

Initiate Justice Action *VOTER GUIDE*

**Primary
Election
June 7th**

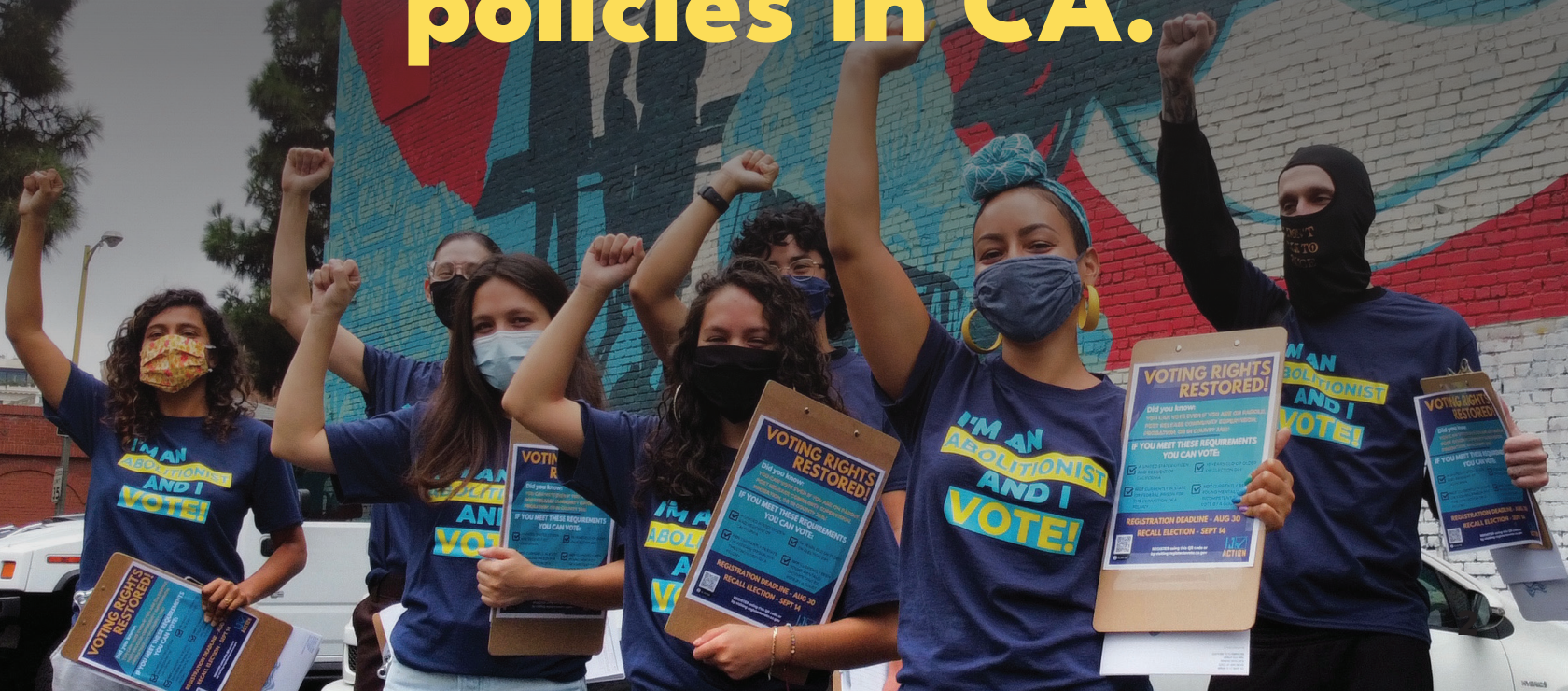
**I'M AN
ABOLITIONIST
AND I
VOTE!**

A guide to voting in the California Primary Election
written by people impacted by incarceration



Mission

Initiate Justice Action mobilizes the power of people impacted by incarceration to advance progressive policies in CA.



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A Letter From the Inside

My name is David Leamsi Cruz - I am a Board Member with Initiate Justice Action and am currently incarcerated. As I write these words, I sit inside Camp Cuesta, a fire camp at the California Men's Colony state prison. I am an incarcerated firefighter, but because I am in prison, I cannot vote.

If I could vote, I would vote to end all the causes of pain and suffering that I know. I would vote to support government officials according to their commitment to and track record of addressing and resolving the issues that harm us all.

Inside this Voter Guide, we have compiled some key information for voters like you to help you decide which candidates you believe have the most potential for bringing about the future we deserve. I invite you to use this guide as a resource to support your civic engagement and help you cast your vote.

At IJ Action, our motto is "We Fight For Us", but that does not mean that you have to be directly impacted by incarceration to work alongside us. If you care about public safety and social justice, then you will find there is a place of comfort and solidarity for you among us.

On behalf of myself and the many other people in prison who cannot vote, thank you for exercising your right to vote for us all. It is a pleasure working with you all in this movement.

Sincerely,
David Cruz

Introduction

This voter guide was written by people directly impacted by incarceration - formerly incarcerated people and people with incarcerated loved ones - with a focus on the public safety platforms of candidates for state office in California. Initiate Justice Action believes that people who have been impacted by the prison system in this state deserve the opportunity to weigh in on the state elections, because we have historically been marginalized and because we are most affected by the public safety policies proposed by elected officials.

We are at a unique time in our state's history - with the passage of Prop 17 in 2020, this is the first statewide general election cycle where all formerly incarcerated people in California can vote. However, voting can be a daunting task for those who are doing it for the first time, or who have not voted in many years. We hope that this voter guide will help system-impacted people understand their voting rights, the details of the June 7 primary election, and help them with their research.

This guide is also intended to be helpful for justice-minded allies who want to learn more about how people impacted by incarceration in California are approaching the statewide elections. We hope that everyone who reads this will learn about voting rights in our state, and take the opportunity to reflect on why voting is so important specifically for those who are directly impacted by justice policies.

What this voter guide is:

- General information on the June 7 Primary Election.
- Research on candidates running for statewide office, including the Governor, State Attorney General, State Senate, and State Assembly.
- An analysis of the candidates' positions and voting record on justice reform policies, if any.
- Campaign finance information for each candidate, specifically whether or not the candidate accepted campaign contributions from law enforcement.

What this voter guide is not:

- An endorsement or opposition to any candidate. IJ Action has not endorsed or opposed any candidate - this guide is for informational purposes only.
- An analysis of any federal or local offices - we focus on the state candidates because our organization focuses on advocating for policy change at the statewide level.

The purpose of this voter guide is to provide thorough information on the candidates running for statewide office through a justice lens. Please use this guide as a resource and share widely!

The Primary Election

The Primary Election is Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Here are some key dates to keep in mind:

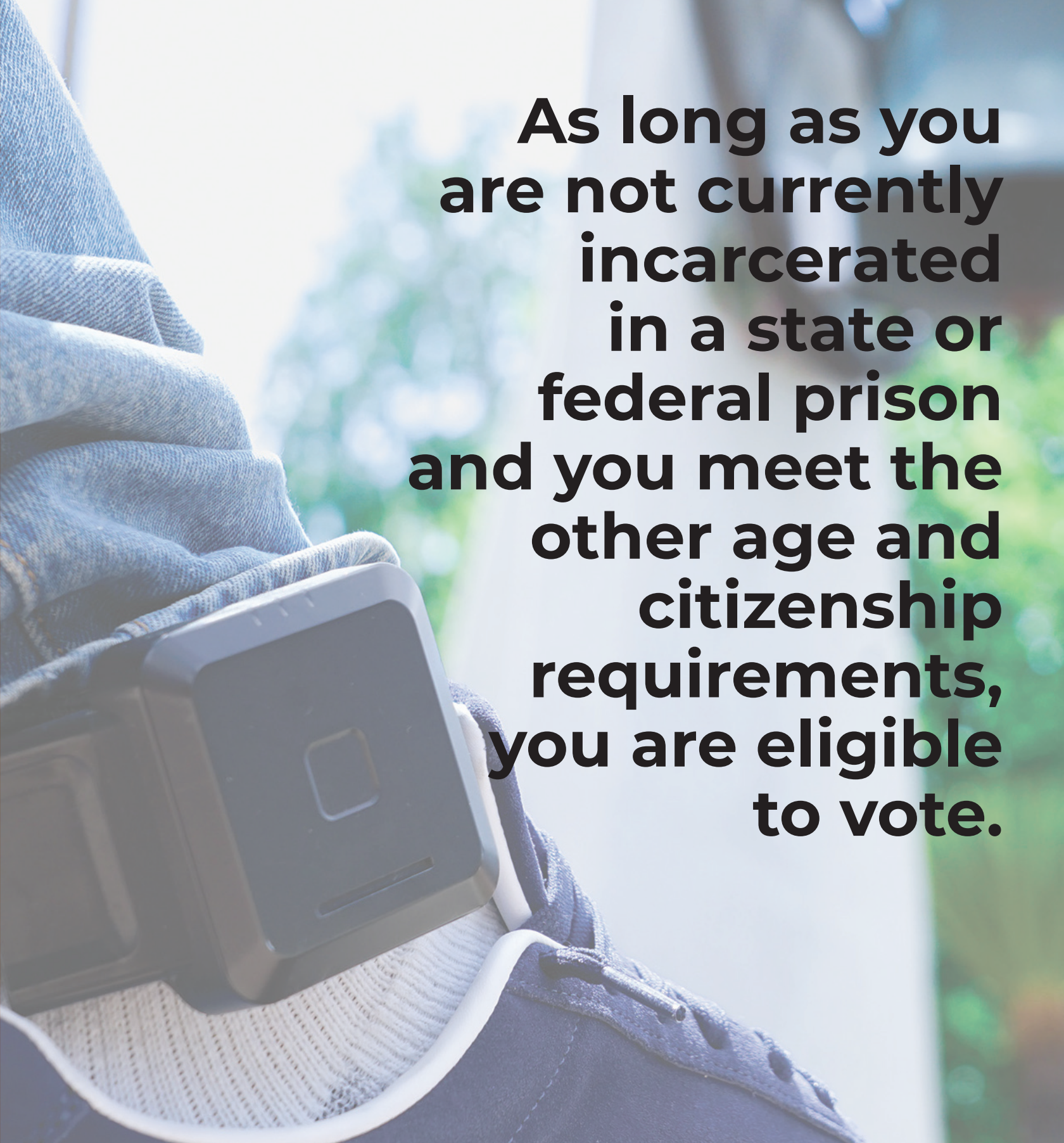
- **Monday, May 9** - Vote by Mail ballots mailed out
- **Monday, May 9 - Monday, June 6**: Early Voting sites are open. You can vote early in person or by dropping off your vote-by-mail ballot. Find your location here:
<https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>
- **Monday, May 23** - Last day to register to vote.
- **Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, June 7**: If you miss the registration deadline, you can conditionally register to vote on Election Day at a polling location and vote provisionally; however, your voter registration status will need to be verified before your vote will be counted.
- **Tuesday, June 7** - Election Day. **Polls will be open from 7:00am - 8:00pm.** Vote by mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

What's on the Ballot?

- Your Primary Election ballot will include candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House Representatives, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Member of State Board of Equalization, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Assembly Member, as well as other local candidates.

Voter Eligibility

- To be eligible to vote in California if you must be:
 - 18 years old or older,
 - A US citizen, and
 - A resident of CA
- If you are impacted by incarceration, **you do** have the right to vote if you are:
 - Incarcerated in a county jail, unless you have been sentenced to state prison and awaiting transfer to a state prison
 - On county probation, federal probation, post-release community supervision (PRCS), or on parole
 - Have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in the past
- **You do not** currently have the right to vote if you are:
 - Currently incarcerated in state or federal prison
 - Currently in a Pre-Release Custody Program, such as Alternative Custody Program (ACP), Community Prison Mother Program (CPMP), Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program (CCTRP) or Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP)
 - Have been found mentally incompetent by a court
 - Are not a 18 years old or older, a US citizen, and a resident of CA



**As long as you
are not currently
incarcerated
in a state or
federal prison
and you meet the
other age and
citizenship
requirements,
you are eligible
to vote.**

You can learn more about how a conviction history impacts your right to vote here:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/restore-your-vote>

Registering to Vote

- You may register to vote online by visiting: <https://register-tovote.ca.gov/> or by completing a paper voter registration form which you can find at post offices' DMV offices, and most public libraries.
- To register to vote, you will need to provide your residence address and either your driver's license or state ID number or the last four digits of your social security number.
- You can also use this site to check your voter registration status or pre-register to vote if you are 16 or 17 years old.
- Reminder - you must re-register to vote any time you move or change your name!

Questions? You can call the Secretary of State:
(800) 345-VOTE (8683)

Finding Your Polling Place

- Want to know where you go to vote in person? You can use this web site to find your polling place:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place>

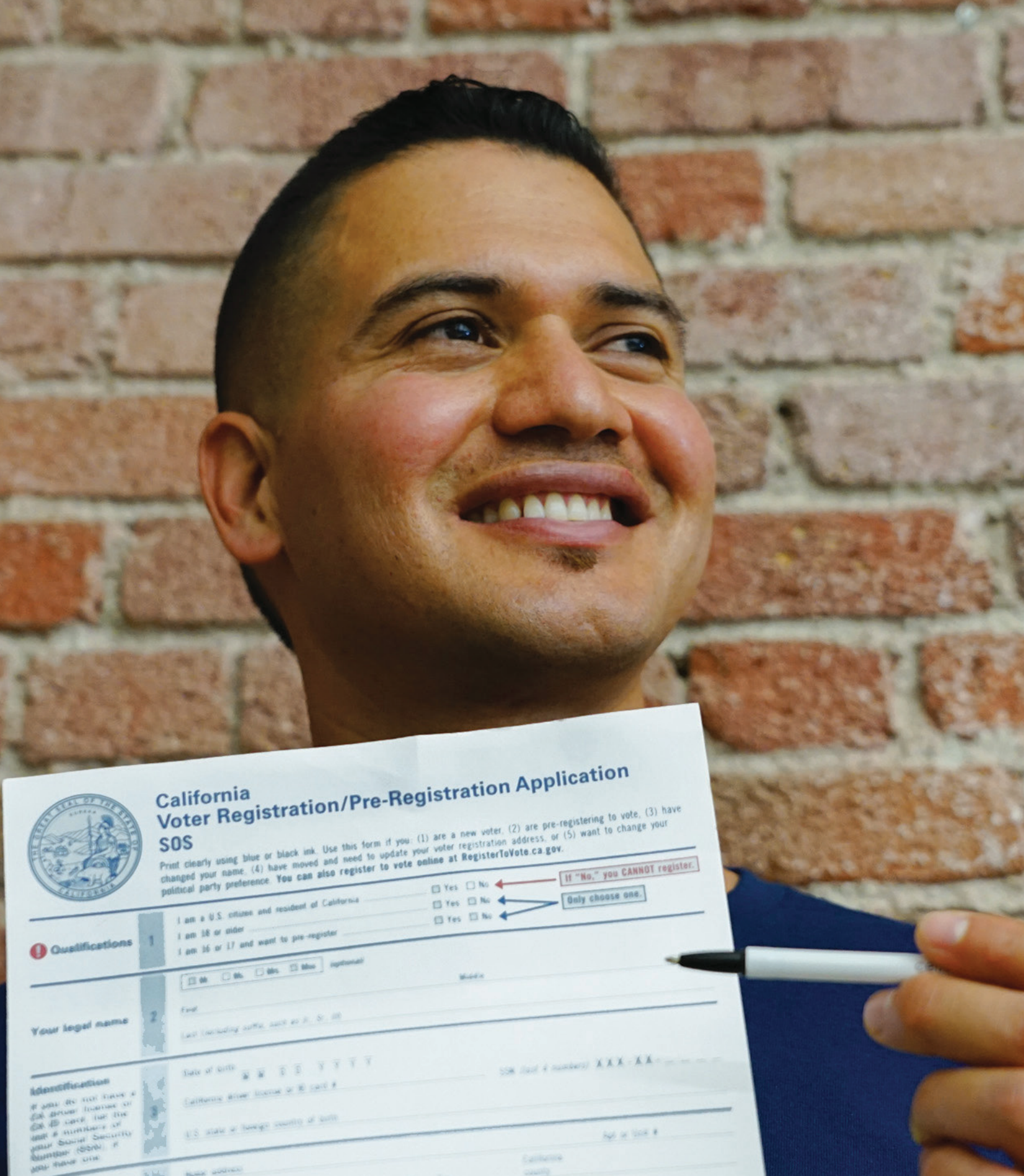
Voting by Mail

- Since 2020, all voters are automatically signed up to vote by mail. That means that once you register to vote, you will receive your ballot in the mail at the address where you registered to vote.
- You may complete your ballot at home and seal it, sign it, and mail it in to your county registrar of voters (no postage necessary) or drop off your ballot at a secure drop box or at your polling place. You can find early voting locations or your nearest ballot drop box here:

<https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>

“Our strength, our numbers, our freedom is all in the power of the vote!”

~Roberto Ramirez, IJ Action Board Member



California Voter Registration/Pre-Registration Application SOS

Print clearly using blue or black ink. Use this form if you: (1) are a new voter, (2) are pre-registering to vote, (3) have changed your name, (4) have moved and need to update your voter registration address, or (5) want to change your political party preference. You can also register to vote online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

1 Qualifications

- I am a U.S. citizen and resident of California
- I am 18 or older
- I am 16 or 17 and want to pre-register

- Yes No
- Yes No
- Yes No

If "No," you CANNOT register.

Only choose one.

2 Your legal name

First _____

Last (including suffix, such as Jr., Sr., III) _____

Identification

If you do not have a CA driver license or CA ID card, list the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you have one _____

Date of birth:

California driver license or ID card # _____

SSN (last 4 numbers) XXX-XX-____

U.S. state or foreign country of birth _____

Age or look # _____

Home address _____

California county _____

Tracking Your Ballot

- Once you have completed and submitted your ballot, you can track the status of your ballot online by entering your information on this site:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot>

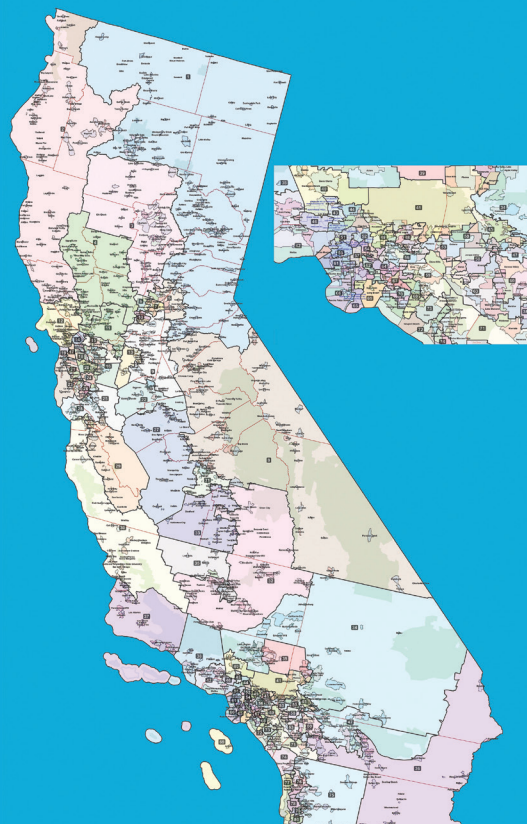
- You can also sign up for automatic text message or email updates on the status of your ballot

A Note on Redistricting

- In 2020, a census was carried out and the California Citizens Redistricting Commission used that information to update the California Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly Districts.
- These districts were finalized in December 2021, so this is the first statewide election where CA voters will be voting to elect officials in these newly-drawn districts.

You can learn more about the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and see the updated district maps here:

<https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/>



WHAT INFORMATION DOES THIS GUIDE PROVIDE ON THE CANDIDATES?

For each candidate, this guide will indicate whether or not they are the incumbent (the person currently elected to that position), their political party, professional experience, whether or not they accept campaign contributions from law enforcement, prior votes on key justice reform legislation (if they are currently an incumbent), and their general views on public safety.

SOME NOTES ON THIS RESEARCH

We reviewed which candidates have received contributions from law enforcement and which law enforcement agencies donated to them. Some things to note about our research:

- The law enforcement donations are updated as of April 22, 2022, so it is possible that candidates will have accepted donations after that date.
- This guide is only reporting law enforcement donations for the current election cycle, so if the candidate has run for prior offices, it is possible they have received law enforcement donations that are not reported here.
- Many candidates have simply not raised any campaign contributions, so a lack of law enforcement contributions does not necessarily mean that they are opposed to receiving funds from them.
- If the candidate has received law enforcement contributions, their description will read **“YES”** and then list the agencies that donated.
- If the candidate has received campaign contributions from other people / organizations but none from law enforcement, their description will read **“None as of 4/22/22”**.
- If the candidate simply has not raised any funds from any source for their campaign, their description will read **“The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22”**.

PRIOR VOTES:

For candidates running for Senate and Assembly, we reviewed the votes for 6 key justice reform bills in the last year to reflect the candidates' most recent voting record. Those bills are:

- **AB 256 (Kalra) - The Racial Justice Act 2.0** - this bill would retroactively prevent racial discrimination in the courtroom. This bill is still in the legislative process.
- **AB 292 (Stone) - Access to Programming Act** - this bill eliminated barriers to educational and rehabilitative programming for people in prison. This bill passed in 2021.
- **AB 333 (Kamlager) - Gang Enhancements** - Changed definitions for what can be considered "gang activity" to reduce charges of gang enhancements. This bill passed in 2021.
- **AB 990 (Santiago) - Prison Visiting** - This bill would have established personal visits in prison as a civil right. This bill was vetoed by Governor Newsom.
- **SB 81 (Skinner) - Sentencing Enhancements** - Instructs judges to strike sentencing enhancements at the time of sentencing if it is in "the interest of justice" and will not threaten public safety. This bill passed in 2021.
- **SB 483 (Allen) - Sentencing Enhancements** - This bill retroactively removes the 1-year prison prior enhancement and the 3-year drug prior enhancement and mandates resentencing of individuals serving sentences with those enhancements. This bill passed in 2021.

PUBLIC SAFETY PLATFORM:

We did our best to compile a summary of each candidates' views on public safety policy and whether or not they are in support of justice reform. This is not an exhaustive list, and it should be noted that many candidates do not have public information available on their positions.

“Being on parole without the right to vote felt like half citizenship. Prop 17 changed that. Now I can vote.” ~Jay Hockley, IJ Action Community Organizer



Governor

The Governor of the State of California has the chief executive power and it is their role to ensure that the laws of the state are carried out. Some responsibilities of the Governor include:

- Signing or vetoing bills passed by the state Legislature.
- Submitting a proposed budget to the state Legislature during the first 10 days of each calendar year, and approving the final state budget by June 30 of each year.
- Being the Commander-in-Chief of the state military.
- Appointing judges and other executive offices when there are vacancies.
- Approving or denying parole recommendations made by the Board of Parole Hearings, as well as commuting sentences and pardoning individuals.

Below are the 26 candidates running for Governor this election:

G O V E R N O R



Governor

Gavin Newsom (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Governor of California - elected in 2018. Former Lieutenant Governor, Mayor of San Francisco, and Supervisor on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Public Safety Platform: While the Governor cannot vote on legislation, it is the Governor's responsibility to sign or veto bills that have passed the Legislature. Of the six bills we are highlighting for this voter guide, Governor Newsom has signed four of them (AB 292, AB 333, SB 81, SB 483), vetoed one of them (AB 990), and one has not made it to his desk for signature yet (AB 256). In his veto message for AB 990, he stated: "While I am in strong support of expanding and increasing visitation opportunities, the heightened standard in this legislation is likely to result in extensive and costly litigation from individuals denied visitation for what may be valid and serious safety and security concerns."

Governor Newsom has done many things to indicate that he is a supporter of justice reform. As Lieutenant Governor, he strongly supported Prop 47 and Prop 57. Once becoming Governor, he issued a moratorium (pause) on death penalty executions, announced the closing of two state prisons, facilitated the closing of juvenile detention facilities and private prisons, and signed many good justice reform bills.

Another role that the Governor plays is to commute the sentences of currently incarcerated people and issue pardons. Governor Newsom has commuted many sentences, but has issued less commutations and pardons than Governor Brown did, and has received some criticism from advocates that he has not prioritized the commutation process.

The Governor is also responsible for proposing and approving the budget for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and despite the fact that the prison population has declined since Governor Newsom took office, CDCR's budget has increased from \$12.7 billion in 2019 to \$13.4 billion in 2021.

Governor Newsom has also recently voiced his support for a mandatory treatment program that would force certain people who are homeless to choose between mental health / substance use treatment or criminal charges, if charges are pending. Many health experts and justice advocates oppose this proposal, stating that forcing people into treatment is not effective and that many people may choose not to seek treatment if they fear they could face criminal consequences. This proposal is currently moving through the Legislature but is not final.

Governor Newsom also faced a recall election in Sept. 2021 that was supported by far-right advocates who opposed his efforts to keep Californians safe during the pandemic and his progressive policies overall. The recall effort failed.

Website: <https://gavinnewsom.com>

Governor

Anthony “Tony” Fanara

Democrat

Professional Experience - Restaurant Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate had not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Fanara expresses his opposition to justice reform, stating on his campaign website: “Our neighborhoods and streets are not safe...Lenient District Attorneys, prosecutors and judges are freeing or refusing to charge criminals for their crimes. Police morale is at an all-time low with continuous undertones of a general lack of support for the job they do protecting the citizens of California’s cities, towns and counties.”

Website: <http://tonyfanara4californiagovernor.com>

Armando “Mando” Perez-Serrato

Democrat

Professional Experience - No Ballot Designation

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate had not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Perez-Serrato does not discuss his public safety platform on his campaign site, however, he does make a statement complaining about safety in our communities: “Crime so high you can’t even walk your dog or go for a night out in Sacramento without being murdered, Homeless Encampments around every corner.”

Website: <https://mandocaliforniagovernor.godaddysites.com>

Joel Ventresca

Democrat

Professional Experience - City and County of San Francisco Environmental Commissioner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Ventresca does not have a public safety platform on his campaign site, but does make statements deploring the perceived increase in “crime”.

Website: <https://www.joelventresca.com>

Ronald A. Anderson

Republican

Professional Experience - Contractor / Inspector / Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate had not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Governor

Shawn Collins **Republican**

Professional Experience - Military Officer / Attorney

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Collins expresses his strong opposition to justice reform, stating: “Major cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles are on the verge of lawlessness, due in large part to the homeless crisis in these cities that have allowed criminals, drug addicts, and the mentally ill to take over entire neighborhoods, and in countless other cities and urban cores around the state, addicts and mentally ill are defecating and shooting up in plain sight. It is time to call the situation what it is – a Safety, Health, and Environmental Disaster. This disaster can be traced directly back to recent policies and several high-profile measures that have released thousands of criminals from jail (AB 109) and decreased penalties for career criminals (Propositions 47 & 57), effectively incentivizing lawlessness.”

Website: <https://shawncollinsforca.com>

Brian Dahle **Republican**

Professional Experience - State Senator - elected in 2019. Former Assemblymember from 2012-2019.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes (Candidate is currently a Senator): No on AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81, and AB 292.

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so he has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Dahle has failed to support justice reform legislation, and states his strong opposition to reform on his campaign site: “I opposed Proposition 47 and 57, and I was an early supporter of Proposition 20 to reverse their worst provisions. It is well known that organized theft rings are exploiting the high threshold for triggering a felony. Proposition 57 is accelerating the release of convicted felons with serious violent histories because of legal technicalities in the definition of a “violent” crime.”

He also expresses his support for more police, stating: “Local law enforcement needs that support. We need to keep our communities safe and hold criminals accountable for their actions.”

Website: <https://briandahle.com>

Ron Jones **Republican**

Professional Experience - Retired Law Enforcement Commander

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate had not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Jones’ website briefly discusses support for law enforcement, but does not offer a public safety platform.

Website: <https://ronjones2022.com>

Governor

Jenny Rae Le Roux **Republican**

Professional Experience - Entrepreneur / Businesswoman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Le Roux expresses her opposition to closing prisons on her campaign site, stating: "As Governor, I will put a stop to prison closures, initiate a comprehensive prison spending audit, and restore fire crew training programs."

Website: <https://www.jennyraeca.com>

David Lozano **Republican**

Professional Experience - Attorney / Sheriff

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not discuss his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://lozanoforcalifornia.com>

Daniel R. Mercuri **Republican**

Professional Experience - Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate had not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Mercuri does not discuss his public safety

platform, but discusses many conspiracy theory ideas, including his belief that the presidential election was “stolen”.

Website: <https://www.danielforcagovernor.com>

Cristian Raul Morales **Republican**

Professional Experience - Director of Operations

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate had not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not discuss his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://cmoralesforcagovernor.com>

Robert C. Newman II **Republican**

Professional Experience - Farmer / Psychologist

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not discuss his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://www.newman4governor.com>

Governor

Lonnie Sortor **Republican**

Professional Experience - Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not discuss his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://www.sortorforgovernor.com>

Anthony Trimino **Republican**

Professional Experience - Entrepreneur / CEO

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not discuss his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://anthonytrimino.com>

Major Williams

Republican

Professional Experience - Entrepreneur / Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not discuss his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://bookmajor.my.canva.site/majorforgovernor>

Leo S. Zacky

Republican

Professional Experience - Businessman / Farmer / Broadcaster

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: According to his campaign website: “Social justice is misguided justice. I strongly support our police, ICE agents, and border patrol who deserve our respect and appreciation. It is dangerous to let criminals back on our streets.”

Website: <https://leozacky.com>

Governor

Heather Collins Green

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: On her campaign website she states: "I'm on the side of victims, not those who commit crimes."

Website: <https://www.governorheather.com>

Luis Javier Rodriguez Green Party

Professional Experience - Writer / Poet

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Rodriguez is an author who has run for governor in the past. According to his website, Rodriguez believes we should: "End the use of militarized policing and deadly force. Bring in restorative / transformative justice programs. End mass incarceration. Turn the \$18.6 billion prison budget to rehabilitation, as well as drug and mental health care treatment on demand. The formerly incarcerated need jobs and training."

Website: <https://www.luis4governor.org>

Serge Flankan

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Flankan's public safety platform is unclear, stating that he believes we should "Revisit Prop 47 and enhance Prop 57" and "Offer structure to re-insert people that served back into the community."

Website: <https://www.sergeflankan2022.com>

James G. Hanink

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Retired Educator

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Hanink has a contradictory public safety platform. On his campaign website, he states we need to treat drug addiction as a medical issue instead of a criminal justice issue, but we should also enforce "strict punishments on drug dealers". He calls for the end of the Three Strikes Law and the death penalty, but supports life without parole.

Website: <https://jameshanink.com>

Governor

Woodrow “Woody” Sanders III

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Entrepreneur / Director/ Engineer

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Sanders’ public safety platform is unclear, but he says he is opposed to the Governor having the ability to reverse parole decisions.

Website: <https://woodrowsandersiii.com>

Frederic C. Schultz

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Human Rights Attorney

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Schultz does not discuss his views on public safety on his campaign site.

Website: <http://www.fred4prez.us>

Reinette Senum

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Nevada City Mayor and City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Senum does not outline a public safety platform on her campaign website.

Website: <https://www.electreINETTE.com/meet-reINETTE/>

Michael Shellenberger

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Homelessness Policy Advocate

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Shellenberger is in support of law enforcement and opposed to justice reform, stating: “Crime is out-of-control. California’s cities are in a crisis of chaos. The reasons are obvious. California’s cities are failing to enforce the law. Radical Left “defund the police” activists have demoralized the police. And Governor Gavin Newsom is failing to protect our children and citizens.”

Website: <https://www.shellenbergerforgovernor.com>

Bradley Zink

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Children’s Book Author

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Zink does not have a website or share his public safety views.

Website: No website

Attorney General

The Attorney General is charged with uniformly and equally enforcing California's laws, and assists district attorneys, local law enforcement, and federal and international criminal justice agencies in the administration of justice. They carry out their work through the Department of Justice, and serve as legal counsel for most state agencies. They are also responsible for drafting the Titles & Summaries for CA State ballot initiatives.



Photo by: Graham Finocchio

More information about the Attorney General can be found on their website:

<https://oag.ca.gov/>

Attorney General

Rob Bonta (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Attorney General - appointed in 2021. Former Assemblymember from 2012-2021

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Public Safety Platform: Attorney General Bonta was appointed by Governor Newsom in 2021 to fill a vacancy and is now running for a full term. Bonta was a member of the Assembly from 2012-2021 and championed many justice reform bills, such as AB 32, which banned private prisons in CA; AB 42, which failed to pass but laid the groundwork for ending bail in CA; and co-authored ACA 6, which became Prop 17 and restored voting rights to people on parole. He also consistently voted to support bills that reduced prison sentences and held law enforcement accountable.

As Attorney General, he has launched a team to investigate police shootings that happen in the state, as well as an internal department that aims to build connections with system-impacted organizations. His team has also updated the Attorney General's website to remove words such as "criminal" and "felon" and include more people-centered language.

Bonta also emphasizes fairness in our justice system, stating: "He strongly believes our justice system should be free from bias and treat everyone fairly, and under his watch, the Department of Justice has increased transparency and sought to make our justice system more accountable to the people it serves."

Website: <https://robbonta.com>

Attorney General

Anne Marie Schubert No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Sacramento County District Attorney.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (LACPPOA), Los Angeles Police Protective League, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), Santa Clara County Correctional Peace Officers' Association, Ventura County Professional Peace Officers Association, Los Angeles School Police Management Association (LASPMA), Ontario Police Officers Association, Inc., Sacramento Police Officers Association Political Activity Fund, San Diego Police Officers Association, San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs Association, San Francisco Police Officers Association, San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriffs, Santa Ana Police Officers Association, Stockton Police Officers Association, Anaheim Police Association, BART Police Officers Association, Chico Police Officers Association, Concord Police Association, Fresno Police Officers Association, Fresno Deputy Sheriff's Association, Fresno County Prosecutors Association, Fresno County District Attorney Investigators Association, Hayward Police Officers', Long Beach Police Officers Association, Placer County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, Riverside Sheriffs Association Public Education Fund, Riverside County Deputy District Attorneys' Association, Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association, Sacramento County Law Enforcement Managers Association, Sacramento County Probation Association, Santa Barbara County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, Ventura County Deputy Sheriff's Association State, Ventura County Professional Peace Officers Association, Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Deputy Sheriff's Association of Stanislaus County, El Dorado County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Lake County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Santa Clara County Correctional Peace Officers' Association, Sacramento County Alliance of Law Enforcement, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, Kern County Probation Officers Association, Kern County Prosecutors, Sacramento County Probation As-

sociation, San Diego County Probation Officers Association, and San Joaquin County Probation Officers Association.

Public Safety Platform: Schubert is a prosecutor and the District Attorney for Sacramento County who has been an outspoken opponent of justice reform in all forms, especially Prop 47 and Prop 57. She was one of the leaders behind Prop 20 in 2020, which failed, but would have upgraded many misdemeanors to felonies and eliminated credit earning in prison.

Her campaign website expresses her commitment to increasing criminalization and preventing people from being released from prison. Specifically, she commits to: “Aggressively investigate and prosecute violent criminals; Lead the effort to stop the early release of violent inmates and sexual predators; [and] Eliminate blanket “Zero Bail” policies and consider public safety and victims rights in bail consideration.”

She has received an enormous amount of campaign contributions from law enforcement, and is endorsed by dozens of law enforcement agencies. She was a longtime registered Republican and changed her party affiliation to run for Attorney General.

Website: <https://annemarieforag.com>

Attorney General

Eric Early **Republican**

Professional Experience - Attorney / Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Public Safety Platform: Early lists “Standing with Law Enforcement” and “Law and Order” as campaign priorities, and states that he would stop progressive District Attorneys.

Website: <https://ericearlyforca.com>

Nathan Hochman **Republican**

Professional Experience - General Counsel.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Public Safety Platform: On his campaign website, Hochman claims: “Violent crime is on the rise in California due to early release policies that have let criminals off the hook. As Attorney General, Nathan will be a leader in keeping out families, businesses, and communities safe.”

Website: <https://www.nathanhochman.com>

Dan Kapelovitz

Green Party

Professional Experience - Criminal Defense Attorney

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Public Safety Platform: Kapelovitz states that he believes we must end mass incarceration, and he supports reform efforts such as ending the death penalty and eliminating cash bail.

Website: <https://kapelovitz.com>

State Senate

The California State Senate is the upper house of the two legislative houses for the state. Senators are responsible for introducing and voting on state legislation and also vote to approve the state's budget each year. Senators are also responsible for carrying out state agency casework for the people who live in their districts.

The Senate has a membership of 40 Senators elected for 4-year terms, 20 to begin every 2 years. A person may serve no more than 12 years in the Senate, Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms. Members of the Senate representing odd-numbered districts will have elections during the presidential election years. Members representing even-numbered districts will have elections at the same time as California's constitutional officers; e.g., Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Secretary of State, and Controller.

That is why this year we are only voting for the Senators representing even-numbered districts.

More information on the State Senate can be found on their website:

<https://www.senate.ca.gov/>

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Senate District 2

Mike McGuire (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes, California Peace Officer's Association PAC

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 81 SB 483.

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so he has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator McGuire has served in the CA State Senate since 2014. His campaign page and official Senate site do not discuss his views on public safety issues, but he has historically voted in favor of key pieces of justice reform legislation.

Website: <https://senatormikemcguire.com/>

Gene Yoon

Republican

Professional Experience - Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Yoon does not discuss his views on public safety on his web site, YouTube channel, or in any public questionnaire. He has, however, spoken publicly on his opposition to Critical Race Theory, saying that he believes it to be “divisive”.

Website: <https://www.geneyoon.com/>

Senate District 4

Marie Alvarado-Gil

Democrat

Professional Experience - Public School Administrator

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Alvarado-Gil does not highlight public safety issues on her campaign site, however, she does state: "I will stand with first responders and our front-line workers in healthcare, education, corrections and law enforcement."

Website: <https://www.votealvaradogil.com>

Tim Robertson

Democrat

Professional Experience - Labor Federation Executive

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Robertson does not address public safety issues on his website.

Website: <https://robertsonforsenate.com>

Steven Bailey

Republican

Professional Experience - El Dorado county Judge / Constitutional Rights Litigator

Law Enforcement Contributions - Bailey has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Bailey does not have a campaign website, but has stated on social media that he supports repealing Prop 47 and wants to reduce theft felonies from \$900 back down to \$400. He also expressed that he does not support early release for incarcerated people.

Website: No website

Jolene Rehana Daly

Republican

Professional Experience - Mental Health Therapist

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Daly does not address public safety issues on her website.

Website: <https://votejolene.com>

Michael Gordon

Republican

Professional Experience - Businessman / School Board Member

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to Gordon's campaign website: It's become fashionable in the Democrat party to bash law enforcement and promote decreasing their funding. Bail reform laws in California have also proven to be disastrous. With crime on the rise at an alarming rate, we need more policing and criminals need to be kept behind bars so that communities are safe. Michael Gordon knows that there are few among us who have the courage to pin on a badge every day. He'll fight against laws that reduce sentences and incentivize crime."

Website: <https://www.gordonforsenate.com>:

Jack Griffith

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired Combat Engineer

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Jeff McKay **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions -None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: McKay does not discuss public safety issues on his website.

Website: <https://www.mckayforstatesenate.com>

George Randanovich **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - Randanovich has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Randanovich does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Senate District 6

Paula Villescaz

Democrat

Professional Experience - San Juan Unified School Board Member

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Villescaz does not discuss her public safety platform on her website. Her campaign focuses on healthcare and education.

Website: <https://www.paulavillescaz.com>

Michael J. Huang

Republican

Professional Experience - Physician / Surgeon

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Huang does not discuss his public safety platform in detail, but states that he believes CA should: “Support our law enforcement and military families to secure our borders and communities. We need to be battle ready to defend our liberties and our country at all times.”

Website: <https://huangsenate.com>

Roger Niello

Republican

Professional Experience - Small Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions -YES: National Peace Officers & Firefighters Benefit Association Trust

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Niello is strongly against justice reform and supports increasing criminalization. From his campaign website: “California’s rising crime rates demand immediate solutions. Years of counterproductive policies, such as Proposition 47 and realignment, have let criminals off the hook and left communities struggling. These policies have proven to be failed experiments in reform and need to be repealed and replaced.

Unfortunately, too many have learned the wrong lesson from these failed policies and want to go further and defund the police. I strongly oppose these efforts and will work as a collaborative partner with law enforcement.

Finally, the drug epidemic that is sweeping our communities needs to be confronted with an all-hands-on-deck approach that removes dangerous drugs like fentanyl from the streets and punishes those that knowingly sell these dangerous opioids in California.”

Website: <https://rogerniello.com>

Senate District 8

Angelique Ashby Democrat

Professional Experience - Sacramento City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Sacramento Police Officers Association PAC., Alameda County Probation Department, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), San Bernardino County Safety Employees Benefit Association, and Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association PAC

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: From her campaign website, Ashby appears both supportive of justice reform efforts and working with law enforcement.

As a City Councilmember, she supported police reform efforts, stating that she: “Championed Sacramento’s adoption of Breonna’s Law (making Sacramento, California’s first large city to ban no-knock drug raid warrants) and co-sponsored adoption of the national Black Lives Matter policy platform initiative, “8 That Can’t Wait.”

She also states that: “Public safety is about so much more than policing. It is about how we all work together. How we treat one another, and how we choose to show up for each other in times of conflict, crime, and tragedy,” and that she “Supported a new city department dedicated to responding to mental health and homeless 911 calls (rather than a police response, a social worker is engaged).”

Website: <https://ashbyforsenate.com>

Dave Jones

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former CA Insurance Commissioner, State Assemblymember, and Sacramento City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions -None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Jones was the CA State Insurance Commissioner from 2011-2017 and an Assemblymember from 2004-2010. His political background and current platform focus on issues such as housing and climate change, but he does not have a public safety platform.

Website: <https://www.davejonesforsenate.com>

Rafa Garcia

Democrat

Professional Experience - Union Representative

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Garcia does not address public safety issues on his website.

Website: <https://rafaforstatesenate.com>

Senate District 10

Jim Canova **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Businessperson / School Trustee

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Canova does not address public safety issues on his website.

Website: <https://jimcanova.com>

Jamal Khan **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Attorney

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Khan focuses on crime on his campaign website, and expresses support for increased criminalization, specifically for gang-related offenses.

He supports the police, stating: “I don’t believe in defunding police departments, but I do believe in reforming them through such means as advanced de-escalation protocol training. A reduction in

the police force is not the answer. Instead, I will go in the opposite direction and see how the police force can be maintained at a level that ensures adequate public safety. I will also work with police departments to expand community policing initiatives, facilitate neighborhood watch groups, and enhance community-police relations and communication through popular platforms like Next-door.”

Website: <https://www.votekhan.com>

Raymond Liu **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Engineer

Law Enforcement Contributions -The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Liu does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Lily Mei

Democrat

Professional Experience - Fremont Mayor

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Mei expresses her desire to prevent hate crimes, but does not discuss more detailed views on her public safety platform: “Unfortunately, many of our seniors, small business owners, and the AAPI community feel targeted by violent attacks. I’ll ensure our communities have the resources necessary to fully investigate, solve and prevent these crimes.”

Website: <https://lilymei.org>

Paul J. Pimentel

Republican

Professional Experience - Businessman / Pastor

Law Enforcement Contributions -None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Pimentel does not address public safety issues on his website.

Website: <https://www.senator-pimentel.com>

Aisha Wahab

Democrat

Professional Experience - Hayward City Council, Mayor Pro Tem

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Wahab shares on her campaign website that her father was murdered and that “justice has yet to be served.” She discusses a perceived rise in crime and states: “Those that violate the law must be held accountable, and no one - not even an officer - is above the law. On Council, I’ve prioritized solving crimes by officers, increasing mental health & de-escalation training, having an independent investigation for all officer involved shootings that result in a death, the enforcement of the law, improving response times, and allowing our paramedics to focus on mental health and homeless calls. We must enforce the law and the punishment needs to fit the crime.”

She does express support for preventative services and emphasizes rehabilitation, but places a heavy emphasis on criminal courts and supports forcing people into mental health and substance use treatment.

She also discusses the need for reform around reentry, stating: “Upon conviction, true rehabilitation is necessary. I’ve toured Chowchilla Prison, I have spoken to the inmates and I have learned that there aren’t a lot of options to better your life upon release, let alone gain skills to get a job, afford housing and work on improving your life. I’ll increase rehabilitation and re-entry models, including substance abuse programs and mental health services, and reduce barriers to employment, housing, and education for people in re-entry.”

Website: <https://www.aishawahab.com>

Senate District 12

Shannon Grove (Incumbent) Republican

Professional Experience - State Senator, elected in 2018. Former Assemblymember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC

Prior Votes - NO: AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so she has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Grove describes herself as “a strong supporter of law enforcement” on her campaign website, and has voted no on all of the justice reform bills we examined that have come before her for a vote.

She also authored SB 39, which would require CDCR to identify and report incarcerated people applying for unemployment compensation, and SB 1042, which failed but would have increased penalties for certain trafficking offenses.

Website: <https://shannongrove.net>

Susanne Gundy

Democrat

Professional Experience - Retired Program Manager

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not have a website or any public information on her public safety platform.

Website: No website

Senate District 14

Anna Caballero (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator, elected in 2018. Former Assemblymember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) and CA Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 990, and SB 483

No Vote Recorded: AB 333 and SB 81

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so she has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Caballero has an inconsistent record with supporting justice reform legislation, and has introduced laws to create new crimes for people involved in gangs. On her campaign website, she commits to “work to fund anti-gang violence programs and put more officers on our streets.”

Website: <https://annaforsenate.com>

Paulina Miranda

Democrat

Professional Experience - No Ballot Designation

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Miranda does not have a website or any public information on her public safety platform.

Website: No website

Amnon Shor

Republican

Professional Experience - Rabbi / Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Shor does not have a website or any public information on their public safety platform.

Website: No website

Senate District 16

Melissa Hurtado (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator, elected in 2018.

Law Enforcement Contributions -None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - NO: AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, and SB 81

No Vote Recorded: AB 292

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so she has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Hurtado has not voted to support any of the justice reform bills we examined, and generally expresses her support for law enforcement.

According to her campaign website: "Senator Hurtado has advocated for more resources to keep our communities safe... [she] is fighting to provide support for law enforcement...Advocating for safer neighborhoods, schools and communities, Senator Hurtado is seeking funding to fight gangs and drugs in the Valley and to put more officers on the streets."

Website: <https://www.melissahurtado.com>

Bryan Osorio

Democrat

Professional Experience - Mayor of Delano

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to his campaign website, Osorio expresses three public safety priorities: “Address underlying social factors leading to crime, such as poverty, mental health issues, and drug addiction; Invest into programs helping formerly incarcerated individuals to reduce recidivism; [and] Support legislation that promotes police accountability with residents’ input and oversight.”

Website: <https://osorioforsenate.com>

David Shepard

Republican

Professional Experience - Farmer

Law Enforcement Contributions -None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Shepard does not share his public safety platform on his campaign website, but does announce that he is endorsed by Crime Victims United.

Website: <https://www.shepardforsenate.com>

Nicole Parra

Democrat

Professional Experience - Nonprofit Board Member. Former Assemblymember from 2002-2008.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Parra does not share a public safety platform on her website, but her site does express support for funding law enforcement, stating: “It is imperative that local governments have the money to keep our teachers, nurses, police officers, firefighters, and other front-line personnel working.”

She is endorsed by the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Website: <https://www.parraforsenate.com>

Gregory Tatum

Republican

Professional Experience - Pastor / Avionics Technician

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Tatum does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Senate District 18

Steve Padilla

Democrat

Professional Experience - Chula Vista Mayor and City Councilmember. Former Police Detective.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: As a former police detective, Padilla expresses his support for police but also a need for increased police accountability, stating: “We need more police protecting our communities, and we need more transparency and accountability in public safety at the same time.”

He also expressed his support of diverting mental health emergencies away from police, stating: “Our police officers are simply not trained to handle many of these calls, and a person experiencing a mental or medical crisis isn’t always going to be helped by an arrest...I’ll expand mental health and addiction services so those who can’t help themselves have the care they need to recover and live productive lives.”

Website: <https://www.votestevepadilla.com>

Alejandro Galicia

Republican

Professional Experience - CEO / Veterans Advocate

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Galicia does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Senate District 20

Caroline Menjivar **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Nonprofit Program Director. Former EMT and LA City Council Staffer. Veteran.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Menjivar does not state her public safety platform on her website, but does prioritize housing and mental health services. She is endorsed by progressive LA District Attorney George Gascón.

Website: <https://www.carolinemenjivar.com>

Daniel Hertzberg **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Hertzberg does not describe his public safety platform on his campaign website.

Website: <https://hertzbergforsenate.com>

Seydi Alejandra Morales

Democrat

Professional Experience - Attorney / Businesswoman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Morales does not have a website or any public information on her public safety platform.

Website: No website

Ely De La Cruz Ayao

Republican

Professional Experience - Real Estate Broker

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Senate District 22

Susan Rubio (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator, elected in 2018. Former Baldwin Park City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Peace Officers Research Association of California PAC (PORAC PAC)

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 81, and SB 483

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so she has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: According to her campaign website: “Susan Rubio has been a strong voice for public safety agencies and the communities they serve. Her support and vision stopped the local police department from being disbanded. Susan supports criminal justice reform. But having grown up in neighborhoods with gangs and drugs and a victim of domestic violence, she will ensure that the proper support and funding is available for our public safety as well as rehabilitation and reentry programs so that the safety of our community is not compromised.”

Furthermore she states: “We need to work with our local police officers to bring balance as we move toward important criminal justice reform,” Rubio said. “We want to end the revolving door for young people who get caught in the system without help while also safeguarding our communities and protecting victims’ safety.”

Website: <https://www.susanrubio.com>

Kimo Mateo

Republican

Professional Experience - Operations Manager

Law Enforcement Contributions - Mateo has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Mateo is pro-police and against justice reform, stating: “Our government has gone soft on crime. We MUST support our brave men and women of law enforcement. Our leaders called to “Defund the Police” and because of that and other weak policies, those that serve and protect us are having to do it with “one arm tied behind their back”. There is not a systemic problem within our law enforcement community, and I fully support those that put their lives on the line for us daily. We must “Refund the Police” and stop bad policies to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods and communities.”

Website: <https://www.mateo4senator.com>

Vincent Tsai

Republican

Professional Experience - Deputy Sheriff

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Tsai’s campaign website calls for an increase in funding for law enforcement.

Website: <https://tsai4senate.com>

Senate District 24

Ben Allen (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator - elected in 2014. Former Malibu Unified School District Board Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association Political Action Committee (CCPOA PAC)

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 81, and SB 483

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so she has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Allen is the author of SB 483 and generally votes to support justice reform legislation.

He is running unopposed.

Website: <http://benallenca.com>

Senate District 26

Maria Elena Durazo (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator, elected in 2018. Former Vice-Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: L.A. County Probation Officers Union AFSCME, Local 685 PAC

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 81, and SB 483

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so she has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Durazo generally votes to support justice reform legislation.

She is running unopposed.

Website: <http://www.mariaelenadurazo.com>

Senate District 28

Jamaal A. Gulledge

Democrat

Professional Experience - Public Servant

Law Enforcement Contributions - Gulledge has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Gulledge supports justice reform, stating on his website: “We should be investing in people, not prisons. We must reform our systems to set up ex-offenders for success by providing access to public housing, educational grants, and food insecurity programs.”

Website: <http://jamaalgulledge.com>

Kamilah Victoria Moore

Democrat

Professional Experience - No Ballot Designation

Law Enforcement Contributions - Moore has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Moore does not have a website or any public information on her public safety platform.

Website: No website

Lola Smallwood-Cuevas

Democrat

Professional Experience - Educator / Community Organizer

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Smallwood-Cuevas expresses a community-based vision of public safety on her campaign website, stating: “Safety comes from services and opportunity. I believe in a justice system centered around diversion and rehabilitation while holding law enforcement accountable. I firmly believe we need to create opportunity and address the root causes of poverty and inequity instead of leading with a surveillance and incarceration approach.

I believe we need to continue the work being done by the penal code revision committee that’s looking at disparities in sentencing and integrated reentry, and making parole more accessible. Our safety also depends on getting guns out of our communities. I will fight for common-sense gun-safety reform to include prohibitions on building ghost guns and requiring universal background checks on all firearms sales from gun shows and online retailers. I will support the due process of law and the sanctity of life, particularly vulnerable Black, Brown, and poor communities.”

Website: <https://lolaforca.com>

Cheryl C. Turner

Democrat

Professional Experience - Civil Rights Lawyer

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Turner’s campaign website states that one of the reasons she is running for office is to support “Criminal Justice Reform” but does not elaborate on her public safety platform.

Website: <https://www.cherylturnerforsenate.com>

Joe Lisuzzo

Republican

Professional Experience - Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Lisuzzo states that he supports “Blue Lives Matter” on his campaign website.

Website: <https://joelisuzzo.com>

Senate District 30

Bob Archuleta (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator - elected in 2018. Veteran. Former Montebello Reserve Police Officer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, Santa Ana Police Officers Association, California Correctional Peace Officers Association Political Action Committee (CCPOA PAC), and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) PAC

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 990, SB 81, and SB 483
No Vote Recorded: AB 333

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so she has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Archuleta has supported most of the justice reform bills we highlighted, but chose not to vote on AB 333 to reduce gang enhancements. He is a former police officer who has expressed support for law enforcement, and is endorsed by the CA Coalition of Law Enforcement Association (CCLEA).

Senator Archuleta is currently being sued for sexual harassment by a former employee, and similar complaints were filed against him during his time as a Montebello police officer.

Website: <https://bobarchuletaforsenate2022.com>

Henry Bouchot

Democrat

Professional Experience - Councilmember, City of Whittier. Veteran. Attorney.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Bouchot has stated that a public safety priority of his is to “make organized retail theft a felony again.” He also expresses support for hiring more police officers, but states that he would fight to hold them accountable for misconduct.

Website: <https://www.henryforsenate.com>

Martha Camacho Rodriguez

Democrat

Professional Experience - Teacher / Water Advocate

Law Enforcement Contributions - Camacho Rodriguez has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Camacho Rodriguez does not have a website or any public information on her public safety platform.

Website: No website

Mitch Clemmons

Republican

Professional Experience - Plumber / Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - Clemmons has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Clemmons does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Senate District 32

Kelly Seyarto Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember, elected in 2020. Former Murrieta Mayor and City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Riverside Sheriffs Association Public Education Fund, Bail HotLine Bail Bonds, American Bail Association, Inc., All-Pro Bail Bonds, Inc., California Correctional Peace Officers Association Political Action Committee (CCPOA PAC), and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 81, and SB 483

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Seyarto is currently a member of the State Assembly and is now running for the State Senate. In the Assembly, he sits on the Public Safety Committee and votes against all justice reform legislation and is vocal about his opposition. He also consistently votes to support legislation that would increase criminalization, such as bills that attempted to repeal Prop 47 but failed.

Website: <https://seyartoforsenate.com>

Brian Nash

Democrat

Professional Experience - Analytics Consultant / Businessperson

Law Enforcement Contributions - Nash has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Nash does not have any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: <https://electbriannash.com>

Senate District 34

Tom Umberg (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Senator, elected in 2018. Former Federal Prosecutor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292 and AB 990

No Vote Recorded: AB 333, SB 483, and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Senator Umberg has been supportive of some justice reform bills but chose not to vote on others. He also emphasizes his record as “the nation’s Deputy Drug Czar, appointed

by President Bill Clinton,” stating that “He led the fight to prevent the flow of foreign drugs into the U.S. and to reduce drug abuse. Umberg will combat the current opioid epidemic and put an end to senseless gun violence.”

Website: <https://www.tomumberg.com>

Rhonda Shader

Republican

Professional Experience - Placentia Mayor and City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: On her campaign website, Shader promises to “Overturn the laws that enable smash-and-grab robberies” and increase funding for law enforcement.

Website: <https://shaderforsenate.com>

Senate District 36

Janet Nguyen Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember, elected in 2020. Small Businesswoman.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: CA Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC, Santa Ana Police Officers Association Independent Expenditure PAC, PORAC PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of CA (PORAC) PAC, and California Correctional Peace Officers Association Political Action Committee (CCPOA PAC).

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Nguyen has consistently voted against justice reform legislation.

Nguyen is endorsed by the Peace Officers Research Association Of California (PORAC). In their endorsement statement, they said: “Janet Nguyen has a longstanding record of standing up for victims of violent crime and she supports law enforcement.”

Website: <https://janet2022.com>

Kim Carr Democrat

Professional Experience - Huntington Beach City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Carr does not share her public safety platform on her campaign website.

Website: <https://www.votekimcarr.com>

Senate District 38

Catherine Blakespear Democrat

Professional Experience - Mayor of Encinitas

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: As Mayor of Encinitas, Blakespear supported banning carotid holds within the San Diego Sheriffs Department, and stated: “I support a number of other criminal justice reform initiatives, including community diversion programs such as substance use counseling, mental health treatment, job training and victim awareness classes as alternative sentencing options.”

However, Blakespear also supported increasing penalties for catalytic converter theft in her district, and expressed her support for law enforcement: “I support funding the police — period. That means ensuring law enforcement officers have the training and resources they need and deserve to prevent crime and to interact compassionately, safely and effectively with the public, including those who are mentally ill or addicted to drugs or alcohol.”

Website: <https://catherineblakespear.com>

Joe Kerr

Democrat

Professional Experience - Retired Fire Captain

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: CA Association of Highway Patrolman

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Kerr expressed his opposition to justice reform initiatives such as 47 and Prop 57, stating: “I feel that some of our attempts at criminal justice reform had good intentions but have missed the mark and swung the pendulum away from law-abiding citizens in favor of criminals. I believe these reforms are partly responsible for the uptick in crime. For example, the recent mass shooting in Sacramento was allegedly committed by a felon who was released after serving less than half of his 10-year sentence. I think we need to take another look at some of these reforms to determine if they are serving the public or helping the criminals.”

Website: <https://www.votejoekerr.com>

Matt Gunderson

Republican

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Gunderson does not share his public safety views on his campaign website.

Website: <https://gowithgunderson.com>

Senate District 40

Brian Jones (Incumbent) **Republican**

Professional Experience - State Senator, elected in 2018.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association Political Action Committee (CCPOA PAC), Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, and National Peace Officers & Firefighters Benefit Association Trust

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 990
NO: AB 333, SB 81, and SB 483

*AB 256 has not reached the Senate Floor, so he has not had the opportunity to vote on it yet.

Public Safety Platform: Senator Jones has voted to support two of the justice reform bills that we highlighted, but is also a supporter of increasing prison sentences.

He stated on his campaign website: “Crime is soaring across our state. The recent rise in violent “smash and grab” crimes is just one example. In 2021, property and violent crimes increased by double digits in some of our state’s largest cities. Yet the solutions proposed by Sacramento bureaucrats are to defund the police, release criminals early from our jails, and place Sexually Violent Predators in our neighborhoods. It is time for major reform of the flawed Proposition 47 that has made it easier for criminals to get back on the streets and in our neighborhoods.”

Website: <https://www.electbrianjones.com>

Joseph C. Rocha

Democrat

Professional Experience - Marine Captain / Attorney

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Rocha expressed his support for justice reform, identifying some of our current failed tough-on-crime policies, stating: “The so-called “war on drugs,” three-strikes laws, mandatory minimums, cash bail and for-profit prisons created an unequal system of justice and destroyed generations of families and communities, many of whom were already poor, underserved and underrepresented.

Further, no one should care more about law enforcement living up to its values and standards than my fellow law enforcement officers themselves. When law enforcement loses the trust of the community it serves, that leads to a breakdown in the ability to enforce the law.”

Website: <https://www.rochaforsenate.com>

State Assembly

The California State Assembly is the lower house of the two legislative houses for the state. Assemblymembers are responsible for introducing and voting on state legislation and also vote to approve the state's budget each year. Assemblymembers are also responsible for carrying out state agency case-work for the people who live in their districts.

The Assembly has a membership of 80 Assemblymembers elected for 2-year terms. A person may serve no more than 12 years in the Senate, Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms.

More information on the State Assembly can be found on their website:

<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

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https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/map_viewer



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Assembly District 1

Megan Dahle (Incumbent) **Republican**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember: elected in 2019. Former dry land wheat farmer & small business owner; President of Big Valley Joint Unified School Board.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: CA Assoc of Highway Patrolmen; California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), LA Police Protective League; and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA).

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Megan Dahle has not voted in support of any of the justice reform bills that we examined, and has stated that she opposes any law that allows people to be released from prison early.

According to her campaign site: "Crime is increasing, and that part of the problem is an increasingly large homeless population. Let me be very clear: as your Assemblywoman I will vote to get rid of the laws which let dangerous felons out of jail early, and which have decreased penalties for drug and property crime. At the same time, we need to have some compassion for our fellow Californians. We need to give local government the resources they need to make sure no family or child or veteran ever has to sleep on the street and to require that the mentally ill or drug-addicted get treatment so they can take care of themselves again."

Website: <https://www.votemegandahle.com>

Belle Starr Sandwith **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Entrepreneur / Small Businesswoman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not have any public information on her public safety platform.

Website: <https://sandwithforassembly.com>

Kelly Willett Tanner **Republican**

Professional Experience - Former staffer in the Governor of Texas' office.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Tanner has stated on her website that she is supportive of law enforcement and does not support justice reform that would allow people in prison to receive sentencing relief. According to her site: "We need to create and implement policies that do not encourage criminal activity but instead discourage it. We need to enforce laws that already exist instead of ignoring them. We cannot continue to let violent offenders out early."

Website: <http://www.electkellytanner.com>

Joshua Brown

Peace & Freedom

Professional Experience - No Ballot Designation

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Brown describes himself as “communist revolutionary in favor of labor, liberation, disability justice,” and does not have any information on his public safety views on his site.

Website: <https://comradejoshuabrown.godaddysites.com>

Assembly District 2

Jim Wood (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014. Former dental surgeon.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Wood does not share his public safety views on his campaign website, however, based on his voting record, he has shown to be supportive of justice reform legislation.

Website: <https://www.jim-wood.com>

Charlotte Svolos

Republican

Professional Experience - Special Education Teacher

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Platform: The candidate does not have a website or any public information on her public safety platform.

Website: No website

Assembly District 3

James Gallagher (Incumbent) Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014.
Former attorney.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: CA Assoc of Highway Patrolmen; California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Gallagher consistently votes against justice reform legislation and often speaks against reform during committee hearings and Assembly Floor sessions. He voted no on all of the pieces of legislation that this guide is highlighting, and consistently votes to support legislation that would increase criminalization.

On his campaign website, the Assemblymember states that his public safety platform is to “focus on ensuring that dangerous people are kept in prison and out of our communities and support our law enforcement.”

Website: <https://electjamesgallagher.com>

David Zink

Democrat

Professional Experience - Consultant / Community Organizer

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Zink does not share his position on public safety issues on his website or on any other public platform.

Website: <https://zinkforassembly.com>

Assembly District 4

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Prior Mayor of Winters.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: CA Assoc of Highway Patrolmen; California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81
No Vote Recorded: AB 256 and AB 292

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry is generally supportive of justice reform legislation, however there are some bills that she has failed to vote on.

Her campaign website does not address her views on public safety.

Website: <https://www.ceciliaforassembly.com>

Bryan Pritchard

Republican

Professional Experience - Winemaker / Business owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Platform: His campaign website states that “Crime is affecting every California citizen” and the solution is to “support law enforcement with funding and legislation.”

Website: <https://www.electbryanpritchard.com>

Assembly District 5

Rebecca Chenoweth

Democrat

Professional Experience - Attorney and advocate for survivors of violence.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Chenoweth does not share her position on public safety issues on his website or on any other public platform.

Her campaign website does not address her views on public safety.

Website: <https://rebecca4assembly.com>

Jason Paletta

Republican

Professional Experience - Police Officer

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Paletta has been in law enforcement for 23 years, is a former SWAT officer, and currently works for the CA Department of Justice as a Special Agent on the Violent Crimes Team.

He is supportive of law enforcement, as he has stated on his campaign website: “We have untied the hands of criminals’ by emptying our prisons and allowing early parole. And we have tied the hands of law enforcement by reducing funding and reclassifying certain felonies to misdemeanors. A stable and safe society

depends upon the rule of law and the just and fair enforcement of such laws. We must hold criminals accountable to ensure that our citizens live peaceably without fear of being victimized.”

Website: <https://www.jasonpaletta2022.com>

Greg Smith **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Joe Patterson **Republican**

Professional Experience - Rocklin Mayor and City Councilmember.

Law Enforcememnt Contributions - YES: CA Assoc of Highway Patrolmen and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PO-RAC).

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Patterson does not discuss his public safety platform on his website, however, his site does uplift the multiple endorsements he has received from law enforcement agencies.

A representative of the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations (CCLEA) made this statement following the announcement of their endorsement: “Joe Patterson is one of those rare candidates who knows the issues facing law enforcement and he will stand up to do what is right to keep the community safe. He has the full support of law enforcement and we are proud to add our name to his law enforcement coalition.”

Patterson is also endorsed by Placer County Sheriff Devon Bell, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the Placer County Deputy Sheriffs’ Association, Peace Officers Research Association of California and the Rocklin Police Officers’ Association, and Crime Victims United.

Website: <https://joepatterson.com>

Assembly District 6

Kevin McCarty (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA)

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember McCarty is generally supportive of justice reform legislation. He has authored and co-authored legislation around police accountability, and notably was the lead author of ACA 6, which ultimately became Prop 17 and restored voting rights to people on parole.

However, he recently introduced AB AB 1928, which would create a pilot program for “secure” substance use treatment facilities. Many justice reform advocates have opposed this bill because forcing people with substance use disorder is not a proven effective rehabilitation method, and there are many concerns that the facilities would operate like jails.

Website: <http://mccarty4assembly.com>

Josh Pane **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Parent / Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association PAC and Sacramento Police Officers Association Political Activity Fund

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Pane's campaign site announces that he is endorsed by police officers and deputy sheriffs. On public safety, his site states: "Elected officials can no longer ignore the open use of illegal drugs on our streets which leads to crime and violence in our community and our neighborhoods."

Website: <https://www.joshpane4assembly.com>

Catherine Cook **Republican**

Professional Experience - Retired Airline Pilot

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Robert (Bob) Marques **Republican**

Professional Experience - Electrical Contractor / Rancher

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Janice Marlae Bonser **Libertarian**

Professional Experience - Care Provider

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 7

Ken Cooley (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), CA Assoc of Highway Patrolmen; California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA); and National Peace Officers & Firefighters Benefit Assoc.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292 and AB 990

NO: SB 81

No Vote Recorded: AB 333, SB 483, and AB 256

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Cooley's voting record has been mixed - he has been supportive of some justice reform measures, opposed others, and not voted on most of the bills we examined.

However, in 2021 he carried AB 1245, a bill that failed to pass but would have authorized incarcerated people to apply for resentencing if they had served more than 15 years in prison and had at least 24 months left to serve. This bill would have allowed thousands of incarcerated people to apply for sentencing relief.

Assemblymember Cooley's campaign website does not discuss his views on public safety issues, but highlights that one of his opponents is a member of the Proud Boys, a white supremacist hate group, and commits to fighting against racism and hate.

Website: <https://www.kencooley.com>

Josh Hoover

Republican

Professional Experience - Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Kevin Kiley; School Board Member for Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association PAC.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: On his campaign site, Hoover highlights that he is endorsed by the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Association (CCLEA), and the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association.

He states: “For too long the politicians in control have embraced the Defund the Police movement and it has put our community at risk. It’s time to get back to supporting law enforcement and holding criminals accountable and the voters of this district can trust that I will do just that as their Assemblyman.”

Additionally, he vocally opposed reforms to bring people home from prison, stating: “The State Legislature has taken a dramatic shift in the last few years that has made the job of protecting the public more dangerous by embracing policies that allow violent criminals back onto our streets. As a school board member, I fought back against efforts to defund the police and remove officers from our campuses. I plan to continue that record in the State Legislature.”

Website: <https://hooverforassembly.com/about/>

Quintin Toshi Levesque

Republican

Professional Experience - Businessman / Student Advocate

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Jeffrey Erik Perrine

Republican

Professional Experience - Father

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website, however, there is significant public information identifying him as a member of the Proud Boys, a white supremacist hate group. He was expelled from the Sacramento County Republican Central Committee for his participation in the Proud Boys and many racist statements he had made.

Website: <https://perrineforassembly.org/>

Raymond Riehle

Republican

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The candidate has no public safety positions on his campaign website.

Website: <https://www.ray4ca7.com>

Assembly District 8

Jim Patterson (Incumbent) Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2012.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Fresno Deputy Sheriff Association; Fresno Police Officer Association; California Coalition of Law Enforcement Association (CCLEA); and CA Assoc of Highway Patrolmen.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Patterson is strongly opposed to justice reform legislation. He has voted no on all of the bills we examined, and furthermore introduces legislation that increases criminalization. This year, he introduced legislation to increase penalties for catalytic converter theft and for selling certain drugs. He is running unopposed.

Website: No website

Assembly District 9

Heath Flora (Incumbent)

Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), CA Correctional Supervisors Association.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81
No Vote Recorded: AB 292

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Flora consistently votes against justice reform legislation. He is opposed to reforms that allow people to be released from prison, stating on his campaign website: "As a legislator, I make sure law enforcement and our firefighters have the tools they need to protect us. You can also count on me to clean up the mess caused by the state's foolish release of 10,000 dangerous felons from prison and to oppose any future release of prisoners from state jails."

He is running unopposed.

Website: <https://heathflora.com/>

Assembly District 10

Eric Guerra Democrat

Professional Experience - Sacramento City Council; CSU Board of Trustees; Chief of Staff, CA State Assembly

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: There is no information on his public safety positions on his campaign website.

Website: <https://www.electericguerra.com>

Stephanie Nguyen Democrat

Professional Experience - Elk Grove City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), Sacramento County Law Enforcement Managers Association, and Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff Association.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Her campaign website does not state her views on public safety. She has, however, received many law enforcement endorsements, such as the Elk Grove Police Officers Association, Peace Officers Research Association of California, and the Sacramento Police Officers Association.

Website: <https://www.stephanienguyenforassembly.com>

Rev. Dr. Tecoy Porter

Democrat

Professional Experience - Pastor / Nonprofit Director

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Porter made the following statement on public safety on his campaign website: “Everyone wants to live in safe neighborhoods and have their children attend safe schools. I also believe that policing is key to ensuring this. In the Assembly, I will continue to advocate for substantial reforms to our police and criminal justice system by supporting and crafting policies that hold our police officers accountable and increase transparency to build trust between law officers and the citizens they swore to protect and serve.”

Website: <https://www.tecoyporterforassembly.com>

Bennie Thompkins

Democrat

Professional Experience - Retired Emergency Physician

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No Website

Eric Rigard

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://ericrigardforassembly.com/>

Assembly District 11 (Special Election)

A special primary election was held for this District on April 5, 2022. Lori Wilson won that election with more than 50% of the vote, and therefore became elected as the Assemblymember without having to hold a special general election. However, she must still run during the June 7, 2022 Primary Election for the 2022-2024 full Assembly term.

Lori Wilson (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected during the April 5 special election. Former Mayor of Suisun City.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA).

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Wilson does not have information on her public safety platform on her campaign website.

Website: <http://www.electloriwilson.com>

Jenny Leilani Callison

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Assembly Consultant, Veterans Affairs

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Callison appears not to support reforms that would bring people home from prison. In an interview with a local newspaper, she stated: "I believe that a lot of California policies that were passed in the past decade have enabled crime to get worse...There needs to be something done about the amount of property crime and violent crime, especially in Solano County."

There is no information on public safety on her campaign website.

Website: <https://callison2022.com>

Assembly District 12

Sara Aminzadeh

Democrat

Professional Experience - California Coastal Commissioner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Aminzadeh does not have a public safety platform on her website; however, she does express an emphasis on preventative mental health services.

Website: <https://www.saraforassembly.com>

Damon Connolly

Democrat

Professional Experience - Marin County Supervisor, Former San Rafael City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Marin County Deputy Sheriff Association PAC

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Connolly does not have a public safety platform on his website; however, he does express an emphasis on equity. From his website: “Promoting social justice and racial and gender equity have been a core tenet of Damon Connolly throughout his life and career as a public official. Meaningful change means doing away with policies and practices that are unjust or allow for complacency in the face of injustice.”

Website: <https://www.damonconnolly.com>

Steve Schwartz

Democrat

Professional Experience - Farmer / Nonprofit Director

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Schwartz does not have a public safety platform on his website; however, he does express an emphasis on racial justice. On his website, he states: “We need to enact new policies that support communities of color, address historical inequities, and embrace California’s diversity.”

Website: <https://www.steveschwartzassembly.com>

Ida Times-Green

Democrat

Professional Experience - School Board Trustee, Sausalito Marin City School District

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Times-Green’s website highlights “reforming law enforcement” as priority but does not express any further details or a more in-depth public safety platform.

Website: <https://www.idatimesgreenforassembly.com>

Assembly District 13

Carlos Villapudua (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2020. Former Member of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: LA Police Protective League, California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), CA Association of Highway Patrolmen; and Stockton Police Officers Association.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 990

No Vote Recorder: AB 256, SB 483, AB 333, and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Based on his voting record, Assemblymember Villapudua does not consistently support justice reform legislation. Of the bills we examined, he voted yes on two and did not vote on four. He has also supported legislation to increase criminalization for certain thefts, stating it is “time to give our law enforcement the tools they need to crack down.”

Assemblymember Villapudua is endorsed by the California Association of Highway Patrolmen and the Stockton Police Officers Association.

Website: <https://carlos2022.com/>

Mateo Bedolla

Democrat

Professional Experience - Tracy City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Veronica Vargas

Democrat

Professional Experience - Tracy City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://www.veronica-vargas.com>

Assembly District 14

Buffy Wicks (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2018.
Community Organizer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Wicks does not share her views on public safety on her campaign website. However, she has a strong record voting to support justice reform legislation.

Website: <https://buffywicks.com>

Assembly District 15

Tim Grayson (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), CA Association of Highway Patrolmen, and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, SB 483, SB 81
NO: AB 333
No Vote Recorded: AB 990

Public Safety Platform: TAssemblymember Grayson does not share his views on public safety on his campaign website. However, he has a record voting to support justice reform legislation - for the bills we examined, he voted to support four out of the six

Website: <https://www.graysonforassembly.com>

Janell Elizabeth Proctor

Republican

Professional Experience - Patient Health Advocate

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Vallejo Police Officers Association and Pittsburg Police Benefit Association

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 16

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2018. Environmental Attorney and Law Professor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: LA Police Protective League, California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan is generally supportive of justice reform based on her voting record.

Website: <http://www.rebeccabauerkahan.com>

Joseph Rubay

Republican

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 17 (Special Election)

A special primary election was held for this District on April 5, 2022. Matt Haney won that election with more than 50% of the vote, and therefore became elected as the Assemblymember without having to hold a special general election. However, he must still run during the June 7, 2022 Primary Election for the 2022-2024 full Assembly term.

Matt Haney (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2022. Former Supervisor on the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: During his time on the SF County Board of Supervisors, Assemblymember Haney states that he: “Invested millions of dollars into new initiatives to stop hate crimes and provide victims and their families with support services;...increased funding for community safety ambassadors, foot patrols, and crisis response teams; and launched the “Street Level Drug Dealing Taskforce” to better coordinate resources and evidence-based strategies to stop the dealing of deadly narcotics.”

Now elected to the Assembly, he has committed to: “Invest in community policing and recruit from diverse communities so that law enforcement officers come from the communities they serve...; advocate for criminal justice reform that holds people accountable with effective consequences while investing in rehabilitation, treatment, reentry, and community-based courts; support reforms that allow us to stop larger organized crime rings that are fueling the spike in retail theft and the deadly fentanyl epidemic; and help hate crime victims through a state fund for individuals and businesses affected by violence or vandalism.”

Website: <https://matthaney.com>

David Campos

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former Supervisor on the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Campos was running for Assembly in the April Special Election. After losing the election, he announced that he will not be running for this position in the June Primary Election, however, his name will still appear on the ballot since he had previously filed the campaign paperwork

Website: <https://camposforus.com>

Bill Shireman

Republican

Professional Experience - Environmental Solutions Entrepreneur

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 18

Mia Bonta (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2021. Former President of the Alameda Unified School District Board.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - YES: SB 81, SB 483

*Not in office to vote for AB 256, AB 333, AB 292, and AB 990

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Mia Bonta was recently elected during a special election in 2021, and has since served on the Assembly Public Safety Committee. While she was not in office to vote in support of the legislation we examined for this guide, she has consistently voted to support justice reform legislation introduced in 2022.

On her campaign website, she discusses the importance of justice reform, stating her priorities are to: “Advance targeted reforms within our criminal justice and law enforcement systems to root out systemic racism and classism that perpetuates cycles of incarceration and poverty. I believe in promoting public safety while also holding law enforcement accountable for negligence, criminal action, and malpractice. I will aim to unravel the systems and laws that lead to the disproportionate incarceration of people of color and I will partner with local justice organizations and experts to identify the most effective reforms in order to transform the carceral system.”

Assemblymember Mia Bonta is running unopposed.

Website: <https://miabonta.com/>

Assembly District 19

Phil Ting (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2012. Former Assessor-Recorder of the City and County of San Francisco.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) Political Action Committee.

Prior Votes - Yes: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Ting is a strong ally for justice reform. In addition to voting yes on all of the bills we highlighted, he also was the author of AB 1540 in 2021 which created new protections for incarcerated people applying for resentencing.

Assemblymember Ting is also the Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.

Website: <https://www.philting.com/>

Karsten Weide

Republican

Professional Experience - Industry Analyst

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate's website is "under construction" and has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 20

Jennifer Esteen Democrat

Professional Experience - Psychiatric Registered Nurse

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Esteen speaks about “Re-Imagining Public Safety” on her website, stating: “I have seen firsthand the ways in which diminished funding for mental health care — along with inflated investments in jails and prisons — means that people who need psychiatric treatment are often incarcerated rather than provided with community-based outpatient care. In addition to being far more expensive, this has led to extended and unconstitutional stays in county jails for some of our most vulnerable residents. As a legislator, I will advocate for shifting funds back into community-based care, to ensure our community has access to compassionate and high-quality mental health services.”

Her site also discusses her views on many other social justice issues, such as racial justice, “deeply” affordable housing, and “fully funded” education.

Website: <https://www.jenniferesteen.com>

Elizabeth (Liz) Ortega

Democrat

Professional Experience - Statewide Political Director for AFSCME, Labor union for the state university system.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Ortega briefly discusses “Neighborhood Safety” on her campaign website, stating: “I support funding anti-gang and drug prevention, quality education and job placement to address the root causes of crime and neighborhood policing approaches where trained, accountable officers are working with the community to fight gun violence.”

Website: <https://www.ortegaforassembly.com>

Shawn Kumagai

Democrat

Professional Experience - Dublin City Councilmember, Navy Reservist.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Kumagai does not have any information on his public safety platform on his campaign website.

Website: <https://www.shawnkumagai.com>

Joseph Grcar

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired Laboratory Scientist

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety platform.

Website: No website

Assembly District 21

James Coleman Democrat

Professional Experience - City Councilmember for South San Francisco.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Coleman speaks extensively about ending police violence and creating alternatives to the police. According to his website:

“We need to create real alternatives to police for individuals seeking assistance, especially for those experiencing mental health crises, so that people receive the expertise and specialized help they need. Already, there are successful models (such as the CAHOOTS model in Eugene, OR) all across the country that employ unarmed and specially trained first responders to attend to nonviolent and noncriminal calls. We must also hold police officers to the highest standard, and hold them accountable for misconduct.

- Create teams of first-responders composed of mental health professionals, social workers, and paramedics to respond to calls for assistance.
- Require counties to provide adequate and timely mental health services.
- Empower cities to create police oversight commissions with real investigatory power.
- Create police oversight for county sheriff’s departments.
- Allow traffic enforcement to be conducted by public safety officials other than sworn officers.
- Invest heavily in de-escalation training programs.”

Website: <https://james4california.com>

Maurice Goodman

Democrat

Professional Experience - Trustee of the San Mateo County Community College Board

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety platform.

Website: No website

Giselle Hale

Democrat

Professional Experience - Mayor and City Councilmember of Redwood City

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Hale does not have any information on her public safety platform on her campaign website.

Website: <https://www.gisellehale.com>

Alison M Madden

Democrat

Professional Experience - Attorney/Tenant Advocate

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Madden describes herself as a “progressive attorney” and briefly discusses her views on justice reform. According to her campaign website, she supports: “targeted justice reform, while ensuring public safety, by moving toward restorative justice and sustainable alternatives to jail and prison for non-violent offenders, with a focus on incarceration conditions.”

Website: <https://www.maddenforassembly.com/>

Diane Papan

Democrat

Professional Experience - San Mateo Deputy Mayor

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC Small Contributor Committee

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Papan’s campaign website states that she stands for “Maintaining Safe Communities / Neighborhoods” but does not list a public safety platform.

Website: <https://dianepapan.com>

Mark Gilham

Republican

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Gilham does not share his public safety views on his website. However, there is a section labeled “True African American History” where he criticizes people who kneel for the National Anthem, and other parts of his site describe other countries as “hell holes.”

Website: No website

Tania Solé

Green Party

Professional Experience - Businessperson

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Solé does not have any information on her public safety platform on her campaign website.

Website: <https://taniaSOLE.com>

Assembly District 22

Chad Condit

Democrat

Professional Experience - Senior Legislative Assistant for the California State Assembly

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The central proposal of Condit's public safety platform is "Fund the Police and Repeal Proposition 47," specifically stating: "Our state is facing a wave of crime that is directly linked to the decreased penalties in Prop 47 and efforts to dismantle law enforcement."

Website: <https://conditforassembly.com>

Jessica Self

Democrat

Professional Experience - Public Defender

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Self does not have any information on her public safety platform on her campaign website.

Website: <https://www.jessself.com>

Juan Alanis **Republican**

Professional Experience - Stanislaus County Sheriff's Sergeant

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Peace Officers Research Association of California PAC (PORAC PAC)

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Alanis states that, as an Assemblymember, he would: "Oppose all efforts to defund the police... Juan will use his 27 years of law experience to fix broken laws that have fueled rising crime rates, led to "smash and grab" robberies and put law abiding families at risk".

Website: <https://alanisforassembly.com>

Joel G. Campos **Republican**

Professional Experience - Regional Planner, San Joaquin

Law Enforcement Contributions - Peace Officers Research Association of California PAC (PORAC PAC), San Joaquin County Correctional Officers, Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Campos is supportive of law enforcement and has been endorsed by the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations. He states: "His top priority in the Assembly would be to address crime and safety: he's opposed to Prop 47, which reduced penalties for various theft in California."

Website: <https://campos4assembly.com/>

Guadalupe Salazar

Republican

Professional Experience - Mother/Farmer

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 23

Marc Berman (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former Palo Alto City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Association of Highway Patrolmen

Prior Votes - YES AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Berman consistently votes to support justice reform legislation.

Website: <https://www.voteberman.com>

Tim Dec **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 24

Alex Lee (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2020.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Lee is a strong supporter of justice reform. In 2021, he authored AB 1509, a bill that would have dramatically reduced gun enhancements. The bill failed in the Assembly, but speaking in support of it he said “This bill is about undoing failed policies of systemic racism in our justice system that have led to over incarceration.”

Assemblymember Lee is also in support of broader prison reforms, stating: “For far too long we have relied on police & prisons to respond to all society’s problems. [We have] lots of work to do to dismantle the racist carceral state and I am honored to be part of this movement.”

Website: <https://www.votealexlee.com>

Kansen Chu

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former Assemblymember from 2014-2020.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Chu was the Assemblymember for this district until he left in 2020 to run for another seat. He lost that election, and is now returning to run for his old position in the Assembly once again.

While not in office, he spoke out against AB 1509, stating that he: “does not support AB 1509 due to the numerous dangerous criminals and felons that it will release. Rather, Chu is focused on developing public safety and helping all communities through crime prevention and investment in local communities.”

He is also supportive of the police, stating: “Chu firmly believes that the current public safety measures should hinge on strengthening all members of our communities through investing in increased mental health resources and education, but also maintaining community safety by investing in the police via training measures to prevent the use of brutal force and ensure equality within decision making.”

The police reform efforts that he supports involve giving more resources to them, stating on his site that he would: “Increase funding for community policing and crime prevention measures. Increase funding to review and develop and training of police use of force policies. Build a strong pipeline to have a diverse police force.”

Website: <https://kansenchu.com>

Bob L Brunton

Republican

Professional Experience - Businessman

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://votebobbruntonforassembly.com>

Lan Diep

Democrat

Professional Experience - San Jose City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Diep does not discuss his views on justice reform, but expresses a need to “reimagine” police, but without “defunding” them. He states: “keeping the public safe also entails keeping the public at ease with the people who have sworn to protect them. As a former council member from San Jose, a city that is attempting to rebuild its police force after a fight over pensions and ongoing waves of retirements, I understand the nuances dealing with an understaffed police department”.

Website: <https://landiep.com>

Teresa Keng

Democrat

Professional Experience - Fremont City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Keng expresses her support for law enforcement, stating that as an Assemblymember she would: “Advance community policing to build trust between law enforcement and communities they serve” and support “Funding (police) to prevent and solve violent crimes targeting vulnerable communities and small businesses.”

Website: <https://www.kengforassembly.com>

Assembly District 25

Ash Kalra (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former San Jose City Councilmember, Professor of Law, and Attorney.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Probation Peace Officers' Union

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Kalra is a strong advocate for justice reform. He is the author of AB 256, The Racial Justice Act, and this year authored AB 2167, which instructs judges to consider alternatives to incarceration before sentencing.

Kalra's strategy for justice reform emphasizes prevention, and believes the state needs to support previously incarcerated individuals—especially youth—to ensure they do not return to prison. He is a previous public defender and worked in drug courts for 11 years.

Website: <https://www.ashkalra.com>

Ted J Stroll

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired Appellate Attorney

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Stroll is not supportive of justice reform, stating: “Democratic lawmakers continue to weaken the state’s criminal laws, perhaps in the belief that enforcing them is racist and citizens must lose some personal safety to advance the lawmakers’ social-justice goals.”

Website: No website

Assembly District 26

Evan Low (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014. Former Campbell Mayor and City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles Police Protective League, California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), San Jose Police Officers' Association PAC, Santa Clara County Correctional Peace Officers' Association PAC, and California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Low is a member of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. Although he votes to support much justice reform legislation, he also regularly expresses his support for law enforcement and introduces bills to increase criminalization.

Bills he authored that would have increased prison sentencing include AB 1511, which would have allowed courts to impose an additional term when a person “takes, damages, or destroys property” during the commission of a felony,” and AB 1613 which would have increased sentences for retail theft. He is heavily supported by law enforcement.

Website: <http://evanlowforassembly.com>

Long Jiao

Democrat

Professional Experience - Software Engineer

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Jiao expresses his support for funding law enforcement, stating: “We need to provide sufficient funding for law enforcement operations and training.” He also is opposed to justice reforms, expressing his support for tough prison sentences on his campaign site.

Website: <https://longforassembly.com>

Tim Gorsulowsky

Republican

Professional Experience - Business Security Consultant

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Gorsulowsky expresses his opposition to justice reform policies such as Prop 47 on his campaign site, and states that as an Assemblymember he would: “I will change the laws in California to give law enforcement the opportunity to charge criminals, and District Attorneys the ability to prosecute with success.”

Website: <https://www.timg4assembly.com>

Assembly District 27

Mike Karbassi

Democrat

Professional Experience - Fresno City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Fresno Police Officers Association Political Action Committee

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Karbassi has described Prop 47 as “disastrous” and has called for more criminalization, stating: “Politicians are afraid to pass tough on crime bills that hold drug dealers that sell fentanyl accountable. Allowing crime on the street and homelessness to go unchecked.”

He has also expressed his support for increasing funding for police, stating: “When it comes to the safety of our city, we have to put our money where our mouth is...If we’re really committed to reducing response times and engaging in solid community policing, Fresno needs more officers on the ground,” He additionally signed a pledge as a council member refusing to approve a city budget if it did not include hiring police officers.

Website: <https://mikeforthevalley.com>

Esmeralda Soria

Democrat

Professional Experience - Fresno City Councilmember, Professor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Soria expresses her support for justice reform, stating: “I am appalled with many people of color suffering from police brutality, mass convictions for minor offenses. Many states have three-strikes laws where many economically disadvantaged communities are more likely to be sentenced 25 years to life in prison...I plan to overhaul the criminal justice system. For instance, make it illegal for private prisons to continue to operate.”

Website: <https://soriaforcalifornia.com>

Mark N. Pazin

Republican

Professional Experience - Merced County Sheriff

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: As the elected Sheriff for Merced, Pazin expresses his strong support for law enforcement. On her campaign site, he states he will: fight the “Defund the Police” movement and make sure we have enough police and deputy sheriffs to keep us safe,” and will “I’ll be on the front lines getting rid of state policies that let felons out of jail early.”

Website: <https://www.markpazin.com>

Amanda Fleming

Republican

Professional Experience - Mother/Agricultural Retailer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Fleming states on her campaign website: “Amanda Fleming will always stand with law enforcement and ensure they have the tools needed to fight crime...Amanda will bring back tough-on-crime politics to Sacramento so California streets are made safe again...In addition, she will work to reverse the recent changes in criminal law so dangerous offenders and criminals are held accountable.”

Website: <https://www.amandaflemingforassembly.com>

Assembly District 28

Gail Pellerin

Democrat

Professional Experience - Santa Cruz County Clerk.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: As the Santa Cruz County Clerk, Pellerin has emphasized the importance of people voting in county jails, and worked to ensure that people in the jails had their ballots each election.

Pellerin also expresses her support for preventative community services, advocating for: “Increased mental health staffing and resources to respond when community members are experiencing a mental health crisis, including full implementation of 988 in California, the new mental health crisis hotline launching this summer”.

Website: <https://www.gailpellerinforassembly.com>

Robert L. Rennie

Democrat

Professional Experience - Mayor of Los Gatos and former City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Rennie expresses his support for community based services, stating on his campaign site: “I am committed to breaking the downward spiral of the interconnectedness of homelessness, mental health and the criminal justice system.”

Website: <https://www.robrennie.com>

Joe Thompson

Democrat

Professional Experience - Youth Organizer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Thompson expresses strong support for justice reform issues, stating: “I will fight to end mandatory minimum sentencing laws for all crimes committed in the State. I fully support AB 2632, the California Mandela Act on Solitary Confinement which fights to advance human rights and define solitary confinement.”

I would go a step further and ban the practice of solitary confinement. I would also advocate for mental health resources in all correctional facilities in order to treat, diagnose, and help address one root cause of crime.”

Furthermore, he supports holding law enforcement accountable: “I would fight to stop the militarization of police departments and law enforcement. I support AB 481 to get approval for military purchases using the 1033 program but this is just a first step. California needs to end the use of the 1033 program in the state.”

Website: <https://joeforassembly.org>

Liz Lawler **Republican**

Professional Experience - Monte Sereno City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Lawler expresses on her campaign site that she is supportive of funding the police and opposes justice reforms: “Public safety is of increasing concern as lawlessness abounds and police officers are demoralized and defunded. “No bail” and other misguided policies are leaving violent people on the street and fostering “smash and grab”, car-jacking, and other serious crimes. To restore safety, we need to end “no bail” and hold violent and habitual criminals accountable.”

Website: <https://www.lizlawler4ad28.com>

Assembly District 29

Robert Rivas (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2018. Former Supervisor for San Benito County.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) PAC, Hollister Police Department officer, and California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Robert Rivas is generally supportive of justice reform legislation.

Website: <https://www.rivasforassembly.com>

Stephanie L. Castro

Republican

Professional Experience - Teacher.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Castro does not discuss her views on public safety on her campaign website, however, she does express her opposition to teaching Critical Race Theory.

Website: <https://castroforassembly2022.com>

Assembly District 30

Dawin Addis **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Monte Sereno City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Addis does not discuss her views on public safety on her website.

Website: <https://dawnaddis.org>

Zoe Carter **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Monterey County Business Council. Chair of the City of Monterey Architectural Review Committee.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Carter has expressed that her top priority is “keeping the most dangerous of criminals off our streets” and has also stated she supports increasing resources for law enforcement.

Website: <https://www.electzoe.com>

John R. Drake

Democrat

Professional Experience - Housing Policy Director

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Drake has stated: “I support complete police reform -- community policing, retraining to handle mental health situations and de-escalation, as well as nonviolent approaches” and also supports “drug rehabilitation and jobs building incentive programs so that these people can get back into their communities and work if they choose to -- adding skills to the market! We find this by defunding, temporarily, programs that are wasting our money, and reallocating those funds into tackling homelessness.”

Website: <https://electdrake.com>

John Wizard

Democrat

Professional Experience - Seaside City Councilmember / Housing Policymaker.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Wizard has expressed his support for holding police accountable, stating at a campaign rally: “I need defund, I need demilitarize and I need a police accountability board that can fire bad cops.” Some community members attempted to recall him from his city council seat due to his support of Black Lives Matter.

Website: <https://www.electwizard.com>

Vicki Nohrden

Republican

Professional Experience - Nonprofit Director / Educator

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Nohrden has expressed her support for repealing Prop 47, stating: “We have seen crime rise in our neighborhoods, on our school campuses, and in local businesses and it is affecting the quality of life. Now is the time to reform these soft-on-crime policies.” She has also expressed support for the police: “We cannot back down. We need to support our law enforcement. The people who protect and serve our communities deserve our respect and support.”

Website: <https://www.electvicki.com>

Assembly District 31

Joaquin Arambula (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016.
Physician.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC, California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 990

No Vote Recorded: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, SB 483,
SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Arambula has generally not voted to support justice reform legislation, abstaining on five of the six bills we highlighted.

He has also consistently expressed his support for law enforcement, recently asking the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety for funding for nearly \$10 million to help make improvements to local police departments in Fresno County. this by defunding, temporarily, programs that are wasting our money, and reallocating those funds into tackling homelessness.”

Website: <https://drjoaquinarambula.com>

John C. Mendoza

Democrat

Professional Experience - No Ballot Designation.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Dolce Misol Calandra

Republican

Professional Experience - Real Estate Agent.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Andrew W. Verhines

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Operations Manager.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 32

Vince Fong (Incumbent) Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC and California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Fong votes to support law enforcement and to oppose justice reform. He has expressed his desire to repeal Prop 47, stating: “Proposition 47 significantly weakened penalties for a number of crimes. This, combined with prison realignment—which flooded local jails with inmates from state prisons resulting in thousands of early releases—have turned our communities into a revolving door for criminals because there are no longer significant consequences for their actions.”

He is running unopposed.

Website: <http://vincefong.com>

Assembly District 33

Devon Mathis (Incumbent) Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC and California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Mathis votes to support law enforcement and to oppose justice reform. Recently, he led an effort to encourage CDCR to stop its credit earning program, calling on CDCR to “Stop early release for violent felons.”

Website: <https://devonmathis.com>

Jose Sigala Democrat

Professional Experience - Tulare Mayor and City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Sigala does not say much about his public safety platform on his campaign website, except to state he supports funding for: “Bullet Proof Vests, Police—New SWAT Vehicle & Resources”.

Website: <http://sigala4assembly.com>

Ruben Macareno

Democrat

Professional Experience - Farmersville City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 34

Tom Lackey (Incumbent) Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014. Former CA Highway Patrolman. Former Palmdale Councilmember and member of the Palmdale Elementary School District Board of Trustees.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC, State Coalition of Probation Organizations PAC, Riverside Sheriffs Association Public Education Fund, California Correctional Supervisors Organization PAC, PORAC PAC, California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) PAC, Bail Hotline Bail Bonds, All-Pro Bail Bonds Inc., FairPAC, Sponsored by the Civil Justice Association of CA, Correctional Staff Assault Task Force.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Lackey is the Vice Chair of the Assembly Public Safety Committee, and in that position, he consistently votes against justice reform legislation and votes in favor of bills that would increase criminalization.

He voted no on all six bills that we examined for this guide, and most recently, voted to support legislation that would have repealed Prop 47 but failed. He is a former officer for the CA Highway Patrol and consistently expresses his support for increasing resources for law enforcement while opposing measures to hold police accountable.

Due to redistricting, he is running against another sitting Assemblymember for this seat.

Website: <http://lackeyforassembly.com>

Thurston “Smitty” Smith (Incumbent)

Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2020. Small Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: San Bernardino County Safety Employees Benefit Association PAC, Friends of John McMahon for San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner 2018, Shannon Dicus for San Bernardino County Sheriff 2022, California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC, Riverside Sheriff’s Association Public Education Fund.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Smith voted to oppose all six bills that we examined for this guide and consistently votes to support legislation that increases criminalization.

Assemblymember Smith also introduces and supports legislation that increases protections for police officers. This year he introduced a bill to protect police and their immediate families under California hate crime statute, as well as a bill that would make it so that when responding to an emergency police aren’t required to perform the reporting adopted under the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015.

Due to redistricting, he is running against another sitting Assemblymember for this seat.

Website: <http://joinsmitty.com>

Raj Kahlon

Democrat

Professional Experience - A Real Estate Investor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Rita Ramirez Dean

Democrat

Professional Experience - Victorville Councilmember. Copper Mountain Community College District, Trustee.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Paul Fournier

Republican

Professional Experience - Homelessness Solutions Coordinator.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Fournier's site does not express much on his public safety views, except to express his support for the police: "Police - This is a group of people who, in general, put their lives on the line daily for the protection of others. They need to be well-trained, well respected, and as a general rule, given the benefit of the doubt."

He is also quoted stating. "I laughingly refer to myself as "slightly to the right of Atila the Hun."

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/vote4paul>

Roger LaPlante

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Veterans' Advocate.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 35

Jasmeet Bains

Democrat

Professional Experience - Family Doctor / Physician.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: There is no information on public safety on her campaign website. Her platform focuses on mostly on health care, but she does indicate that she is a volunteer with Global Family, an organization dedicated to combating human trafficking and child abuse.

Website: <https://www.drjasmeetbains.com>

Leticia Perez

Democrat

Professional Experience - Kern County Supervisor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 36

Eduardo Garcia (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014.
Former Mayor and City Councilmember of Coachella.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81
No Vote Recorded: AB 292

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Garcia generally votes to support justice reform legislation, supporting five of the six bills we examined for this voter guide. Recently, he has not accepted financial contributions from law enforcement.

Assemblymember Garcia does not mention public safety on his website, but from his first Assembly campaign he was heavily endorsed by the following Associations: California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the Peace Officers Research Association of California, the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, the Imperial County Probation and Corrections Peace Officers Association, the California Professional Firefighters, the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Firefighters, Local 2881, and Crime Victims United of California.

Website: <https://voteforgarcia.com>

Marlon Ware

Democrat

Professional Experience - University Professor / Director.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: There is no information on public safety on his campaign website.

Website: <https://www.marlonware.com>

Ian Weeks

Republican

Professional Experience - Certified Financial Planner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to his campaign site, Weeks pledges to support “policies that are tough on crime” and to “roll back laws that reduced punishments for criminals for violent offenses and sex offenders. Give police more tools and flexibility to combat serious street criminals and gangs and the support they need to do their jobs.”

Website: <https://ianweeksforassembly.com>

Assembly District 37

Gregg Hart **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Chair of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, former Santa Barbara Councilmember, former Planning Commissioner and California Coastal Commissioner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: There is no information on public safety on his campaign website.

Website: <https://gregghart.org>

Mike Stoker **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Businessman.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Bruce Wallach

Democrat

Professional Experience - Writer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 38

Stephen Bennett (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2020. Former Supervisor for the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: CA Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Bennett is supportive of justice reform based on his voting record. This year, he also introduced AB 2023 which requires county sheriffs to provide people with 3 free phone calls once being released from county jail.

Website: <https://stevebennettforassembly.com>

Cole Brocato

Republican

Professional Experience - Real Estate Investor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: There is no information on public safety on his campaign website.

Website: <https://www.brocato4assembly.com>

Daniel Wilson

No Party Preference

Professional Experience - Civil Servant.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The following is their public safety platform according to their campaign website: “Every resident is treated with dignity. Creation of humane & just immigration policies. End for-profit prisons & detention centers. Decriminalize drug use & possession.”

Website: <https://www.danielforassembly.com>

Assembly District 39

Andrea Rosenthal

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former Congressional staff person; early education teacher; community organizer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Rosenthal has stated that she is in support of repealing California's Three Strikes Law because of its racial disparities, and reducing sentences for many low-level offenses. She also stated that she is open to the idea of reforming gun enhancements, however, believes that enhancements should remain in place for offenses related to sexual assault and homicide.

She has also stated that she supports investing in mental health and substance use treatment, as well as diversion programs.

Website: <https://www.andreaforassembly.com/>

Juan Carillo

Democrat

Professional Experience - Current Palmdale City Councilmember; former Palmdale School Board member; former city planner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Carrillo has stated that he supports certain reforms if enhancements are “problematic” but sentences for more serious offenses should not be reformed. Additionally, he has stated that he does not support defunding the police but believes that more resources need to be invested in the community.

He has also stated that he does support incarceration prevention in the form of education and job training.

Website: <https://votejuancarrillo.com/>

Steve Fox

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former State Assemblymember; family law attorney.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Fox’s current campaign platform does not discuss public safety issues in much detail, however he has been a

vocal opponent of releasing people from prison who have been convicted of sex offenses.

He served one term in Assembly from 2012-2014 and has run for this seat and lost each election cycle since then. During his time as an Assemblymember, he was sued for alleged sexual harassment (exposing himself to staffer) and making staff work without pay.

Website: <https://www.electfox.com/>

Paul Andre Marsh **Republican**

Professional Experience - Community Services Liaison.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Marsh does not have any information on his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://www.paulmarshforassembly.com/>

Assembly District 40

Suzette Martinez Valladares (Incumbent) **Republican**

Professional Experience - State Assemblymember - elected in 2020.

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes - California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), and California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 292, AB 256, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Valladares has consistently voted against justice reform legislation, and has introduced legislation to pay for legal representation for victims at parole board hearings, which many justice advocates opposed. She is endorsed by the CCPOA and is generally very supportive of law enforcement.

Website: www.suzettevalladares.com

Annie Cho **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Former Congressional and Assembly staffer; founder of a public relations company.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Cho has not said much publicly about her current views on public safety and justice reform. In general, her website describes her as an advocate for “responsible reform”.

Website: <https://www.annieforassembly.com/>

Pilar Schiavo

Democrat

Professional Experience - Nurses Advocate / Businessperson.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Pilar comes from a union organizing background, having worked for the SEIU and the California Nurses Association, and co-founded a housing rights nonprofit called West Valley Homes YES. There is not much information on her website about her public safety platform, but she expresses progressive views on other issue areas, such as healthcare and housing.

Website: <https://pilar4ca.com/>

Assembly District 41

Chris Holden (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Assemblymember - elected in 2012. Former Pasadena Mayor and City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes - California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) and Pasadena Police Officers Association.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Holden has generally voted in support of justice reform legislation and has introduced bills to increase police accountability. He is currently the author of AB 2632, The Mandela Act on Solitary confinement, which would severely limit the use of solitary confinement in the CA State Prison system.

He is running unopposed.

Website: www.holdenforassembly.com

Assembly District 42

Jacqui Irwin (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Assemblymember - elected in 2014. Former Thousand Oaks Mayor and City Council Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes - California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), Ventura County Professional Peace Officers Association, Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, and Ventura County Deputy Sheriff's Association Political Action Committee.

Prior Votes - YES: SB 81

NO: AB 292, SB 483 and AB 333

No Vote Recorded: AB 256, AB 990

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Irwin describes herself as a “bipartisan” leader who gets support from law enforcement. Based on her voting record, she is not generally supportive of justice reform measures.

Website: <https://jacquiirwin.com/>

Lori Mills

Republican

Professional Experience - Businesswoman.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Mills has stated that she supports repealing Prop 47, wants to increase penalties for “smash and grabs”, and wants to end the practice of \$0 bail in counties like Los Angeles, which has recently enacted bail reform.

Her website states that she “supports law and order” and we need to “untie law enforcement’s hands and let them do their jobs... we need to let our officers and courts work with ICE once again so Criminal Aliens do not viciously prey on our communities and law-abiding migrants.”

Website: <https://lorimills4stateassembly.com/>

Ted Nordblum

Republican

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not have a website or any public information on his public safety platform.

Website: No website

Assembly District 43

Luz Rivas (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Assemblymember - elected in 2018.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Luz Rivas does not state a position on public safety issues on her campaign website, but based on her voting record, she is generally supportive of justice reform efforts.

She is running unopposed.

Website: www.luzforassembly.com

Assembly District 44

Laura Friedman (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former Glendale Mayor & City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Friedman has generally been supportive of justice reform legislation, voting yes on all of the bills we examined. She also has been a strong advocate for the RISE Act, a bill that passed in 2017 that repealed 3-year drug sentencing enhancements.

According to her website, Assemblymember Friedman “supported measures to make our communities safer while trying to ensure officials take an equitable and community-based approach.”

Website: www.votelaurafriedman.com

Barry Curtis Jacobsen

Republican

Professional Experience - Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Jacobsen does not have much public information on his public safety views, but did state that his position is to “support the police and get tough again on violent and repeat offenders.”

Website: No website

Assembly District 45

James Ramos (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Assemblymember - elected in 2018. Former County Supervisor for the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES - Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, Redlands Police Officers Foundation, San Bernardino Police Officers Association PAC Sponsored By: San Bernardino Police Officers Association, Santa Ana Police Officers Association Independent Expenditure PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California PAC (PORAC PAC), California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC, and Riverside Sheriffs' Association Public Education Fund.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 333, AB 990

No Vote Recorded: AB 256, AB 292, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Ramos did not vote to support any of the justice reform bills that we examined. He accepts many contributions from law enforcement agencies, and stated on his campaign website that: "I'm proud to have earned the support of law enforcement, firefighters and Crime Victims United."

Website: <https://www.jamesramos.org/>

Joseph “Joe” W. Martinez

Republican

Professional Experience - Governing Board Member, Rialto Unified School District.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: There is not much information on Martinez’s website regarding his public safety views. However, it appears that he is overall supportive of the police and opposed to progressive district attorneys, as his site does state that, “Disobedience is being allowed by DA’s and encouraged by calls to defund the police.”

Website: <https://www.joemartinezassy.org/>

Assembly District 46

Jesse Gabriel (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - State Assemblymember - elected in 2018.

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes - Peace Officers Research Association of CA (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Gabriel does not state much about his views on public safety on his website. However, based on his voting record, he has shown to be supportive of justice reform legislation.

Website: www.jessegabriel.com

Dana Caruso

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired Assistant Principal.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Caruso does not have a website, but stated on a Voter's Edge questionnaire that she supports "keeping criminals in jail" and believes that we should "refund the police."

Website: No website

Assembly District 47

Christy Holstege

Democrat

Professional Experience - Palm Springs City Councilmember; civil rights attorney.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Holstege has stated that she is in support of preventing incarceration with a focus on anti-poverty, ending cycles of abuse and responding to trauma. She has also stated that she believes that justice reforms should be retroactive and said that, as an Assemblymember, she would be committed to working through that bureaucracy.

Website: <https://www.christyholstege.com/>

Greg Wallis

Republican

Professional Experience - Staffer for current Assemblymember Chad Mayes.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Wallis does not have any information on his public safety platform on his website.

Website: <https://www.gregwallis.org/>

Jamie Swain

Democrat

Professional Experience - Truck Driver / Businesswoman.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Gary Michaels

Republican

Professional Experience - E-rate Company Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 48

Blanca Rubio (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former teacher, served on Valley County Water Board, Baldwin Park School District.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES - California Correctional Peace Officers Association PAC (CCPOA), National Peace Officers & Fire Fighters Benefit Assoc., Peace Officers Research Association of California Political Action Committee (PORAC PAC), Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs PAC, and California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81
No Vote Recorded: AB 292, AB 333

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Rubio has not said much about her views on public safety on her campaign website. According to her voting record, she is somewhat supportive of justice reform bills, but notably chose not to vote on AB 292 (Access to Programming) and AB 333 (Gang Enhancement Reform). She receives significant financial contributions from law enforcement agencies as well.

Website: <https://www.blancarubio.com>

Assembly District 49 (Special Election)

A special primary election was held for this District on Feb. 15, 2022. Mike Fong won that election with more than 50% of the vote, and therefore became elected as the Assemblymember without having to hold a special general election. However, he must still run during the June 7, 2022 Primary Election for the 2022-2024 full Assembly term.

Mike Fong (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2022. Former member of the LA Community College District Board of Trustees.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES - CA Correction Police Officers Assn. PAC (CCPOA) and L.A. County Probation Officers Union AFSCME Local 685 PAC.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Fong does not have information on his public safety platform on his campaign website, and since he is so new to the Assembly, his voting record cannot be assessed on the bills we highlighted. He does seem supportive of prevention over incarceration in general - in an interview with the Pasadena-Star News, he talked about providing more mental health services to prevent homelessness.

Website: <https://mikefong.org/>

Burton Brink

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired LA County Sheriff's Sergeant.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Brink is very outspoken about his public safety views, his opposition to reforms made by LA District Attorney George Gascón, and wants to repeal Prop 47, Prop 57, and AB 109.

From his website: "Since the signing of AB 109 in April 2011, Prop 47 in 2014, and Prop 57 in 2016, violent crime has been on the rise. The residents of Los Angeles County are feeling the surge. With limited patrol resources, officers are continuing to respond from call to call and once a suspect is arrested, is released on a "No Bail" to go right back out and commit additional crimes against victims.

I will work WITH our Law Enforcement/Public Safety officials to make sure they have the laws and tools to combat this revolving door of repeat offenders. I will make sure that our District Attorneys ENFORCE the laws on the books and not their own progressive ideologies...It is time to put VICTIMS of crimes first! I will work to change these holes in the laws to make sure we have programs for offenders to get back on the right track and stop offending."

Website: www.burtonbrinkca.com

Assembly District 50

Eloise Reyes (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former attorney

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes - California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Despite the fact that Assemblymember Reyes has voted in support of the bills that we examined, she also publicly states her support for law enforcement, promising to advocate for more police officers on her campaign website.

From her website, she expresses support for prevention and alternatives to incarceration for “first-time” and “low-level offenders”. Her site also states that “dangerous criminals belong behind bars.”

Website: <https://eloisereyes.webflow.io/>

Sheela Stark

Republican

Professional Experience - Attorney / Mother / Entrepreneur

Law Enforcement Contributions - YNone as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: From her website, she states that police departments should remain fully funded and opposes SB 1464, which prevents pandemic-related response funds from being awarded to police departments who refuse to enforce vaccine mandates.

She is also in opposition to reforms that would bring people home from prison, stating: “Our crime rates are soaring. We need to repeal Proposition 47 which has led to a rise in larceny making it impossible to keep serial offenders off our streets. We need to repeal Proposition 57 which allows the early release of dangerous felons. We need to repeal AB 109 which reduces the penalties for parole violations and shifts responsibility of thousands of felons from state prisons to overcrowded county jails.”

Website: <https://www.starkforassembly.com/>

Rodgir Cohen

Libertarian

Professional Experience - University Professor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://www.rlcforassembly.com/>

Assembly District 51

Rick Chavez Zbur

Democrat

Professional Experience - Civil Rights Attorney. Executive Director of Equality California, the nation's largest LGBTQ+ civil rights organization.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to his website: "Rick supports a smart approach to reducing crime like reforms to reduce police violence, increase gun safety, and employ qualified professionals who can offer mental health and addiction services to fight the root causes of crime. It's time to fix our broken criminal justice system."

As Executive Director of Equality California, Rick worked to reform our criminal justice laws to reduce discriminatory sentencing and reform California's HIV criminal laws."

Website: www.rickchavezbur.com

Louis Abramson

Democrat

Professional Experience - Community Organizer & Astrophysicist.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Abramson is a community organizer who works to stop the criminalization of homelessness in LA, and much of his public safety platform focuses on police reform.

He supports increasing funding community-based social services as a basis for preventing crime. He also supports removing police from schools.

Website: www.louisforca.com

Assembly District 52

Wendy Carrillo (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2017. Former journalist focusing on social justice.

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes - California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Carrillo has consistently voted in support of justice reform legislation. She also was the author of the Vision Act, which would have prevented CDCR from cooperating with ICE and deporting people once released from prison, and a co-author of ACA 6 in 2019, which ultimately became Prop 17 and restored voting rights to people on parole.

Additionally, as an Assemblymember, she has secured millions of dollars for reentry service providers such as Homeboy Industries and “ready for Life” programs that provide reentry services for formerly incarcerated people.

Website: <https://www.wendyforassembly.com/>

Mia Livas Porter

Democrat

Professional Experience - Environmental Advocate / Parent.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Livas Porter shares extensive views on justice reform on her website. She supports the release of “nonviolent offenders” being held in county jails pre-trial, and wants to support efforts to pardon people “unjustly” convicted under the War on Drugs. She also promises to “will introduce legislation to overhaul our Department of Corrections to make rehabilitative alternatives to incarceration the norm. By treating many of the root issues of crime, such as substance abuse, poverty, and mental illness, we can end the cycle of harm that leads to crime. Alternatives to incarceration programs have shown to reduce crime and recidivism rates, and improve overall well being.”

Her site goes on to state: “Our one-size-fits-all approach to public safety does not work. Right now, we rely on the police to address a wide variety of concerns ranging from violent crime to community building. Police are overburdened and not equipped to handle all the complex needs of our communities. The safest communities aren’t those with the most police; the safest communities are those with the most public services. Crime is a response to social conditions: economic insecurity, substance abuse, and more. Our current public safety system leads with a militarized approach instead of a compassionate service-led approach. We can create a system that actually cares for us and keeps us safe. Our public safety plan has to be grounded in addressing what causes crime: a lack of economic and social stability. Strong community services like good schools, food programs, mental health first responders, substance abuse education/support, and community clinics are proven to stop crime before it happens.”

Furthermore, the candidate describes her opposition to the de-funding of social services and argues that Los Angeles spends too much on police budgets: “We have to reverse the trend: it’s time we fund our community service programs in a way that actually serves our communities. Imagine if we had a strong public safety net that prevented people from slipping into poverty, substance abuse, and homelessness, closing the loop on the cycle of violence. Imagine if mental health first responders de-escalated and resolved mental health crises instead of police without mental health service training.”

Website: www.miaforassembly.com

Gia D’Amato

Republican

Professional Experience - Customer Service Representative.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: D’Amato argues very strongly in support of the police and further criminalization. Her website describes our current state government as a “criminal organization” because it wants to “defund the police, get rid of our Second Amendment rights, and leave us at the mercy of criminals with guns.” Her site also says “The present administration has opened up our borders to undocumented individuals from 150 different countries. A large majority are criminals infiltrating our communities.”

Her website also offers an endorsement for LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, and states: “Law and Order will bring back consequences for crime and our safe neighborhoods.”

Website: www.giafor2022.com

Assembly District 53

Freddie Rodriguez (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2013. Former Emergency Responder, Pomona City Council Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - Yes - Santa Ana Police Officers Association PAC, CA Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California PAC (PORAC), Association For Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs State PAC, and CA Assoc. of Highway Patrolman PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 292, AB 990

NO: AB 333

No Vote Recorded: AB 256, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Rodriguez has a mixed record on justice reform legislation. Of the six bills we reviewed for this guide, he voted yes on two, no on one, and did not vote on three.

The justice reform bills that he has authored also reveal support and opposition for reform. This year, Assemblymember Rodriguez introduced AB 2356, which is an attempt to roll back part of Prop 47 by increasing the penalties for certain thefts. He also authored AB 662 which aims to create a working group to study how health practitioners can work in partnership with law enforcement to respond to mental health crises. The bill seeks to lessen law enforcement's response to mental health issues, but still keep them involved.

Overall, he also is vocally supportive of law enforcement. His website states that he wants to make sure "law enforcement has the right tools for the job." His public safety priorities are: "Working to end the

cycle of gang violence and illegal drug use; keeping convicted sex offenders away from our schools and kids; and ensuring that our police and firefighters have first-class training and equipment.”

Website: www.freddierodriguez.com

Toni Holle **Republican**

Professional Experience - No ballot designation.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 54

Miguel Santiago (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: L.A. County Probation Officers Union AFSCME Local 685.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 990, AB 333, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Santiago sits on the Assembly Public Safety Committee and is a strong supporter of justice reform legislation.

In addition to voting yes on the six bills we highlighted, he also is the author of AB 990 and introduced AB 1127 in 2021, which would have eliminated juvenile strikes under the Three Strikes Law. The bill failed, however, Assemblymember Santiago has continued to be vocal about his views that the Three Strikes Law must be reformed.

Website: <https://www.santiagoforassembly.com>

Assembly District 55

Isaac Bryan (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2021.
Former Community Organizer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Bryan sits on the Assembly Public Safety Committee and is one of the strongest supporters of justice reform in the Legislature. In addition to voting yes on all of the bills we highlighted, he also authored bills to support reentry and housing for formerly incarcerated people (AB 1816, AB328: Re-entry Housing and Workforce Development Program) and explicit Alternatives to Incarceration (AB 1670: Criminal justice: Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration). He also introduced AB 2534, which addresses survivor support and harm prevention.

Assemblymember Bryan was a community organizer before he became an Assemblymember, and was the co-chair for the Yes on Measure J campaign in Los Angeles County, which required law enforcement funds to be redirected to community-based services.

Website: <https://isaacbryanforca.com>

Keith G. Cascio

Republican

Professional Experience - Software Developer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Cascio expresses his support for increasing police funding on his campaign site, and states that he believes voters in LA support increasing police funding as well.

At the same time, he expresses his opposition to using funding for community-based services, saying it's time "to rein in government spending and audit every department to eliminate duplicative or wasteful programs". He uses his website blog to note Assembly-member Bryan's calls to defund the police and end cash bail, and highlight the fact that Measure J was found unconstitutional.

Website: <https://keithfor55.org>

Assembly District 56

Lisa Calderon (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2020. Former legislative aide for the Assembly.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), California Association of Highway Patrolmen, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), All Pro Bail Bonds Inc.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 990, and SB 81
No Vote Recorded: AB 333 and SB 483

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Lisa Calderon has been mostly supportive of justice reform legislation, but chose not to vote on certain key bills, such as AB 333 and SB 483.

Her campaign site does not explicitly discuss her views on public safety, but she appears to be supportive of preventative community-based interventions, as her priority legislation has helped to secure resources for working families, foster youth, and students experiencing homelessness, including an extension of funding resources for homeless students.

Website: <https://lisacalderon4assembly.com>

Jessica Martinez **Republican**

Professional Experience - Councilmember, City of Whittier.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate does not have an official campaign website, but has used her social media platforms to call for an increase in support for the police and to support the recall of progressive LA District Attorney George Gascón.

Website: No website

Natasha “Naty” Serrano **Republican**

Professional Experience - Procurement Buyer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 57

Reginald Jones-Sawyer (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2012. Former Assistant Deputy Mayor of LA.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: State Coalition of Probation Organizations PAC and California Correctional Supervisors Organization PAC (CCSO-PAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, and SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer is the Chair of the Assembly Public Safety Committee and has generally voted to support justice reform legislation. He has promoted many bills that decriminalize drug use and poverty, reduce barriers to reentry, and support community-based prevention.

In 2018, Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer secured \$37.3 million to create the Youth Reinvestment Fund to allow community organizations to partner with government agencies in support of alternatives to youth incarceration, stating: “Right now, in California, we probably spend about \$300,000 per incarcerated youth in the juvenile justice system. I could send four people to USC and probably eight people to UCLA for that money each year. We need to redirect that money. The return on investment is unbelievable: We can save almost \$8 billion if we can help 40,000 young people stay out of that school-to-prison pipeline.”

However, he also has worked on bills that increase funding to police, tighten sentencing, and simply shift aspects of policing such as the AB 89, the California P.E.A.C.E. Act that would raise the minimum age of an officer, or require annual mental health evaluations of them. In March of this year, he applauded the state’s funding for public safety programs for the impact he interprets them having

on lowering crime rates, stating: “These new laws add enhanced sentencing, upgraded charges, and immediate arrests for anyone caught participating in a criminal act that previously only called for a citation and release.”

He is running unopposed.

Website: No website

Assembly District 58

Sabrina Cervantes (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former Director of the California Voter Project.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles Police Protective PAC, Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), California Correctional Peace Officers Association PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256

No Vote Recorded: AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Cervantes tend not to vote in support of justice reform legislation, and has expressed support for increasing criminalization and punishment, namely:

- “-Give law enforcement more tools to prosecute and deter vehicle break-ins.
- Make it a felony to contact minors over the internet for the purpose of engaging in human trafficking.
- Expedite the process of prosecuting serial perpetrators of sexual battery and statutory rape.
- Crackdown on organized retail theft by closing a loophole to make it a felony.
- Protect victims of domestic violence and give law enforcement more power to track domestic violence incidents involving strangulation.”

Website: <https://sabinacervantes.com>

Leticia Castillo

Republican

Professional Experience - Licensed Clinical Therapist.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://www.leticiacastilloforassembly.com>

Bernard William Murphy

Republican

Professional Experience - Civil Engineer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 59

Phillip Chen (Incumbent) Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former Reserve Deputy Sheriff.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs PAC, Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 81, SB 483.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Chen does not vote to support justice reform legislation.

According to Assemblymember Chen's campaign website: "As a former Reserve Deputy Sheriff, I believe the top priority of government is to keep its residents safe. Violent crime is on the rise in California due to AB 109, Prop. 47 and Prop. 57 which lowered many crimes to misdemeanors and allowed for the early release of felons. I am working on reversing these disastrous policies by supporting legislation to hold criminals accountable and ensure our law enforcement personnel have the resources to keep our communities safe."

He is also endorsed by the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs.

Website: <https://www.phillipchen.org>

Assembly District 60

Corey Jackson **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Riverside County Board of Education Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Jackson does not share his views on public safety policy on his campaign website, however, he does express his support for investing in youth programming and diversion.

He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of SBX Youth and Family Services, the Political Action Chair of the Riverside NAACP, and Chair of the California Democratic Party Black Caucus.

Website: <http://www.coreyajackson.net>

Esther Portillo **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assembly Staffer and Community Organizer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs PAC, Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 81, SB 483.

Public Safety Platform: Portillo is the Organizing Director for the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ), and most of her advocacy focuses on environmental justice issues,

not public safety.

Website: <https://www.estherportillo.com>

Jasmin Rubio **Democrat**

Professional Experience - School Board Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms..

Website: No website

Hector Diaz-Nava **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms..

Website: No website

Assembly District 61 (Special Election Runoff)

A special primary election was held for this District on April 5, 2022. No candidate won that election with more than 50% of the vote, and therefore there is a Special Election runoff as well as a Primary Election for the 2022-2024 full Assembly term taking place on June 7, 2022.

Tina McKinnor **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Director of Civic Engagement for LA Voice. Operations Director for the California Democratic Party, former staffer for the Assembly.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: McKinnor is an advocate for transformative justice. Her employer, LA Voice, is an organization committed to bring progressive change to criminal justice, immigration, election reform, and housing reform. McKinnor led LA Voice's work in successfully advocating for the passing and implementing SB 2 to increase police accountability. She also led LA Voice Action's electoral campaigns to help elect Los Angeles Supervisor Holly Mitchell and District Attorney George Gascón.

Website: <https://tina4ca.com>

Robert Pullen-Miles

Democrat

Professional Experience - Mayor of Lawndale and former Lawndale Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: From his website, Pullen-Miles “believes that addressing the roots of crime, investing state dollars in our neighborhoods, and supporting public safety measures are key to keeping our communities safe.”

Website: <https://robertpullenmiles.com>

Angie Reyes English

Democrat

Professional Experience - Hawthorne City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to Reyes English’s campaign page for city council, one of her top priorities was :Public Safety, expanding our police force at all levels; officers, detectives, drug enforcement, Swat, K9 Units and Administrative support.” She is endorsed by the Hawthorne Police Officers Association.

Website: <https://www.angieforassembly.com>

Nico Ruderman

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former member of Venice Beach Neighborhood Council.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Ruderman expressed his support for increasing law enforcement funding, stating he would like to: “Expand Governor Newsom’s Real Public Safety Plan to \$1 billion in grants to local law enforcement agencies to increase their presence at retail locations and combat organized, retail crime so community members and small businesses across the district can feel safe.”

His campaign focus is on increasing funding to clean up the streets - to remove homeless encampments and litter in highly-trafficked areas, and keep “criminals” behind bars.

Additionally, Ruderman states he wants to “prioritize public safety to decrease retail crime and gun violence by reforming Prop 47.” Part of his platform is to recall LA District Attorney Gascón because of his efforts to eliminate sentence enhancements.

Website: <https://www.nicoruderman.com>

James Arlandus Spencer

Republican

Professional Experience - Environmental Consultant.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 62

Anthony Rendon (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Speaker of the Assembly - elected in 2016.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, AB 292 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Rendon is the Speaker of the Assembly, meaning that he is in charge of many executive tasks, such as assigning Assemblymembers to their committees and creating select committees.

His campaign site states that he is supportive of police reform, and in 2020 he established the Assembly Select Committee on Police Reform.

He generally votes to support justice reform legislation, but is also known to use his position as Speaker to discourage other Assemblymembers from introducing more meaningful reform bills if they might be seen as controversial.

Website: <https://www.anthonyprendon.org>

Maria Estrada

Democrat

Professional Experience - Accountant.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 63

Fauzia Rizvi

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former Board Member of the Western Municipal Water District.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483 and SB 81
No Vote Recorded: AB 292

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://fauziarizviforassembly.com>

Maria Estrada

Democrat

Professional Experience - Accountant.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Bill Essayli

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former federal prosecutor and Riverside County Deputy District Attorney.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Riverside Sheriff's Assn Public Education Fund, Riverside Police Officers Assoc PAC.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Essayli shows strong support for police in his public safety platform, stating: "The Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies are on the front lines protecting our families and businesses. They have always had our back, now I want to serve in the Assembly and have their back. We need to reverse the failed policies that have eroded law and order in our communities. I will work hand-in-hand with the Riverside Sheriffs' Association to always make public safety a top priority."

He continues: "Instead of working with police officers to keep Californians safe, radical Democrats in Sacramento have worked to make their job even more difficult. I will be a voice for our entire law enforcement community in the Assembly and an advocate for policies that put public safety first and foremost."

Essayli also openly opposes justice reform, stating: "If we are going to change our misguided criminal justice policies in California, everyone who believes in law and order must come together. I will work every day to end soft-on-crime laws being pushed by radical Democrats in Sacramento."

He is endorsed by the following law enforcement agencies:

He is endorsed by the following law enforcement agencies: Riverside Sheriff's Association, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, Corona Police Officers Association, the Riverside Police Officers Association, Menifee Police Officers' Association, and the Riverside County Deputy District Attorney Association.

Website: <https://essayliforassembly.com>

Clint Lorimore **Republican**

Professional Experience - Mayor of Eastvale and former Eastvale Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://www.lorimoreforassembly.com>

Assembly District 64

Elizabeth Alcantar

Democrat

Professional Experience - Mayor of Cudahy, Cudahy City Council. Community Organizer at Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA).

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: In a candidate statement, Alcantar expressed her support for justice reform, stating: “I am against mass incarceration and excessive criminalization which often disproportionately impacts low income communities of color. I believe in leading with an effective approach that’s based in fact-based research and equity, and I would advocate for reforms that reexamine policies that lack the basis for improving our safety or responsibly spending our tax dollars.” She also expressed she is in favor of reforming the Three Strikes Law and repealing sentence enhancements.

Website: <https://www.elizabethalcantar.com>

Robert Cancio

Democrat

Professional Experience - Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District School Board Member. Veteran.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to his campaign site, Cancio promises: “As your assemblymember, I will be the candidate of economic progress, public safety (my brother and sister are peace officers), housing people can afford, and solutions to homelessness.”

He also states: “I believe that people deserve to feel safe in their community. I believe in increasing safety through a data-driven approach that leverages best practices and cultivates community partnerships,” and goes on to discuss investing in mental health services.

Website: <https://www.votecancio.com>

Rose Espinoza **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Current Mayor of La Habra. Former La Habra Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://roseespinoza.com>

Blanca Pacheco

Democrat

Professional Experience - Mayor of Downey.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Pacheco expressed her support for law enforcement in her candidate statement, saying: “Blanca knows that rising crime is one of the biggest problems facing our state. She has therefore worked with local non-profits and her police department, and today Downey has nearly a 40% lower violent crime rate than the average California city.”

She also expressed that she was open to the idea of removing certain sentencing enhancements, but that she supported excluding people convicted of certain violent offenses.

Website: <https://www.pachecoforassembly.com>

Ana Valencia **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Current Norwalk Vice Mayor and Norwalk City Councilmember. Former Norwalk - La Mirada Unified School District Board Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Valencia does not discuss her public safety views on her campaign site, but does highlight that, in previous work she “assisted young individuals in juvenile halls to receive an education, worked at a shelter with youth who ran away from abusive homes and helped homeless youth reintegrate into society. “

Website: <https://www.lorimoreforassembly.com>

Raul Ortiz Jr. **Republican**

Professional Experience - Pest Control Manager.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://direct.me/raulforassembly>

Assembly District 65

Mike Gipson (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2014. Former Carson City Council Member. Former Police Officer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County PAC, Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Gipson expresses strong support for law enforcement: "As a former local police officer, I know that ensuring the safety of our families and neighborhoods is of utmost importance. I believe our local law enforcement needs to be supported and I will continue to work to provide the necessary resources to tackle crime, in addition to supporting programs that get kids off the streets and combat crime."

Despite his pro-law enforcement rhetoric, Assemblymember Gipson has voted to support justice reform bills, and previously introduced AB 787, which failed, but would have eliminated certain barriers to voting in county jails.

Website: <https://www.mikegipson.net>

Fatima S. Iqbal-Zubair

Democrat

Professional Experience - Member of the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party. Educator. Community Advocate. Member of the Watts Rising Leadership Council.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None. She has taken a pledge not to accept funds from law enforcement.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Iqbal-Zubair has a very strong justice reform platform. From her campaign website: “Our criminal justice system is racist, cruel, and beyond repair, draining resources from our community and breaking apart families. We must push for comprehensive criminal justice reform that divests from prisons and policing, invests in restorative justice and alternatives to incarceration, and that truly values our communities. It’s time that our communities and youth are fully invested in.”

“Our communities are over policed, under resourced, and struggling from the impacts of incarceration. We need to reimagine a criminal justice system that will help create accountability and healing in our communities. To truly promote safety and justice, we must invest holistically in our communities and in restorative justice measures. We call for investing in mental health care, substance abuse treatment, and re-entry programs while reducing our jail and prison populations.”

“There are multiple reasons for why our jails are overcrowded: lack of mental health community treatment options, the cash bail system, draconian drug laws, and systemic racism. Too many people

are left in jail waiting for their arraignment because they cannot afford to pay bail.” As for re-entry: “We must do better for our communities. Individuals need access to real opportunities and resources when they leave incarceration. Increasing access to adequate resources for formerly incarcerated folks is critical to continuing to strengthen and heal our communities.”

Website: <https://fatimaforassembly.com>

Assembly District 66

Al Muratsuchi (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former deputy California Attorney General, trustee for the Torrance Unified School District, and prosecutor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC, from California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) PAC, and California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC Small Contributor Committee.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 292, AB 333

No Vote Recorded: AB 256, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Muratsuchi is a former prosecutor and often expresses his support for law enforcement and district attorneys. He consistently does not vote to support justice reform legislation, and either voted no or did not vote at all on the six bills we examined for this voter guide.

Website: <https://www.al4assembly.com>

George Barks

Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former deputy California Attorney General, trustee for the Torrance Unified School District, and prosecutor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 67

Sharon Quirk-Silva (Incumbent) Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2012, lost in 2014, re-elected in 2016.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) PAC, from California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) PAC, and California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC Small Contributor Committee.

Prior Votes - Yes: AB 256, AB 292, AB 990

No Vote Recorded: AB 333, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Quirk-Silva says that she “legislates from the center.” She says there needs to be changes in policing, but avoids making statements calling for police accountability. In a blog post she asks “can you support #BLM and Police Officers at the same time? Some say no, but I say you can.” In 2020 she is quoted saying: “In no way do I want to defund police. I want to make sure we have less deaths, less enforcement issues, and with budgets stretched, a balance of public safety funding.”

This moderate perspective is also reflected in her voting record, where she sometimes votes to support justice reform, and other times she does not.

Website: <https://www.sharonquirksilva.com>

Paramvir S. Brar

Democrat

Professional Experience - Defense Contract Manager.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Brar's campaign website does not mention Public Safety as an issue, although his platform consistently emphasizes fighting for the working class.

Website: <https://www.parambrar.com>

Sou Moua

Republican

Professional Experience - CAD Designer.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Soo Yoo

Republican

Professional Experience - School Board President.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - Yes: AB 256, AB 292, AB 990

No Vote Recorded: AB 333, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Yoo expresses support for law enforcement and opposition for legislation that allows people to come home from prison, stating: “Sacramento politicians have created an environment where criminals can wreak havoc in our communities because they know the consequences will never catch up to them. Instead of defunding the police, we need to give our law enforcement partners the tools they need to keep our streets and neighborhoods safe for our families and loved ones.”

Website: <https://sooyooforassembly.com>

Assembly District 68

Bulmaro “Boomer” Vicente **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Anaheim City Councilmember. Policy Director at Chispa, a political hub of progressive Latinos in Orange County.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Vicente has expressed a strong position on holding police accountable. While at UC Berkeley, he served on the city’s Police Review Commission, and at CHISPA he has pushed for policies for police accountability. According to his campaign website: “He is a critic of police unions and an advocate for a reimagined system of public safety in central county, a vision where more taxpayer dollars go to parks and libraries than to police”.

He is a Soros Justice Fellow who worked on police accountability in Santa Ana, and his campaign for Assembly was inspired by his work to help pass SB 2 (a bill to decertify for serious misconduct).

Website: <https://www.vicenteforassembly.com/>

Avelino Valencia **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Anaheim City Councilmember. Policy Director at Chispa, a political hub of progressive Latinos in Orange County.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Santa Ana Police Officers Association

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: <https://www.avelinovalencia.com>

Mike Tardif **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to his candidate statement: “Our criminal justice system must work to protect our communities. I support law enforcement; we must fund the men and women protecting our neighborhoods and communities.”

Website: No website

James Wallace

Republican

Professional Experience - No Ballot Designation

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: - According to his campaign website: “We are a country of law and order. I support law enforcement, and oppose defunding the police.”

Website: [https://www.wallace4assembly.com /](https://www.wallace4assembly.com/)

Assembly District 69

Al Austin II Democrat

Professional Experience - Long Beach City Council Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - President of Gateway Cities Council of Governments. Former League of California Cities Board Member.

Prior Votes - YES: Long Beach Police Officers Association PAC.

Public Safety Platform: As Councilmember for the City of Long Beach, Austin made it a priority to re-establish and fund police and fire academies. Also, he successfully advocated to restore public hours at Long Beach's North Division Station, which had been closed for 5 years prior to 2013 when Austin secured an agreement with then Chief Jim McDonnell to reopen the station. However, he also worked to partner Long Beach with USC to utilize the LEWIS Registry, a tool to improve police accountability.

As Councilmember, he has also increased criminalization for certain offenses, implementing a zero tolerance approach to graffiti passing the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement and Social Hosting Ordinances, and secured funding for the Prohibited Possessor Taskforce.

Website: <https://www.alaustinforassembly.org>

Janet Foster

Democrat

Professional Experience - Healthcare Administrator.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - On her campaign website, Foster calls for “Public Safety and common-sense Law Enforcement Reform” but does not outline what that means to her.

Public Safety Platform: According to his campaign website: “We are a country of law and order. I support law enforcement, and oppose defunding the police.”

Website: <https://janetdfoster.com/>

Josh Lowenthal

Democrat

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - On her campaign website, Foster calls for “Public Safety and common-sense Law Enforcement Reform” but does not outline what that means to her.

Public Safety Platform: According to his campaign website: “We are a country of law and order. I support law enforcement, and oppose defunding the police.”

Website: <https://joshlowenthal.com>

Merry Taheri

Democrat

Professional Experience - Citizen Police Commissioner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Taheri sits on a citizens commission to process complaints against the police, however, her public safety views are not stated on her website.

Website: <http://merrytaheri4assembly.com>

Assembly District 70

Diedre Nguyen **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Mayor Pro Tem of Garden Grove. City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Garden Grove Police Association PAC.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Nguyen does not express her views on justice reform, but does express support for law enforcement. According to her campaign website: “Public safety is a top priority, saying the city needs to hire police officers over the next several years.”.

Website: <https://diedrenguyen.com/>

Ted Bui **Republican**

Professional Experience - Fountain Valley City Council.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - On her campaign website, Foster calls for “Public Safety and common-sense Law Enforcement Reform” but does not outline what that means to her.

Public Safety Platform: Bui is clear that he supports the police and opposes justice reform, stating on his site: “Crime is rising because

Liberal Democrats in Sacramento have worked to defund the police, close prisons and harm the rights of crime victims and law-abiding citizens. I will fight for more funding for public safety, tougher laws against crime and gangs and the right of citizens to be safe in their homes, schools and places of business.”

Website: <https://voteforted.com>

Jason Gray **Republican**

Professional Experience - City Commissioner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Emily Hibard **Republican**

Professional Experience - Small Business Owner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Garden Grove Police Association PAC.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: According to her campaign site: "I support law enforcement, and oppose defunding the police."

Website: <https://emilyserves.com>

Kimberly Ho **Republican**

Professional Experience - Westminster City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - On her campaign website, Foster calls for "Public Safety and common-sense Law Enforcement Reform" but does not outline what that means to her.

Public Safety Platform: Ho does not support justice reform efforts, stating: "It's time to block any attempt at early release of violent criminals. In California, violent criminals are prioritized over families and victims, violent criminals are released into our communities, and criminal behavior is encouraged."

Website: <https://votekimberlyho.com/>

Tri Ta

Republican

Professional Experience - Westminster Mayor.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Ta supports increasing funding for the police, stating: "Police units stretched thin due to Defund the Police budget cuts. We've got to end the madness and support our law enforcement officers. I support fully funding police departments to boost safety and crime deterrence."

Website: <https://www.tritaforassembly.com>

Assembly District 71

Matthew Rahn **Republican**

Professional Experience - Temecula Mayor. Former Temecula City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Riverside Sheriffs' Association Public.

Prior Votes - On her campaign website, Foster calls for "Public Safety and common-sense Law Enforcement Reform" but does not outline what that means to her.

Public Safety Platform: Rahn's website states that he supports funding the police, but does not offer more details on his public safety views.

Website: <https://www.rahnforassembly.com/>

Kate Sanchez **Republican**

Professional Experience - Businesswoman / Taxpayer Advocate.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Sanchez expresses her opposition to people being released from prison, stating: "California is broken. Our once beautiful communities are filled with homelessness and criminals who have been given get-out-of-jail-free cards."

Website: <https://www.sanchezforassembly.com>

Assembly District 72

Judie Mancuso

Democrat

Professional Experience - Non profit Executive. Current Vice-Chair of the Laguna Beach Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Mancuso expresses her support for law enforcement, stating: “Improving Public Safety by investing in strategies that have been proven to reduce criminal recidivism, provide the resources our police and firefighters need, and build public trust in our law enforcement agencies.”

Website: <https://judiemancuso.com>

Diane Dixon

Republican

Professional Experience - Mayor, Newport Beach City Councilmember

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22

Prior Votes - Dixon does not state her views on public safety on her campaign website.

Public Safety Platform: Rahn’s website states that he supports funding the police, but does not offer more details on his public safety views.

Website: <http://dianedixonforassembly.com>

Benjamin Yu

Republican

Professional Experience - City Commissioner.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - On her campaign website, Foster calls for “Public Safety and common-sense Law Enforcement Reform” but does not outline what that means to her.

Public Safety Platform: On his campaign website, Yu stated: “I strongly oppose the “Defund the Police” and other similar actions or rhetoric that negatively impacts the foundation of safety in our community and erodes relationships and trust with those who are sworn to serve and protect.”

Website: <https://electbenjaminYu.com>

Assembly District 73

Cottie Petrie-Norris (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2018

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: SB 81

NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, and SB 483

No Vote Recorded: AB 990

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Petrie-Norris often votes against justice reform legislation. She is endorsed by law enforcement agencies such as Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), California Association of Highway Patrolmen, and California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA).

She is running against another sitting Assemblymember, as redistricting combined their two districts.

Website: <https://cottie.com>

Steve Choi (Incumbent)

Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016. Former Irvine Mayor and City Councilmember..

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA).

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Choi has voted to oppose all of the justice reform legislation we highlighted, and generally opposes any bill that supports incarcerated people.

On his campaign website, he highlights his support from law enforcement and legislation he introduced to increase criminalization, listing the following accomplishments: “100% Rated by the California Police Chiefs Association; Protecting Domestic Violence Victims. Authored AB 446 to help protect victims of domestic violence; Cracking Down on Sexual Predators. Co-authored AB 444 to close a loophole that allowed molesters of underage children to get off with light sentences.”

He is running against another sitting Assemblymember, as redistricting combined their two districts.

Website: <https://www.stevenchoi.org>

Assembly District 74

Laura Davies (Incumbent) **Republican**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2020. Former Laguna Niguel Mayor and City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Davies generally votes to oppose all legislation aimed at police accountability or justice reform.

She states on her campaign site: "I oppose 'Defunding the Police.' I believe we need to do what it takes to have enough well-trained, properly equipped police in every community." She is endorsed by current and former sheriffs, the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs, and the CCPOA.

Furthermore, she expresses her opposition to justice reform, stating: "California has made people less safe by lowering penalties for property and violent crimes and letting felons out of jail early." "I also believe we need to repeal laws and ballot measures which have emboldened criminals and made the rest of us worry about when our car or home will be robbed."

Website: <https://www.daviesforca.com>

Chris Duncan

Democrat

Professional Experience - San Clemente Mayor Pro Tem, City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Duncan does not express detailed views on public safety, however, he does express his support of funding the police: “He’ll fight to ensure our law enforcement agencies have the resources, tools, and support they need to keep our communities safe, pass common sense gun safety legislation and more.”

Website: <https://www.votechrisduncan.com>

Assembly District 75

Randy Voepel (Incumbent) **Republican**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2016.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), CA Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) PAC, CA Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC.

Prior Votes - NO: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Voepel is strongly opposed to justice reform, voting no on all of the bills we examined. His public safety platform is pro-law enforcement and against prison reform:

First, I have faithfully supported law enforcement, and that will NEVER change. Second, liberal, soft on crime policies have led to a dramatic increase of crime throughout California. I have supported multiple measures to increase penalties, protect our communities, and keep our children safe. Sadly, California is a hub for human trafficking, and I have strongly supported legislation to increase penalties, and reclassify human trafficking as a serious and violent felony crime. Third, disgracefully, the 75th Assembly District is a dumping ground for Sexually Violent Predators. The fact that Eastern County San Diego has the highest number of SVP's in the region is deplorable. I have continuously fought against the placement of SVP's in our community and will continue to do so. Finally, I have never and will never support the early release of prisoners. It's time that California starts putting the rights of victims, not criminals, first."

Due to redistricting, he is running against another current Assemblymember.

Website: <https://www.daviesforca.com>

Marie Waldron (Incumbent)

Republican

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2012. Former Escondido City Council Member.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 990

NO: AB 256, AB 333, and SB 81

No Vote Recorded: AB 292 and SB 483

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Waldron is not a supporter of justice reform. Recently, she introduced a bill that would have repealed part of Prop 47: “My bill, AB 1597, would address this loophole by allowing prosecutors to charge those who repeatedly steal from California’s businesses with a felony instead of a misdemeanor, restoring penalties to pre-Prop 47 levels for repeat offenders.” This bill failed to pass.

Due to redistricting, she is running against another current Assemblymember.

Website: <https://www.waldronforcalifornia.com>

Assembly District 76

Brian Maienschein (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2012. Former City Councilmember for San Diego.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 990, AB 333

No Vote Recorded: AB 292, SB 483, SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Maienschein was a long-time Republican who recently switched his party to Democrat. He sometimes votes in support of justice reform legislation and other times chooses not to vote.

His website does not share detailed views on public safety, but he does mention his opposition to a person being released from prison in his district: "He fought back against the placement of a sexually violent predator in Rancho Bernardo and wrote legislation to prohibit violent sexual predators from being housed near children. Brian also authored a number of bills to protect neighborhoods and small businesses from porch pirates and retail theft."

Website: <http://www.brianmaienschein.com>

Kristie Bruce-Lane

Republican

Professional Experience - Water Board Director.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Bruce-Lane does not discuss her views on public safety on her campaign site, however, she does criticize Assemblymember Maienschein for supporting “liberal policies”.

Website: <https://www.kristiebrucelane.com>

June Cutter

Republican

Professional Experience - Attorney and Businesswoman

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Cutter expresses her support for law enforcement on her campaign website, stating: “I support our law enforcement. Officers lay their lives on the line each day to ensure that our families and communities remain safe. To the extent that any of our officers need better training, education, or external support, we should be talking about increasing their resources, not defunding the police.” She is endorsed by Shelley Zimmerman - Former Chief of Police, San Diego Police Department.

Website: <https://www.junecutter.com>

Assembly District 77

Tasha Boerner Horvath (Incumbent) **Democrat**

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2018. Former Encinitas City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) and Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), and Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC

Prior Votes - YES: AB 333 and AB 990

NO: AB 292 and SB 483

No Vote Recorded: AB 256 and SB 81

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Boerner Horvath has an inconsistent voting record on justice reform legislation - of the bills we highlighted, she voted yes on two, no on two, and did not vote on two.

Her campaign site describes brief views on public safety, stating: “In the State Assembly, I continue to strengthen our unique communities, by working with law enforcement to keep our families and neighborhoods safe, and ensuring first responders have the tools, training, and technology that they need to effectively do their jobs.”

Website: <https://www.tasha4assembly.com>

Dan Downey

Republican

Professional Experience - CEO / Financial Adviser.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Assembly District 78

Chris Ward (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2020. Former Environmental Planner and Board Member of the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation and San Diego LGBT Center.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Ward has a strong voting record on justice reform issues. His campaign website does not discuss public safety specifically, however, he does focus on community-based solutions to issues such as homelessness and substance use disorder.

Website: <https://voteforward.com>

Eric Gonzales

Republican

Professional Experience - Retail Sales Associate.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: The candidate does not discuss his public safety views on his website.

Website: <https://ericegonzales.com>

Assembly District 79

Akilah Weber (Incumbent)

Democrat

Professional Experience - Assemblymember - elected in 2021. Former Hospital Director and Doctor, Educator, and La Mesa City Councilmember.

Law Enforcement Contributions - YES: California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA).

Prior Votes - YES: AB 256, AB 292, AB 333, AB 990, SB 483, SB 81.

Public Safety Platform: Assemblymember Akilah Weber has a strong voting record in favor of justice reform. Additionally, she proposed AB 2598: Restorative Justice Practices for the California Department of Education K-12 system.

As a member of the La Mesa City Council she helped create a Community Police Oversight Board and the La Mesa homelessness task force.

Additionally, her campaign site states that she is committed to justice reform, and that we must “combat systemic racism to improve public safety and ensure that every Californian can rely on just outcomes and fair treatment.”

Website: <https://drakilahweber.com>

John Moore

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired Broker.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Corbin Sabol

Republican

Professional Experience - Project Manager.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Sabol stated on his site that “we need to adopt a “tough on crime” mentality.”

Website: <https://corbinsabol.com>

Assembly District 80 (Special Election)

A special primary election was held for this District on April 5, 2022. No candidate won that election with more than 50% of the vote, and therefore there is a Special Election runoff as well as a Primary Election for the 2022-2024 full Assembly term taking place on June 7, 2022.

David Alvarez Democrat

Professional Experience - City Councilmember. Member of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Alvarez expresses his support for law enforcement in his public safety platform, stating: “The only way to deter violent crime is to ensure that our local police departments have enough officers to patrol our neighborhoods and ensure that if anyone breaks the law they will be held accountable.”

Website: <https://www.davidalvarez.com>

Georgette Gomez

Democrat

Professional Experience - Former San Diego City Council President. Formerly on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Association of Governments, formerly Chaired the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Law Enforcement Contributions - None as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: Gomez discusses her public safety platform in detail, expressing her support for justice reform, stating that she: “...believes our broken criminal justice system is a civil rights issue. Our justice system disproportionately arrests, prosecutes, and sentences people of color in this country. We need more community policing, more trust between neighborhoods and police, and real meaningful criminal justice reform.”

Furthermore, she promises: “In Sacramento, Georgette will fight for treatment programs for non-violent drug offenders, eliminate mandatory minimums, end cash bail, and increase funding for the mental health and addiction services that are proven to reduce incarceration and future crime.”

Website: <https://georgettegomez.org>

Lincoln Pickard

Republican

Professional Experience - Retired Contractor

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

John Vogel Garcia

Republican

Professional Experience - Technology Manager.

Law Enforcement Contributions - The candidate has not reported any campaign funds raised as of 4/22/22.

Prior Votes - N/A

Public Safety Platform: This candidate has no website and no public statements on their public safety reforms.

Website: No website

Thank you for taking the time to read the Initiate Justice Action Voter Guide! Writing this guide required many hours of planning, research, and design, and was a labor of love for the people impacted by incarceration who contributed to its creation. We sincerely hope you found this guide to be a useful resource.

Please share this guide with your friends, family, and loved ones and encourage them to vote in this Primary Election. When we make our voices heard at the polls, we prove our power. Together, we can make a difference. We can win meaningful change in our justice system and change the narrative on public safety.

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~Emiliano Lopez, IJ Action
Data & Communications Manager

