need YES on Y!**

Public universities like UC's and CSU's cost six to sixteen times more than San Bernardino Valley College or Crafton Hills College. **YES on Y keeps local college and career training affordable so students can transfer or learn hands -on job skills, without debt.**

YES on Y trains our students locally for high- skilled, good- paying jobs. Skilled tradespeople, teachers, firefighters and more are in high demand. YES on Y upgrades and expands local job training programs so local students can learn marketable skills and build careers right here, without using expensive gas or time, to commute hours away.

YES on Y keeps our local college campuses safe and ready to serve local students. Many local community college classrooms are over 100 years old and are deteriorating. Funding will help remove asbestos and mold; repair outdated sewer, electrical and gas lines; and upgrade pipes to keep drinking water safe. Specialized training classes and labs are outdated. **YES on Y** fixes these dangers now, so students are safe and college programs can train the workers we need.

Wildfires are getting more extreme— the Bridge and Line Fires alone burned tens of thousands of acres. We need more trained firefighters, paramedics, emergency first responders and nurses. **YES on Y** keeps specialized classrooms/ labs for our local colleges' **nursing, firefighting, and emergency training programs up to date** and expanding, so help is there when we need it most.

YES on Y is accountable — requiring public spending disclosure, audits and citizen oversight. No money can be taken from our community.

Join firefighters, nurses, and local small businesses to keep college affordable and our community working and safe. **YES ON Y!**

Learn more: AffordableCollegeAndCareer.com

s/ Yolanda Simental, RN, San Bernardino County Nurse

s/ Rich Sessler, Local Fire Chief

s/ Judy D. White, Ed.D., Small Business Owner

s/ Donald F Averill, Ed.D., Citizens Oversight Committee Member

s/ Richard Jaramillo, Skilled Trades Graduate

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR BOND MEASURE Y

An election will be held in the San Bernardino Community College District (the "District") on November 3, 2026 to authorize the sale of up to \$898,000,000 in general obligation bonds. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is submitted in compliance with Section 9401 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

The following information is provided pursuant to Elections Code Section 9401:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 (2.5¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2058-59.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, for each year that bonds are outstanding, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$25.00 per \$100,000 (2.5¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year the bonds remain outstanding.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$1.9 billion.

Voters should note that these estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

s/ Diana Z. Rodriguez, Ed.D.

Chancellor

San Bernardino Community College District

FULL TEXT FOR BOND MEASURE Y

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

"Local College Affordability, Job Training, Repairs Measure. To maintain affordable college education access, by repairing /upgrading San Bernardino Valley College, Crafton Hills College; preparing students/ veterans for high-demand careers including skilled trades, firefighting, healthcare; providing safe drinking water; removing asbestos, mold; repairing deteriorating gas lines; acquiring, constructing, repairing facilities, sites, equipment; shall San Bernardino Community College District's measure authorizing \$898,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (\$56,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, requiring oversight, audits, be adopted?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of its community, evaluated San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College's urgent and critical facility needs, and its capacity to provide **students**, and **Veterans** with support and **job training** facilities, an **affordable education** and prepare them for success in **college** and **careers** and **skilled trades**. **Job training** facilities, **safety** issues, class size and offerings, and information and computer technology were each considered in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure.

In developing the scope of projects, basic repairs, **job training facilities**, campus safety, facilities supporting Veterans, and the expansion of opportunities for local students, including the mountain communities, to maintain access to a **local affordable higher education**, were **prioritized**. If these facility needs are not addressed now, the District's Colleges would be unable to remain competitive in preparing students for **high-demand jobs** and **careers** and university transfer.

The Board of Trustees determines that **San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College MUST:**

- (i) **Prepare students and veterans for careers in skilled trades;**
- (ii) **Expanding workforce training for wildfire protection, snow removal, emergency response, teachers, nurses, and other local jobs in mountain communities;**
- (iii) **Prepare students for high-demand jobs and careers that cannot be taken away by AI;**
- (iv) **Repair deteriorating gas lines;**
- (v) **Maintain local affordable higher education;**
- (vi) **Adhere to stringent FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY safeguards including:**
 - (a) **Public disclosure of all spending**
 - (b) **All expenditures will be subject to annual independent financial audits,**
 - (c) **No funds will be used for administrators' salaries and pensions,**
 - (d) **An independent citizens' oversight committee will be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.**

The following types of projects are authorized to be undertaken at San Bernardino Valley College, Crafton Hills College and at District Sites and Facilities:

PROVIDE LOCAL STUDENTS AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION:

Basic Improvements Needed To Allow San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College to provide

AFFORDABLE CAREER EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND SKILLED TRADES

Goals and Purposes: Wildfires are getting more extreme statewide, and we recently experienced both the Bridge and Line Fires which burned tens of thousands of acres. San Bernardino Community College District is responsible for training most of the firefighters, paramedics, and other emergency medical responders who protect our community. This measure is needed to train local firefighters to keep us safe during future emergencies.

This measure includes strict accountability requirements, including public disclosure of all spending, independent annual financial and performance audits, and a citizens' oversight committee to make sure all funds are used effectively, efficiently, and as authorized by voters. By law, all funds will be used for our local community colleges and cannot be taken by county, state or federal governments.

- Removing asbestos and mold.
- **Repairing deteriorating gas lines.**
- Upgrading emergency communications systems.
- Upgrading campus safety and security, including fire safety systems.
- **Providing safe drinking water.**
- Repairing and upgrading classrooms and labs.
- Repairing and upgrading air conditioning and heating systems.
- Earthquake retrofitting school buildings and classrooms.

**PROVIDE LOCAL STUDENTS AND MOUNTAIN AREAS ACCESS TO AN AFFORDABLE
EDUCATION IN A SAFE
ENVIRONMENT:**

**Improvements Needed
to Provide**

**LOCAL JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ARE NEEDED TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR GOOD-PAYING
CAREERS IN NURSING, TEACHING AND FIREFIGHTING**

Goals and Purposes: This measure will allow residents in our mountain communities to save money on college, avoid traffic and expensive gas prices and receive an affordable local college education close to home. The measure will lead to access to affordable college education and job training closer to home, hiring of local residents for new jobs, and a better trained workforce in key fields such as nursing, teaching, and firefighting.

- Creating a community college center in the mountain area of the District.
- Upgrade classrooms and labs and career training facilities for **nursing, teaching, and firefighting.**
- Improve Student Centers to provide job training, job placement, counseling, and support services to students.

In addition to the projects listed above, at all District sites and facilities, repair, renovation and construction projects may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: replace, renovate, acquire and install emergency power generators, upgrade or construct student and staff restrooms, aging electrical and plumbing systems, campus wide infrastructure improvements, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; acquire vehicles; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including photovoltaic/solar installations, battery energy storage and electric vehicle charging stations; repair and replace worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls doors and drinking fountains/hydration stations; build new or renovate/expand existing facilities such as multi-use classrooms and labs, science buildings, veterans' support facility, administrative buildings, arts facilities, nursing and kinesiology facilities, career and technical education buildings, student services, gateways and welcome centers, bookstore, dining and food services, college storage and recycling facilities, swing space, outdoor classrooms/performance space, child development buildings, student services/campus center and instruction buildings, athletic fields and facilities, physical education facilities, fine arts and visual and performing arts facilities including theatres and galleries, classrooms, and buildings, bus stops, parking lots, structures, and garages; plan, construct, acquire or contribute to affordable student and workforce housing units; replace or remove outdated buildings and classrooms and construct new classrooms and support buildings; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade facilities to meet current environmental sustainability and State compliance standards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrade, resurface, replace, construct or relocate hard courts, fields, gymnasiums, turf and irrigation systems; install, replace, or repair scoreboards and turf on athletic fields; upgrade classrooms; build, renovate, upgrade, expand or repurpose facilities, including but not limited to, at San Bernardino Valley College, Career Pathways 1– Technical Building, Career Pathways 2, Student Services, Allied Health & Aeronautics Building, Welding Building, softball field, Administration Building, Campus and Community Resource Hub, Hospitality Hub (including community garden), Child Development Center and Parent Education Center, KVCR, Community Hub, Maintenance & Operations Building, Library, Creek Theatre and Planetarium, academic buildings, Health and Life Sciences Buildings, Lois Carson Campus Center. Police Department and Police Academy, athletic fields and facilities, warehouse, Campus Technology

Services, Student Health Services, Central Plan, at Crafton Hills College, Public Safety Training Center, Performing Arts Center, Child Development Center, Allied Health Building, Student Support Building, West Complex, Crafton Center, instructional buildings, active learning classrooms, Learning Resource Center, gymnasium and tennis courts, soccer field, and central plan, and at District Support Operations, the Del Rosa campus and multi-Purpose building, Professional Development Center, Applied Technology Training Center, outdoor classrooms, District Office, KVCR, Campus Community Resource Hub, including the Police Department and printing services; upgrade, resurface and recondition existing parking lots, roads and sidewalks; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water lines and valves and sewer lines; repair, upgrade and install, utilities, hydronic systems, plumbing, gas lines, sewer, telecommunications, water distribution systems, and stormwater infrastructure; improve water conservation and energy efficiency; acquire or lease land; replace existing window systems with energy-efficient systems to reduce costs; improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs; improve access for the disabled; install and repair fire safety equipment, including alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and fire safety doors; replace broken concrete walks, deteriorated asphalt; replace/upgrade/install signage to reflect better wayfinding, marquees, bells and clocks; modernize, construct, upgrade elevator systems; demolition of outdated or unsafe facilities; install or upgrade new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, burglar alarms, handrails, outdoor lighting, fencing, landscaping, gates, gateways and classroom door locks; replace sewer lines and improve drainage systems to prevent flooding; upgrade roadway and pedestrian paths and pathways and bridges for improved safety and access for emergency vehicles; construct parking structures; improve surface parking, utilities and grounds. The project list also includes the reduction, refinancing or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred advance fund projects from the Project List, as well as the funding of an endowment for technology and other authorized projects.

The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading, expanding, and acquiring classroom technology, wireless internet access and networks, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, computers, modules, sound projection systems, district-wide computer lab upgrades, interactive boards, cameras, sound projection, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP, communication systems, enterprise software, licenses and warranties, audio/visual and telecommunications systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, disaster recovery and business continuity infrastructure (secondary sites, backup systems, redundant connectivity), information security systems, such as security monitoring and incident response infrastructure, including logging, SIEM/SOC tools, endpoint security, and data loss prevention and other miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, DATA storage, fiber/copper infrastructure, phones, identity access cards, the creation and upgrading of technology for distance learning, acquire necessary software and the construction and installation of on-premises, cloud-based, or hybrid data center and related infrastructure for District enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses, a customary contingency, and costs associated with the Total Cost of Ownership of facilities and equipment. In addition to the listed projects stated above, authorized projects also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, fiscal reporting, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects, including leasing portable buildings and off-site parking. The allocation of bond proceeds may be affected by the final costs of each project. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public agencies or non-profits. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. In addition to the listed types of projects stated above, the types of authorized projects of the measure also include the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment. Necessary site preparation/restoration, including the acquisition and installation of temporary facilities (swing space) may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which

proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code Section 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:

1. All money will benefit San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College campuses and CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.
2. NO MONEY can be used for ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES or pensions.
3. Require CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT and yearly AUDITS to ensure all funds are used locally, effectively and as promised.
4. NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher, faculty and college administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.
5. **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.**

**BOND MEASURE Z
SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BOND MEASURE Z

This Impartial Analysis of Bond Measure Z has been prepared by County Counsel pursuant to Section 9500 of the California Elections Code.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the San Bernardino City Unified School District (District). A "yes" vote by at least fifty-five percent of the voters voting on this Measure will authorize the District to issue bonds in the amount of up to \$345,000,000 to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this ballot Measure. A "no" vote means that the District will not be authorized to issue and sell the up to \$345,000,000 in bonds set forth in the Measure.

The District's Resolution was adopted pursuant to California Education Code sections 5304, 5322, 15100 et seq., 15266, and Articles XIII A and XVI of the California Constitution. The bond proceeds may only be used for specific projects listed in the "Bond Project List." The "Bond Project List" section contains the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this ballot Measure and the bond proceeds may only be used for those specific projects. These projects include: renovation and construction projects to replace portable classrooms with permanent facilities; construction or acquiring and installing additional classrooms; modernizing all classrooms for current educational standards, including upgrading technology equipment; improvement to school grounds to create innovative indoor and outdoor learning areas; construction, replacement, improvement, renovation, or acquisition and installation of restrooms, warming kitchens, Early Learning Centers, Transitional Kindergarten facilities, Career Technical Education classrooms, auditoriums, performing arts classrooms, physical education facilities, green spaces, playgrounds, playfields, and other projects; energy-efficient upgrades to equipment; construction of a new school to reduce overcrowding; and various other projects. Some of the projects listed in the Measure may assume the receipt of matching State funds which may or may not be approved by the State Legislature.

The District will conduct financial and performance audits annually and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that the bond proceeds are spent as promised and specified as required by Education Code section 15278 et seq. in order to ensure bond revenues are used for proper purposes and that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses. No District employees or vendors will be allowed to serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee. The District will also take all actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds from the bond measure will be deposited in accordance with state law.

The bonded debt will be a general obligation of the District and will be financed by taxes levied annually on taxable property located within the District.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE Z

This Argument in Favor of Bond Measure Z was submitted pursuant to Section 9501 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

San Bernardino students deserve safe schools. Your YES vote on Measure Z will deliver essential repairs and safety upgrades.

Many of our local schools were built over 55 years ago and need major repairs and updates. Underground pipes and infrastructure are deteriorating, 25+ year-old AC units leave students sitting in temperatures that can reach 90+ degrees. Last year, there were 734 roof leaks across SBCUSD campuses, resulting in expensive repairs.

In the long term, it costs us more to patch up deteriorating portable classrooms and leaky roofs than it does to replace them. We cannot afford more band aid solutions.

That is why we need Measure Z.

Measure Z is a cost-effective investment that will help repair our schools now, attract and retain quality teachers in classrooms, and ensure students can focus on learning in safe, comfortable classrooms.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR – Continued on next page

The Math is Simple. Measure Z = Essential Repairs and Upgrades:

- Repair leaky roofs
- Repair 25 year-old heating, AC, and ventilation units
- Upgrade classrooms, labs, and technology to meet modern academic standards
- Upgrade older schools to meet current health and building safety codes

A vote for Measure Z is a vote for safe, high-quality schools and career technical education for every one of our local students, setting them up for success in college and good-paying jobs.

Strict Fiscal Accountability:

- All funds must be spent on our local schools and cannot be taken by the State
- Annual independent audits and a citizens' oversight committee will ensure funds are spent as promised
- A detailed project list describing how bond funds will be used

San Bernardino City Unified School District serves nearly 45,000 students. Every student deserves a school that is safe, secure, and sets them up for success. Vote YES on Measure Z for essential repairs and safe schools.

s/ Barbara Pastuschek-Cox, President of the San Bernardino Teachers Association

s/ Richard Imbriani, Former SBCUSD Athletic Director

TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR BOND MEASURE Z

An election will be held in the San Bernardino City Unified School District (the "District") on November 3, 2026, to authorize the sale of up to \$345,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If the bond measure is approved by at least 55% of the voters of the District voting on the bond measure, the District expects to issue the bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9405 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$45.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2056-57.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$45.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2027-28.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$670,286,938.

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

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The average annual tax rate, the highest tax rate, the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected and the year or years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated for a variety of reasons, including, without limitation, due to variations in the timing of bond sales, the amount or amortization of bonds sold, market conditions at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount or amortization of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. Market conditions, including, without limitation, interest rates, are affected by economic and other factors beyond the control of the District and will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process. The growth or decline in assessed valuation is the result of a number of economic and other factors outside the control of the District.

Dated: July 21, 2026.

s/ Mauricio Arellano
Superintendent
San Bernardino City Unified School District

FULL TEXT FOR BOND MEASURE Z

SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFE SCHOOLS RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION MEASURE

This school improvement bond measure may be known and referred to as the "San Bernardino City Unified School District Safe Schools Renovation and Construction Measure" or as "Measure Z".

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this school improvement bond measure by at least 55% of the voters of the San Bernardino City Unified School District (the "District") voting on the measure, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$345,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled "BOND PROJECT LIST" below (the "Bond Project List"), and allow the District to qualify to receive potential State of California matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this school improvement bond measure in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific school facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the Constitution of the State of California (the "California Constitution"), and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 and following of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has evaluated the facilities needs of the District to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. To address the facilities needs of the District, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to fund the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitations on Use of Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. More specifically, the Bond Project List provides for the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure and such proceeds shall be applied only to those specific purposes.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. In accordance with and pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 *et seq.*, the Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results on its minutes pursuant to Section 15274 of the California Education Code, to ensure that (a) bond revenues are expended only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and (b) that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses. In accordance with Section 15282 of the California Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. The committee may be comprised of the same members of the citizens' oversight committees for other District bond measures. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

Annual Performance Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. In compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(D) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, the Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the California Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53410 and following, upon approval of this school improvement bond measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure shall be deposited. In compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 53411, as long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the chief fiscal officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board at least once a year, stating (a) the amount of funds collected and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the chief fiscal officer of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Joint-Use Projects. The District may enter into agreements with other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of the school facilities financed with the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure in accordance with California Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this school improvement bond measure hereby specifies and acknowledges that, subject to the limitations on the uses provided for herein, the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board shall determine.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this school improvement bond measure shall be united and voted upon as one single measure, pursuant to California Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this school improvement bond measure and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the school improvement bond measure. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or school facility site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. Insofar as permitted by law, each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, permitting and entitlements, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim facility costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to or necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain project funds expected from non-local bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bond proceeds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-local bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure are as follows:

DISTRICTWIDE SAFE SCHOOLS RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
The following projects are authorized to be financed at or for the benefit of all school facilities sites Districtwide: • Replace portable classrooms with permanent classrooms. • Construct or acquire and install additional classrooms and related facilities. • Renovate, construct, replace and/or modernize all classrooms for current educational standards, including acquiring, installing and/or upgrading technology equipment, fixtures and infrastructure. • Construct, reconfigure, modify and/or acquire and install school facilities and improvements to school grounds to create innovative indoor and outdoor learning areas and spaces, including outdoor learning areas, shade structures, and walkways. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install restrooms. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install warming kitchens. • Modernize, upgrade, renovate, rehabilitate, re-configure, expand and/or upgrade classrooms, classroom buildings, restrooms, common areas and school support facilities (including library, multipurpose room/auditorium, food storage, preparation and service, cafeteria and office/staff support facilities), whether permanent, portable or modular, including interior and exterior (as applicable) doors, windows, door and window hardware, roofs, rain gutters and downspouts, pillars, structural supports, walls, ceilings and floors and finishes, paint, siding, insulation, casework, surfaces, cabinets, secured storage, carpets, drapes, window coverings, infrastructure, lighting, sinks, drinking fountains, fixtures, signage, furniture and equipment. • Remove, repair, and refinish building and site areas damaged by dry rot, water, termites, etc. • Erosion mitigation improvements to grounds and buildings. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install Early Learning Centers and construct, improve and/or expand Transitional Kindergarten facilities and learning spaces. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install Career Technical Education classrooms and labs. • Make energy-efficiency upgrades and acquire and install energy efficient equipment and systems to reduce carbon footprint, to promote energy efficiency, reduce maintenance costs and promote climate resiliency and sustainability, including sustainable building improvements (e.g., windows, lighting, electrical systems panels, HVAC, water systems, distribution and storage systems, energy efficiency/management monitoring systems, networks, fixtures, equipment and controls, etc.). • Repair or replace roofs. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install auditoriums and performing arts classrooms, centers and related facilities. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install physical education facilities and grounds, including gymnasiums, locker rooms, fields, courts, turf, outside instructional areas, paved and other hard surfaces, and replace, acquire and/or install furniture, equipment and fixtures in such facilities and areas. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install green spaces, including hard and softscapes, irrigation and drainage, and shade structures. • Construct, replace, improve, renovate and/or acquire and install playgrounds, playfields and other play spaces, including replacing turf and installing new irrigation and drainage systems, and acquire, improve, replace and/or upgrade playground equipment and fixtures. • Renovate, replace, upgrade, expand, and/or install walls, gates, fencing, and landscaping. • Reconfigure, renovate, repair, resurface, improve and/or expand parking lots and related areas, including ingress and egress areas, student pick-up/drop-off areas, and parking areas.

- Renovate, replace, upgrade, acquire, install and/or integrate major site/building/utility systems, equipment and related infrastructure and casing, including lighting, electrical (including wiring and related infrastructure for modern technology), heating, refrigeration, cooling and ventilation (including HVAC), plumbing, water, sewer, gas, irrigation, drainage, and energy efficiency/management monitoring systems, networks, fixtures, equipment and controls.
- Upgrade, construct, expand and/or acquire and install safety and security improvements, equipment, fixtures and systems, including fencing, gates, master key and lock systems, lighting, alarm systems, fire detection and suppression systems, emergency signage, safety doors, camera and video surveillance systems, and emergency communication systems.
- Make safety and accessibility improvements and/or eliminate or mitigate health and safety risks and/or comply with local, state and federal building, health, safety, access and other related requirements, including requirements of the Field Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Wildfire hardening and prevention improvements to school facilities and grounds.

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the California Education Code (or any successor provision).

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL

Acquisition and construction of a new school and related facilities, based on projected student demographics, designed to meet student housing needs and reduce student overcrowding, combined with special education administration facilities, including:

- Acquisition of land and any rights-of-way and easements made necessary by construction of such facilities.
- Planning, designing and constructing the school and related facilities.
- Associated onsite and offsite development and other improvements made necessary by construction of such facilities.
- Acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment related to the newly constructed facilities.

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the California Education Code (or any successor provision).

MISCELLANEOUS

All listed bond projects include the following as needed:

- Planning and designing necessary for listed bond projects.
- The inspection, sampling and analysis of grounds, buildings and building materials to determine the presence of hazardous materials or substances, including asbestos, lead, etc., and the encapsulation, removal, disposal and other remediation or control of such hazardous materials and substances.
- Seismic and historical evaluations, site surveys (including topographic, geological and utility surveys), and infrastructure analyses.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings or other temporary buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; and relocating fire access roads or ingress/egress pathways.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).

- Acquire or construct other improvements required to comply with building codes, including seismic safety requirements, the Field Act, and access requirements.
- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, licenses and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property made necessary by the listed bond projects.
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel.
- Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other school facilities; furnishing and equipping shall include initial purchases, and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades and updating of technology.
- Acquisition of all or a portion of any school site or facility, or an interest therein, or make lease payments with respect to any school site or facility, encumbered in order to finance or refinance the listed school facilities projects.
- All other costs and work necessary or incidental to the listed bond projects.

PROJECTS INVOLVING RENOVATION, REHABILITATION OR REPAIR

For any project involving renovation, rehabilitation or repair of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition) if the Board determines that replacement new construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation or repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Interpretation. The terms of this school improvement bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such words as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used in the Bond Project List to describe school facilities projects in plain English and are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond, or have an effect on, and shall be interpreted to only permit, what is authorized under Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, California Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. In this regard, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this school improvement bond measure for current maintenance, operations or repairs. The school facilities projects on the Bond Project List only authorize capital expenditures.

Estimated Ballot Information. The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this school improvement bond measure concur, that the information included in the statement of the bond measure to be voted on pursuant to Section 13119 of the California Elections Code is based upon the District's projections and estimates only and is not binding upon the District. The amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied for the bonds may vary from those presently estimated due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for project funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Headings. The headings or titles of the sections of the bond measure, including any headings or titles included in the Bond Project List, are solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of the bond measure.

Severability. The Board and the voters hereby declare that every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, application and individual project (individually referred to as "Part" and collectively as "Parts"), of this school improvement bond measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each Part hereof regardless of whether any other Part of this school improvement bond measure would be subsequently declared invalid. Upon approval of this school improvement bond measure by the voters, should any Part of this school improvement bond measure be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining Parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the Parts of this school improvement bond measure are severable.

STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15122.5

Approval of Bond Measure Z does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the San Bernardino City Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Bond Measure Z will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Bond Measure Z. The District's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching State funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

General Information

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

The Registrar of Voters provides a number of services to increase access and encourage participation by voters with disabilities. Contact the Registrar of Voters office at (909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-VOTE for assistance.

Polling Places and Early Vote Sites

Polling places and Early Vote sites have accessible paths of travel, accessible parking and include the following resources:

- Accessible ballot marking devices, including audio and large text options
- Assistance by poll workers
- Handheld magnifying glasses
- Signature guide cards
- Wheelchair accessible voting booths

Additionally, you may bring one or two persons to assist you with marking your ballot.

Curbside Voting

Voters with disabilities may take advantage of our easy-to-navigate curbside voting option. Follow these instructions:

1. At your assigned polling place, park in the location designated for curbside voting.
2. Use your cellphone to call for curbside voting assistance. The phone number is printed on the curbside voting sign. Be ready to provide the name of your polling place and make, model and color of your vehicle to the operator.
3. Sit back and relax. Poll workers will be out to assist you soon.

Website Accessibility

The Registrar of Voters' website provides screen-reader accessible information for voters, including Voter Information Guides and ballots.

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail

Voters may use their computer to access and vote using an accessible ballot. Once selections are marked, voters will print their ballot, place it in an envelope, and return it to the Registrar of Voters office, a Polling Place, Ballot Drop Box or Early Vote site. Visit the Registrar of Voters' website at

Elections.SBCounty.gov/Elections/2026/1103.

Disability Rights California (DRC)

DRC operates a Voting Hotline year-round, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist voters with disabilities. On Election Day, the Voting Hotline is available from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call (888) 569-7955.

Language Assistance for Voters

Language assistance and sample ballots are available in Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Malay, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese at all County voting sites. To request a translated sample ballot, call (909) 387-8300 or email MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov by October 27. You may also view a translated sample ballot at **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail**. At the polling place, you may bring one or two persons to assist you with marking your ballot.

本縣所有投票站均提供中文、印地語、印尼語、高棉語、韓語、老撾語、馬來語、尼泊爾語、他加祿語、泰語及越南語的語言援助服務與選票樣本。如需索取翻譯版選票樣本，請於 10 月 27 日前致電 (909) 387-8300 或發送電郵至 MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov。您亦可造訪 **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail**，以查看翻譯版選票樣本。在投票站，您可讓一至兩人陪同，以協助您標填選票。

काउंटी के सभी मतदान केंद्रों पर चीनी, हिंदी, इंडोनेशियाई, खमेर, कोरियाई, लाओ, मलय, नेपाली, टैगलॉग, थाई और वियतनामी भाषाओं में भाषा सहायता और नमूना मतपत्र उपलब्ध हैं।

अगर आप अपनी भाषा में अनुवादित नमूना मतपत्र मंगवाना चाहते हैं, तो 27 अक्टूबर तक (909) 387-8300 पर कॉल करें या MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov पर ईमेल भेजें। आप अनुवादित नमूना मतपत्र

Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail पर भी देख सकते हैं।

मतदान केंद्र पर आप अपना मतपत्र भरने में मदद के लिए अपने साथ एक या दो लोगों को ला सकते हैं।

Bantuan bahasa dan contoh surat suara tersedia dalam bahasa Mandarin, Hindi, Indonesia, Khmer, Korea, Lao, Melayu, Nepal, Tagalog, Thai, dan Vietnam di semua lokasi pemungutan suara Daerah (County). Untuk meminta contoh surat suara yang telah diterjemahkan, hubungi (909) 387-8300 atau kirim email MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov sebelum tanggal 27 Oktober. Anda juga bisa melihat contoh surat suara yang telah diterjemahkan di **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail**. Di tempat pemungutan suara, Anda boleh mengajak satu atau dua orang untuk membantu Anda menandai surat suara.

ជំនួយភាសា និងសន្លឹកស្នើគំរូអាចរកបានជាភាសាចិន ហិណ្ឌូ ឥណ្ឌូនេស៊ី ខ្មែរ កូរ៉េ ឡាវ ម៉ាឡេស៊ី នេប៉ាល់ តាហ្គាឡុក ថៃ និងវៀតណាមនៅគ្រប់ទីតាំងបោះឆ្នោតប្រចាំខោនធីទាំងអស់។ ដើម្បីស្នើសុំសន្លឹកស្នើគំរូដែលបានបកប្រែរួច សូមហៅទូរសព្ទទៅលេខ (909) 387-8300 ឬផ្ញើអ៊ីមែលទៅកាន់អាសយដ្ឋាន MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov នៅត្រឹមថ្ងៃទី 27 ខែតុលា។ អ្នកក៏អាចមើលសន្លឹកស្នើគំរូដែលបានបកប្រែរួចផងដែរ នៅគេហទំព័រ

Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail។ នៅកន្លែងបោះឆ្នោត អ្នកអាចនាំមនុស្ស

មួយនាក់ ឬពីរនាក់មកជួយអ្នកក្នុងការគូសសន្លឹកស្នើគំរូរបស់អ្នក។

언어 지원과 견본 투표 용지는 카운티 전역 투표소에서 다음의 언어로 받으실 수 있습니다: 중국어, 힌디어, 인도네시아어, 크메르어, 한국어, 라오어, 말레이어, 네팔어, 타갈로그어, 태국어, 베트남어. 번역된 견본 투표 용지를 요청하시려면 10월 27일까지 (909) 387-8300으로 전화하시거나 MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov로 이메일 해 주십시오. 번역된 견본 투표 용지는 다음의 웹사이트에서도 보실 수 있습니다:

Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail. 투표소에는 투표지를 작성할 때 도움을 줄 사람 한두 명을 동반하실 수 있습니다.

Language Assistance for Voters (continuation)

ບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ ແລະ ບັດລົງຄະແນນສຽງຕົວຢ່າງແມ່ນມີໃຫ້ບໍລິການເປັນພາສາຈີນ, ຮິນດີ, ອິນໂດເນເຊຍ, ຂະເໝນ, ເກົາຫຼີ, ລາວ, ມາເລ, ເນປານ, ຕາກາລັອກ, ໄທ ແລະ ຫວຽດນາມ ຢູ່ທຸກສະຖານທີ່ລົງຄະແນນສຽງຂອງຄາວຕີ້. ເພື່ອຮ້ອງຂໍບັດລົງຄະແນນສຽງຕົວຢ່າງທີ່ແປແລ້ວ, ໃຫ້ໂທຫາ (909) 387-8300 ຫຼື ສົ່ງອີເມວຫາ MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov ພາຍໃນວັນທີ 27 ຕຸລາ. ທ່ານຍັງສາມາດເບິ່ງບັດລົງຄະແນນສຽງຕົວຢ່າງທີ່ແປແລ້ວໄດ້ທີ່ **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail**. ຢູ່ສະຖານທີ່ປອນບັດເລືອກຕັ້ງ, ທ່ານສາມາດພາໜຶ່ງ ຫຼື ສອງຄົນມາຊ່ວຍທ່ານໝາຍບັດລົງຄະແນນສຽງຂອງທ່ານໄດ້.

Bantuan bahasa dan contoh kertas undi disediakan dalam bahasa Mandarin, Hindi, Indonesia, Khmer, Korea, Lao, Melayu, Nepal, Tagalog, Thai dan Vietnam di semua pusat pengundian Daerah. Untuk meminta contoh kertas undi yang diterjemahkan, sila hubungi (909) 387-8300 atau e-mel MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov selewat-lewatnya pada 27 Oktober. Anda juga boleh melihat contoh kertas undi yang diterjemahkan di **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail**. Di tempat mengundi, anda boleh membawa seorang atau dua orang untuk membantu anda menandakan kertas undi anda.

सबै काउन्टी मतदान केन्द्रहरूमा चिनियाँ, हिन्दी, इन्डोनेसियाली, खमेर, कोरियाली, लाओ, मलय, नेपाली, तागालोग, थाई र भियतनामी भाषाको भाषा सहायता र नमुना मतपत्रहरू उपलब्ध छन्। अनुवाद गरिएको नमुना पत्र माग गर्न, अक्टोबर 27 भित्र (909) 387-8300 वा MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov मा इमेल गर्नुहोस्। तपाईंले **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail** मा गएर पनि अनुवाद गरिएका नमुना मतपत्र हेर्न सक्नुहुन्छ। मतदान केन्द्रमा, मतपत्रमा छाप लगाउन सहयोग चाहिएमा तपाईंले आफूसँग एक वा दुई जना व्यक्ति ल्याउन सक्नुहुन्छ।

May makukuhang tulong sa wika at mga halimbawang balota sa wikang Intsik, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Malay, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, at Vietnamese sa lahat ng lugar ng pagboto ng County. Upang humiling ng nakasaling halimbawang balota, tumawag sa (909) 387-8300 o mag-email sa MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov sa o bago ang Oktubre 27. Maaari mo ring tingnan ang nakasaling halimbawang balota sa **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail**. Sa lugar ng botohan, maaari kang magsama ng isa o dalawang tao upang tulungan kang markahan ang iyong balota.

มีบริการช่วยเหลือด้านภาษาและบัตรลงคะแนนตัวอย่างในภาษาจีน ฮินดี อินโดนีเซีย เขมร เกาหลี ลาว มาเลย์ เนปาล ตากาล็อก ไทย และเวียดนาม ณ หน่วยเลือกตั้งทุกแห่งของเคาน์ตี หากต้องการรับบัตรลงคะแนนตัวอย่างฉบับแปล โปรดโทรศัพท์หมายเลข (909) 387-8300 หรือส่งอีเมลไปที่ MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov ภายในวันที่ 27 ตุลาคม นอกจากนี้ คุณยังสามารถดูบัตรลงคะแนนตัวอย่างฉบับแปลได้ที่ **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail** คุณสามารถพาบุคคลหนึ่งหรือสองคนมาช่วยคุณทำเครื่องหมายลงคะแนนในบัตรเลือกตั้งได้ ณ หน่วยเลือกตั้ง

Dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ và phiếu bầu mẫu được cung cấp bằng tiếng Hoa, tiếng Hindi, tiếng Khmer, tiếng Hàn, tiếng Lào, tiếng Mã Lai, tiếng Nepal, tiếng Tagalog, tiếng Thái, và tiếng Việt ở tất cả các địa điểm bỏ phiếu của Quận. Để yêu cầu phiếu bầu mẫu đã dịch, hãy gọi (909) 387-8300 hoặc email MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov trước ngày 27 tháng 10. Quý vị cũng có thể xem lá phiếu mẫu đã dịch tại **Elections.SBCounty.gov/Voting/ByMail**. Tại địa điểm bỏ phiếu, quý vị có thể đưa một hoặc hai người đến hỗ trợ quý vị đánh dấu lá phiếu.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS NEEDED!

Everyone Counts on Election Day

Why become an Election Day worker?

- Serve your community and learn about voting
- Help your neighbors vote at a polling place
- Earn extra money, \$285 - \$390

What does an Election Day worker do?

- Preserve everyone's right to vote
- Protect all votes so they can be counted
- Set up, support, and close polling places
- Assist voters with the voting process

Who can be an election worker?

- Registered voters in California

How to apply:



1. Go to Elections.SBCounty.gov
2. Sign into My Elections Gateway
3. Click on My Poll Worker Application, or

- Complete the application on the next page
- For questions, call us at (909) 387-8300



Training classes available in:

Apple Valley • Barstow • Big Bear • Chino • Crestline • Fontana • Hesperia • Ontario • Phelan
Rancho Cucamonga • San Bernardino • Victorville • Yucaipa • Yucca Valley

#SBCountyCounts



**Your Vote.
Your Choice.
Make it Count.**



Poll Worker Application

1. Applicant Information (Please print clearly)

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Street Address	Unit/Apt#	City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (If Different)	Unit/Apt#	City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone Number	Home Phone Number	Email Address		
Do you have access to a vehicle? Yes ☐ No ☐		Are you registered to vote in the state of California? Yes ☐ No ☐		

2. Language Skills (All volunteers need to be fluent in English)

Please select all that apply:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ☐ Chinese | ☐ Hindi | ☐ Indonesian | ☐ Khmer |
| ☐ Korean | ☐ Lao | ☐ Malay | ☐ Nepali |
| ☐ Spanish | ☐ Tagalog | ☐ Thai | ☐ Vietnamese |

Other: _____

3. Availability

Are you currently employed? Yes ☐ No ☐ If 'Yes,' list employer: _____

Are you available on Election Day? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you available to work outside of your neighborhood? Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes,' how far? 5 - 10 Miles ☐ 11 - 20 Miles ☐ 21 - 30 Miles ☐ 31 - 40 Miles ☐

4. Compensation and Work Hours

Clerks: \$285	Stipend includes compensation for completing an Election Day assignment and attending a 2-hour poll worker training class.
Assistant Supervisor: \$350 plus mileage	Stipend includes compensation for completing an Election Day assignment and attending a 2-hour poll worker training class and a 4-hour supervisor training class.
Supervisors: \$390 plus mileage	Stipend includes compensation for completing an Election Day assignment and attending a 2-hour poll worker training class and a 4-hour supervisor training class.
Bilingual: \$20 additional payment	Stipend issued to poll workers who successfully complete bilingual testing and are assigned by the Registrar of Voters office to a bilingual position.

Work Hours: Poll Workers are required to report to their assigned polling place at 6:00 a.m. and work the entire Election Day (approximately 9:30 p.m.)

5. Submission Instructions and Information

Return completed applications:

- By Email: Scan or take a picture of the application and email to pollworkers@rov.sbcounty.gov
- By Fax: (909) 387-2022
- By Mail or in Person: Registrar of Voters, 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

Election Workers must comply with legal restrictions imposed upon them including, but not limited to, restraining orders, restrictions imposed on registered sex offenders, or any other prohibitions or limitations on their presence at voting locations and must notify the County immediately if they are prohibited from serving at their assigned voting location or any locality.

For questions, call the Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300

Replacement Mail Ballot Application

Only the registered voter themselves may request a replacement ballot. A request for a replacement ballot that is made by any person other than the registered voter is a criminal offense.

1. Fill Out Your Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last Name First Name

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Tell Us Where to Mail Your Replacement Ballot

- ☐ I want a Replacement Ballot to be sent to my residential address.
- ☐ I want a Replacement Ballot to be sent to my mailing address.

3. Choose Your Ballot Language *Your preference will be updated in your voter record.*

- ☐ English ☐ Spanish

4. Sign and Date Your Application

Signature: _____ Date: _____

5. Return Your Application by Tuesday, October 27, 2026

By Mail or In Person: San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters
777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

By Fax: (909) 386-8388

By Email: Scan or take a picture of your application and email it to
MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov

Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

1. **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. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake**, if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - **Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot, or
 - **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. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
7. **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
9. **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. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 - On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 - By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 - By email at elections@sos.ca.gov



If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Registrar of Voters office at **(800) 881-VOTE (8683)** or the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

**San Bernardino County
Registrar of Voters**

777 E. Rialto Avenue
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If you would like to vote in person, the following is your assigned polling place:
Si desea votar en persona, su casilla electoral asignada es la siguiente:

COMPREHENSIVE



NOTICE: Your polling place above may have changed from past elections. Polling places are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

AVISO: Es posible que la casilla electoral mencionada antes haya cambiado desde las últimas elecciones. Las casillas electorales estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. el Día de las Elecciones.

DATES TO REMEMBER! / ¡FECHAS PARA RECORDAR!

OCTOBER / OCTUBRE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Monday, October 5 / Lunes 5 de octubre

Mail Ballots delivered to USPS

Early voting begins

Las Boletas de Voto por Correo se entregan a USPS

Comienza el voto anticipado

Monday, October 19 / Lunes 19 de octubre

Voter registration deadline

Fecha límite para el registro de votantes

Tuesday, October 20 / Martes 20 de octubre

Conditional voter registration begins

Comienza el registro condicional de votantes

Tuesday, October 27 / Martes 27 de octubre

Last day to request a replacement ballot to be mailed

Último día para solicitar el envío por correo de una boleta de reemplazo

Thursday, October 29 / Jueves 29 de octubre

Additional Early Vote Sites open

Casillas para Voto Anticipado Adicionales abiertas

NOVEMBER / NOVIEMBRE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Election Day / Día de las Elecciones

Tuesday, November 3 / Martes 3 de noviembre

Polling places open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before this date

Las casillas electorales abren de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.

Las boletas devueltas por correo deben tener el sello postal de esta fecha o anterior

Wednesday, November 4 / Miércoles 4 de noviembre

Canvass of the election begins

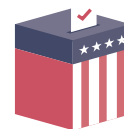
Comienza el escrutinio de las elecciones

DECEMBER / DICIEMBRE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Thursday, December 3 / Jueves 3 de diciembre

Deadline to complete the canvass and certify the County's election results

Fecha límite para completar el escrutinio y certificar los resultados de la elección del Condado



Don't Delay, Vote Today!

¡No se Retrase, Vote Hoy!

Early voting begins on October 5, 2026.

La votación anticipada empieza el 5 de octubre de 2026.