

2024 VOTER GUIDE



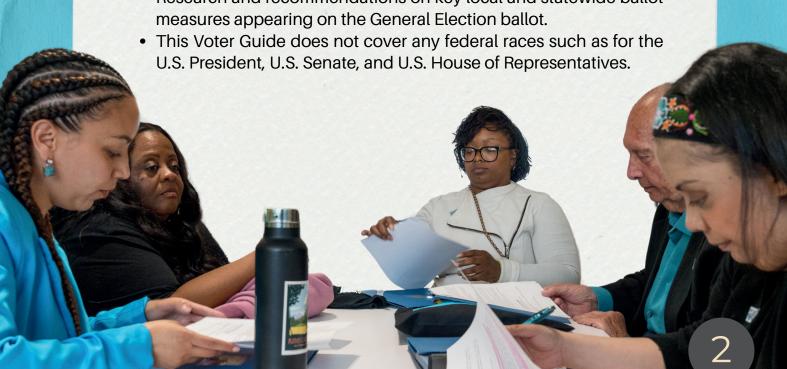
INTRODUCTION

This voter guide was written by people directly impacted by incarceration – formerly incarcerated people and people with incarcerated loved ones – and allies 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 state elections, because we have historically been marginalized and because we are the ones who are most affected by the public safety policies proposed by elected officials.

HOW TO USE THIS VOTER GUIDE

What This Voter Guide Is:

- General information on the November 5th, 2024 General Election.
- A list of our endorsed state and local candidates.
- · Research and recommendations on candidates running for the State Senate, State Assembly, and key local races, which includes an analysis of the candidates' positions and voting record on justice reform policies, if currently in office.
- · Campaign finance information indicating whether or not the accepted campaign contributions candidate enforcement political action committees (PACs) or associations.
- Research and recommendations on key local and statewide ballot measures appearing on the General Election ballot.



WHAT INFORMATION DOES THIS VOTER CUIDE PROVIDE ON CANDIDATES?

Basic Information:

• We provide the candidate's name, political party, whether or not they are the incumbent (the person currently elected to that seat), and their designation as it will appear on the ballot.

Law Enforcement Contributions:

- We reviewed every candidate's campaign contributions to see if they have received funds from law enforcement PACs or associations, and made note of any such donations. Some things to note about our research:
- The law enforcement donations are updated as of August 23, 2024, so it is possible that candidates will have accepted or returned 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.
- This guide only reports contributions from law enforcement PACs and/or associations, not any that may have come from individual law enforcement personnel.
- If the candidate has received law enforcement contributions, we will 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 8/23/24".

 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 as of



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Legislative Scorecard Grade:

 We are including the grade that each current State Senator and Assemblymember earned in our 2024 Legislative Scorecard. The Scorecard looked at the voting records of each Senator and Assemblymember on key justice reform bills from the 2023-2024 legislative year. For details on the bills and voting records, check out our Legislative Scorecard.

Background

 We researched background information on each candidate, such as their professional experience, whether or not they are currently an elected official, and any other information relevant to justice reform.

Public Safety Platform

We did our best to compile a summary of each candidate's 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.

Website:

 We also include the official campaign website of each candidate who had one at the time of writing of our Voter Guide.

Recommendations:

In each race, we are also making recommendations on candidates. Our recommendation categories are as follows:

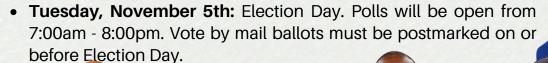
- Endorsed: Candidates who completed our endorsement process and our Membership voted to endorse. These are candidates who are strongly aligned with our values and have committed to co-governing with us.
- Recommended: Candidates who may or may not have completed our endorsement process, but are considered to be the more closely aligned candidate in the race and who we believe would serve the position well.
- Harm Reduction: Candidates who may not be closely aligned with our values, but are considered to be the better candidate in the race compared to their opponent.
- No Recommendation: In races where we believe neither candidate is an option aligned with our values, we will make no recommendation.

GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The 2024 General Election is Tuesday, November 5th.

Here are some key dates to keep in mind:

- Monday, October 7th: Vote by mail ballots mailed out.
- Monday, October 7th Tuesday, November 5th: 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, October 21st: Last day to register to vote.
- Tuesday, October 22nd Tuesday, November 5th: If you miss
 the registration deadline, you can conditionally register to vote up
 to and 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.



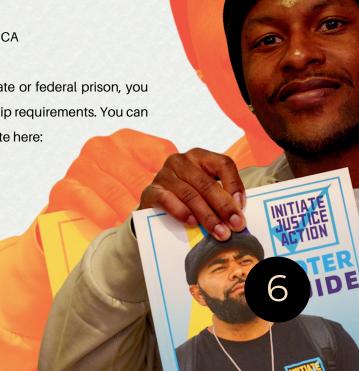


VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible to vote in California you must be:
 - 18 years old or older,
 - · A US citizen, and
 - · A resident of CA
- If you're impacted by incarceration, you **DO** have the right to vote if you:
 - Are incarcerated in a county jail, unless you have been sentenced to a state prison sentence
 - Are 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
 - Are 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 18 years old or older, a US citizen, and a resident of CA

In summary, as long as you are not currently incarcerated in a state or federal prison, you are eligible to vote as long as you meet the other age and citizenship requirements. You can learn more about how a conviction history impacts your right to vote here:





REGISTERING TO VOTE

- You may register to vote online by scanning the QR CODE below or by completing a paper voter registration form which you can find at the post office, DMV office, and most public libraries.
- 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)





TRACKING YOUR BALLOT

- Once you have completed and submitted your ballot, you can track the status of your ballot online by entering your information via the QR CODE below.
- You can also sign up for automatic text message or email updates on the status of your ballot!



ENDORSED CANDIDATES

STATE SENATE & STATE ASSEMBLY		
Jovanka Beckles	Senate District 7	
Scott Wiener	Senate District 11	
Mia Bonta	Assembly District 18	
Ash Kalra	Assembly District 25	
Nick Shultz	Assembly District 44	
Robert Garcia	Assembly District 50	
Franky Carrillo	Assembly District 52	
John Yi	Assembly District 54	
Isaac Bryan	Assembly District 55	
Sade Elhawary	Assembly District 57	
Tina McKinnor	Assembly District 61	
LaShae Sharp-Collins	Assembly District 79	

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Los Angeles City & County			
George Gascón	LA District Attorney		
Jillian Burgos	LA City Council District 2		
Ysabel Jurado LA City Council District 14			
George Turner	LA Superior Court Judge Seat #39		
Ericka Wiley	LA Superior Court Judge Seat #48		
SACRAMENTO			
Dr. Flojaune Cofer Sacramento Mayor			
OCEANSIDE			
Jimmy Figueroa	City Council District 3		
ALAMEDA COUNTY			
District Attorney Pamela Price	ela Price NO on Recall		

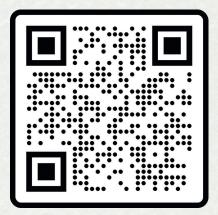
BALLOT MEASURES

STATEWIDE			
Proposition 2	School Bond	YES	
Proposition 3	Marriage Equality	YES	
Proposition 4	Climate Bond	YES	
Proposition 5	Local Government Funding YES		
Proposition 6	End Slavery in Prisons	YES	
Proposition 32	Raise Minimum Wage	YES	
Proposition 33	Rent Control	YES	
Proposition 34	Healthcare Provider Spending	NO	
Proposition 35	Medi-Cal Funding	YES	
Proposition 36	Increase Criminal Penalties for Theft & Drug Possession	NO	
LOS ANGELES COUNTY			
Measure A Affordable Housing YES		YES	

ABOUT THE SENATE

The California State Senate is the upper house of the two legislative houses for the State of California. Senators are responsible for introducing and voting on state legislation and also vote to approve the state's budget each year. State Senators are responsible for confirming or rejecting the Governor's appointments to state agencies such as the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and are also responsible for carrying out state agency casework for the people who live in their districts.

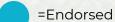
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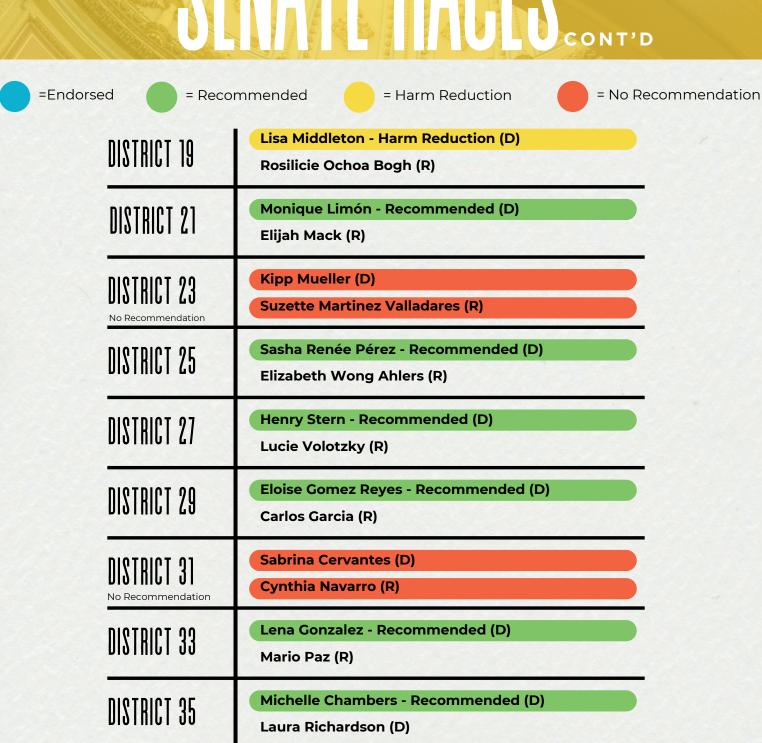
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DISTRICT No Recommendation	David Fennell (R) Megan Dahle (R)
DISTRICT 3	Christopher Calbadon - Harm Reduction (D) Thom Bougue (R)
DISTRICT 5	Jerry McNerney - Harm Reduction (D) Jim Shoemaker (R)
DISTRICT 7	Jovanka Beckles - Endorsed (D) Jesse Arreguín (R)
DISTRICT 9	Marisol Rubio - Recommended (D) Tim Grayson (R)
DISTRICT 11	Scott Wiener - Endorsed (D) Yvette Corkrean (R)
DISTRICT 13	Josh Becker - Recommended (D) Alexander Glew (R)
DISTRICT 15	Dave Cortese - Recommended (D) Robert Paul Howell (R)
DISTRICT 17	John Laird - Recommended (D) Tony Virrueta (R)

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Bob Divine (R)

DISTRICT 37

DISTRICT 39

No Recommendation

Josh Newman (D)

Steven "Steve" Choi (R)

Akilah Weber - Recommended (D)

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ABOUT THE 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 casework for the people who live in their districts.

The Assembly has a membership of 80 Assemblymembers elected for 2year 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
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website:



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DISTRICT 1 NO RECOMMENDATION	Tenessa Audette (R) Heather Hadwick (R)	DISTRICT 15	Anamarie Avila Farias (D) - Harm Reduction Sonia Ledo (R)
DISTRICT 2	Chris Rogers (D) - Recommended Michael Greer (R)	DISTRICT 16	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D) - Harm Reduction Joseph Rubay (R)
DISTRICT 3 NO RECOMMENDATION	Aaron Draper (D) Jamie "James" Gallagher	DISTRICT 17	Matt Haney (D)- Recommended Manuel Noris-Barrera (R)
DISTRICT 4	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D) - Recommended Darren Ellis (R)	DISTRICT 18	Mia Bonta (D) - Endorsed Andre Sandford (I)
DISTRICT 5	Neva Parker (D)- Harm Reduction Joe Patterson (R)	DISTRICT 19	David E. Lee (D) - Recommended Catherine Stefani (D)
DISTRICT 6 NO RECOMMENDATION	Maggy Krell (D) Nikki Ellis (R)	DISTRICT 20	Liz Ortega (D) - Recommended Sangeetha Shanbhogue (R)
DISTRICT 7	Porsche Middleton (D) - Harm Reduction Josh Hoover (R)	DISTRICT 21	Diane Papan (D)- Recommended Mark Gilham (R)
DISTRICT 8 NO RECOMMENDATION	David Tangipa (R) George Radanovich (R)	DISTRICT 22	Jessica Self (D)- Recommended Juan Alanis (R)
DISTRICT 9 NO RECOMMENDATION	Heath Flora (R) Tami Nobriga (I)	DISTRICT 23	Marc Berman (D) - Recommended Lydia Kou (D)
DISTRICT 10 NO RECOMMENDATION	Stephanie Nguyen (D) Vinaya Singh (R)	DISTRICT 24	Alex Lee (D)- Recommended Bob Brunton (R)
DISTRICT 11	Lori Wilson - Recommended (D) Dave Ennis (R)	DISTRICT 25	Ash Kalra (D) - Endorsed Ted Stroll (R)
DISTRICT 12	Damon Connolly - Recommended (D) Andy Podshadley (R)	DISTRICT 26	Tara Sreekrishnan (D) - Recommended Patrick Ahrens (D)
DISTRICT 13	Rhodesia Ransom (D)- Recommended Denise Aguilar Mendez (R)	DISTRICT 27 NO RECOMMENDATION	Esmeralda Soria (D) Joanna Garcia Rose (R)
DISTRICT 14	Buffy Wicks (D) - Recommended Margot Smith (D)	DISTRICT 28	Gail Pellerin (D) - Recommended Liz Lawler (R)

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DISTRICT 29 NO RECOMMENDATION	Robert Rivas (D) J.W. Paine (R)	DISTRICT 43	Celeste Rodriguez - Recommended (D) Victoria Garcia (R)
DISTRICT 30	Dawn Addis - Recommended (D) Dalila Epperson (R)	DISTRICT 44	Nick Schultz - Endorsed (D) Tony Rodriguez (R)
DISTRICT 31	Joaquin Arambula - Recommended (D) Solomon Verduzco (R)	DISTRICT 45 NO RECOMMENDATION	James Ramos (D) Scott P. Olson (R)
DISTRICT 32 NO RECOMMENDATION	Vince Fong (R) Ken Weir (R)	DISTRICT 46	Jesse Gabriel - Recommended (D) Tracey Schroeder (R)
DISTRICT 33 NO RECOMMENDATION	Alexandra Macedo (R) Xavier Avila (R)	DISTRICT 47	Christy Holstege - Recommended (D) Greg Wallis (D)
DISTRICT 34	Ricardo Ortega - Harm Reduction (D) Tom Lackey (R)	DISTRICT 48 NO RECOMMENDATION	Blanca Rubio (D) Dan T. Tran (R)
DISTRICT 35 NO RECOMMENDATION	Jasmeet Bains (D) Robert Rosas (R)	DISTRICT 49	Mike Fong - Recommended (D) Long "David" Liu (R)
DISTRICT 36	Jose "Joey" Acuña Jr Harm Reduction (D) Jeff Gonzalez (R)	DISTRICT 50	Robert Garcia - Endorsed (D) Adam Perez (D)
DISTRICT 37	Gregg Hart - Recommended (D) Sari M. Domingues (R)	DISTRICT 51	Rick Chavez Zbur - Harm Reduction (D) Stephan Hohil (R)
DISTRICT 38	Steve Bennett - Recommended (D) Deborah "Deb" Baber (R)	DISTRICT 52	Franky Carrillo - Endorsed (D) Jessica Caloza (D)
DISTRICT 39	Juan Carrillo - Recommended (D) Paul Andre Marsh (R)	DISTRICT 53 NO RECOMMENDATION	Michelle Rodriguez (D) Nick Wilson (R)
DISTRICT 40	Pilar Schiavo - Harm Reduction (D) Patrick Lee Gibson (R)	DISTRICT 54	John Yi - Endorsed (D) Mark Gonzalez (D)
DISTRICT 41	John Harabedian - Recommended (D) Michelle Del Rosario Martinez (R)	DISTRICT 55	Isaac Bryan - Endorsed (D) Keith G. Cascio (R)
DISTRICT 42	Jacqui Irwin (D) Ted Nordblum (R)	DISTRICT 56 NO RECOMMENDATION	Lisa Calderon (D) Jessica Martinez (R)

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DISTRICT 57	Sade Elhawary - Endorsed (D) Efren Martinez (D)	DISTRICT 71 NO RECOMMENDATION	Gary Kephart (D) Kate Sanchez (R)
DISTRICT 58	Clarissa Cervantes - Recommended (D) Leticia Castillo (R)	DISTRICT 72 NO RECOMMENDATION	Dom Jones (D) Diane Dixon (R)
DISTRICT 59 NO RECOMMENDATION	Dave Obrand (D) Phillip Chen (R)	DISTRICT 73 NO RECOMMENDATION	Cottie Petrie-Norris (D) Scotty Peotter (R)
DISTRICT 60	Corey Jackson - Recommended Ron Edwards	DISTRICT 74 NO RECOMMENDATION	Chris Duncan (D) Laurie Davies (R)
DISTRICT 61	Tina Simone McKinnor - Endorsed (D) Alfonso Hernandez (R)	DISTRICT 75 NO RECOMMENDATION	Carl DeMaio (R) Andrew Hayes (R)
DISTRICT 62	Jose Luis Solache - Harm Reduction (D) Paul Jones (R)	DISTRICT 76 NO RECOMMENDATION	Darshana Patel (D) Kristie Bruce-Lane (R)
DISTRICT 63 NO RECOMMENDATION	Chris Shoults (D) Bill Essayli (R)	DISTRICT 77	Tasha Boerner - Harm Reduction (D) James Browne (R)
DISTRICT 64 NO RECOMMENDATION	Blanca Pacheco (D) Raul Ortiz Jr. (R)	DISTRICT 78	Chris Ward - Recommended (D)
DISTRICT 65 NO RECOMMENDATION	Mike Gipson (D) Lydia A Gutierrez (R)	DISTRICT 79	LaShae Sharp-Collins - Endorsed (D) Colin Parent (D)
DISTRICT 66 NO RECOMMENDATION	Al Muratsuchi (D) George Barks (R)	DISTRICT 80	David A. Alvarez - Harm Reduction (D) Michael W. Williams (R)
DISTRICT 67 NO RECOMMENDATION	Sharon Quirk-Silva (D) Elizabeth "Beth" Culver (R)		
DISTRICT 68 NO RECOMMENDATION	Avelino Valencia (D) Mike Tardif (R)		
DISTRICT 69	Josh Lowenthal - Harm Reduction (D) Joshua Rodriguez (R)	SCAN FOR COMPLETE	
DISTRICT 70 NO RECOMMENDATION	Jimmy D. Pham (D) Tri Tam (R)		
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