County of Tuolumne

Voter Information Guide

Statewide General Election

November 8, 2022

Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off locations inside

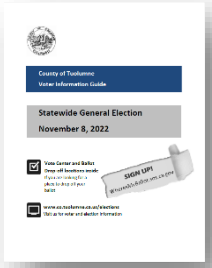
If you are looking for a place to drop off your ballot

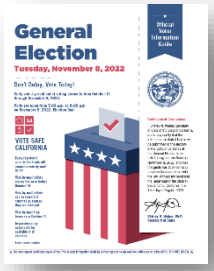
www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Visit us for voter and election information

Receiving two guides

You will receive two voter information guides for this election:





Tuolumne County Guide

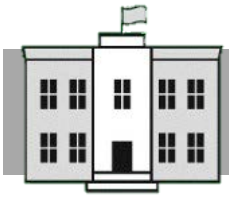
Local races and measures are in this guide.

Local Offices (depending on your area):
US Representative in Congress, #5
State Senate, #4
State Assembly, #8
Yosemite Community College, TA #1
Sonora Union High, TA #1
Sonora Union High, TA #1 (Short Term)
Sonora Union High, TA #2
Summerville High
Curtis Creek Elementary
Soulsbyville Elementary
Summerville Elementary
Columbia Fire Protection
Tuolumne Park and Recreation
Twain Harte Community Service
Lake Don Pedro Community Service
Tuolumne Utilities, #1
Tuolumne Utilities, #4
Measures X
Measures Y

California State Guide

U.S. national state races are in this guide from the state.

Federal and State Contests
US Senate
US Senate (partial term)
State Constitutional Offices
Justices of the Supreme Court
State Propositions



Vote Center Locations

All voters can vote in person at a Vote Center. All voters can drop off their vote-by-mail ballot at any vote center or ballot drop-off location.

All vote centers will be open **7 am to 8 pm Election Day, November 8th**.

Voter Centers

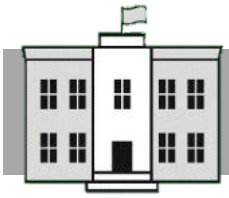
Name	Address	Opening Day	Hours
Tuolumne County Elections Department	2 South Green Street Sonora, CA 95370	Weekdays starting October 10th thru November 7th	8 am – 5 pm
		Weekend, October 29th & 30th, November 5th & 6th	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Tuolumne Memorial Hall	18375 Fir Dr. Tuolumne, Ca 95383	October 29th thru November 7th	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Jamestown Community Hall	18250 Main Street Jamestown, Ca 95327	November 5th thru November 7th	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Groveland Library	18990 Hwy 120 Groveland, Ca 95321	November 5th thru November 7th	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Twain Harte Bible Church	18995 Twain Harte Drive Twain Harte, CA 95383	November 5th thru November 7th	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Vote Centers during COVID-19

The Tuolumne County Elections Department will be taking measures to ensure both voters and workers safety at the vote centers this coming election.

- Barriers will be placed at key areas when communicating with vote center workers.
- Equipment and surfaces will be cleaned regularly.

The ballot mailed to you is identical to the one received in the vote center. We recommend you vote this ballot from the safety of your home. You may return a vote-by-mail ballot by mail, at any drop-off location, or by hand at any vote center.



Ballot Drop-off Locations

All voters can drop-off their vote-by-mail ballot at any ballot drop-off location.

Ballot drop-off location boxes will be open on **October 10th**, and close at 8pm Election Day, **November 8th**.

Ballot Drop-off Locations

Name	Address	Opening Day	Hours
Tuolumne County Elections Department	2 South Green Street Sonora, CA 95370	October 10th Weekend, October 29th, 30th, November 5th, 6th	Weekdays, 8am – 5pm 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sonora Library	480 Greenley Rd Sonora, CA 95370	October 10th	24 hours
Junction Shopping Center	13775 Mono Way Sonora, CA 95370	October 10th	24 hours
Mi-Wuk Library/MAHA	24411 Sierra Park Rd Mi-Wuk Village, CA 95346	October 10th	24 hours
Columbia Elementary	22540 Parrotts Ferry Rd Columbia, CA 95310	October 10th	24 hours
Groveland Library	18990 Main St, Groveland, CA 95321	October 10th	24 hours
Twain Harte Market	18711 Tiffeni Dr. Twain Harte, CA 95383	October 10th	24 hours
Willow Springs Clubhouse	20522 Willow Springs Dr. Soulsbyville, CA 95372	October 10th	24 hours
Rocca Park, Jamestown	18218 Main St. Jamestown, CA 95327	October 10th	24 hours

What is a ballot drop-off location?

Our ballot drop-off locations are secure, locked boxes located at various locations throughout the county. The ballots are picked up regularly and transported directly to our central office.

3 ways to vote

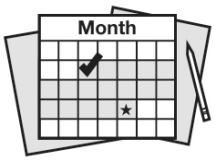
Vote by mail

Every active registered voter is mailed a vote-by-mail ballot. To have a ballot re-issued and mailed, contact us by **Tuesday, November 1st**.

Return it by mail, drop it off at a ballot drop-off location, or deliver it to any vote center. See the "Vote Center Locations" and "Ballot-Drop Off Locations" pages for addresses and times open.

If hand delivered, vote-by-mail ballots must be received at a vote center or ballot drop-off location by Election Day, 8pm. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, and received within 7 days.

Vote at our office



You may vote a vote-by-mail ballot early, and in person, at our office.

Monday – Friday, starting Monday, October 10th, 8am – 5pm.

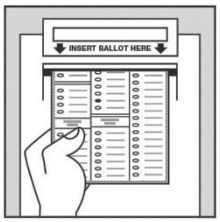
Saturday – Sunday, October 29th – 30th, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Saturday and Sunday, November 5th – 6th, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Election Day, November 8th, 7am to 8pm

Tuolumne County Elections Department
2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Vote at a vote center



To find a vote center:

See the "Vote Center Locations" page

www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

(209) 533-5570

Accessibility

We work very hard to make voting accessible for all voters. This may include temporarily modifying a vote center to be accessible for individuals with specific needs, providing materials to support voting, and issuing a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot upon request.

Is the vote center accessible?

If a vote center is not accessible, but you would like to vote at an accessible location, contact our office at (209) 533-5570 for options.

What type of support is available?

Every vote center has:

- A wheelchair accessible voting booth
- Magnifiers
- Pens with easy-hold grips
- An accessible voting device to help mark your ballot independently and privately
- "Curbside voting": If you are unable to easily enter a vote center, a worker can bring your voting material to you.

How do I find a vote center?

A list of voter centers is in this booklet

www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

(209) 533-5570

Disability Rights of California Hotline

1-888-569-7955

1-800-719-5798

California Relay: 711

Disability Rights California
California's protection & advocacy system

Accepting calls prior to and following elections.

7:00 AM to 8:00PM on Election Day

Proposition 34 Expenditure Limitations

State Legislative Candidates

Proposition 34 was passed by voters in November 2000. The law requires county election officials to provide the names of those State Legislative candidates who have voluntarily agreed to expenditure limits. Candidates who agree to the expenditure limits may submit and pay for a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications to be printed in this guide.

The following State Legislative candidates, listed in random alphabetical order, have accepted the voluntary expenditure limitations pursuant to Proposition 34:

State Senate, #4

Marie Alvarado-Gil

Tim Robertson

State Assembly, #8

Jim Patterson

Thomas Edward Nichols

Two US Senate Contests on the Ballot

There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 8, 2022, General Election ballot.

The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2029.

The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2023.

You may vote for both contests.

How to vote by mail

How to get a vote-by-mail ballot

As an active registered voter, you were automatically mailed a ballot.

If you would like to apply to have a vote-by-mail ballot re-issued, the last day to request one be mailed is **Tuesday, November 1st**. Otherwise, you may go to a vote center.

(209) 533-5570

In person: 2 S Green St, Sonora, Ca

How to vote a vote-by-mail ballot

Vote your ballot

Place your ballot in the envelope

Sign the back of the envelope

How to return a vote-by-mail ballot

Return your vote-by-mail ballot:

By mail: 2 S Green St, Sonora, Ca 95370

By hand at our office, any vote center, or any drop-off location.

If hand delivered, vote-by-mail ballots must be received at our office, any vote center, or drop-off location by Election Day **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**, 8pm. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, and received by November 15, 2022.

How to vote in person at a vote center

How to find a vote center

Voter Center days open and hours may vary.

All are open on Election Day **Tuesday, November 8th**, from **7am to 8pm**

To find a vote center:

- A list of vote centers and hours can be found in this guide
- www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections
- (209) 533-5570

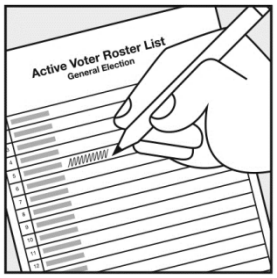
At the vote center

All voters can vote at a vote center.

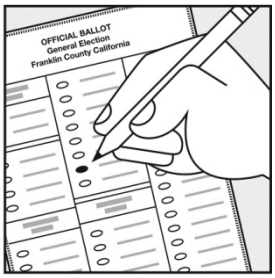
Anyone is welcome to use the accessible voting device located at every vote center. This will help mark your ballot independently and privately.

Spanish-language ballots are available at every vote center.

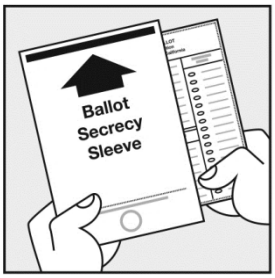
In the vote center, you will:



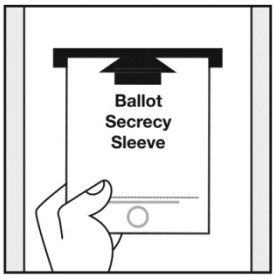
1. Sign the roster



2. Mark your ballot



3. Place ballot in a secrecy sleeve



4. Take ballot to the ballot box

Cómo votar en su lugar de votación

Cómo encontrar su lugar de votación

Los días y los horarios del Centro de votantes pueden variar.

Todos están abiertos el día de las elecciones, 7am a 8pm, **martes 8 de noviembre.**

Para encontrar un centro de votación:

- Una lista de centros de votación también se puede encontrar en esta guía
- www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections
- (209) 533-5570

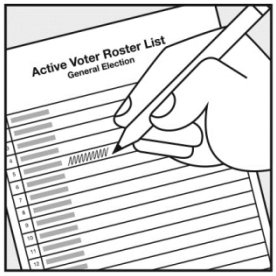
En mi lugar de votación

Todos los votantes pueden votar en un Centro de votación.

Cualquiera puede usar la maquina de votación accesible ubicado en cada lugar de votación. Esto ayudará a marcar su boleta de forma de votar independiente y privada.

Hay boletas en el idioma español disponibles en cada sitio de votación

En el Centro de votación, lo hará:



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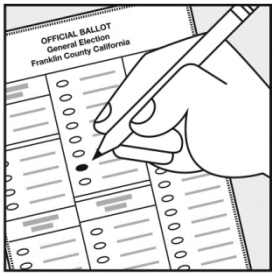
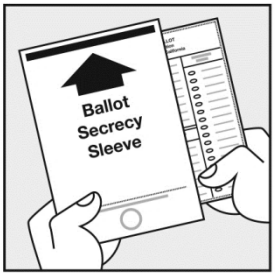
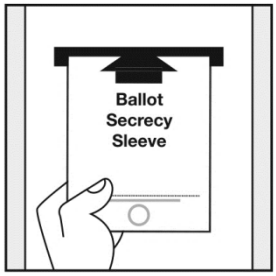


2. Vote su boleta



3. Meter la boleta en un sobre confidencial



4. Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral

What if I am unable to mark my ballot?

If you are unable to mark your ballot you may bring up to two people to the vote center to assist you in voting.

You will sign an oath declaring that you require their assistance.

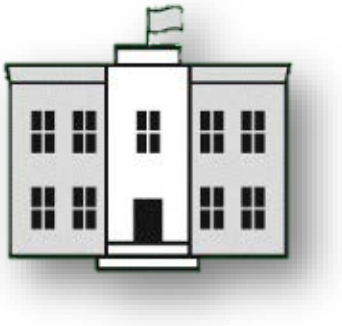
The people you choose to help you can't be your employer, an agent of your employer or if you belong to a union, it can't be an officer or agent of your union.

¿Qué ocurre si no puedo marcar mi boleta?

Si no puede marcar su boleta puede llevar hasta dos personas al centro de votación para ayudarlo a votar.

Firmará un juramento declarando que necesita su ayuda.

Las personas que elija para ayudarlo no pueden ser su empleador, un agente de su empleador o si usted pertenece a un sindicato, no puede ser un funcionario ni agente de su sindicato.



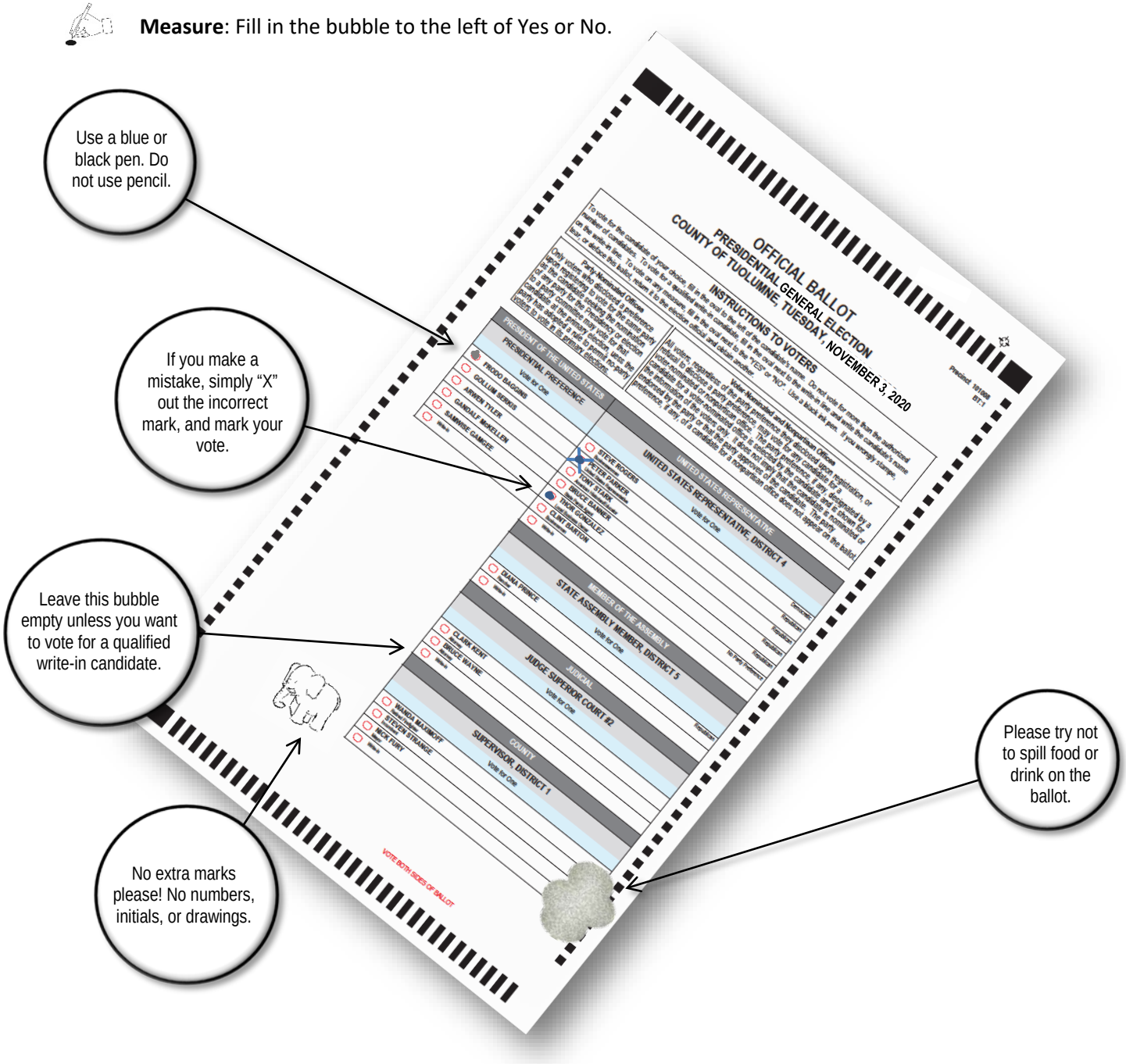
How to vote a ballot

Use a blue or black pen to mark the bubble to the left of your choice. Do not use pencil.
Important! Fill in the bubble completely. Do not make other marks on your ballot.

Candidate: Fill in the bubble to the left of the candidate's name.

Write-in candidate: Fill in the bubble to the left of the line and write the person's name.
Important! If a candidate's name is already on the ballot, do not write it in.

Measure: Fill in the bubble to the left of Yes or No.



Conditional voting

What is a conditional ballot?

A “conditional ballot” is used when a person is a new voter in Tuolumne County, or their name cannot be located on the roster.

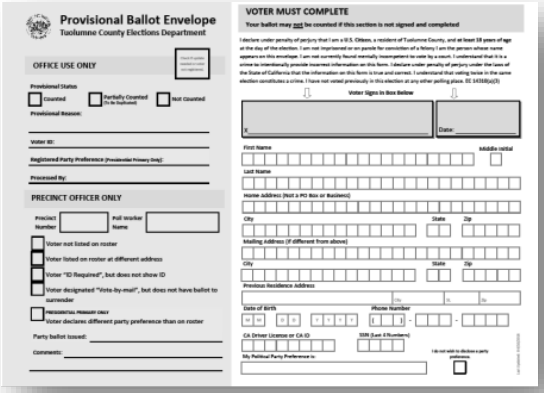
The ballot will be counted after the Election Department has verified the information.

Common reasons you may be asked to vote a conditional ballot

- You are not registered already
- Your name cannot be located on the roster

4 Simple steps to vote a conditional ballot

1. Sign and complete the right portion of the conditional envelope.
2. The worker will issue the ballot to you.
3. After voting, insert the ballot inside the envelope and seal.
4. Return the envelope to the worker.


Provisional Ballot Envelope
Tuolumne County Elections Department

OFFICE USE ONLY

Provisional Status
Counted
Partially Counted (To be Explained)
Not Counted

Provisional Reason:

Voter ID:

Registered Party Preference (Provisional Primary Only):

Processed By:

PRECINCT OFFICER ONLY

Precinct Number
Poll Worker Name

Voter not listed on roster
Voter listed on roster at different address
Voter "ID Required", but does not show ID
Voter designated "Vote-by-mail", but does not have ballot to surrender
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ONLY
Voter declares different party preference than on roster

Party ballot issued:

Comments:

VOTER MUST COMPLETE

Your ballot may not be counted if this section is not signed and completed

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Tuolumne County, and at least 18 years of age at the day of the election. I am not imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony I am the person whose name appears on this envelope. I am not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court. I understand that it is a crime to intentionally provide incorrect information on this form. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this form is true and correct. I understand that voting twice in the same election constitutes a crime. I have not voted previously in this election at any other polling place. EE 14318(a)(3)

Voter Signs in Box Below

X

Date:

First Name
Middle Initial

Last Name

Home Address (Not a PO Box or Business)

City
State
Zip

Mailing Address (if different from above)

City
State
Zip

Previous Residence Address

City
St.
Zip

Date of Birth
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Phone Number
( ) -

CA Driver License or CA ID

SSN (Last 4 Numbers)

My Political Party Preference is:

I do not wish to disclose a party preference.

Avoid problems with your vote-by-mail ballot

Have your vote counted. At times, we are unable to accept a vote-by-mail ballot for easily avoidable legal reasons.

Sign the envelope

There must be a signature on the vote-by-mail ballot envelope for it to be counted.

All signatures are compared to the voter's signature on file before accepting.

Sign the correct envelope

If you have more than one voter in the home, you might sign the wrong envelope.

Check the name before signing.

Have the person sign before returning your ballot

Any person returning your ballot must complete the declaration on the back of the envelope. They must also say how they know you. Ex. Spouse, Friend, etc.

Return your ballot by the deadline

If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, **Tuesday, November 8th**, and received by November 15, 2022. Mail early.

If hand delivered, it must be received at our office, any vote center, or drop-off location by Election Day, **Tuesday, November 8th**, 8pm.

Party Endorsement

In accordance with Section 13302(b) of the California Elections Code, the following qualified political parties have endorsed the following candidates for a voter nominated office:

Office	Libertarian	Democratic	American Independent	Republican
Governor		Gavin Newsom	Brian Dahle	Brian Dahle
Lieutenant Governor		Eleni Kounalakis		Angela E. Underwood Jacobs
Secretary of State		Shirley N. Weber		Rob Bernosky
Controller		Malia Cohen		Lanhee Chen
Treasurer		Fiona Ma		Jack M. Guerrero
Attorney General		Rob Bonta		Nathan Hochman
Insurance Commissioner		Ricardo Lara	Robert Howell	Robert Howell
State Board of Equalization, #1		Jose Altamirano	Ted Gaines	Ted Gaines
US Representative, #5		Michael Barkley	Tom McClintock	Tom McClintock
State Senate #4		Tim Robertson		
State Assembly, #8	Thomas Edward Nichols			Jim Patterson
US Senate (Full Term)		Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser	Mark P. Meuser
US Senate (Partial Term)		Alex Padilla	Mark P. Meuser	Mark P. Meuser

The Peace and Freedom and Green parties did not submit to Tuolumne County an endorsement for candidates for this November 8, 2022 Statewide General Election.

Elections in California

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

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

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

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

California law requires the following information to be printed in this guide.

Voter-Nominated Offices

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

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

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate their party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

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,
   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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted county Voter Information Guide.
- Specific instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, can be obtained from a poll worker or by reading the information mailed to you by your local elections official.
- If you are a newly registered voter, you may be asked to provide appropriate identification or other documentation according to federal law. But please note that every individual has the right to cast a provisional ballot even if he or she does not provide the documentation.
- It is against the law to represent yourself as being eligible to vote unless you meet all of the requirements to vote under federal and state law.
- It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.

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X County Transaction and Use Tax

Ballot question

"To protect and improve essential Sheriff, Fire, and Road services, shall an ordinance be adopted authorizing a one percent Transactions and Use Tax (sales tax) in the unincorporated areas of the County providing approximately $6,400,000 annually that exclusively funds and is split between Sheriff (40%), Fire (40%), and Road (20%) services with annual public audits and expiring after 10 years unless renewed by voters?"

What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote means you want to impose an additional 1% special sales tax limiting use of those proceeds to the above-described services.	A "No" vote means you do not want to impose an additional 1% special sales tax to fund the above-described services.

For and Against Measure W

FOR	AGAINST
/s/ David Goldemburg /s/ Jaron Brandon On behalf of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors	Alexander Horat Tuolumne County California Freedom Alliance

Local ballot measures: Measure X

Impartial Analysis

Christopher Schmidt**,** Deputy County Counsel

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors placed on the ballot the question whether to approve an ordinance enacting a transactions and use tax ("Sales Tax"). The ordinance known as Measure X, if approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure, would impose an additional one percent (1%) Sales Tax to be levied in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County beginning April 1, 2023, and continuing for a period of ten years.

Measure X proposes a special tax, meaning revenue generated by the tax can only be utilized for those purposes identified in the ordinance imposing the tax. The ordinance restricts expenditures to supplement and enhance sheriff, fire, and road services, and allocates revenue as follows: 40% to the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office, 40% to the Tuolumne County Fire Department, and 20% to the Tuolumne County Department of Public Works. Revenues would be deposited into a separate fund maintained by the County Treasury and revenues and expenditures would be audited annually subject to public inspection. Measure X, if passed, would generate approximately $6,400,000 of additional revenue annually.

The current sales tax rate throughout Tuolumne County is 7.25%, with the exception of the incorporated City of Sonora. If Measure X is passed, the combined sales tax rate in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County would increase to 8.25% until the ordinance expires on March 31, 2033. This type of tax is levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail with certain limited exceptions. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration which distributes the tax.

A "Yes" vote means you want to impose an additional 1% special sales tax limiting use of those proceeds to the above-described services.

A "No" vote means you do not want to impose an additional 1% special sales tax to fund the above-described services.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance No. 3417. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the county elections official's office at (209) 533-5570 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

Local ballot measures: Measure X

Fiscal Impact Statement

Deborah Bautista, County Auditor-Controller

This ballot measure, if adopted by County voters, would impose a one percent (1%) transactions and use tax, which is a form of sales tax, in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County ("County"). This ballot measure proposes a special tax, meaning revenue generated by the tax can only be utilized for those purposes identified in the ordinance imposing the tax. The ordinance restricts expenditures to supplement and enhance sheriff, fire, and road services, and allocates revenue as follows: 40% to the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office, 40% to the Tuolumne County Fire Department, and 20% to the Tuolumne County Department of Public Works. Revenues would be deposited into a separate fund maintained by the County Treasury and revenues and expenditures would be audited annually subject to public inspection.

The one percent (1%) tax would be in addition to the existing sales tax and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the existing sales tax. Currently, the combined state and local sales tax rate for the incorporated areas of Tuolumne is 7.25%. If this measure is approved by the voters, the combined rate would be 8.25%

Assumptions:

1. County Sales and Use Tax revenues are based upon last four quarters of actual Bradley–Burns (1%) Local Tax receipts.

2. The effective date of the Ordinance shall be April 1, 2023.

3. The revenue shall be recorded on the accrual method. With the collection period from August 1 to July 31 of each fiscal year.

Financial increase: $6,400,000 per fiscal year

This analysis is submitted by the Office of the Auditor-Controller of the County of Tuolumne pursuant to the requirements of Section 9160(c) of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Local ballot measures: Measure X

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

Argument for Measure X

Our deputies, our firefighters, and our roads ***desperately need your help***.

Tuolumne County has struggled for decades to cover minimum costs and the barrage of unfunded State mandates. Expenses have massively outpaced revenues and left our rural area increasingly vulnerable and unsafe.

A **YES vote on Measure ___** provides critically needed additional public safety funding that is secure, *annually audited,* and "sunsets" after 10-years: $2.6 million for the Sheriff's Office, $2.6 million for County Fire, and $1.3 million for Roads.

— The Sheriff's Department protects our families with *only four deputies* covering 2,200 square miles per shift. *Some of the lowest regional pay has created severe vacancy issues* leading to 15-minute life-or-death response times, decreased jail capacity, shutting down the Tuolumne County Narcotics Task Force, and crime. ***A YES vote means more deputies, faster response times, increased drug enforcement, and returning to a safer community.***

— Tuolumne County Fire protects us from devastation but utilizes 25-year-old fire engines and just three fire stations. Imagine an outdated engine breaking down while responding to your call – *that's actually happened.* When ANY neglected fire can become catastrophic, failure is *not* an option. ***A YES vote stabilizes fire services by providing reliable engines and increasing protection in at-risk areas.***

— Finally, our roads are *the worst* of all 58 counties and truly falling apart *with scarcely 10%* in good condition. Millions have been spent fixing road failures. While $1.3 million will not fully solve the problem, ***a YES vote ensures safer streets and reduced taxpayer vehicle maintenance by providing 4 additional miles of urgent local road repairs each year.***

Voting **YES on Measure ___** stands up for our deputies, firefighters, and roads. They deserve our support, and we *cannot wait* for the State to save us.

And voting NO endangers your life and property at a much greater cost.

/s/ David Goldemburg
/s/ Jaron Brandon
On behalf of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors

Local ballot measures: Measure X

Argument Against Measure X

The people of Tuolumne County are facing an inflation disaster. The price of food, gasoline and goods are soaring. This has caused many of the people in our county not able to afford basic necessities. Now the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors wants to grow the size of government and make an inflation problem worse. We already have one of the highest state sales tax in the nation at 7.25 percent. Now the county wants to increase it to 8.25 percent. This will hurt the elderly on fixed income and the poor the most. If this measure passes Tuolumne County will continue on its quest for tax increases. As there is never enough for the government as they want to keep expanding it. Lets say NO to this measure and force government to live within its means.

God Bless

/s/ Alexander Horat
Tuolumne County California Freedom Alliance

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure X

Local revenue means local control, not state control. Tuolumne County is ***weaker***, not stronger, for having the lowest sales tax.

1. Our Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, and Road services are asking for desperately needed funding, and received historic investments — unfortunately, it's not near enough
2. This is emergency funding for baseline essential services we all expect to work, not "growing government." No extras, no frills.
3. Our sales tax *is the state minimum* of 7.25% — just 1% of which comes back to local government. Minimum rate means minimum local control.

All this leaves us unsafe and reliant on other State funds with strings attached, never as much or for what we actually need. Without new local revenue, we keep falling behind.

— Measure X is accountable and targeted
— Measure X doesn't apply to groceries
— Tourists will pay much of Measure X

It's our time to step up for those who keep us safe and not wait another two decades for it to get worse. Vote Yes on Measure X.

/s/ David Goldemburg
/s/ Jaron Brandon
On behalf of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors

Rebuttal to Argument For Measure X

This is a response to Tuolumne County's argument in favor of increasing sales taxes in Measure X. The board of supervisors is using fear and intimidation to try and make you vote for increasing sales taxes. They say voting no on X "endangers your life and property at a much greater cost." We believe this is the other way around. Many people in this county cannot afford the rising costs associated with out of control government printing already. Raising sales taxes will hurt the poorest among us even more. Also instead of using taxpayers funds for the roads, fire department and police, the county has increased the pay for county administrators to cope with "inflation." And the administrators are already among the most highly paid in the county. Now, county administrators are spared from inflation while Tuolumne County's taxpayers are not? This is just one example of the county's tax funded priorities. The people of Tuolumne County deserve a fiscally responsible government. The more you give to the government the more they will take and this has been historically documented. Please vote NO on measure X to keep Tuolumne County affordable for the people residing within it.

God Bless

/s/ Alexander Horat
Tuolumne County California Freedom Alliance

Y The City of Sonora Essential Services Tax

Ballot question

"The City of Sonora Essential Services Measure: Shall the measure to maintain the City of Sonora essential services such as Police, Fire, Street Repair, and other core services by establishing a 1 % sales and use tax ("Sales Tax"), providing the City of Sonora approximately $3.9 million dollars annually for a period of twenty (20) years until March 31, 2043, be adopted?"

What your vote means

YES	NO
A 'YES' vote would approve the proposed increase in sales tax.	A 'NO' vote is a vote against the proposed sales tax increase.

For and Against Measure W

FOR	AGAINST
/s/ Mark Plummer, Mayor /s/ Andy Merrill, Councilmember	No argument against was filed.

Local ballot measures: Measure Y

Impartial Analysis

Douglas White, City Attorney

On July 18, 2022, the City Council of the City of Sonora ("City") authorized Measure Y to be placed on the ballot, which would impose an additional 1 percent (1%) transactions and use tax on the gross receipts of retail sales in the City. Transaction and use taxes are collected in the same manner as sales taxes.

If this Measure is approved by a majority of City voters, Measure Y would authorize an increase of the retail transaction and use tax to 1% within the City. The 1% rate equates to an extra $1.00 per $100 purchased. It is projected that the 1% increase would result in approximately $3.9 million in annual local funding for general City services, such as public safety and street maintenance and repair. This tax would be a general tax, meaning that revenue raised from the tax would go into the City's general fund to pay for any municipal service.

The City's existing sales tax is set at 7.75%. The majority of existing sales tax revenues go to the state of California. If Measure Y is adopted, the transactions and use tax would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales tax. All revenue raised by the transactions and use tax would remain in the City and would not be shared with the State, County, or any other agency.

California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 authorizes the City to levy a general transactions and use tax at a rate of 1% so long as the tax is approved by a majority of the voters voting in an election on that issue.

A 'YES' vote would approve the proposed increase in sales tax.

A 'NO' vote is a vote against the proposed sales tax increase.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Y. If you desire a copy of Measure Y, please contact the City Clerk at (209) 532-4541 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

Local ballot measures: Measure Y

Fiscal Impact Statement

Chris Gorsky**,** City Administrative Services Director

The City Council of the City of Sonora has placed a measure on the ballot asking voters to approve a one percent (1%) transactions and use tax within the incorporated city limits. This measure will sunset after twenty (20) years. Should this measure be approved, it would result in the City receiving an additional estimated $3.9 million annually in sales tax, with an estimated $900,000 in the first, partial fiscal year 2022–2023. This measure is not expected to add any significant amount of new administrative costs to the City.

The tax is a general tax and the proceeds would be deposited into the General Fund. This revenue would be used to support essential City operations including the Sonora Police Department, Sonora Fire Department, fix streets and sidewalks, maintain parks, maintain City facilities and essential infrastructure, and prevent the reduction in important city services.

Local ballot measures: Measure Y

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

Argument for Measure Y

We love this City and adding Measure Y to the ballot was a very difficult decision for the City Council to make. The City has a track record of conservative financial management, prudent reserves, and lean staffing to meet community needs, but we are approaching a fiscal cliff. This revenue will be kept 100% local and Sacramento won't be able to seize our local dollars for state projects. The City has been unable to maintain competitive wages with pay rates for our police department as much as 20% below other comparable local agencies. Measure Y would provide ongoing funding to meet community needs and help protect our quality of life.

The 1% increase proposed in Measure Y means that consumers will pay an extra penny for every $1 spent on goods in the City.

The measure will sunset in 20 years; this as an investment that will provide enough time for the City to plan for its future and expand growth opportunities for the city, citizens and businesses alike. Without a new revenue source, the City will be forced to cut public safety and other essential services. A YES vote on Measure Y will require non-resident visitors to share costs, allow the City to enhance and increase public safety and protect quality of life in Sonora.

Measure Y provides reliable funding to address much needed infrastructure repairs before they become even more expensive in the future.

Measure Y ensures the City can maintain the quality of life for its residents, continues to attract businesses and visitors to the community.

Protect our community. Protect our public safety. Protect our Quality of Life.

Vote YES on Measure Y.

/s/ Mark Plummer, Mayor

/s/ Andy Merrill, Councilmember

Argument Against Measure Y

No argument against was filed.

The following pages contain:

Paid Candidates' Statements

This guide does not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the ballot.

Each candidate's statement in this guide is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate.

Each candidate's statement of qualifications is printed as submitted by the candidate.

How do I contact a candidate?

Local candidate contact information is listed on our website. Only the information specifically authorized by the candidate is posted.

www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Statewide candidate contact information is listed on the Secretary of State's website.

www.sos.ca.gov

Columbia Fire Protection District

Barry Rudolph

On May 27, the Columbia fire siren sounded. A house was on fire but the Columbia Fire District never showed up. Let the siren wake the community. Despite paying assessments we have no fire protection. Twice in ten years the County Local Agency Formation Committee has recommended the District merge systems with the County Fire Department but no action was taken. Now the District wants to expand their boundaries spreading a failed agency over an even bigger area.

My vision and goal if elected, is to immediately take steps to rejoin the County Fire Department and partner with the Columbia College Fire Program taking advantage of both to benefit us all. I am opposed to annexation and will stop it. I'll work towards establishing a full staffed engine company identical to what Jamestown Fire Protection District and Groveland enjoy. If it is good enough for the district and county residents of Jamestown and Groveland, it is good enough for the taxpayers in Columbia too. I went to school here. I served this state, county, and Columbia as a Battalion Chief. A siren woke me to action to do something. If given the honor of your vote, I will fix it.

Columbia Fire Protection District

Stan Steiner

Self Employed/ Landscape Supplier/ Construction/ Trucking

I've been a life long citizen of Columbia. I've been a member of the Columbia Fire Department for 55 years. For the last 26 years I've been on the board of Directors of The Columbia Fire Protection District.

Curtis Creek Elementary

Nikki Hiemstra

As a parent in the community and 4th generation resident, I am seeking election to the Curtis Creek Elementary board to help positively shape the education and environment for all students and staff. I have been a member of the Sonora Jr Cats board for the last 5 years. I coach youth sports here at Curtis Creek and basketball at Sonora High School. I am a parent of four boys, who challenge me to be my best everyday. I am involved in athletics and working with children, not just on skills, but self-esteem, discipline, and character. That is what drove my passion to want to help improve the education system where my youngest child attends school. The past few years I have watched children struggle socially and mentally and I want to ensure they never take the brunt of any economic downturn or pandemic again. I visualize education as socially and structurally vital to any kids wellbeing and will do my best to ensure that in person learning along with teacher/staff support is at the core of Curtis Creek Elementary for all future generations to come. Thank you for any support in changing the current board personnel and voting for me to represent Curtis Creek Elementary School.

GO MUSTANGS!

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District

Russ Warren

Occupation: Incumbent

It has been my honor to serve on the board since those dark drought days of 2015. During these years your Water District has made large advances even as we struggled thru the previous and current droughts. Important capital improvements completed include purchasing 21 Acres for installation of wells, installing 3 new wells, refurbishing an existing well, new SCADA system, and new pumping barge. District upgrades include major treatment plant and water filtration modernization, new GIS district map, many new pumps, upgraded vehicles and equipment, and replacement of hundreds of defective service lines. A new grant funded project will provide a new deep-water inlet from Lake McClure, this will give us a more reliable primary water supply. Remarkably, everything listed has been done within budget and with zero new debt.

We are exploring other grant opportunities to further help upgrade our 50+year-old infrastructure.

Your Lake Don Pedro Community Service District team is serving you well. I would appreciate your vote so that I may share in the ongoing work of improving our district.

Thank You for considering me,

Russ

Sonora Union High School, TA #2

Keith Arnett

Occupation: Information Technology Analyst

I have worked as an Information Technology Analyst with the County of Sacramento for 22 years. I am running to be an advocate for all students and their right to educational freedom without government overreach or political agenda. The students are the first priority. Each one must be represented and offered solutions to meet their educational needs. The last two and a half years has tremendously affected my three children and their classmates negatively. My children are 4th generation Sonora High School students. As someone who grew up in the city and their school system, I am keenly aware of the differences of the rural education system versus the urban education system. I respect our old-fashioned values and agricultural roots and intend to honor and maintain them. I advocate for more real world skills and vocational education choices to enable confidence and success in everyday life for all students. We need to support all career paths, whether it be college, trade-school, military, workforce, or entrepreneurship. There is no one size fits all education. If you want someone who will stand firm and advocate for all students, then vote for Keith Arnett on November 8th.

Sonora Union High School, TA #2

Mike Holland Age:47

Occupation: Business Owner/Parent

I am married and father to two children. I grew up in Sonora, attending Curtis Creek Elementary and Sonora Union High School.

As a Tuolumne County resident for the past 42 years, I know how quality education can help in raising a family, developing a career and starting a business.

As a Curtis Creek School Board member for the past 10 years, my decisions have been guided by what is best for our children and protecting parent rights. As a business owner, I believe that schools should be good stewards of taxpayers money and exhibit financial responsibility.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Sonora Union High School, TA #2

Tristan J. Kaiser

Public education is our society's greatest asset. It is where we, as a community, commit to preparing every single child to succeed in adulthood and be a great citizen. The impact of the pandemic on our students and teachers has been extremely challenging, and as a father of 2, a coach, and a volunteer, I feel compelled to step up and offer my skillset to help our students recover and set them on a path to success.

Informed by my background in economics, management, and data analytics, my goals as a board member will be to work with parents, teachers, stakeholders, and the community to address the immediate impacts of pandemic-related learning loss, prioritize initiatives that provide more career and higher education opportunities for students, and prevent distractions from clouding the mission of SUHSD. I will bring a stable, engaged, and open minded presence to the board that focuses wholly on the success of the students and the schools.

To learn more about me and my platform, please visit kaiser4board.com

Soulsbyville Elementary School

Dena Canaday

I am a wife, mother, and grandmother who has lived in Soulsbyville for over 25 years. I served on Tuolumne County Fastpitch and Little League boards. I helped coach travel ball teams and coach softball at Sonora High School for over 15 years. As a local business owner, I Pride myself in doing what's best for customers as well as my community. I am running for this office to continue to advocate for parents and children. My children and grandchildren have gone to Soulsbyville Elementary School, I have always loved the teachers and staff. I am hoping to continue to serve on this board to ensure the greatness of the school. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Thank you,

Dena Canaday

Soulsbyville Elementary School

Sarah Garcia

My personal and work experiences make me an ideal candidate for the Soulsbyville School Board.

I understand the challenges of being an educator, with a degree in Liberal Studies and many years of classroom experience. Our children and teachers must be supported.

I understand the complexity of administration as the Director of First 5, a public commission that serves children ages 0-5 and their families.

I have many years of volunteering, most recently as the founder and President of Big Dreams, the non-profit organization that built the playground in Tuolumne City for children and adults with disabilities.

I am deeply rooted to our community. My great-great-grandparents moved to Soulsbyville nearly one hundred years ago and my grandfather attended 1st-8th grade in the old Soulsbyville Schoolhouse. My husband also attended Soulsbyville School K-8th grade.

I understand the fears, anxieties, and passion of being a parent. I have two children attending Soulsbyville School.

It is with this experience and education that I believe I am an excellent candidate for the Soulsbyville School Board. For my full resume and qualifications, please visit my website at www.Sarah4Schoolboard.com and vote Sarah Garcia for Soulsbyville School Board.

Soulsbyville Elementary School

Christopher R Lockhart AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Deputy Sheriff/Father

VISION: It is my goal to be a strong part of the Soulsbyville School Board so that the parents and students of the district can be confident in the Board despite the rapidly evolving circumstances surrounding us. It is my belief that a School Board's purpose is first and foremost to ensure that the policies and procedures of the district create the best possible environment for learning while protecting our students from matters that do not belong in an elementary school curriculum. It is my intent to help facilitate a scholastic environment that affords students the best possibilities for success in learning, as well as social and emotional development. While my decisions as a Board Member will be made from a perspective of what is best for the students, I also want to be mindful of the needs of the teachers and staff members who create and manage our children's learning environments. I believe that I, as a School Board Member, can be a part of a team that can move our district into a brighter future.

Soulsbyville Elementary School

Nadiia Solo AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Online Business Owner/Parent

As a mother of two young children, one of which attends Soulsbyville Elementary School, I understand the importance of high-quality and fun education via social interactions and a sense of community. In the past two years, our children have been affected the most during this unprecedented pandemic. Now, they deserve board members who will advocate for their physical, mental, and social well-being in the best learning environment we can possibly offer to them.

As an elected School Board Member, I am confident that I can bring calm and assurance to the Falcon parents by listening and making thoughtful and deliberate decisions that represent their standpoints.

As an online business owner, I can dedicate the necessary time to be present, stay open to ideas, and most importantly, hear our kids' and parents' voices.

Ever since my oldest child started attending Soulsbyville, I've become nothing but a proud parent of a Falcon. When elected, I am committed to staying engaged, making a positive impact, and improving the learning and teaching environment for both students and staff.

State Senate, #4

Marie Alvarado-Gil

Age:48

Occupation: Educator/State Commissioner

I'm running because California needs strong, principled leadership that

represents our values in the State Capitol, forces Sacramento politicians to see, hear, and understand what we care about, and stop them from imposing one-size-fits-all policies that hurt our way of life.

I'm a parent who 20 years ago became a public school innovator when the school district tried to bully my special needs child into a cookie-cutter program that was best for the school district, rather than what was best for her. I went on to start three different award-winning charter schools.

As your Senator, I will champion policies that build a strong economy and stand up to aggressive government overreach in our homes and communities. That means opposing taxes, addressing gas prices. tackling inflation. securing our water supply, bringing better educational opportunities, attracting employers who pay livable wages, and expanding internet connectivity.

It means women controlling their own healthcare decisions, fewer state mandates, and less interference in people's everyday lives and freedoms. That's why local small business and civic groups like our local chambers of commerce, local elected officials, business leaders, family-owned farms, state and agricultural associations, and state and local public safety groups all endorse me for State Senate.

I'll be a Senator who listens first- then leads with humility to represent every rural and valley resident with honor. I will always answer to you, not big money interests, and not the big city politicians.

I would be honored to have your vote.

www.votealvaradogil.com

marie.alvaradogil@gmail.com

State Senate, #4

Tim Robertson

Age: 41

Occupation: Executive Director, North Valley Labor Federation

I'm not a politician. As head of the North Valley Labor Federation, I fight for workers of all political stripes. Rather than pick fights over the things that divide us, I work with my members, local legislators, and community leaders to find common ground, focus on real solutions, and enact common-sense policies to create an economy that provides opportunity for everyone.

I pledge to be a different kind of state senator. I'm meeting with residents from across the district to learn first-hand the issues, large and small, that I need to tackle in Sacramento. I'll work with anyone, regardless of party, to get to the root causes of our biggest problems – affordability and the cost of living, homelessness, drought, and public safety – and change the status quo.

As a member of three county-wide Workforce Development Boards and a Stanislaus County executive committee, I'm working to develop an economic growth plan, create jobs, expand technical and skilled education opportunities for local students, and build sustainable job growth with good wages and health care.

I'm an elected member of the Keyes Community Services District Board, where I've gained first-hand knowledge of the challenges to meeting the water needs of the Valley. I'll fight in Sacramento for our fair share of funding for water storage projects and clean water programs, and oppose transferring our water to Southern California.

My priorities include funding a plan to mitigate and suppress wildfires, funding crime prevention efforts to keep neighborhoods safe, and addressing the cost of living.

I'd appreciate your vote. Robertsonforsenate.com.

Tuolumne Park and Recreation

Marty Anderson

I am Martin Anderson, I have lived in Tuolumne over 35 years.

I grew up here and went to both Summerville elementary and High school.

My boys are the third generation to grow up here in Tuolumne.

I left Tuolumne County to join the Navy and returned after I got out of the military.

I have worked at Blue Mountain Minerals for the past 35 years as a welder, millwright.

I am simi retired and would count it a pleasure and honor to serve on the Tuolumne Parks and Recreation Department.

Sincerely

Martin Anderson

Tuolumne Utilities District, #1

Ron Ringen

I'm Ron Ringen Tuolumne Utilities District's (TUD) District 1 incumbent and a TUD ratepayer. I served in the US Marine Corp. (1964-1970), have lived in the County for almost 50 years and am a retired contractor and building inspector. As your TUD board director, I am accountable to the ratepayers to: 1. Ensure our community continues to have quality, reliable and affordable water; 2. Ensure our community has safe and sanitary sewer service, and; 3. Ensure TUD responds to drought, fire and climate extremes for the benefit and protection of our entire community.

TUD is way more than just water. Our system/watershed is threatened by wildfire every day. As a TUD director, I have been active on the countywide Integrated Regional Water Management committee which has secured millions of grant dollars for watershed management and fuels reduction projects.

Now more than ever, TUD needs strong, experienced leadership. I will continue to fight for local control of our water as we move forward with acquiring the most senior water rights from PG&E. I respectfully ask for your vote so that I can continue my work on your behalf in regards to safe, clean water and safe wastewater service.

Tuolumne Utilities District, #1

Brian Shrigley

My name is Brian Kieth Shrigley. I am running for the TUD District 1 board member seat. My family has resided in the Phoenix Lake Area of Sonora since early 2000, and we are proud to call Sonora our home. My primary focus will be towards decreasing our monthly service rates and to insure affordability to those on fixed or limited incomes. I believe in fiscal responsibility and think we can do better at controlling expenses as well as sustaining the current infrastructure. Additionally, we need to better support the water needs of our local agricultural and small businesses. Our decision now will provide a lasting impact on our younger generation. If elected, I am confident we can work together as a community to accomplish great things. Thank you for your consideration and God Bless.

Tuolumne Utilities District, #4

Alexander Harold Horat

Hello, my name is Alexander Harold Horat. I decided to run for TUD board district 4 to cut wasteful spending, decrease water rates and protect our water rights. TUD must stand as a barrier, against our state blocking access to water for people such as farmers. I have been raised in Tuolumne County and I love it here. As part of the TUD board I would like to act in service to future generations of our county. I hope you can vote for me, so we can change Tuolumne County for the better and reduce water rates. God Bless

Tuolumne Utilities District, #4

Jeff Kerns

Greetings to the voters of Tuolumne Utilities District, District 4. It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent you on the TUD Board of Directors the past 3 1/2 years. I have been a Water Treatment Plant Operator at Cold Springs Water Company for over 40 years. I have held many jobs in the water business during that time. Fixing leaks, reading meters, building a treatment plant to name a few. I have also dealt with the California State Water Board and the Public Utilities Commission. Because of this background, I bring a unique perspective to the TUD Board. We have had many successes including breaking ground on the new Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Continuing our CIP projects- fixing and replacing our aging infrastructure. We also have some unfinished business. The biggest is the acquisition of PGE water rights that TUD and its customers depend on. Although PGE has temporarily postponed negotiations on these crucial water rights, I feel there is nothing more important than bringing these water rights under local control. Water is life.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Jeff Kerns

Twain Harte Community Service District

M. Charlotte Bohlman

I have had a career in teaching (High School to University level), scientific research and Clinical/Scientific Laboratory set-up (Cedars Sinai Medical Center, UCLA and University of Nevada, Reno) for the last 40 years. My husband and I moved to Twain Harte three years ago, after retiring from the educational field. My immediate family lives in Twain Harte and this, as well as the opportunity for numerous outdoor activities and the beautiful surroundings, prompted the move from Truckee, CA. I hold a BS, Master's and Ph.D. in the area of Biology, Genetic Engineering and Cell & Molecular Biology, respectively. After obtaining a teaching position at Truckee High School, I became involved with the Teachers Association of Truckee Tahoe at the negotiation level and this further developed my skills in the areas of listening, proposing ideas and working with others. I have been excited to be a part of the Twain Harte CSD Board and the work it performs in supporting fire, water, sewer and parks services. My desire is to continue serving on the Board of Directors for THCSD and to continue to be a part of keeping my community safe, vibrant and beautiful.

Twain Harte Community Service District

Jay Canavan

I'm running for THCSD board to serve the Twain Harte community. Challenges facing the essential services of Twain Harte could severely affect our safety and quality of life unless leaders are able to institute changes.

About me: I moved to Tuolumne County with my parents and sister in 1990 and attended Sonora Elementary. After high school in Bethel Maine and college in Bozeman Montana, I moved back to Sonora in 2011 to grow my architectural products manufacturing company. I moved to Twain Harte in 2019 where my wife and I now live full time with our two spoiled hounds. We cherish this community, its people, and its natural beauty.

If elected, I will prioritize wildfire safety and preparedness, fresh-water sustainability, and park development. I will work with community partners to increase the cleanliness and livability of our district. I have a track record in the private sector using process optimization to continually improve operations at every level. I'm willing to take on these shared challenges with a fresh perspective and put my skillset to work for our community.

U.S. Representative, #5

Michael J. "Mike" Barkley

Occupation: Lawyer/CPA/Programmer

Dear friends and neighbors,

I am a lawyer, certified public accountant (inactive), computer programmer, rancher with wildfire issues, Navy veteran, and activist in local government, water, flooding and environmental issues. My mix of skills makes me uniquely suited to represent you in Washington. I live in Manteca and I'm in the phone book. I'm less than 120 minutes away from most of you. I have met more than 50,000 of you at your front doors over the past 10 years.

Before you vote, please see my platform on my web site, mikebarkleyuscongress.com . My specific proposals on my platform will solve many problems and save many lives in this state and country. As my platform shows, I am a very strong advocate for labor and for bringing jobs back from overseas. At front doors you independent voters demand specific platform proposals, not broad generalities. For you balanced budget voters, my U.S. Budget on my platform balances now, ends deficit spending, fully funds Medicare-for-all and protects Social Security with no cuts. For fellow farmers, my 43 million acre-feet specific Federal/California water plan on my platform supplies 100% of your irrigation needs permanently and cuts sharply the risk of epic floods, and my U.S. Budget funds it fully without deficits. My home email, phone, and home address are on that web page. Please email me any questions and comments you might have or invite me over for a chat.

Thank you and best wishes, Mike Barkley

U.S. Representative, #5

Tom McClintock

Occupation: United States Representative

The prosperity of our families, the security of our borders, the safety of our communities and our most cherished freedoms as Americans are all at stake in this election.

As ranking member on the House Immigration Sub-Committee, I am fighting to stop the unprecedented illegal mass migration that threatens to undermine the well-being, sovereignty and survival of our nation.

As a senior member of the House Budget Committee, my work to rein in wasteful government spending has won consistent praise from groups ranging from the National Taxpayers' Union to Citizens Against Government Waste.

I have fought the ruinous lockdowns, school closures, and mask and vaccine mandates from the beginning.

For 14 years, I have pushed to restore active forest management and development of our water and power resources on the House Natural Resources Committee.

Ultimately, this election will decide whether we succumb to the empty promises of big government socialism or restore the uniquely American principles of individual liberty, constitutionally limited government and personal responsibility that made ours the happiest and most prosperous nation on earth.

Freedom works. Government over-regulation and over-taxation has made a mess of our lives. A healthy, competitive, consumer-driven economy can restore the abundance, excellence and reliability of all those things upon which our quality of life depends.

You sent me to Washington to fight for these principles. I will need your support in the crucial days ahead.

You can read more at TomMcClintock.com.