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## YPM PRIMARY 2006 MID-TERM ELECTION GUIDE

Los Angeles County

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*This is the most extensive ballot in the history of California, so if you are feeling overwhelmed at the amount of items you are being asked to vote on, know that this is not the size it usually is. We are pleased to give you this guide, which, we hope, will make the whole experience easier, more positive and more powerful for you.*

*★Please email this guide at [www.goypm.org](http://www.goypm.org) to all your L.A. friends and family before November 7<sup>th</sup>, so we can make some serious change at the local level this year.*

And, as if it wasn't complicated enough: California has one of the most complicated multi-districted governments in the Country, so...

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Find your local races & poll by looking on the Sample Ballot sent to your residence,

OR online <http://lavote.net/Locator/> (562) 466-1310

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Once you know which races are yours, find out all about them in this here guide.

♥ Eligible voters can ALWAYS cast a *Provisional Ballot* at ANY poll and it will be counted.

Disclaimer: Due to the large number of races and candidates in this race, YPM has focused on the geographic areas most relevant to our membership, and to the viable contenders as seen through polls

and newspapers. In most cases these candidates fall within the Two-Party system. We have included information on the values of candidates in both parties where possible. If you need information on an unlisted race or candidate, please let us know [info@goypm.org](mailto:info@goypm.org). YPM has picked information (**from sources sited at the back**) based on our progressive values:

- Quality Education for All
- Corporate Responsibility
- Healthcare for All
- Civil Rights
- Environmental Conservation
- Reproductive Freedom

◆ - Indicates an incumbent. Incumbents often win because of name recognition and protective district drawing.

Hard to believe, but elected officials, themselves, redraw districts after each Census.

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**Governor** ★We wish this race was more sexy. It ain't. That's why we say "**Go Local**".

The Executive Branch of the State Government. Signs or vetoes law presented by state legislature.

★**Phil Angelides (D)** - Current State Treasurer with national reputation for investing state pensions and bonds in socially responsible and progressive enterprises (LA Weekly). **Fun Fact:** First ran for political office at age 19, when he made an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the Sacramento City Council. **Minimum Wage:** Promises to sign a minimum-wage bill that would have yearly increases. **Education:** Plan to fund schools by rolling back tax cuts (by a less than a third of the tax breaks which they have received for corporations and couples making over \$500,000 to improve education (OC Register). **Environment:** Pledges to make CA world leader for renewable energy/clean vehicles and to reduce California's gasoline and diesel use 25% in ten years. **Healthcare:** for all. **Money:** "State Treasurer Angelides took \$143,200 from the developers who bulldozed the Dana Point Headlands over Sierra Club objections. Then there's the \$574,000 he accepted from law firms he hired to be state bond counsel." (LA Alternative Press) **Fun Facts:** Phil Angelides-Democrat for Governor has 6883 MySpace friends. His campaign has raised almost \$18,000,000. **Endorsed by:** Senators Boxer & Feinstein, Democratic Party leaders Nancy Pelosi and Fabian Núñez, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, CA's Teachers, Firefighters, Police Officers, Sierra Club: Vote the Coast, California National Organization of Women, much of Organized Labor, and Ed Begley Jr. <http://www.smartvoter.org>

**Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) ◆** - This star of "Kindergarten Cop" called for a Special Election to get in office. Called for another Special Election last November where he attacked working class. None of his Propositions went through. Some estimate \$30 million in state funds were used to administer each election. **Down to business:** LA Times reports that this year he has gotten more serious and patient in his work ethic, finally tackling "unglamorous issues [like] flood protection, immigration reform, fish farming and the crumbling state of California's roads, schools and bridges." **Environment:** Recently signed a Million Solar Roofs bill and another one to cut the amount of greenhouse gases emitted from California electric power plants, refineries and other sources by 25% by the year 2020. Which is cool- though it should be noted that neither bill was led by Arnold, he just didn't veto them. Also to be noted: Arnold owns a few Hummers (one of which is hydrogen powered). **The Ladies:** Arnold has been caught on tape making disparaging remarks regarding Cuban & Puerto Rican Women and, apparently, is still investigating those pesky allegations that he groped a bunch of ladies that surfaced when he first ran for office... **Fun Facts:** Arnold only has 1104 MySpace friends. ☹ **His campaign has raised over \$32,990,000**

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**Endorsed by:** Nancy Reagan, Former Governors Pete Wilson & George Deukmejian  
<http://www.cnn.com/2006/POLITICS/09/08/schwarzenegger.tape.ap/index.html>

**Edward C. Noonan (AI)** - Occupation: Computer Shop Owner, Member - Minuteman Project, LDS - Ward Mission Leader, Has taken the "State of California Taxpayer Protection Pledge" which states that Mr. Noonan "will oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes." Concerns include "the Illegal immigrant invasion, the matter of abortion, and the Moral decline."  
<http://www.ednoonan4gov.org/>

**Janice Jordan (P&F)** - Occupation: Counselor & Mother. Priorities: Statewide Healthcare for All, Livable Wage, Immediate Moratorium on the Death Penalty. Her website features a picture of her being arrested with a sign around her neck that says, "Not My President." She looks pretty psyched about it. <http://www.janicejordan.org>

**Art Olivier (L)** - Occupation: Engineer. Former Mayor of Bellflower. Priorities: Cut spending, lower taxes and eliminate the deficit., Build more freeway lanes to end gridlock, Expedite the construction of power plants and oil refineries. Wants to reform the 3 Strikes Law.  
<http://electArt.com>

**Peter Miguel Camejo (G)** - Occupation: Chief Executive Officer of Progressive Asset Management, a financial investment firm that encourages socially responsible projects. Ran as Ralph Nader's Vice Presidential Candidate in 2004. This is his third run for Governor. He presents a 5 Point Plan for California: 3 forms of Individual Tax Reform (one which raises Corporate Taxes), Single Payer Universal Health Care, & "Raising the Minimum Wage to what it was in 1968" No Endorsements to be found. <http://www.votecamejo.com/>

## **Lieutenant Governor**

*President of the State Senate, and serves on commissions that oversee public colleges, economy and trade, environment, disaster relief, agriculture, cultural tolerance, and the census.*

★**John Garamendi (D)** - Current CA State Insurance Commissioner, former Deputy Secretary of US. Dept of the Interior under Clinton. Priorities include universal access to affordable health care for every Californian. Maintaining environmental quality as well as making sure the education system is competitive in a global market. Former Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. Has 6 kids! Endorsed By: Al Gore, California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, Sierra Club of California, California League of Conservation Voters, California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, California Professional Firefighters, Stonewall Democratic Club

**Tom McClintock (R)** - Realtor. Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CA Governor's Recall election. Wants to take state budget out of the hands of politicians and give it to CPAs. Supports the Catholic Church's position on immigration: supports legalizing those now in the country and a guest worker program. Wrote California's lethal injection law. Ran the campaign to eliminate the car tax in 2002. Believes in small government and less taxes. *Extremely Conservative*. No endorsements Listed.

**Lynette Shaw (L)** - Focus on: Medical Cannabis & her Marajuana Peace Plan (which has been in operation in Marin County for 9 years!) Her website states, "Please join with me and Willie Nelson to help save family farms with industrial hemp and to protect your medical rights." Nuff said?  
[www.voteshaw.info](http://www.voteshaw.info)

**Donna J. Warren (G)** - In 1999, sued the CIA for the crack cocaine infestation in South Central, and, in 2004, helped coordinate Prop. 66 to amend California's Three Strikes Law. Wants to guide the Legislature to represent the people, not corporations and special interests. Ask us not to be "fuelish—stop voting for oil companies at the gas pump." Wants to Stop Global Burning, and keep California competitive in science/medical research. [www.donnawarren.com](http://www.donnawarren.com)

**Stewart A. Alexander (P&F)** - Occupation: Automobile Sales Consultant. Executive Dir of the African American Civil Liberties Union. Believes that "Working people need a greater voice in government." Priorities are to: Protect Labor, Protect the Environment, Create Sustainable Jobs. [www.salt-g.com](http://www.salt-g.com)

## **Secretary of State ★SEXY RACE**

*Chief Elections Officer controls state voting method (paper trail vs. electronic mysteries). Responsible for disclosing campaign/lobbyist information, some commercial documentation, and the State Archives. Serves on CA Trade Commission.*

*Note: "If Diebold had set out to build a system as insecure as they possibly could, this would be it,"  
- Johns Hopkins Univ computer-science Prof. 5/29/06  
<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/12888600/site/newsweek>*

**★Debra Bowen (D)** - State Senator, former State Assemblywoman. The favorite candidate of activists fighting notorious Diebold voting machines. Believes we should ensure our voting systems are accurate and secure by introducing strict auditing requirements so that every vote is counted as it was cast. Improve disclosure of campaign contributions to candidates and ballot initiatives so people can easily track how the money flows in politics. Register every eligible voter, encourage every voter to participate on Election Day and ensure that every vote is counted accurately.

**Fun Fact:** Mrs. Bowen is one of the featured guests at YPM's "Party for Progress" Awareness Raiser Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. She gets it that we need to hear what she's got to say. Very cool indeed. **Mrs. Bowen is also the ONLY FEMALE on the statewide ballot.**

**Endorsed By:** California Federation of Teachers, California Nurses Association, California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, Sierra Club, California League of Conservation Voters, EMILY's List, Senator Barbara Boxer, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

**Bruce McPherson (R) ◆** - Occupation: Secretary of State. Established a Disability Advisory Committee in order to ensure access for all Californians. Also re-certified Diebold voting machines Feb. 2006. In order to do so he had to go back on his word twice and violate federal and state law in the process. Endorsed By: California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations, Catherine Brinkman, Chair, California Young Republicans Inc., California State Sheriff's Association, Dick Ackerman, Senate Republican Leadership, California Teacher's Association, California State Sheriff's Association California Farm Bureau Federation. <http://www.mcpherson2006.com>

**Dr. Margie Akin (P&F)** - Occupation: Archaeologist/Medical Anthropologist. First political activity was on behalf of the Farmworkers Union in 1965. Priorities: Paper Trail for Voting, Simplification of Business Records & Registration, Implementing a Special Program pulling together records relating to Native American Indians and other under represented communities.

[www.akin2006.com](http://www.akin2006.com)

**Forrest Hill (G)** - Occupation: Financial Advisor. Believes that "California's electoral system needs a complete overhaul, not bandages!" Priorities include: Instant Run Off Voting for elections, Election Day Registration, Ending corruption by enacting new restrictions on all election-related contributions and implementing fair public financing laws. Has a PHD in Marine Biology from MIT. And a goatee. [www.VoteForrest.org](http://www.VoteForrest.org)

**Gail K. Lightfoot (L)** - Occupation: RN, Public Health Nurse. Lives in Pismo Beach. Does not surf. Priorities are: Fully Informing Voters, None of the Above option in all elections, Instant Run Off Voting. Endorsed by: Libertarian Party of California, None of the Above Advocates, Proportional Representation Advocates [includes Instant Runoff voting] <http://www.smartvoter.org>

**Glenn McMillon, Jr. (AI)** - Occupation: Small Business Owner. 25 years of age. Graduated from MIT, where he was treasurer of the MIT Anti-Choice Organization. Priorities: Ending Election Fraud, Paper Trail, Instant Runoff Voting. Endorsed by: Orange County Pro-Family Candidate Campaign. <http://www.myspace.com/mcmillon2006> (He has 17 friends. Don't laugh. That's not nice.)

## **Controller**

*California's CFO. The "state's independent financial watchdog" over government use of tax dollars. Accounts for state government income and spending and guides local government.*

★**John Chiang (D)** - Current Chairman of the State Board of Equalization where he created free outreach and education programs to help individuals, businesses and nonprofit orgs better understand taxes. Involved in the State Board of Equalization's efforts to curb black market cigarette sales and other business tax evasion. Sacramento experience. Focus: Fiscal policy is social policy, Commitment to community service, Every elected office must be accessible to its constituents. Endorsed By: Sierra Club, California League of Conservation Voters, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, California Teachers Association, California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, California League of Conservation Voters, California National Organization for Women, LA City Council President Eric Garcetti.

**Tony Strickland (R)** - Former State Assemblyman for Moorpark. Wants to repeal the sales tax on gasoline. Believes we cannot begin to discuss immigration until our borders are secure. Will Audit agencies that hand out benefits to illegal immigrants. Endorsed By: Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, Mike Antonovich, Supervisor, Los Angeles County, Young Republican Federation of California, Lew Uhler, President, National Tax Limitation Committee, State Senator Tom McClintock. <http://www.tonystrickland.com>

**Laura Wells (G)** - Occupation: Financial Systems Consultant. Believes that Venezuela is the world's best kept secret of democracy. Priorities: Global Economic Justice, Environment, Military-to-Civilian Economy, and Community-Based Economic Issues. [www.LauraWells.org](http://www.LauraWells.org)

**Elizabeth Cervantes Barron (P&F)** - Occupation: Retired Teacher. Wants to raise taxes on the rich, lower taxes on workers. Virtually no info on this candidate.

**Donna Tello (L)** - Occupation: Tax Accountant. Wants to "Control Spending, Not People." Priorities are: Elimination of Wasteful Practices, Promotion of Efficiency, Meeting One Year Budget Deadlines. Quotes on her website, "Unlike most politicians, I have a sense of humor." And "Duh!"

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## **Treasurer**

*State's lead asset manager, banker and financier. Serves as chairperson or a member of numerous State authorities, boards and commissions that include health, safety, and water issues.*

★**Bill Lockyer (D)** - Current Attorney General. As Attorney General, helped Californians win settlements against energy companies, helped create the Meagans' Law website (keeping track of sex offenders), doubled the size of elderly abuse programs, and sued twice in federal court against the Bush admin's plans to cut down Giant Sequoias and part of the Sierra Nevada National Forest. Endorsed by Equality California, LA Police Protective League, CA Professional Firefighters, CA Nurses Association, Sierra Club, Senator Barbara Boxer, United Farm Workers, Stonewall Democratic Club

**Claude Parrish (R)** - Sits on the State Board of Equalization. Anti-tax activist. Believes that "the State Treasurer must go before the Legislature to oppose all but the most vital or cost effective bond issues!" Other priorities include: Saving millions of \$\$ by eliminating Wall Street middlemen and Having bond interest payments originate in CA. Endorsed by: Verizon Communications Inc., American Airlines, The Pepsi Bottling Group Inc., Ralphs Grocery Co., Paramount Pictures Group, Southern California Aviation LLC, United Melon Distributors Inc., Clearchannel Worldwide, PG&E Corp., Pacific Life Insurance Co. <http://www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov>

**Marian Smithson (L)** - Occupation: City Treasurer of West Covina/CPA. Priorities: Get California on a pay-as-you-go financing policy, Earn maximum return on taxpayers' fund, Encourage living within means without increasing taxes. <http://www.smartvoter.org>

**Mehul M. Thakker (G)** - Doesn't take contributions from big Corporations. Believes that CA should move our State's investments into community development banks and credit unions that support local economies, that we can balance California's budget immediately if the top 1% of earners pay the same tax rates as the poorest citizens in California, and believes in a fair policy of legalization for undocumented workers and in an increased minimum wage. <http://www.votethakker.com/>

**Gerald Sanders (P&F)** - Picture on his website has him in a Che shirt and a leather jacket. He wants to Double the Minimum Wage, have 30-hour work-week with longer paid vacations (can we get an amen?), Universal Basic Income for all, to End Homelessness, and have Social Ownership and democratic control of industry, financial institutions, and natural resources. <http://geraldsanders.org>

## **Attorney General**

*Part of the Dept. of Justice. Works to lead and educate on law enforcement, justice, safety, equal opportunity, economic prosperity.*

★**Jerry Brown (D)** - Current Mayor of Oakland, famous political character, former two-term state Governor and Secretary of State. Focus on assisting local police, protecting the environment, and protecting a woman's right to choose. Anti-death penalty. Says he is best suited to ward off the current administration's erosions of protection to consumers, workers, environment, and women's rights.

Endorsed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, The Sierra Club, CA League of

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Conservation Voters CA Police Chiefs Assn., CA Nurses Assn, United Farm Workers.  
<http://www.smartvoter.org>, <http://www.jerrybrown.org>.

**Chuck Poochigian (R)** – Current State Senator and former State Assemblyman. Strongly in favor of the death penalty and consistent supporter of Three Strikes Law. Authored legislation calling for “greater protections from felons in possession of firearms.” Against Stem Cell Research and wants to outlaw abortion. <http://www.pooch4ag.com>

**Kenneth A Weissman (L)** – a Beverly Hills attorney who wants to limit government’s powers of eminent domain and clamp down on welfare fraud. Anti-gun control, strongly against illegal immigration, supports the death penalty. Supports a woman’s right to choose but is pro parental notification. Legalize victimless crimes—gambling, prostitution, drugs, etc.  
[www.electkenweissman.com](http://www.electkenweissman.com)

**Jack Harrison (P&F)** – an attorney who is a commissioner on the Berkeley rent stabilization board. According to his Website, Jack’s priorities are to end the death penalty, to decriminalize marijuana and end minimum mandatory sentencing, and to prosecute corporate thieves and retrieve stolen funds. <http://www.peaceandfreedom2006.org/candidates/jharrison/>

**Michael S. Wyman (G)** – A San Rafael attorney, he wants to abolish the death penalty, reform Three Strikes, and decriminalize drugs. He supports same sex marriage, wants to “end the war on immigrants,” and wants to abolish the Patriot Act. <http://www.votewyman.org/>

## **Insurance Commissioner**

*Enforces insurance-related CA laws. Regulates industry to “protect consumers and promote a healthy marketplace” (Can both be done at once??).*

**Cruz M. Bustamante (D)** - Current CA Lt. Governor. Former Speaker of the Assembly. Haas Sacramento experience. Focus on educating and protecting consumers while working to expand affordable health coverage. His own weight loss is a major theme of his campaign. Endorsed by CA Association of Highway Patrolmen, CA Teachers Association, CA Nurses Association, CA Professional Firefighters. <http://startwithcruz.com>

**Steve Poizner (R)** – A businessman and entrepreneur, he says that he, unlike Bustamante, will not take money from the insurance companies he will regulate. Wants to crack down on insurance fraud and uninsured drivers. Endorsed by Governor Schwarzenegger and California Coalition of Law Enforcement Assns. <http://www.easyvoter.org>

**Larry Cafiero (G)** – A newspaper editor from Scotts Valley, he wants to fix Worker’s Comp reform. Advocates a gasoline tax to provide liability coverage to all drivers. <http://www.votecafiero.com/>

**Jay Earl Burden (AI)** – no information available.

**Tom Condit (P&F)** – A writer who wants to eliminate private insurance companies in the health fields and replace them with a universal health care system. Also supports state auto liability insurance covering every vehicle and driver paid for by either a gas tax or an increased vehicle registration fee.  
<http://www.tomcondit.org>

**Dale F. Ogden (L)** – An actuary and an insurance consultant, he wants to decrease the Insurance

Department's budget by 75%. He believes Insurance should not be state regulated because this interferes with competition between insurance companies and thus hurts consumers.

[www.dalefogden.org](http://www.dalefogden.org)

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☆ **The U.S. Legislative Branch = Senate + House of Representatives**

**Primary duty is to write, debate, and pass bills.**

## **U.S. SENATE**

*Each state has TWO senators with six-year terms. (Barbara Boxer is not up this year but Dianne is)*

**Dianne Feinstein (D) ◆** - Incumbent with no serious challenger. "Architect" of controversial and harsh anti-immigration legislation now in Congress. Her support of the War in Iraq resulted in a \$500 Million contract for her husband's civil infrastructure company, Pernini. Her top priorities include providing federal aid to combat gang violence, insuring California can meet its future water needs and dealing with global warming. [www.dianne2006.com](http://www.dianne2006.com)

**Richard "Dick" Mountjoy (R)** - Retired state senator. Campaign website begins "The time has come for those who live their lives by Judeo-Christian beliefs...to rise up." Re immigration: He pledges to oppose all "amnesty schemes." He wants to stop illegal immigration and deny amnesty to illegal aliens. He believes in protecting private property rights and wants to curb wasteful government spending. He fully supports President Bush's anti-terrorism actions. [www.mountjoyforsenate.com](http://www.mountjoyforsenate.com)

**Don J Grundmann (AI)** - Chiropractor. He wants to stop illegal immigration believes in banning abortion. He believes the personal income tax system is fraudulent as is its implementation by the IRS. <http://www.vote-smart.org>

**Marsha Feinland (P&F)** - A retired schoolteacher who believes in the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East. Universal healthcare, good education and housing for all Americans. Equal rights for all people, including immigrant workers. <http://www.peaceandfreedom2004.org/mfeinland/>

**Michael S. Metti (L)** - Businessman. Anti-choice, anti-affirmative action, anti-death penalty. Wants to reduce greatly government spending and taxation. <http://www.vote-smart.org>

**Todd Chretien (G)** - Community Activist, he wants to implement a \$10/hr living wage for all workers, grant amnesty to all undocumented immigrant workers and bring American troops home from Iraq. <http://www.vote-smart.org>

## **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Number per state is based on population of each state. Serves two-year terms without limit.*

### **U.S. Representative - District 27**

*The suburbs north of downtown Los Angeles, including Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, and La Canada.*

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**Brad Sherman (D) ◆** - Incumbent with no real challenger. Specialty is fiscal responsibility. Supports Valley secession. Secured \$16 Million to complete the trails through the Santa Monica Mountains. Endorsed by: Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, Stonewall Dems, Vets of Foreign Wars PAC. [www.bradsherman.com](http://www.bradsherman.com)

**Peter Hankwitz (R)** - Producer and Talent Rep. Priorities are to expand Hollywood job opportunities and secure our borders. <http://www.hankwitzforcongress.com/topics.html>.

## U.S. Representative - District 28

*Los Angeles and San Fernando and the Pacoima, Arleta, Panorama City, Van Nuys, and North Hollywood communities.*

**Howard L. Berman (D) ◆** - 20+ yrs as Congressman. Born in Los Angeles. Supports right to abortion. Voted for both Iraq invasions: does not believe in immediate withdrawal. Voted against the re-authorization of the Patriot Act. Controversial high salary paid to family members on staff. ([www.house.gov/berman](http://www.house.gov/berman))

**Stanley Kessel Kimmelman (R)** - wants to seal the border with troops and a fence and deport illegal immigrants and visa overstays immediately. Strong supporter of Iraq war and military presence in the Middle East. <http://www.smartvoter.org>

**Kelley L. Ross (L)** - Per his website, he's against social security taxation, medicare, welfare rights, minimum wage, labor unions, federal regulation, anti-discrimination laws, Jesse Jackson, Teddy Kennedy, sensitivity trainers and Washington, and he's for abortion, pornography, drug legalization, legalized gambling, legalized prostitution, gay "marriage", nude family recreation, RuPaul, Jerry Springer... <http://www.friesian.com/ross/ca40/>

**Byron De Lear (G)** - Supports universal healthcare, fair trade, a living wage, presidential accountability for actions illegal and unconstitutional. <http://www.vote-smart.org>

## U.S. Representative - District 29

*Alhambra, Altadena, Burbank, Glendale, Griffith Park, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, and Temple City.*

**Adam Schiff (D) ◆** - Focus on Homeland Security and education. Co-authored renewal of US Patriot Act. He recently introduced the Air Cargo Security Act to ensure that all air cargo on passenger planes be screened for explosives. He is an original author of the Detention of Enemy Combatants Act, a bill which authorizes the federal government to detain U.S. citizens with suspected involvement in al Qaeda terrorist activities. Co-founded Freshmen for Reform with a Republican colleague to build support for the House version of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance regulations. **Endorsed by:** Sen. Barbara Boxer, Bill Lockyer, Sheriff Lee Baca.

**William J. Bodell (R)** - Businessman. Not a contender.

**Lynda L. Llamas (P&F)** - Occupation: Biology Lab Manager. Raised in an interracial family, former "welfare mother." Arrested protesting Iraq occupation. Priorities: Ending Wars, Funding Education, Housing & Healthcare, Doubling the minimum wage, Amnesty for Migrant Workers. <http://lyndallamas29thblogspot.com>

**Jim Keller (L)** - Occupation: Education Media Producer. Priorities: Smaller, Fiscally Responsible Govt, Protection of Civil Liberties, International Peace & Cooperation. There's a great typo on his webpage. Check it out one day: <http://www.votekeller.org>

**William M. Papanian (G)** - Occupation: Attorney at Law. Former Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmember of the City of Pasadena. Priorities: Bring the Troops Home Now, Beging Impeachment proceedings against GWB, Beging anti-corruption house cleaning for both parties. Web page features pix with him and Bill Clinton, The Dalai Lama, and Jesse Jackson. No where on his site does it ever say what he is FOR. <http://www.papanian4congress.com/>

## **U.S. Representative - District 30**

*Downtown Los Angeles and extends up to the city's northeastern boarder.*

★**Henry A. Waxman (D)** ◆ - Very popular in office since 1974. No true challenger. Pro-choice and successfully led the fight for improved prenatal and infant care for low-income families. Ranking member of Government Reform Committee: investigated high costs of prescription drugs, conditions in nursing homes, overcrowded schools, and voting irregularities. Fights to maintain and expand energy standards and restrictions on air and water pollution. Launched Enron investigation.

**David Nelson Jones (R)** - Not a contender. Proposes a Renters tax Break. Pro small business. Wants National Guard established along our borders.

**Adele M. Cannon (P&F)** - Certified Public Accountant. No other info available.

## **U.S. Representative - District 31**

*Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Santa Monica, West Hollywood and Westlake Village, Pacific Palisades, Bel-Air, Century City, Westwood, Brentwood, Topanga, Chatsworth, Woodland Hills, Beverlywood and West Los Angeles.*

★**Xavier Becerra (D)** ◆ - Representative since 1992. Stanford Alum. Only Democrat on the House of Ways and Means Comm. Pro-choice. Supports adhering to Kyoto Protocol and stem cell research.

## **U.S. Representative - District 33**

*Portion of Los Angeles and Culver City in its entirety.*

**Diane E. Watson (D)** ◆ - PhD in Education; 20 year LAUSD teacher. Former ambassador to Micronesia. Pro-choice. Against inhumane immigration legislation. Encourages DIPLOMATIC relations with Iran. Participating in "Out of Iraq" public events. Concerns exist about her anti-amalgam (dental fillings that involved mercury mixtures) bill and her campaign.

## **U.S. Representative - District 35**

*Inglewood, Hawthorne, as well as south-central Los Angeles.*

**Maxine Waters (D) ◆** - Popular Congresswoman since 1990; chief deputy whip. No true challenger. Pro-choice. Voted for the Resolution 635 to Censure Bush. Called for new leadership in the Department of Defense. Ethics: family members received contracts from her companies contacts.

**Paul T. Ireland (L)** - 4 time winner of the Lights of Liberty award (grassroots Libertarian award). Microsoft certified systems engineer. Endorsed by Republican Liberty Caucus. ("conscience of the republican party")

**Gordon Michael Mego (AI)** - Engineer. No more information provided.

## U.S. Representative - District 36 ★SEXY RACE

This district runs along Santa Monica Bay from south of Santa Monica through the Palos Verdes Peninsula and includes El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Lomita.

★**Jane Harman (D) ◆** - Endorsed by Mayor Villaraigosa and most Democratic officials. Harvard Law grad. Votes Yes on the Iraq war, Patriot Act and Bankruptcy bill. Sponsored anti-wire tapping bill. Pro-choice. Environmentalist. Ranking member of House Intelligence Committee. A Very Moderate Democrat.

**Brian Gibson (R)** - Not a contender. Received a PhD in physics from the University of Illinois (1978) and is currently enrolled at the Christian Trinity Law School, Santa Ana and also supports, "Secure Our Borders: 'The Fence,' Hi-Tech Surveillance, Increased Border Patrol.

**James R. Smith (P&F)** - drafted into the army and upon his return, he became a national leader for the Vietnam Veterans against the War. Masters in Sociology, Cal State, Northridge. Over the years he has represented state employees, hospital workers, teachers, newspaper workers, doctors, nurses, and college professors. Elected Treasurer of the Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Councils. He has held positions at the Peace and Freedom Party and has twice been a candidate for the California Assembly. Out of Iraq now.

**Mike Binkley (L)** - Member NRA, Reason Institute, Cato Institute, Los Angeles World Affairs Council and editor the Los Angeles Libertarian newsletter. Does not believe in welfare.

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☆ **The CA LEGISLATURE = STATE SENATE + STATE ASSEMBLY**

## STATE SENATE

### State Senator - District 20 ★SEXY RACE

*San Fernando*

★**Alex Padilla (D) ◆** - Current Los Angeles City Councilman (Former Council President) at 32 years of age. When he was elected to Council, he was the third-youngest person ever elected to City office. Opposes Valley succession, but is an advocate for fair share of resources and health care. Balanced budget successes on the City Council. Hired more police for his District. Fun Fact:

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Named one of [America's 100 Most Influential Hispanics](#) by [Hispanic Business Magazine](#). **Endorsed by:** United Farm Workers and City Council. Endorsed by: U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, California Fire Chiefs Association, LA City Council President Garcetti  
**Note:** Alex was kind enough to be the Key Note speaker at YPM's 2006 Get Out the Vote Event. That was cool of him. Thanks, Alex.

**Pamela J Brown (L)** - Occupation: Economics Professor. Priorities: Reduce Taxes & Scope of Govt. Programs & Spending, Reform Public Pension System, Outsource & Privatize Essential Govt Operations (such as Prison Management), School Vouchers & Competition.  
<http://www.cawantsfreedom.com/>

## State Senator - District 22

*South Pasadena, Vernon*

★**Gilbert Cedillo (D)** ◆ - Sponsored bill to increase minimum wage. Major proponent of immigrants rights. **FUN FACT** : Arrested with our very own Kabira Stokes and Becca Doten (and 350 other folks) for protesting crappy wages for hotel wages on Sept 28, 2006. Go Team!

**Mike Ten (R)** - Councilmember, South Pasadena. Not a real contender.

**Murray Levy (L)** - Professor of Business at Glendale College. No more info found.

## State Senator - District 26

*Culver City*

★**Mark Ridley-Thomas (D)** ◆ - Current Assembly Member, 48<sup>th</sup> district. Voted to impeach Bush (symbolic vote). Introduced bill to protect pets at pet shops. **Endorsed by:** Eric Garcetti, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club among many others.

**Bud Raymond (L)** - Production sound technician. Board member of Ladera Heights Civic association. No more information available.

## State Senator - District 28 ★SEXY RACE

*Carson, Torrance, Venice*

★**Jenny Oropeza (D)** - Current Assembly Member 55<sup>th</sup> District. Transportation Committee. Has worked to clean air around local airports. **Endorsed by:** Sierra Club, Barbara Boxer, and Bill Rosendahl.

**Cherry Liddle (R)** - Not a contender. Affordable Healthcare platform.

**Peter "Pedro" De Bates (L)** - FUN FACT is that his email is [Pedro@voteforpedro.com](mailto:Pedro@voteforpedro.com) and he really hopes to win the election. Hot issue is immigration. NOTE: got the website and THEN saw Napoleon Dynamite. He find the film amusing and would recommend it to anyone.

## State Assembly

### Assemblymember - District 39

*Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley*

**Richard Alarcon (D)** - Unopposed. State Senator, Majority Whip. Ran for Mayor last year. Single focus on ending poverty in CA. Has been a champion for education, healthcare and workers rights.

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### Assemblymember - District 40

*Los Angeles: pushing north of Roscoe Blvd around CSU-Northridge, and west and south of Topanga Canyon Rd.*

**Lloyd E. Levine (D) ◆** - On Fabian Nunez's (Speaker of the Assembly) Leadership Team. Passions: fitness and solutions to transportation problems in L.A. Responsible for several recycling programs. Has a B.A. in Studio Art.

**Rick Montaine (R)** - Not a contender. No info provided.

### Assemblymember - District 41

*Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Calabasas*

★**Julia Brownley (D)** - Santa Monica/Malibu school District President. Priorities: working families and education. **Endorsed by:** CA Democratic Party, Bill Rosendahl, CA NOW.

**Tony Dolz (R)** - National Security Analyst. One of the original "Minuteman" (Vigilante Border Control).

**Conrad Stefan Franoski (L)** - Human Resources Coporate Exec for 30 years, former president of Wall Street Employment Managers. Wants to reduce gov expenditures and intrusion and supports free markets and free choice.

### Assemblymember - District 42

★**SEXY RACE**

*West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Century City, Westwood, West LA, Brentwood, Bel Air, Hollywood, Hancock Park, Los Feliz, N. Hollywood, Valley Village, Toluca Lake, Universal City, Studio City, and Sherman Oaks.*

★**Mike Feurer (D)** - Lawyer & former member of the city council. Director of Bet Tzedek: he oversaw free legal representation of more than 50,000 elderly, disabled, and poor clients. Authored a measure which put City of LA on record opposing the Defense of Marriage Initiative. Wants to synchronize LA's traffic lights to combat traffic. Encouraged MTA to buy Natural gas buses and phase out diesel. Does not support Clean Money. Minimal government experience. Endorsed by the Assoc. of LA Deputy Sheriffs, AFL-CIO, Sierra Club, CA Fed. of Teachers, Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

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**Steven Mark Sion (R)** - If elected he wants to focus on 1) ensuring safer neighborhoods, 2) taking a stand on the security of our borders 3) helping our children succeed by reducing the size of the larger school districts His endorsements come from a bevy of Republican groups including the California Republican League, the Young Republican Federation of California, the Southern California Republican Women & Men and the Log Cabin Republicans

**Colin Goldman (L)** - CEO of the Stronghold Group, a consulting group that has helped the US Defense Dept downsize their operations and the LAUSD budgeting and financial process. Against universal healthcare. (!!)

## **Assemblymember - District 43**

*Glendale, N. Hollywood, Los Feliz, Silverlake, and Burbank.*

★**Paul Krekorian (D)** - President of Burbank Board of Education. During the LA Riots organized cross-cultural dialogue to assess LAPD response. Co-founded "Generation Next" mentorship program in L.A. public schools to prevent drug use and violence. Endorsed by: the LA Times, Stonewall Democrats, The CA Optometric Association, The Humane Farming Assoc. **FUN FACT:** Arrested with our very own Kabira Stokes and Becca Doten (and 350 other folks) for protesting crappy wages for hotel wages on Sept 28, 2006. Go Team!

**Michael M. Agbaba (R)** - Not a contender. Immigrant since 1988. Electrical Engineering degree. He specializes in forensic analysis. Environmental Safety consultant. In appealing to his Party he notes that he is willing "to support [school] vouchers if he saw a voucher plan that worked."

**Steve Myers (L)** - Computer engineer 15 years, UC Irvine BS in computer science. Works for Warner Bros. For Equal Rights-Gay Marriage. Wants to abolish all Federal Government and taxes, which is understandable in the current climate, but does not provide for the basic necessities to support society.

## **Assemblymember - District 44**

*Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood. A tiny chunk of Los Angeles that was pushed north to Burbank Blvd, but stripped of the piece of its southern flank that includes UCLA.*

**Anthony Portantino (D)**- La Canada Flintridge City Council, former Mayor. Wants to implement ways for cities to share costs supporting public schools. Helped convert city buses from diesel to cleaner burning natural gas. Appealed state raid on city budget and recovered repayments of 1.7 billion. Supports the entertainment industry as supplier of clean jobs with good pay and excellent benefits. Wants to stop productions from leaving CA. Endorsements: Mayor Villaraigosa. Sheriff Lee Baca, State senator Jack Scott, seems dedicated to the environment with testimonials from the Sierra Club. **Fun Fact:** production designer of Unsolved Mysteries.

**Barron Yanaga (L)** - Instructor of Business and Computer Technology at Pasadena City College. He wants to reduce the welfare including corporate welfare.

**Ricardo Costa (G)** - Mr. Costa has challenged his opponents in the race for the 44<sup>th</sup> District to join him in running a "clean" campaign, free of corporate donations. He has asked that his opponents

not only refuse to accept donations but return those they've already received as he believes corporate influence on campaigns has a corrupting influence on democracy. His vision: "I am confident that a strong majority of Green, independent, Democratic, Libertarian, and Republican voters are more than ready for this crazy idea of mine that corporations have no business at all in public policy discussions."

Only the Libertarian candidate Barron Yanaga has accepted.

**Scott Carwile (R)** - Not a contender. Member of the PTA, School Board Member (All Souls School), Vice President of the School Board, and President of the Executive Board at Don Bosco Technical Institute. He coaches youth hockey and practices Tae Kwon Do with his son. Scott was born in the San Gabriel Valley and he and his twin brother run the family manufacturing company started by their father in the family garage in 1976. According to Scott's website it "is considered a leader in the environmental friendly industry." It must be environmentally friendly as it's not clear what the family manufactures. Vaporware?

### **Assemblymember - District 45 ★SEXY RACE**

*A mid Los Angeles district centered on Elysian Park and Dodge Stadium and anchored on the south by a newly added chunk of East Los Angeles. Includes Beverly Hills and W. Hollywood.*

★**Kevin De Leon (D)** - Senior Associate, National Education Assoc in D.C. Community organizer. Advocate for schools in low-income neighborhoods. Organized parent engagement at these schools. Coordinated a team that fought schemes to take funds from public schools in the form of taxpayer-funded vouchers. Endorsed by old friend Mayor Villaraigosa, LA City Council President Eric Garcetti, California Democratic Party, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, The Sierra Club.

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**Samantha E. Allen-Newman (R)** - Not a contender. Pro-choice. Happens to be only candidate with prior public office experience.

### **Assemblymember - District 46**

*Los Angeles, Huntington Park, and Maywood.*

**Fabian Nunez (D) ◆** - Holler. Speaker of the Assembly (Majority Leader). No contest. Authored bills for clean air, small businesses, homeless, improved working conditions for hotel attendants, and energy sustainability.

## **Assemblymember - District 47**

*Los Angeles and Culver City, Ladera Heights, Baldwin Hills, View Park, Cheviot Hills, Westwood-UCLA and Windsor Hills.*

**★Karen Bass (D) ◆** - Progressive wonderful incumbent. No real threat to seat. Founded and Directed Community Coalition for 14 yrs working to reverse the affects of crack cocaine in South L.A. neighborhoods. Former City Council member: helped establish L.A. Bridges after-school gang prevention program. Serves as Majority Whip. Only African-American woman in State Legislature. Her main issues are education, the environment, and foster care. **Endorsed by:** Democratic Clubs, Firefighters, LAPD Protective League, Labor groups, Environmental Groups, California Nurses Association, Progressive Religious Leaders, National Women's Political Caucus, Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

**Jeffers Macarthur Dodge (R)** - This self-proclaimed "Red-Blooded American" currently works as a producer/engineer in the music industry. A quote from his website: "By reducing taxes, regulations and assessments while promoting competition in our schools, healthcare and retirement systems we can rid our state of scourge of ignorance, poverty, and gangs in one generation." Top Priorities: Immigration: First, Secure the Borders, Education: Parental Choice, Sound Fiscal Policy : Cut Taxes, Reduce Spending, Limited Government  
Endorsed by: David Hernandez - Candidate, L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 3rd District; Tony Strickland - former CA Assemblyman; Candidate, CA State Controller, Pierre Prosper - former United States Ambassador-at-Large <http://www.votedodge.com>

## **Assemblymember - District 48**

*Los Angeles Runs from the 10 south to the 105, just west of the 110.*

**Mike Davis (D)** - County Supervisor's Deputy. 2004 Democrat of the Year, 48th District. Ran in 2002 and nearly won over Mark Ridley-Thomas. Top priorities: smaller class sizes, universal healthcare, reduced community college fees. He feels we should reevaluate filming fees so not to lose business to Canada. Interested in developing additional rail travel and converting some roads to one-way street to combat congestion. **Endorsed by:** Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, L.A. County Supervisor and Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Gil Cedillo, UNITE HERE, UTLA, New Frontier Democratic Club, Martin Luther King Democratic Club.

**Brenda Carol Green (R)** - Virtually no info posted online. Occupation: Businesswoman. Ran for State Senate in District 25 in 2004. Associated with Log Cabin Republicans, a pro-GLBT organization. Q: What measures would you support to address California's water needs? A: "I would like to see water plants built in low-income neighborhoods that would have underground pipelines to the ocean. We could use that abundant resource to convert ocean water into purified drinking water. This would provide jobs to communities that desparately [sic] need them and it would provide Californians with an unlimited water supply." (smartvoter.org)

☆ **STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

“Not the most glamorous of commissions, but on a regular basis, the Board of Equalization makes multimillion-dollar decisions that affect businesses, individual taxpayers and about \$50 billion in state revenues. The nation's only elected tax commission, the board administers sales, fuel and excise taxes; it oversees the administration of local property taxes; and serves as a court to resolve disputes on all kinds of taxes.” (*Sacramento Bee, 9/29/06*)

**Board of Equalization - District 2**

*Culver City, Norwalk, West Covina*

**Tim Raboy (D)** - Currently works at the Board (9 years). Priority to streamline office and crack down on tax evasion. Does not list his endorsements. Wants to have an open door policy between himself and the taxpayers.

**Bill Leonard (R) ◆** - His professional background is in real estate and property management. Has a long history in politics - 24 years in the State Legislature. . Elected to the State Board of Equalization in 2002. He has advocated for taxpayer rights, sought consolidation of state tax agencies to increase efficiency, and worked for simplified tax policy and regulation. Endorsements: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC, Ted Costa and People's Advocate PAC, National Tax Limitation Committee PAC

**Willard Del Michlin (L)** - No info available except that he's a financial consultant.

**Richard R. Perry (P&F)** - No info available except that he's a gardener.

**Board of Equalization - District 3**

*West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Malibu, San Fernando Valley*

**Mary Christian-Heising (D)** - Businesswoman; educator; journalist. No info available for this candidate

**Michelle Steel (R)** - pledges to never vote to raise taxes, assume all taxpayers are innocent until proven guilty, and will be a pro taxpayer vote, ALWAYS.

★**Mary Lou Finley (P&F)** - Special Ed assistant in San Diego, self proclaimed “Grass roots social activist” Priorities: Lowering the tax burden of working Californians, increasing taxes for the wealthiest Californians and big corporations, and ending the pro-corporation bias of the Equalization Board

**Board of Equalization - District 4**

★**Judy Chu (D)** - State Assemblywoman, 100% score from Sierra Club. Endorsed by Mayor Villaraigosa, chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. **FUN FACT** : Arrested with our very

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**Glen Forsch (R)** - Businessman. No more info on this candidate. Boo.

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## ☆ JUDICIAL

Non partisan positions. All vote for all office numbers.

Judicial Elections Evaluation Committee of the L.A. County Bar Association:  
<http://www.lacba.org/Files/Main%20Folder/Documents/JEEC/Files/JEECFinalReport2006.pdf>

**Fun Fact:** *Bob Henry is the only candidate, of all of the potentials below, NOT claiming to be endorsed by Sherriff Lee Baca.*

## Superior Court Office No. 8

★**Deborah L. Sanchez** - "Well Qualified". Certificate of Appreciation, Day of Dialogue on Affirmative Action/Race Relations, Los Angeles City Council Members, Latina Lawyers Bar Association Endorses.

Endorsed by: Honorable Steve Cooley (Los Angeles County District Attorney), Honorable Lee Baca (Sheriff, Los Angeles County), Honorable Gloria Molina (Los Angeles County Supervisor) (YPM=YES)  
<http://www.sanchez4judge.com>

**Bob Henry** - "Well Qualified". Deputy Attorney General of the Year 1992, Record of 4 wins 0 losses in upholding Death Penalty sentences. Endorsed by: 51st Republican Assembly District County Central Committee, New Frontiers Democratic Club, LAPD Protective League  
<http://www.bobhenryforjudge.com>. Fun Fact: (Bob Henry is the only candidate on this page who does not claim to be endorsed by Sheriff Lee Baca....)

## Superior Court Office No. 18

**Daviann L. Mitchell** - "Well Qualified". Former police officer, narcotics and service dog expert Endorsed by: Los Angeles Times, Daily Breeze, Metropolitan News, DA Cooley, LA Supervisors - Antonovich, Burke, Knabe, Yaroslovsky, Molina, Sheriff Baca, LA Police Protective League, Assn of LA Deputy Sheriffs <http://www.mitchell4judge.com>

★**John C. Gutierrez** - "Well Qualified" Endorsed by Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, Endorsed by Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (MABA), Stonewall Democratic Party, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Democratic Party,

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Dolores Huerta (UFW) <http://www.smartvoter.org>

## Superior Court Office No. 102

**Hayden Zacky** - "Well Qualified". Criminal Gang Prosecutor/L.A. County District Attorney's Ofc. Endorsed by L.A. Times and Law Enforcement community, D.A. Steve Cooley, Sheriff Baca  
<http://www.zacky4judge.com>

**George C. Montgomery** - Trial Lawyer/Teacher. United States Army veteran, Lost father at age 5, put himself through college and law school. (No Rating) Endorsed by L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca, California Organization of Police and Sheriffs. On his website, he lets us know that he is a member of NAACP, the Sierra Club and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.  
<http://www.montgomeryforjudge.com>

## Superior Court Office No. 144

★**Janis Levart Barquist** - "Well Qualified". Endorsed by: Sheriff Baca, Progressive Democratic Club, Stonewall Democratic Club, National Women's Political Caucus, Los Angeles County Democratic Party, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Stonewall Democratic Club  
<http://www.barquistforjudge.com>

**David W. Stuart** - "Well Qualified" Criminal Prosecutor. Won the June 6<sup>th</sup> primary election by more than 40,000 votes. Justice for Homicide Victims Award Winner. Endorsed by L.A. Times, Sheriff Baca, AFL-CIO, Mexican American Bar Association <http://www.stuartforjudge.com>

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## ☆ STATE PROPOSITIONS

### FYI: BONDS

Before we go any further, we'd like to take this moment to say a little something about Bonds. In the face of all the requests for bonds that follow, we'd like to point out the catch to these very promising fix-it proposals. Bonds are very attractive because they provide funding where it is lacking. Also, because the public can vote for them and get around slow moving and/or inefficient bureaucracy. AND they are like credit. And as a state with a SERIOUS deficit problem, more bonds mean more interest. We monitor our own credit and we must be fiscally responsible with the states credit as well. Some credit is healthy. Some bonds are good. Voting for all bonds is like going to your favorite store and buying everything you see because you have a job that pays pretty well and a credit card with a huge credit line. Proceed with care.

### PROPOSITION 1A

Transportation Funding Protection -- State of California (Legislative Constitutional Amendment - Majority Approval

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Required)

**Question:**

Should transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads be protected?

**THE SITUATION**

- Until 2002, most of the state sales tax on gasoline was used for education, health, social services, and corrections. There is already a Gas Tax that is used to finance transportation improvements.
- Proposition 42, approved by voters in 2002, amended the state Constitution to dedicate the revenue from the sales tax on gasoline to transportation uses, except in a fiscal emergency.

**SUPPORTERS SAY**

- Prop 1A closes the loophole in the current law and ensures that the gas taxes you already pay are spent only on transportation projects.
- It means a stronger economy, with emphasis on infrastructure to move people and goods throughout the state.
- It ensures a stable source of long-term funding to improve transportation.  
(www.plan4ourfuture.org)

**Endorsed by:** Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Treasurer Phil Angelides, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, California Democratic Party, AAA Southern California, California Highway Patrol, California Transportation Commission

**OPPONENTS SAY**

- In bad years, the Legislature and the Governor need the flexibility to shift funds temporarily to ensure that education receives at least its minimum guarantee.
- Proposition 1A will put still more of California's budget on "automatic pilot." (Sacramento Bee 9/18/06)
- Strong protections for highway and pothole funds are already in Proposition 42.

Opposed by: Jackie Goldberg, Chair Assembly Education Committee

★YPM HASN'T MADE UP OUR MIND. SOUNDS IFFY.

**PROPOSITION 1B**

Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security -- State of California (Bond Act - Majority Approval Required)

**Question**

Should a bond issue be enacted to pay for highway safety, traffic reduction, air quality, and port security?

**The Situation:**

"California spends about \$20 billion a year in combined state, federal, and local funds to maintain, operate, and improve state highways, streets and roads, passenger rail, and transit systems. The money comes from state gas taxes (\$6.3 billion); federal gas taxes (\$4.5 billion); and local sales and property taxes and transit fares (\$9.5 billion). Since 1990, \$5 billion in state transportation bonds have been approved, of which \$355 million remains." –League of Women Voters

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### Supporters Say

- Prop 1B jump-starts traffic relief, mass transit and safety improvements throughout the state without raising taxes.
- It builds new roads and transportation improvement projects that enhance mobility and protect our economic future.
- It provides safer roads, reduced congestion and a strong economy. ([www.ReadForYourself.org](http://www.ReadForYourself.org).)

**Endorsed by:** Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Treasurer Phil Angelides, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, California Democratic Party

### Opponents Say

- California cannot afford to continue borrowing its way into a false sense of economic security.
- More borrowing means worsening budget deficits.
- A "No" vote will force the Legislature to focus on paying for our transportation needs with existing funds in a fiscally responsible manner

**Opposed by:** California Taxpayer Protection Committee

**★YPM SAYS:** With proposition 1A and the already existing Proposition 42, we seem to be giving a lot of attention to transportation...so maybe this is not a necessary bond?

## Proposition 1C

### Question

Should the state sell \$2.9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund housing for lower-income residents and development in urban areas near public transportation?

### PRO

Provides emergency shelters w/o raising taxes, supported by Habitat for Humanity, AARP, Partnership for Domestic Violence

### CON

Selling bonds extends the debt. Is \$3 billion of new debt an irresponsible attempt to fix California's housing problems?

**★YPM Says: Sounds good- affordable housing is really important. On that note: Also make sure to Vote for LA Measure H.**

## Proposition 1D

### QUESTION

Should the state sell \$10.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund repair and upgrade of public schools, including kindergarten through grade 12, community colleges, and state universities?

### PRO

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Rebuilds, updates, reinforces our state school system.

### **CON**

We should make school construction a top priority for current spending. Fairness requires local districts to pay for local projects.

**★YPM Says: Sounds good- funding public education sounds good.**

## **Proposition 1E**

### **QUESTION**

Should the state sell \$4.1 billion in general obligation bonds to finance disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects at the state and local levels?

### **SUPPORTERS SAY**

- \* It will ensure that clean water is available by providing funds to rebuild an out-of-date system and it will prevent pollution and safeguard water sources.
- \* It will not raise taxes and has strong accountability provisions, including independent audits.

### **OPPONENTS SAY**

- \* We cannot afford new debt and higher taxes to pay for it; local projects should be funded locally.
- \* It will not build a single reservoir or water treatment plant.

**★YPM Says: YES. We have to prepare for disasters somehow. "There was no way to anticipate the breach of the levees" Uh huh.**

## **Proposition 83** (Aka: Jessica's Law)

Sex Offenders. Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring. Initiative Statute.

### **What it would do**

Increase prison and parole terms for some violent and repeat sex offenders and child molesters. Bar registered sex offenders from living withing 2,000 ft. of a school or park and require them to wear electronic tracking devices FOR LIFE. Expands the definition of a sexually violent predator.

*Los Angeles Times, October 9, 2006*

### **Those in favor argue:**

Prop. 83 gives police the tools they need to keep track of sex criminals, stops child molesters from moving near a school or park, and 83 keeps sexual predators in prison longer.

**Endorsed by:** most statewide law enforcement, CA Republican Party, Crime Victims United

### **Those against argue:**

Proposition 83 would cost taxpayers an estimated \$500 million but would not increase public safety because it's most restrictive and expensive provisions apply to misdemeanor offenders and others convicted of minor, nonviolent offenses. Requiring all registered sex offenders to wear monitoring devices forever would prevent cops from focusing on those who are really dangerous. Similar laws have been tried and have failed in other states.

**Opposed by:** CA Attorneys for Criminal Justice, coalition of 66 CA Rape Crisis Centers, ACLU

★YPM Says: Vote NO on Prop 83. There has got to be a better way to deal w/ this problem.

## Proposition 84

Water Quality, Safety and Supply Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute

### What it would do

Sell \$5,388,000,000 in general obligation bonds to fund projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and conservation efforts. Provides funding for emergency drinking water.

### Endorsed By

Seriously there are so many organizations that support this, that we could not possibly list them all. Here are a few: Barbara Boxer, Diane Feinstein, Jane Harman, Governor Schwarzenegger, NRDC, Kern County Water Agency

## Proposition 85

Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Amends California Constitution to prohibit abortion for an unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation.

★ YPM SAYS VOTE NO ON PROP 85. Not good for women, not good for the country.

## Proposition 86

### Question

Should the cigarette tax be raised \$2.60 (300%) to fund health programs?

### Answer

YES. Cigs are now \$4.00 and the new price of \$6.60 would raise \$2.1 million per year and will save California \$16 billion in related healthcare costs by reducing smoking, making it more difficult for young people to start smoking, and funding healthcare costs that would otherwise come from a general fund.

★ YPM = VOTE YES ON PROP 86. WE like this... and we like smokers... (FYI: If you are reading this online, there is a great editorial on Prop 86 at [http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-ed-tobacco9oct09\\_0,4780774.story?coll=la-opinion-center](http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-ed-tobacco9oct09_0,4780774.story?coll=la-opinion-center))

## Proposition 87

### Question

Should the state of California place a tax on all oil pumped in the state to provide funding for a \$4

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billion program to reduce oil dependency and promote clean energy?

### **Answer**

This program would be in effect only until the \$4 billion were raised, netting \$225 to \$485 million each year for research to wean us off oil and improve the environment. Al Gore and Bill Clinton like this Prop. Oil Companies Don't. We're going with Al and Bill. (As Bill said, Why would Oil companies spend \$23 million dollars to kill a prop because it's going to cost YOU money? Think about it....)

★ YPM SAYS VOTE YES ON PROP 87. Let's get out of the dinosaur age already.

(Note: Television ads for Prop 87 have made their case by linking Arabs to Oil to Terrorism – offending many Muslim-American groups. It seems like that was a pretty bad move. However...)

## **Proposition 88**

### **Question**

Should owners of each real property parcel pay \$50, per \$100,000 of property worth, per year, to raise funds to provide additional public school funding?

### **Pro**

Funds from Prop 88 will be put directly into classrooms to improve their quality and conditions, including reducing class sizes, buying materials and helping to make schools safer.

### **Con**

Prop 88 would create set a precedent for special interests to pass their own taxes by creating a new kind of state tax. Prop 88 would let state lawmakers give tax money to any school district in the state.<sup>1</sup>

★YPM says: YES. When did funding Public Education become a special interest?

## **Proposition 89** ☆ **Very Sexy Proposition** ☆

Campaign finance reform

### **The Good Stuff**

Candidates for state offices could choose to receive public funds to pay for the costs of campaigns if they meet certain requirements. Candidates not accepting public funds would be subject to lower contribution limits than currently. The tax rate on corporations and financial institutions would be increased to pay for the public financing of political campaigns.

### **Supporters**

Lots of great peeps. The California Nurses Association, League of Women Voters of California, Senator U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, candidate for Governor, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, Assembly member Jackie Goldberg, Assembly member Paul Koretz, State Sen. Debra Bowen, candidate for Secretary of State-whew

**★ YPM = Absolutely YES. If there is one thing our generation could do for the world, it would be to put public campaign financing into place.**

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## PROPOSITION 90

Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

### The Idea

State and local governments would have significantly increased requirements to compensate property owners for economic losses to their property resulting from new laws or rules. Also, government would be more restricted in taking private property for public uses.

### The Reality

Prop. 90 is a deceptive and costly taxpayer trap. It would create new categories of lawsuits costing taxpayers billions of dollars every year. It is anti-taxpayer and anti-homeowner. Join taxpayers, homeowners groups, conservationists, police, firefighters, and businesses over 320 opposing groups -Vote NO on 90.

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## ☆ LOCAL MEASURES

### Measure A

Rose Bowl Renovation Initiative and Lease by NFL -- City of Pasadena

This measure is the result of a huge comprehensive study done by the City Of Pasadena that came to the conclusion that the positive gain from such a lease outweighs the negative. The final step is for the citizens to sign off on it through the general election.

★YPM = Whatever you're feeling...

### Measure B

Taxpayer Protection Amendment, City of Pasadena

This is an amendment to a local anti-corruption initiative passed by Pasadena voters in 2001 that stated that city officials shouldn't be able to take money from people to whom they award public benefits. Since it was passed in 2001, the city proceeded to fight it in court, spending \$\$600,000 in legal fees, until 2005 when it was upheld by the California Supreme court. (Council members maintained that the prohibitions stipulated in the measure violated their First Amendment rights to solicit campaign contributions and seek employment.)

Generally speaking, what the measure did ban was City Council members and city managers taking gifts, campaign contributions or jobs from any group that benefits from a city decision.

<http://www.consumerwatchdog.org>

Measure B is seeking to add several important new anti-corruption provisions and enact campaign contribution amount limits for the first time in city history.

<http://www.pasadenaweekly.com/article.php?id=2962&IssueNum>

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**Endorsed by:** Pasadena Weekly, Ralph Nader-backed Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights

**Opposed by:** Pasadena City Council Members

★YPM = YES. Ethics rules are goood.

## **Measure H** ★ **Very Sexy Proposition** ★

Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds City of Los Angeles Bond Measure - 2/3 Majority Approval Required

### **How the bond would work**

The City would issue \$1,000,000,000 of bonds to provide about 10,000 new homes and rental units over ten years. These funds would be placed in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to be used as follows:

- \* \$250,000,000 to help working families buy their first home
- \* \$350,000,000 to build rental housing affordable to low-income working families
- \* \$250,000,000 to build housing for homeless people
- \* \$150,000,000 to be allocated for rental or homeless housing based on future needs.

- H prohibits the use of funds to destroy parkland or single-family homes.
- H requires tough independent citizens' oversight with public audits.
- Every dollar of local money can be matched with as much as \$4 or \$5 in state and federal funds to create desperately needed affordable housing. If we do not pass Proposition H, those state and federal dollars will be spent in other communities.

### **Impact on Homeowners**

"Over the life of the bonds, the average annual tax rate is 1.5% per every \$100 of assessed valuation. For Example, a home with an assessed value of \$500,000 will have an average annual tax of \$73 for 30 years." – Comments on Fiscal Impact from City Administrative Office William T. Fujioka

### **★YPM Supports Measure H because:**

- Affordable housing is scarce in Los Angeles.
- More than 88% of City residents cannot afford to buy a median-priced home. Today, a family needs to earn more than \$100,000 to buy such a home in the City.
- Los Angeles has the largest homeless population in America and they need places to live. Every night, over 40,000 homeless people and families including veterans and victims of domestic violence, sleep on the streets or in cars because there are beds for only 2,000.
- The middle class is being forced from Los Angeles. Only 12% of our families can afford to purchase the average priced home. Only 35% of renters can afford the average apartment. (Rental housing is unaffordable by Federal standards if a family spends more than 30% of its income on rent. Almost half of City renters spend more than 41% of their income on rent.) It would be hot if those of us who want to buy a house one day, but aren't going to make \$100,000 a year anytime soon, could, actually, think about buying a house in Los Angeles.

### **Endorsed by**

Los Angeles City Council, LAPD Chief William Bratton, ACORN, CA Nurses Association, Coalition for Economic Survival, Habitat for Humanity, LAANE, Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger & Homelessness, LA County Democratic Party, AFL-CIO, League of Women Voters, League of

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Conservation Voters, Stonewall Democratic Club, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

### **Arguments against include...**

"Not everyone can live everywhere. Even well-educated, hard-working professionals who scrimp and save may never be able to afford to live in Beverly Hills, Malibu, or Palos Verdes. That circumstance, however, does not mean those cities have 'affordable housing' crisis. Rather, it is simply life." Opposed by: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association, Small Business Action Committee, and Walter Moore, Real Estate Broker  
<http://www.mooreisbetter.com/badbond.htm>

★YPM= YES

## **Measure J**

**Technical changes for Prop F Regional Fire Stations- City of LA (Charter Amendment & Ordinance - 2/3 Majority Approval Required)**

### **What's What:**

Proposition F already provided funds for new standard and regional fire stations. This measure allows the Fire Department and City Engineer to build the training facility of a regional station on a separate site if necessary. The total site could be less than 2 acres if the Fire Department confirms that the needs of the Fire Department and public safety are fully met. This would require no additional funding from the city. It just lets them do it.

★YPM says Yay Firemen and women. Let them build their training facilities.

## **Measure U**

Departmental Director Status, City of Santa Monica Charter Amendment - Majority Approval Required

U will bring Santa Monica's personnel policies up to date, so they are in line with modern management practices. It will make City government more responsive and accountable to the people of Santa Monica.

A "Yes" vote on this measure will make it easier for the City Manager to run the city more efficiently. Under the current City Charter, under-performing department heads cannot be removed from their positions by the City Manager + the Chief Executive of our government. Measure U will allow the City Manager to replace poor senior administrators with individuals who are more qualified to do the job. It would widen pool of applicants. (<http://www.smartvoter.org>)

There is no visible opposition to Measure U, and it is unanimously supported by the City Council.

★YPM = YES, sounds good

## **Measure Z**

Russell Ranch Road Retail Center, City of Westlake Village

No Information available. If you live in Westlake Village, you'll know what plot of land they are talking about and whether this sounds like a good plan.

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★YPM = Go With Your Gut

## Measure R

City of Los Angeles Councilmember Term Limits of Three Terms; City Lobbying, Campaign Finance and Ethics Laws

Prop R is an ethics measure that restricts lobbyists' and special interests' access to City Hall and extends Council Members term limits from 2 four year terms to 3 four year terms. Yeah. Yeah.

- Prohibits City officials from accepting free gifts from all special interests, including free meals and tickets to sporting events and concerts. No more "buying" the votes of elected officials.
- Prohibits lobbyists from making campaign contributions to City Councilmembers, bars lobbyists from being appointed to any City Board or Commission, and imposes tough reforms on contract bidders.
- Toughens disclosure rules for city elections
- Prohibits former City officials from lobbying any City agency or dept. for 2 years after leaving service
- Requires City Councilmembers, their staff and City Commissioners to attend mandatory ethics training.

### Endorsed by

The League of Women Voters, the LA Area Chamber of Commerce, Former LA Mayor Richard Riordan, LA Firefighters. Opposed by: Not Prop R Coalition which lists no actual affiliated organizations on its website <http://www.notpropr.org> and looks to be a group made up of former and probable future City Council candidates who don't want to see reforms, and certainly not term limit extension.

### ★YPM Very Much Supports PROP R. Why?

- YPM is never ever going to be mad at ethics reform.
- If we build ethics reform in the City, it can be brought up to the State, and then one day, g\_d willing, up to the Federal. Wouldn't that be lovely? SERIOUSLY.
- The term limit portion of Prop R supports the YPM belief that we are growing at the local level can be good, and that it takes time to make make sure that progressive policies are implemented correctly, and seen through to success. (8 years is not a lot of time in the arena of public policy. If a councilman is forced to leave office before he or she can see her or his work through, it will waste a tremendous amount of energy, which, in these critical times, we can not afford to waste.)

★YPM = YES YES YES

## Measure V

Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax -- City of Santa

Raises parcel tax for the first time in SM since 1995 to help fund the Santa Monica Urban Watershed Management Plan which is a progressive, innovative plan to clean up our polluted beaches and bay, improve flood control, augment our drinking water supply, and reuse treated runoff to irrigate the city's parks and open spaces. The "plan" was written and reviewed by some of the country's foremost experts in the field. Without voter approval of Measure V, Santa Monica will still have to provide the funds necessary to implement this plan to comply with State clean water standards, but the money will have to come from general funds at the expense of fundamental city services.

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**Endorsed by:** Heal the Bay, Richard Bloom City Council Vice Chair, Bobby Shriver mayor Pro Tempore. **Opponents include:** June J. Coleman Former City of Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commissioner, Don Gray of BaySmart.org, and Peter Tigler Former City of Santa Monica Charter Review Commissioner Opponents argue there was no resident input, no scientific analysis and no way to know if the bay will be clean enough to swim in after the money is spent.

**★YPM says: it sounds like a good plan, especially if the \$ is going to be spent anyway, and this way it won't come from the general fund.**

## Measure W

Good Government Act of 2006 -- City of Santa Monica (Charter Amendment - Majority Approval Required)

Shall City Charter Article XXII be AMENDED by replacing restrictions against a person giving, and a City official receiving, any campaign contribution, employment, or valuable gift, after the official votes "yes" on certain matters benefiting the person, with prohibitions against giving or receiving anything valuable in return for an official decision and against using public office to gain employment, and restrictions on gifts from persons doing business with the City and other gifts? Rock on and vote YES!

**★YPM = Say rock on and vote YES to Good Govt.**

## Measure Y

Lowest Enforcement Priority for Adult, Personal Use of Marijuana -- City of Santa Monica (Initiative Ordinance - Majority Approval Required)

Amends the Municipal code. Arresting adults smoking pot will now be the lowest enforcement priority for the city police, unless they are puffing on public property or in conjunction with driving under the influence. Word.

**★YPM = YES**

## Measure BB

Santa Monica-Malibu Schools Safety and Repair Measure -- Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (School Bond - 55% Approval Required)

shall Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District issue \$268 million of bonds at legal rates, with guaranteed financial audits, citizen oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?" It would aid in upgrading, acquiring, constructing, repairing and equipping classrooms, science labs, local neighborhood schools, sites and facilities;

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## U.S. House of Representatives

Number per state is based on population of each state. Serves two-year terms without limit.

### **U.S. Representative - District 20**

★**Jim Costa (D)** - Costa is a third generation family farmer. Pro-choice, supports environmental conservation, favors gun control, supports family planning - attention to population control. Has worked tirelessly for 24 years to improve the quality of life in the valley... YPM thinks he sounds real cool....

### **U.S. Representative - District 22**

**Kevin McCarthy (R)** - He recently introduced a Constitutional Amendment as part of Governor Schwarzenegger's reform package that would change the redistricting process for the state. BOO. This legislation would have established an independent commission to draw fair and competitive elective seats. The California State Sheriffs' Association, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, and the California Small Business Association have recognized him as an outstanding state legislator.

★**Sharon M. Beery (D)** - Beliefs: troops out of Iraq, National Health Care, Get rid of No Child Left Behind and allow our teachers to teach again, supports impeachment of Bush and Cheney, supports renewable energy, alternative fuel sources, and say NO to offshore drilling, supports voting and campaign reform, end to NAFTA and the Patriot Act. **Endorsed by:** Laborers' International Union of North America, Tri-Counties Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO which represents approximately 78,000 workers in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, code pink and many many more.

## State Senate

### **State Senator - District 16**

**Dean Florez (D)** - Serving his first term in the California State Senate, after two successful terms in the State Assembly. Last year, Florez lost his position as chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) after conducting more than 100 hours of hearings into the state's questionable \$95 million software contract with Oracle Corporation and probing the highest levels of state government. The Oracle contract has since been rescinded, and Florez is back on JLAC as a member of the State Senate, where he continues to use state audits as a tool to promote government accountability.

### **State Senator - District 18**

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**Roy Ashburn (R)** - To the right of moderate conservative, Co-wrote a letter to the Senate's education budget committee chairman requesting that Fresno State's funding be cut for hosting a conference this week that featured notorious ringleaders from violent animal rights and ecological terror organizations.

★**Fred B. Davis (D)** – Anti-Choice – believes in abortions only when woman's life is endangered or in case of rape, favors gun control, wants to legalize physician-assisted suicide, supports prescription of marijuana for medical purposes, wants to increase income taxes for those who earn above \$ 75,000/yr.

**Matthew Rick (G)** - No info on the candidate

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