County of Tuolumne
Voter Information Guide

Presidential Primary Election
March 5, 2024

Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off locations inside
If you are looking for a place to drop off your ballot

www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/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 Assembly, #8
    - County Supervisor, #1
    - County Supervisor, #4
    - County Supervisor, #5
    - Sonora City Council

- **California State Guide**
  - U.S. national state races are in this guide from the state.
  - **Federal and State Contests**
    - President of the United States
    - US Senate
    - US Senate (partial term)
  - **State Propositions**
    - Proposition 1

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**U.S. Presidential Candidate Information**

Information on candidates running for President will be available on the Secretary of State’s Voter Information Guide website. [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov)
Vote Center Locations

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The ballot mailed to you is identical to the one would receive a vote center. You may return a vote-by-mail ballot by mail, at any drop-off location, or by hand at any vote center.
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 **February 5th**, and close at 8pm Election Day, **March 5th**.

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<td>Mi-Wuk Library/MAHA</td>
<td>24411 Sierra Park Rd Mi-Wuk Village, CA 95346</td>
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<td>Columbia Elementary</td>
<td>22540 Parrotts Ferry Rd Columbia, CA 95310</td>
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**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, February 27**th.

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, February 5**th, 8am – 5pm.

**Saturday and Sunday, February 24**th – 25**th**, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

**Saturday and Sunday, March 2**nd – 3**rd**, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

**Election Day, March 5**th, 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.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/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.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/elections
(209) 533-5570

Disability Rights of California Hotline
1-888-569-7955
1-800-719-5798
California Relay: 711
Accepting calls prior to and following elections.
7:00 AM to 8:00PM on Election Day
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 Assembly, #8**
- George Radanovich
- David J. Tangipa
- Michael Matheson

**Two US Senate Contests on the Ballot**

There are two U.S. Senate contests on the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election ballot.

The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031.

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, 2025.

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, February 27th. 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, March 5, 2024, 8pm. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, and received by March 12, 2024.
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, March 5th, from 7am to 8pm**
To find a vote center:

- A list of vote centers and hours can be found in this guide
- [www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/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 Centro de votación

Cómo encontrar su Centro 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 5 de marzo**.
Para encontrar un centro de votación:
- Una lista de centros de votación también se puede encontrar en esta guía
- [www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/elections)
- (209) 533-5570

En mi centro de votación

Todos los votantes pueden votar en un Centro de votación.

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

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

En el Centro de votación, lo hará:

1. Firme la lista oficial
2. Vota 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 pueden 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.

Please try not to spill food or drink on the ballot.
No extra marks please! No numbers, initials, or drawings.

Leave this bubble empty unless you want to vote for a qualified write-in candidate.

If you make a mistake, simply “X” out the incorrect mark, and mark your vote.
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.
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 on the envelope 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.

**Return your ballot by the deadline**

If mailed, it must be postmarked by Election Day, **Tuesday, March 5th**, and received by March 12th, 2024. We recommend Mailing early.

If hand delivered, it must be received at our office, any vote center, or drop-off location by Election Day, **Tuesday, March 5th**, 8pm.
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:

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The American Independent, Peace and Freedom, and Green parties did not submit an endorsement for candidates for this March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary 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. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices include state legislative offices and United States congressional 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 United States President, county central committee, or local offices.

Write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices may still run in the primary election. However, a write-in candidate may 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.

Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices

Political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A nominated candidate will represent that party as its official candidate for the specific office at the general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election moves on to the general election. Parties also elect officers of county central committees at the primary election.

A voter can only vote in the primary election of the political party he or she has disclosed a preference for upon registering to vote. However, a political party may allow a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote in that party's primary election.
Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her 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 his or her 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.
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
   - not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
   - registered where you currently live
   - 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.

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**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.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State’s confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

- On the web at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
- By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- By email at [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)

Rev 2021
The California Secretary of State is now offering voters a new way to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot. Where’s My Ballot? lets voters know where their ballot is, and its status, every step of the way.

Sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot.

Tracking your ballot—when it is mailed, received, and counted—has never been easier.

WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov

*Where’s My Ballot? is only available to voters if their county elections office has adopted the tool.*
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.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/elections)

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

[www.sos.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections)
On Inauguration Day, our borders were secure, America was energy independent, the world was at peace, real wages were rising, inflation was 1.4%, the average 30-year mortgage interest rate was 1.9% and a gallon of gas averaged $2.39.

Elections have consequences. Leftist policies always produce rising crime, sky-high taxes, poverty, failing schools, chronic shortages of basic necessities and ultimately failing businesses and fleeing families.

We watched these policies destroy our great cities like San Francisco and then our great state of California. Now they are destroying our country. We can’t let that happen.

As Chairman of the House subcommittee responsible for immigration, I wrote the reforms to restore the successful Trump policies that secured our border and that passed the House.

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.

For 16 years, I have pushed to restore active forest management and to develop our water and power resources on the House Natural Resources Committee.

Freedom works. Government overregulation and overtaxation have 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.
Michael J. "Mike" Barkley

*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.

Before you vote, please see my platform on my web sites, mikebarkley4congress.com or mjbarkl.com/run.htm - My specific proposals on my platform will solve many problems and save many lives in this state and country.

Major goals: Strengthen wildfire and casualty insurance protections; Strengthen women's rights and Right to Choose; Restore voting rights; Strengthen labor; Reverse global warming; Reverse the 2017 Billionaire Tax Cut and balance the budget; Add Medicare for All; Repair what Congress did to cause homelessness and soaring rents (Tax Reform Act of 1986, Faircloth Amendment of 1998 and housing subsidy cuts, 2008 limits on low-income housing loans including by Dodd-Frank); Add 43,000,000 acre-feet of water storage and solve California floods and Western U.S. droughts see mjbarkl.com/floods.txt and floods.htm; solve our gun problem;

I have met more than 50,000 of you at your front doors over the past decade. I live in Manteca, less than 120 minutes away from most of you. My home email, phone, and home address are on that platform page. Please email me any questions and comments you might have or invite me over for a chat. I need your vote, please vote for me.

Thank you and best wishes, Mike Barkley
George Radanovich

*Family Business Owner, Former U.S. Representative*

I am running for the State Assembly to shake up the status quo in Sacramento, protect taxpayers and toughen up our laws against crime. I stand for stronger border security, law enforcement, less debt and lower taxes. I pledge to protect our Constitution and our rights.

Our district is where I was born, where my family started a small business in 1955 and where I opened the first local winery in 1986. Voters chose me to represent our area in Congress, but after losing my wife to cancer, I voluntarily stepped down over 10 years ago to devote full time to raising my son, serving as Chairman of our family business, and eventually becoming President of the California Fresh Fruit Association.

I cannot stand by any longer and watch the bad policies coming from Sacramento harm working families and law-abiding citizens. As your State Assemblyman, I’ll use my farming and legislative experience to fight for plentiful water supplies; increased water storage; better roads and highways, and policies that help our farms and businesses thrive.

I oppose tax increases. Californians already pay too much. I’ll work to end wasteful government spending and reduce the tax burden.

The Republican Party’s of Fresno, Madera, Tuolumne and Calaveras counties officially endorse me. So does Republican Congressman Tom McClintock, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow (ret), Supervisor Debbie Poochigian (ret) and many more local conservative leaders. I would be honored to receive your vote. Please visit George2024.com to learn more. Thank you.
David Tangipa

Age: 28  
County Representative / Businessman

As a first-generation American and son of a veteran, I was raised with the values of freedom and liberty. I am running for the State Assembly because California needs new leadership and a fresh perspective. The high cost of living, forest mismanagement, crime, homelessness, and insurance issues plague our community.

As a field representative in county government, I worked on the Creek Fire that took the homes of my family and friends. I have fought for responsible forest management to lower insurance rates for residents in the foothill and mountain communities. As a local businessman, I have assisted families with buying their first home and achieving the American dream.

I became the first person in my family to graduate from college and earned degrees in political science, criminology, and a Master's in Business Administration, all while playing football for the Fresno State Bulldogs. I am endorsed by outgoing Assemblyman Jim Patterson, District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp, former Sheriff Margaret Mims, Sheriff John Zanoni, Sheriff Rick DiBasilio, former Sheriff Jeff Hollowell, California Professional Firefighters, California Highway Patrol, and others.

I would be honored to have your vote to restore the future of California. For more information visit: davidtangipaforassembly.com
Dear District 1 and City of Sonora Voters,

I am asking for your support and vote to be your next District 1 Supervisor. I've held elected government leadership positions: Sonora Mayor, Sonora City Council Member and Sonora Elementary School board member, in the community: Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Celtic fair volunteer, and in business: 25 years of leadership in the retail, restaurant and manufacturing industries. My experience and community service has taught me the need for collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the Sonora City Council.

This collaboration along with communication, accountability and trustworthiness, will ensure the needs of our community are being met. I look forward to working with you so that together we can enable job growth, fix our roads, secure fire protection, advocate law enforcement and finally find solution to our homeless crisis.

We will work together to make Tuolumne County a better place to live.

Matt Hawkins
Mike Holland

*Age: 49*

*Local business owner*

I'm running for District 1 Supervisor with a fresh perspective and a commitment to prioritizing our community's needs. With 43 years in Tuolumne County, I've built three local businesses and served 12 years as a board trustee for local schools, fostering a deep understanding of accountability in government. I also hold a contractors and real estate Licenses.

My top priorities include: Roads: we need a substantial dedication of the budget with longer goals and a real improvement plan. Homeless: enforceable codes for public safety is essential. We need to have an honest conversation and acknowledge the addiction/mental health aspect of homelessness. Fiscal Responsibility: I will prioritize community needs with our local budget. It’s your money and I will advocate for your needs. Public Safety: We need to prioritize funds and policies to support public safety and enforce laws. And finally, Job Creation: We need to streamline permitting and development processes.

With a family rooted in the community, my wife and I have raised two children attending local schools, We are deeply invested in our county's future. I pledge to lead with transparency, accountability, and a genuine commitment to our shared prosperity.

I respectfully request your vote for District 1 Supervisor.
Tanya Carsner

*Age: 59*

*Mother/Retail Manager*

Education and Qualifications: I will bring to this office Integrity and accountability. I have lived in Tuolumne County since 1990 and raised my children here. I understand the difficulties we are facing with so many different problems in our area. I have been the owner of my own business in Merced, Ca. and a manager for different businesses in our area. I have experience in large business negotiations and contract agreements as well as making very important decisions when I must and stand behind my decision that I make. I encourage communication and talks with everyone that wants to talk as well as different viewpoints that’s how we learn.

Our Infrastructure is very big to me, The Homelessness care, and Behavioral health care, and drug problems are also very concerning to me. Our county needs to work on making new construction easier and less red tape involved. I will work on all these problems for our community. I will not vote to raise taxes, I will not conform to special interests, I am willing to say NO to new spending whether it comes from the state or otherwise.
The current lack of transparency and communications stands in the way of improving life in Tuolumne County, and I am tired of it. I am a working man who understands what we all feel. I am a devoted husband, father, firefighter, and self-employed timber faller. I have served on the Sonora City Council for 7.5 years and am currently the Mayor.

As Mayor, I successfully implemented key initiatives including a city economic plan for a prosperous future, passage of Measure Y, constructing a new main bus stop, and essential work on the Sonora main storm drain. These achievements were realized through my unwavering efforts and my ability to foster unity within the Council.

I firmly believe a balanced, collaborative partnership between County and City is needed to deliver results that benefit all of Tuolumne County. Economic development, roads, and fire safety are among my top priorities.

As Supervisor, I will bring the necessary political will to deliver workable solutions for our county’s key challenges: sustainable growth, affordable housing, quality jobs, homelessness, and fire insurance costs.

I will listen and work for all of you. For a resilient and thriving future, I respectfully request your vote.
My name is Steve Griefer, and I am running for the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors. Having recently retired as a CHP Officer, I wish to serve the community again. I am running because I feel this District deserves a strong advocate for District 4. I will stress fiscal responsibility and accountability to deliver results that meet the needs of the people. Having lived and worked in District 4 for 10 years, I fully understand the need of our community. Now is the time for leadership to ensure that our residents are engaged with and have confidence in our locally elected leadership. As your Supervisor I will ensure that families feel secure in their homes and are adequately represented at the county level. I plan to engage with all of our residents and businesses so that we can make sure that they are successful in achieving their goals, without local government being a barrier to that success. I'm dedicated to bringing solutions to the table that ensure prosperity and hope to have the opportunity, and the privilege of representing the wonderful residents of District 4, at the County level.
I am a mother, researcher, and advocate for autonomy. I am committed to safeguarding our freedom from government mandates and authoritarian interference.

Under the guise of “sustainability” and “resiliency,” the Corporatocracy amasses wealth, resources and power at the taxpayer’s expense. In a multitude of ways, we have been misled and exploited by covert and overt arrangements.

Fires, geoengineered weather, and flooding have led to land-grabs and a rise in homelessness. We all shoulder the burden of increased costs for insurance, goods, and services.

Declarations of emergency further exacerbate the redistribution of wealth from us to “them.”

Our tax dollars are being utilized to foster a surveillance state. “Smart” upgrades promising “safety” and “security” are used to track, trace, and penalize individuals whose beliefs or behavior deviate from government dictates.

The misuse of our hard-earned money ends now. It is time for transparency and truth.

I stand for independence, support for local businesses, and for the protection of our precious resources.
Three years ago, our district entrusted a young, independent, and forward-thinking advocate to repair our county. Today, I stand before you at this community-defining moment proud of our historic accomplishments and as the most experienced, capable candidate to continue.

I’m Jaron Brandon, a Jamestown and Columbia native, son of a 30-year family business and your local fighter. Since 2021, we’ve reversed decades of stagnation for a safer, more prosperous County including our strongest-ever pro-housing agenda, historic Sheriffs office funding, expanding Columbia fire services, over $1 billion in job creation, $24 million for broadband, 160,000 treated forest acres, supporting small business, investing in roads, restoring libraries, and much more.

These aren’t just words. It’s hard-fought progress and promises kept.

From trash cleanups to holiday celebrations, I have strived to be a committed, kind, trustworthy, and engaged public servant. A phone call away and going above and beyond for the communities I love.

Undoubtedly challenges remain, and we are tackling mountains. I ask for your vote as the most capable candidate to see real solutions through – protecting communities, cutting bureaucracy, and building opportunity.

You can reach me at 209-770-5084 or www.jaronfor5.com.
In Tuolumne County, we’re proud of our close-knit community and the simple joy of raising a family here. But, recent years have brought challenges that strike at the core of our environment and way of life.

As a man of deep values, faith, and commitment to my community, my 40-year career in management and business has been marked by both leadership and service. As the proud owner of Sonora Grocery Outlet from 2007 to my retirement in 2022, I’ve not only witnessed but actively participated in our community’s evolution.

My tenure on the Adventist Health Civic Advisory Board and my support for our non-profits have fortified my dedication to our county, especially in preserving the agricultural heritage that shaped my upbringing.

Today, I see a pressing need for transparency in our County Government. I pledge to bridge the gap between the public and our leaders, ensuring that the roads we travel, the homes we build, and the safety we rely on are not just promises but realities.

With a platform of Truth, Logic, and Common Sense, I am ready to be the voice of progress. Let’s advance our values and ensure accountable governance in District 5.
Darren Duez

*Age: 41*

*Businessman*

The city has and will see potential issues that can arise in our future. Transparency will be at the forefront of my tenure as a city council member.

As a City Council representative I would stand for the people of Sonora City and help to lead our city forward. Being a businessman, I have the knowledge and background to efficiently bring outside perspectives and solutions that delivers results. I am asking for your vote and support for a seat on Sonora’s City Council.
I’m Ann Segerstrom and I’m running for re-election to Sonora City Council.

In my previous term, I supported Sonora’s continuing efforts to maintain a balanced budget. However, the cost-cutting measures and staff reduction required to maintain it have put the City, and its ability to supply services, in a critical position. Now, with the arrival of an experienced administrator and with revenue from Measure Y, the City is in a position to rebuild services and consider investment in infrastructure and growth. In my next term, I want to work to bring those efforts to fruition and to build renewed prosperity for our City.

Elected to the Council in March 2020, I have spent 3½ years learning and appreciating how local government works. As Mayor Pro Tem of the current council, I’m proud of our record of transparency and well-considered decisions that have given the City a future-facing perspective.

Upon re-election, I’ll make targeted growth and economic development my priorities. I look forward to collaboratively meeting the challenges of the next four years as an advocate for my fellow residents, and to bringing a bright future to our unique and special community. Let’s work together for a stronger Sonora.
Stephen Opie

My name is Stephen Opie, I’m running for Sonora City Council. I grew up local, attending Columbia Elementary, Sonora High, and joined my father at Opie’s Automotive where I specialize in electrical diagnostics. I’ve since married and have 2 beautiful daughters.

My family goes back to 1872 when James Opie as a young boy bought passage from England around Cape Horn to San Francisco. Following his families’ line of work, he became a blacksmith near Jamestown. Known to be fair and impartial, he eventually became Judge James Opie, and served his community. My family has kept with the tradition ever since by being involved with local organizations promoting prosperity.

I desire to give back to the community as my family has done for generations and I’m currently a Sonora City Planning Commissioner. Aware of the important issues facing the community, the next step is to represent our community on the Sonora City Council and work with City Staff to make Sonora prosperous for all.
Bess Levine

*Sonora Planning Commissioner*

I am Bess Levine, a sixth generation Sonora resident deeply committed to our city's well-being, adaptability, and growth. I firmly believe that the strength of Sonora lies in the engagement of its citizens in collaboration with our elected officials. I will strive to ensure that every voice in our diverse community is heard and valued. Over the years I have had the pleasure and privilege of working closely with our residents, local government, and businesses. I am now eager to bring my education, experiences, and passion to the Sonora City Council. My candidacy is rooted in a vision for Sonora that embraces community engagement and responsible growth. As a current Sonora Planning Commissioner and member of a family who has owned small businesses in our city for decades, I understand the unique challenges and opportunities our city faces, and I am ready to bring my dedication and fresh ideas to the Sonora City Council. I invite all Sonora residents to join me on this journey. Let's work together to make Sonora an even better place to live, work, and prosper.