

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

RAUL RUIZ, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Emergency Physician / Congressman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

These are hard times. Too many people feel anxious about where things are headed. They're frustrated and angry that politicians seem more focused on their own selfish interests than in helping others.

I grew up in a trailer in Coachella, the son of farmworkers. My family – and most others in our community – struggled to afford food, housing, and healthcare.

I wanted to make life better for families like ours, so I became an Emergency Room physician to help people in need. Public service is my passion.

I ran for Congress so I could do even more to help people in need. I don't care about titles or power or partisan bickering. I care about getting things done, and putting people over politics. That means:

LOWERING THE COST OF LIVING: I helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act, cutting the cost of energy and medicine. I've fought to crack down on oil and gas companies that are gouging consumers, and to reduce the cost of housing and childcare.

AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL: I wrote a law improving MediCal coverage for thousands of local families. I voted to prevent insurance companies from denying health coverage to people with pre-existing health conditions, and to reduce prescription drug costs through Medicare.

PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH: I've always fought to protect a woman's right to make her own reproductive and healthcare decisions, including the decision to access a safe, legal abortion, birth control, and In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) services.

People over politics. That's what I believe in.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

IAN WEEKS, Republican

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Certified Financial Planner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

God. Family. Freedom. Those are my values.

Trust your gut. You know something is wrong. Every time you buy groceries. Every time you fill your gas tank.

Politicians claim to fight for working people, but life keeps getting harder. Every day we face a greater struggle to earn an honest living.

They promote radical, fringe issues like chaotic open borders, de-funding the police, completely unrestricted abortion, men in women's sports/locker rooms, and gender reassignment surgery for children.

All while failing to deliver basic needs like abundant, inexpensive gas, power, and water; safe streets, and affordable food.

They fight against parents, to impose radical ideological curriculums in classrooms while our schools fail at their main job; teaching children to read, write, and think critically/independently.

Our country is in desperate need of new leaders. Men and women of honesty, integrity, and wisdom.

I am a believer in and committed follower of Jesus Christ. Whether you share my faith or not, I commit to you, before Almighty God to be a man of those qualities.

I am a husband, and father of two young sons. I care deeply about the future of this great nation.

I am a Certified Financial Planner (nearly 20 years in practice). I have the professional skills and common sense to solve the problems we face as a nation.

Send me to Congress. I'm humbly seeking to be YOUR Representative. I will not fail you.

May our nation return to God, that God may again bless America.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
35TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

NORMA J. TORRES, Democratic
OCCUPATION: U.S. Representative
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Norma Torres has a proven track record of effective leadership and fights tirelessly for Eastvale residents. She's been at the forefront fighting for higher wages, better working conditions, and quality healthcare for working families.

Norma will always ensure government works for the people, not the special interests. In Congress she's:

Worked in a bipartisan effort to ensure Eastvale received their own zip code to improve accuracy and simplify the processing and distribution of mail.

Secured funding to improve pedestrian, bicycle and car lanes on Limonite

Working to secure over \$3 million to build a new library and innovation center. The new library will support literacy, education, and will serve as a community gathering space

Working to build a much-needed sheriff station to reduce emergency response times, prevent serious crimes and to better serve the needs of Eastvale

Fought to ensure our veterans and their families receive the GI Education benefits they deserve and delivered over \$82 million in retroactive pay and health benefits for our veterans.

Norma will continue to work with city officials to revitalize every neighborhood by investing in our local parks, libraries and ensuring that our water supply and neighborhoods are safe and clean. Norma will continue to support our local small businesses and oppose any tax breaks for billionaires and wealthy corporations. She will always fight against cuts to Medicare and Social Security.

On November 5th, please join health care workers and working family organizations in Voting for Norma Torres for U.S. Congress.
www.NormaTorres.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
35TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

MIKE CARGILE, Republican
OCCUPATION: Small Businessman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

If we fail to Close the Border, Protect our Children and Save our Economy, we will lose everything.

Mike Cargile will NEVER vote for Open Borders and human and child trafficking. He will NEVER support the flood of fentanyl on our streets and the crime and homelessness that accompanies this lawlessness. Mike will NEVER vote to take away your Right to defend yourself or your family.

Mike Cargile will NEVER vote for boys in girls' sports, men in women's bathrooms and the sexualization of our children in school. Mike supports Parental Notification and the rights of parents in the lives of their children.

Mike Cargile will ALWAYS vote to protect the gas in your stove, the gas in your car, the price of the food on your table and the safety of your family.

Mike Cargile is a husband, a father, an Army veteran, and a small businessman. He believes there should be NO TAXES on tips or Social Security and property taxes should be cut in half for those over 65 years of age.

We need a Representative who will DEFEND Law Enforcement from assault and VALUE the sacrifices of Veterans. We need a Representative who UNDERSTANDS the needs of Seniors and has solutions for them.

Please VOTE to save the United States. Please VOTE for Mike Cargile to serve our community as our Representative and our voice in Congress.

Smile! It's Cargile! www.CargileForCongress.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
39TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

MARK TAKANO, Democratic
OCCUPATION: U.S. Congressman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

It has been a great honor to serve the people of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley and Perris in the United States Congress.

I have been fighting for the American people in Congress — working to lower the cost of prescription drugs, deliver groundbreaking overtime pay for workers, and stave off Republican attempts to slash Social Security, Medicare, and veterans benefits. I've taken action to address air quality issues in our regions. I continued working in the service of our veterans, enacting historic legislation to support those suffering from medical challenges connected to their service.

Since taking office, I have worked to pass laws to support students, protect small businesses, defend our immigrant communities, and create high-paying jobs in the Inland Empire. My office has returned more than \$15 million in federal funds that were owed to members of our community and has secured more than \$37 million in community project funding to support childcare, fight homelessness, and build vital infrastructure.

As a lifelong resident of the Inland Empire, and former public school teacher, I'm proud to have the support of leaders from throughout the region.

If re-elected, I will continue to stand up for the values of our democracy, fight for a more equitable economy, and oppose the Republicans' radical Project 2025 agenda that would take essential rights away from women, undermine our economy, and reduce opportunities for young Americans.

I respectfully ask for your vote,

Mark Takano

www.marktakano.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
39TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

DAVID SERPA, Republican
OCCUPATION: Businessman / Author / Entrepreneur
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 39

I'm a Marine Corps veteran, businessman, and author of "Common Sense for California; A Guide to the New Revolution." I know our neighbors are not our enemies. It's time to unite around common-sense and save our country.

Water is the cornerstone of every great society. For a fraction of what we spend on war, we could line the coast with desalination plants, funnel fresh water inland, grow the food we eat here, and reduce grocery costs.

America is energy rich behaving like we are energy poor. We have uranium, lithium, natural gas, and oil. Drill, stop decommissioning nuclear facilities, build a bridge to a nuclear future, and reduce gas costs now.

We don't have a country if we can't defend it. The DOD failed its 6th consecutive audit, unable to account for 61% of trillions of dollars worldwide. America needs to stop engaging in foreign wars while falling apart on the Homefront.

Americans have some of the highest healthcare costs in the world, yet we aren't covered. Annually, nearly 650,000 people declare bankruptcy due to medical bills, accounting for more than 60% of all bankruptcies. President Trump pledged to repeal and replace Obama Care. It's time.

There needs to be value in education for every child. We need trades, apprenticeships, licensing, and certificate programs in High Schools. Let's revitalize public universities to create more doctors, teachers, nurses, and engineers and not burden them with debt. Ultimately, creating more taxpayers, homeowners, and business owners. An investment in people would yield dividends.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
40TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

YOUNG KIM, Republican

OCCUPATION: U.S. Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I ran for U.S. Congress because, like you, I believed our country was heading in the wrong direction and that we deserved better. Washington politicians were too busy appeasing special interest groups and advancing their own agendas, instead of working on solutions to address the real issues facing Americans.

In Congress, I've broken through the partisan gridlock and delivered results for families facing skyrocketing inflation, rising costs, and increased crime.

Inflation & Taxes: Rising costs are making it harder for everyday people to make ends meet. I've worked to combat inflation, lower taxes, and returned more than \$24 million back to hardworking taxpayers from the federal government.

Public Safety: My top priority is keeping our families safe. I will continue to support law enforcement to keep criminals off our streets and restore law-and-order. That's why I'm endorsed by Sheriff Chad Bianco.

Border Security: Border security is national security. That's why I've visited the Southern border multiple times to work directly with border patrol agents to crack down on cartels, secure our border, and stop the flow of fentanyl into our communities.

I have a strong record of being an independent voice, and am ranked one of the most bipartisan and effective members of Congress.

That's why I've been trusted and endorsed by nearly 100 local, county, and state elected officials and education leaders who I've personally worked with to deliver results. I hope to earn your vote to continue to fight to restore the American Dream. www.YoungKimForCongress.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
40TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

JOE KERR, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Retired Firefighter Captain

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Congress is a dysfunctional circus and extremists are only adding fuel to the fire. As a 34-year OC Firefighter Captain, I know how to put those out.

Washington D.C. is filled with politicians who have done nothing but cozy up to the most extreme. They pad their pockets and leave us out to dry.

That's why I'm running for Congress.

I spent decades running into burning buildings, putting out fires, and saving lives. As the first President of the OC Professional Firefighters, I helped over 200 bipartisan bills get passed and signed into law that made us safer and protected working families.

When asked to balance the OC Fire Authority's budget, I answered the call and balanced our \$500 million budget, saving taxpayers millions.

When first responders were threatened with layoffs, I fought back, saved their jobs, and kept our communities safe. When their healthcare was at risk, I created a new plan that increased benefits without raising taxes.

When I heard that taxpayers were being brushed under the rug, I negotiated and secured a refund of over \$600 million in Vehicle License Fees.

Being a firefighter, I learned to get things done. Not for me, but for you. Regardless of political affiliation. And that's exactly what I'll do in Congress.

I'll fight to rebuild the middle class, bring good-paying jobs back home, secure our border, get fentanyl off our streets, keep our communities safe, lower costs, and increase affordability.

I humbly ask for your vote.

www.JoeKerrForCongress.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

WILL ROLLINS, Democratic

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Counterterrorism Law Attorney

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Will Rollins, and I'm running for Congress because we need a new generation of leaders to unite the country, end corruption in Washington, and lower costs for Riverside County families.

As a counterterrorism prosecutor, I worked alongside people in both parties to keep our residents and country safe. I went after ISIS terrorists and violent gangs. I prosecuted MS-13 and the Sinaloa Cartel to secure our border and stop the flow of illegal drugs like fentanyl.

The era of corruption and corporate money influencing our government needs to end. It's time we stop allowing politicians to profit from their positions and finally pass term limits for Congress. I will fight to get rid of dark money in politics, ban Members of Congress and their spouses from trading stocks, and ban lobbying after their service.

We need a Congressman focused on what matters to Inland Empire and Coachella Valley families. I'll use my experience taking on corruption and fighting crime to:

- Fight Big Pharma and corporate investors who are buying up homes and making life more expensive.
- Stop price gouging to lower the cost of housing, food, and gas.
- Secure the border to keep our communities safe and stop fentanyl trafficking.
- Protect abortion rights, access to birth control, and fertility treatments.
- Expand job training opportunities and create more good-paying careers without a college degree requirement.

Join law enforcement officers, firefighters, nurses, and community leaders representing both parties in supporting our campaign.

I ask for your vote. Learn more at WillRollinsForCongress.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

KEN CALVERT, Republican

AGE: 71

OCCUPATION: U.S. Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is an honor to serve and represent Riverside County in the U.S. House of Representatives. I never take for granted the privilege and responsibility I have to advocate for our region and a brighter future for all Americans.

I am proud to be one of the most effective Members of Congress in California. I have secured nearly \$100 million in federal funding for Riverside County transportation, water, and homeless projects in just the past few years. I also led a successful bipartisan effort to transfer seven C-130 aircrafts from the U.S. Coast Guard to the state of California for use in wildfire suppression.

For too many families in California, a more prosperous future is out of reach with prices across the economy continuing to rise. I support policies that give families relief and keep more of their money. I voted to double the child tax credit and save families \$2,000 per child. I voted to lower gas and energy prices. I am the only candidate in this race who has pledged to oppose any tax increase on American families.

I will always protect Social Security and Medicare benefits.

To stop the chaos at our border, I voted for legislation that would secure the southern border, hire more border patrol agents, and re-institute the Remain in Mexico policy. I am endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council, the union that represents our border patrol agents.

I sincerely appreciate your past support and humbly ask for your vote again.

Ken Calvert

CalvertforCongress.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
48TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

DARRELL ISSA, Republican
OCCUPATION: Member of Congress
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is my honor to serve the people of Murrieta, Temecula and Riverside County in Congress. I built my business and raised my family here and I'm proud to be a member of our community.

As a veteran, I proudly co-authored legislation together with Senator Joni Ernst to modernize our Armed Forces to give U.S. warfighters every advantage on the battlefield of the future.

I fought for legislation to increase military pay and to restore service members who were wrongfully discharged under the vaccine mandate policy.

When the administration refused to hear from the Gold Star families of the 13 service members lost in the withdrawal from Afghanistan, I gave them the nationally televised hearing they deserved.

I wrote legislation to keep sexually violent predators out of our neighborhoods, to protect our children and families.

I cut red tape to hire more federal firefighters to prevent and fight wildfires in our region.

Securing our border, finishing the wall, restoring government accountability and transparency, and supporting our armed forces to ensure peace through strength are my top priorities.

My current and past endorsements proudly include the Deputy Sheriff's Association, numerous mayors, councilmembers and local elected officials.

We deserve efficient, effective government that preserves our freedoms and empowers us to succeed. Our policies should support the growth of jobs and small businesses, not government.

It would be my honor to continue to serve you in Congress.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Please visit www.DarrellIssa.com or call me at (760) 598-3535.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
48TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

STEPHEN HOULAHAN, Democratic
OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 51

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for choosing me as your nominee for United States Representative District 48.

As a full-time professional and family man, I may not have met you on the campaign trail. However, I have met with many constituents and your concerns will shape my actions in Congress.

My plans include protecting Social Security and Medicare to allow seniors to retire with dignity. Restoring the rights that were ripped away from women after 50 years. Working with all members of congress toward resolution of the border crisis. Advocating for you, rather than well-connected billionaires. All while upholding the Constitution that protects our great nation's democracy.

As a former City Councilman and Vice Mayor of Santee, I have leadership experience addressing public needs. While serving, I prioritized infrastructure such as repairing roads and drainage systems, redeveloping parks and expanding trail systems, while championing public safety. I led Santee residents in voting for term limits for councilmembers, an action I hope to extend to congress. As your Representative, I will bring federal funds here to improve our standard of living.

Having studied business, I understand why the US economy is the best in the world. In Congress, I will ensure that every constituent gets their fair share of the wealth you created.

As a healthcare professional for over 25 years, I have served my patients and saved countless lives. Service is part of my family's heritage. Elect me to congress and I will work for you.

Stephen Houlahan

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
19TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH, Republican

OCCUPATION: State Senator / Small Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm grateful to have lived the American Dream. The daughter of Mexican immigrants, I was taught that personal responsibility, hard work, and an education could unlock my future potential. That mentality, combined with the opportunities America provides, allowed my husband and I to have a family, grow a local business, and serve my community in the California State Senate.

Now, I am running for reelection to protect those values and opportunities for all Californians so they can achieve their American Dream.

Stopping Inflation & Strengthening our Economy: With the rising cost of groceries and gasoline, working families are struggling to make ends meet. That's why I've taken on Sacramento politicians and led efforts to stop inflation, lower taxes, and bolster our economy.

Supporting Law Enforcement: Crime is out-of-control and instead of empowering our police, there have been efforts to defund law enforcement. I will always support the police and ensure that criminals are prosecuted for the crimes they commit. That's why I'm trusted and endorsed by Sheriff Shannon Dicus and Sheriff Chad Bianco.

Improve Education: As a former educator and school boardmember, I've worked hand-in-hand with our local teachers to enhance our classrooms. Every child deserves a chance at an exceptional education, and improving our schools has been a top priority to make that a reality.

I'm endorsed by the local elected officials, education leaders, and public safety because they trust me to keep Sacramento accountable and always working for us. I would be honored to earn your support.
www.OchoaBoghforSenate.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
STATE SENATOR,
31ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

SABRINA CERVANTES, Democratic

OCCUPATION: California State Assemblymember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

I'm running for State Senate because our Inland Empire communities need a senator with a strong track record of getting things done.

I'm a working mother of triplets who currently represents portions of Riverside County in the State Assembly. In this role, I've authored 44 bills that have been signed into law, including important legislation to help local veterans, seniors, small businesses, and schools. Having served as the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, I've been on the frontlines of the fight to help small businesses create jobs and grow wages for working families.

My record in the State Assembly includes:

- Expanding the UCR Medical School to address the physician shortage
- Championing legislation to reduce crime and address the fentanyl epidemic
- Securing over \$650 million in funding for local schools, parks, and infrastructure
- Opposing tax increases and working to stop rising costs
- Building a Veterans Resource Center at Norco College
- Fighting to protect women's rights and increase access to maternal mental health

I'm a lifelong Riverside County resident, and I worked in the private sector, state government, and for a statewide nonprofit organization prior to my election to the State Legislature. I earned my bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in public policy from the University of California, Riverside.

I'm proud to have the support of over 200 organizations and leaders throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including groups representing local firefighters, teachers, and nurses.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Sabrina Cervantes
www.SabrinaCervantes.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
36TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

JEFF GONZALEZ, Republican

OCCUPATION: Retired Marine / Pastor / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I served in the Marine Corps for 21 years, four times in combat zones. My experiences taught me there are no Republicans or Democrats in a foxhole.

We need to stop the political party fighting and get things done.

We are Americans and Californians first. That's how I will serve as your Assemblyman: people over party.

When I retired from the military, I watched too many of my fellow Marines die by suicide. I became a pastor and worked to help servicemembers recover from what they experienced in combat.

Later, I opened a small business. Many nights, my wife and I worried about how to pay the bills. You see, we have four children, and one is severely mentally and physically disabled. We take care of him every day, and wouldn't have it any other way.

Here is the truth: the politicians in Sacramento are making our lives harder. People struggle, yet they raise taxes on gas and make food, housing, and our daily needs more expensive. I'll vote to lower prices so it's easier to live a middle-class life.

Our schools are failing. Students are not learning the basics to get good jobs and are threatened with violence. I'll vote to ensure students get the best education and that our schools are safe.

The politicians in Sacramento are messing with you: your jobs and your family. I'll be on your side every time. When there is trouble, send in a Marine!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
36TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

JOSE "JOEY" ACUÑA, Democratic

OCCUPATION: School Board Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Jose "Joey" Acuña is a local School Board Member and longtime community leader who has the experience needed to deliver results for our district and fight for positive change.

Joey understands that Riverside County families are struggling to keep pace with the rising costs of gas, groceries, insurance, and rent. In the State Assembly, he will fight to:

-Build affordable housing and lower healthcare costs.

-Stop price gouging and stand up for consumers.

-Raise wages and help local industries create jobs.

Joey is an experienced leader who will also fight to:

-Improve schools and lower the costs of higher education.

-Reduce homelessness by addressing the root causes.

-Ensure safe neighborhoods and combat the fentanyl epidemic.

As a local School Board Member, Joey has worked hard to improve graduation rates, enhance after-school programs, and expand college and career pathway programs. His long history of community leadership includes serving on nonprofit and public agency boards dedicated to helping young people and protecting consumers.

Joey is endorsed by local firefighters, nurses, teachers, grocery workers, and small business owners. He's also proud to have the support of community, education, and business leaders throughout Riverside County.

"I'm running for State Assembly because I believe in the promise of California, and I want to make sure the residents of our district have affordable housing, world-class schools, and good-paying jobs. I'd be honored to earn your vote." -Joey Acuña

Questions? Contact Joey at (760) 332-8163 or Hi@JoeyAcuna.com. Learn more at www.JoeyAcuna.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
58TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

LETICIA CASTILLO, Republican AGE: 53
OCCUPATION: Licensed Psychotherapist / Businesswoman /
Grandmother
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

California urgently needs new leadership that truly understands the needs of our families, communities, schools, and businesses. As a citizen representative and lifelong resident of Home Gardens in Riverside County, I am running for California's 58th Assembly District to address critical issues: Parental Rights, Public Safety, Quality Education, and Affordable Living. Sacramento has failed us for too long, and I am ready to bring the change our state needs.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and a Master's in Counseling Psychology, specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy and Professional Clinical Counseling. I am prepared to serve effectively from day one.

California faces out-of-control crime, homelessness, fentanyl crisis, skyrocketing housing prices, and increasing taxes. I am committed to addressing these issues and ensure our law enforcement has the support needed to safeguard every Californian. As a Licensed Psychotherapist, I am uniquely equipped to tackle these pressing issues. I will prioritize the well-being of our communities over greed, divisive social agendas, and partisan politics.

I am pro-military, pro-law enforcement, and pro-Second Amendment. As a first-generation Mexican-American, fluent in English and Spanish, I learned the values of faith and hard work from my father, who came to the US through the Braceros program and achieved the American Dream. Guided by faith, I will restore balance and improve the quality of life in Assembly District 58 and across California.

Endorsements: California Republican Party, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, many other leaders and everyday Americans.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

LeticiaCastilloForAssembly.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
58TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

CLARISSA CERVANTES, Democratic
OCCUPATION: Councilmember / Businesswoman / Mother
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Inland Empire families are having a harder time making ends meet while big corporations are making record profits, and warehouses are encroaching on our neighborhoods. We need someone on our side.

I'm a mother, businesswoman, and results-driven Riverside Councilmember. I'm running for State Assembly to continue to put people first and get things done, not focus on partisanship or culture wars.

Born to a family with Southern California farmworker heritage, I worked on behalf of Registered Nurses after earning my college degree and ran for City Council to be a voice for underserved communities.

On the Council, I've stood up against warehouse overdevelopment and utility rate increases, fought for funds to repair roads, strengthened public safety, supported small businesses, and tackled housing and homelessness by helping to build more homes that are affordable and draft the city's 5-year plan to reduce the unhoused population.

I've been accessible and responsive, and I've brought people together to deliver results. In the State Assembly, I'll put politics aside and focus on solutions to:

- Make housing more affordable and tackle the unhoused crisis;
- Create good-paying local jobs to reduce commuting;
- Expand access to affordable healthcare;
- Invest in public schools;
- Protect our environment, air, and water;
- Ensure police and fire have resources to keep our neighborhoods safe; and
- Stand up to special interests in Sacramento

I'm proud to be endorsed by the California Professional Firefighters, Riverside City Firefighters, California Nurses Association, California Teachers Association, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California, United Food and Commercial Workers, and the California Democratic Party, along with Senator Richard Roth, civil rights leader Dolores Huerta, and more.

I'll take action and get results for you.

ClarissaCervantes.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
60TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

COREY A. JACKSON, Democratic

OCCUPATION: State Assembly Member / Social Worker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I work for you! As your Assembly Member, I am fighting to make sure that you do more than just survive. You and your family deserve to thrive in a safe community that has a high-quality home that you can afford, takes care of our homeless, have good-paying jobs, and high-quality education. You elected me to represent you in the State Assembly in Sacramento and it would be an honor to continue to do so. This is our time to make sure that we get our fair share of resources and opportunities from our State. I am running and asking you for your vote to be your voice so we can build a better future where:

- We all have the ability to buy a house and build wealth
- We all have a job that pays all of our bills
- We all have affordable childcare
- We hold our government accountable
- We all have affordable healthcare

Biography: I was elected to represent you in the State Assembly in 2022. I passed the law to stop the banning of books and stop foster care children from living in business offices and detention centers. I am a trained social worker and have a Master's degree and Doctoral degree in Social Work. I currently serve as Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Human Services and Chair of the Select Committee on California's Mental Health crisis.

Join this campaign to make sure we all have what we need to thrive.

www.coreyajackson.net

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
63RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

BILL ESSAYLI, Republican

OCCUPATION: Assemblyman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Thank you for trusting me to represent you in Sacramento to restore common sense in our state.

There is no balance of power under Sacramento's one-party rule. Between Governor Gavin Newsom and the Democrat supermajorities in the California legislature, they're responsible for every decision that comes out of Sacramento. After decades of this one-party rule, we have higher costs, rising crime, outrageous gas prices, and failing schools. It's clear Democrats are leading California down the wrong track.

Thanks to the policies enacted by Democrats, California's economic growth and job opportunities trail behind other states, especially those governed by Republicans. That's why I have voted against tax increases and other policies that make it harder for small businesses to grow.

Families are struggling to get by because of inflation and Democrats' tax-and-regulate policies. I propose we give families relief by reducing our outrageously-high DMV registration fees.

Democrats also want to strip away parental rights. A high school student under 18 needs their parent's permission to get their ear pierced, but Democrats want them to be able to change their gender without even notifying parents. That is dangerous and wrong. I have led the fight to put parents back in control of the lives of their children.

Soft-on-crime policies have failed, and I am working to reverse them. I'm honored to be endorsed by Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin.

I hope I can count on your support too!

Bill Essayli
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Facebook.com/BillEssayli

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
63RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

CHRIS SHOULTS, Democratic

OCCUPATION: Educator / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The Inland Empire is being left behind by politicians in Sacramento who only care about themselves and their partisan agendas. I'm running for State Assembly because I know we deserve better. We deserve a representative focused on solutions, not politics.

I'm not a career politician. I'm a husband, proud father to three sons, longtime public school educator, and together with my wife of 30 years, we own a small business based in Menifee. Raised on a farm, I learned about work ethic, personal responsibility, and problem-solving.

I've spent my life either operating and fixing machinery on the farm--or teaching students how to prepare themselves for a bright future in an uncertain time. That's why I'm fed up with Sacramento politicians who are more focused on extreme politics or partisan games instead of results that help families like yours and mine.

We need leaders focused on putting people first, not promoting culture wars and stirring up chaos. My focus will be to serve you and deliver common sense solutions. I'll work with anyone in either party to get things done that will:

- lower the cost of living,
- make housing and healthcare affordable,
- create good-paying job opportunities in the trades, and
- protect our freedoms and our safety.

I am ready to listen, roll up my sleeves, and work hard to build a better tomorrow together. I hope I can count on your vote to restore the California Dream for all of us.

Shoults4Assembly.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
71ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

KATE SANCHEZ, Republican

OCCUPATION: California State Assemblywoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

We need an experienced, proven conservative leader to represent us in Sacramento -- especially when cities and residents are facing unprecedented economic and social challenges.

I'm proud to serve as your State Assemblywoman -- and all we've accomplished.

I successfully authored legislation to improve your quality of life, including bills to: make sex trafficking a serious felony; ensure crime victims are given prior notice of their perpetrator's parole hearings; ensure all student's with allergies are provided access to life-saving EpiPens; implement heat stroke guidelines to protect student athletes.

I'm a bold leader bringing conservative common-sense solutions to California.

As your Assemblywoman, I'll continue to support policies that: oppose illegal immigration; lower taxes; reduce the high cost of living; preserve Proposition 13; cut wasteful government spending; fully-fund police/firefighters; prohibit the early release of felons.

That's why so many conservative leaders/organizations endorse my re-election, including: the California Republican Party, OCSD Sheriff Don Barnes and RCSD Sheriff Chad Bianco, and many others. Join us -- VOTE YES ON PROP 36 -- make our families and communities safer by increasing criminal penalties for theft and drug crimes.

I respectfully ask for your vote and continued support.

www.SanchezForAssembly.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 4**

ELIZABETH TUCKER

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: County of Riverside Superior Court
Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am the right choice to serve as Superior Court Judge because I have both prosecutorial and judicial experience spanning three decades.

Career Criminal Prosecutor: As a successful Riverside County Deputy District Attorney for 23 years, I kept our community safe by prosecuting perpetrators of serious and violent felonies including child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence. Committed to ensuring justice, safety and protection of our community.

Judicial Experience: I already preside over criminal, civil, juvenile, probate and traffic courts in my capacity as a Riverside County Superior Court Commissioner, with essentially the same responsibilities as a Superior Court Judge. I have the identical training, education and experience as a Superior Court Judge. I am fully qualified and ready for the job without need of training at taxpayer expense.

Judges' Choice: Endorsed by over 70 judges and commissioners, including Riverside County's Presiding Judge. In 2018, I was personally selected and vetted by Riverside County Judges to work as a Judicial Officer. Also endorsed by prosecutors, defense attorneys, police officers, teachers and community leaders.

Community Volunteer: I am a decades-long resident of Riverside County and raised two children here. I believe in service above self and have dedicated myself to improving Riverside County by volunteering with Rotary International, Girl Scouts and Mock Trial.

Vote Elizabeth Tucker for Judge: CAREER PROSECUTOR, JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE AND JUDGES' CHOICE.

www.TuckerforJudge2024.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
OFFICE NUMBER 4**

GERALD PFOHL

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Riverside County Deputy District Attorney

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a Riverside County Deputy District Attorney, I have dedicated myself to upholding justice while safeguarding our community.

My tenure at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office spans 17 years, prosecuting every kind of criminal offense, including child molestation and murder. In 2023, I secured a groundbreaking guilty verdict in California's first fentanyl-induced murder trial. Last year, I was honored to be named the Southwest Riverside County Bar Association Attorney of the Year.

I am a product of Riverside County, serving the community I grew up in. I've been a guiding force in Riverside County Mock Trial, nurturing high school students toward legal careers.

I am honored to have the support of:

Sheriff Chad Bianco

District Attorney Mike Hestrin

Riverside County Deputy District Attorney's Association

Riverside Sheriffs Association

Multiple Police Officer Associations

Retiring Judge John Davis, who has endorsed me to seek his seat, and well over a dozen other sitting Riverside County judges.

As Judge my pledge is clear: to conduct a fair, respectful, and diligent judiciary service for every individual stepping into the courtroom.

I would be honored to earn your vote for Riverside County Superior Court Judge.

Gerald Pfohl, Deputy District Attorney

www.Pfohlforjudge.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

BEATRIZ “BEA” GONZALEZ

OCCUPATION: Governing Board Member, Desert Community College District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I sincerely appreciate the community electing me to the Board of Trustees four years ago. Your trust has been vital in enabling us to advance key initiatives. I remain committed to advocate for students, ensuring their needs are addressed, and their voices are heard. I'll continue to drive forward policies that foster success and well-being.

As our Coachella Valley evolves, it's crucial to offer innovative educational opportunities. During my time on the board, we have:

- Developed and expanded programs in renewable energy, cybersecurity, nursing, and dual enrollment - allowing high school students to earn college credits.
- Collaborated with local stakeholders to provide students with valuable internships and job placements.
- Implemented Roadrunner Express, a comprehensive transportation program to connect students to all campuses, removing barriers to education.
- Advocated for enhanced campus facilities, including the new Indio Childhood Development Center, updated labs and classrooms to improve the learning experience.
- Opened the Basic Needs Center to broaden the support and resources available to our students.
- Strategized to boost graduation rates by offering targeted support.

Thank you once again for your continued trust. I am dedicated to ensuring that College of the Desert remains at the forefront of education, delivering meaningful opportunities for our community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

MARY JANE SANCHEZ

OCCUPATION: Teacher / Healthcare Professional

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

During my two terms as the Area 2 Trustee for College of the Desert (2012-2020), COD focused on student success. COD became the fastest growing community college in California with a record number of graduates. COD won national academic awards, offered FREE TUITION to all local high school graduates, free public transportation, and passed a \$578 million education bond to make major improvements to the Palm Desert Main Campus, double the size of the East Valley Campus in Indio, and build the West Valley Campus in Palm Springs.

Unfortunately, the last four years at COD have been a mess! The adjunct faculty completed a 'Vote of No Confidence' against the Board. Media outlets reported numerous scandals attributed to college leadership canceling or pausing major bond projects including the West Valley Campus. These construction delays costed taxpayers millions and left our students without new classrooms. COD enrollments plummeted and its computer systems hacked twice!

Community leaders, elected officials, faculty, staff and students agree that I'm the most qualified to turn COD around. I hold a master's degree, certified in Executive Education Leadership, and served as a State Community College Board Member. I ask for your vote and let's build the student promise now! www.MaryJane4COD.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

RON ODEN

OCCUPATION: College of the Desert Trustee

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been my privilege to serve as your College of the Desert, Trustee Area 3. I was unanimously appointed last year to fill a vacancy in that position and am now running as the candidate for that seat.

I have worked diligently to bring progress and positive solutions to COD. My past experiences as Mayor of Palm Springs, COD Adjunct Professor, Director of Desert Career College, Director of Outpatient Pastoral Care at the Betty Ford Center, and Board Member of Cal State San Bernadino's Palm Desert campus provides me with the experience to advocate for the West Valley Campus and the students it will serve.

I've worked in education as an instructor and as an administrator from preschool through graduate school and in public, private, and vocational education. I hold a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees.

As a past faculty member of COD, I understand what works well and where COD can improve. As the grandparent of a recent graduate, and having interacted with COD students for three decades, I understand the challenges students face and the rewards of higher education.

I am asking for your vote which will enable me to continue my strong advocacy for the students, staff, and faculty of COD.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>MARK W. MEYER OCCUPATION: CEO / Education Advocate EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am committed to ensuring College of the Desert remains a pillar of opportunity in the Coachella Valley, driven by a strong belief in education's role in economic growth and community strength. My focus is on enhancing vocational and technical training programs to align with local industry needs, equipping students with the skills to succeed and contribute to our community.</p> <p>As a proponent of fiscal responsibility, I advocate for prudent management of the college's resources. My approach emphasizes directing funds to programs that provide the greatest benefit to students and the community, with a belief that education should create clear pathways to well-paying jobs and career advancement.</p> <p>In my role as Chair of the COD Alumni Association, I have worked to fortify the connection between the college and the community. My involvement with Rotary further supports this effort by fostering partnerships throughout the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Vocational and Technical Training: Tailoring programs to meet local industry demands; • Fiscal Responsibility: Ensuring efficient use of resources for maximum impact; • Strengthening Community Partnerships: Building connections to expand internship and employment opportunities; • Promoting Career Advancement: Providing clear pathways to well-paying jobs and career growth. <p>Together, we can strengthen our community through dedicated educational initiatives and strategic partnerships.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>BONNIE STEFAN OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Education is my passion. I have taught K-12 students in Indio for forty years and have honorably served on College of the Desert's Board of Trustees since 1999. I currently serve as COD's Board Chair. During my tenure, COD became the fastest growing community college in California, set record graduation rates, and earned national awards for academic excellence.</p> <p>I am seeking re-election for three reasons. First, I believe that everyone should have access to a higher education. Eliminating barriers to access has been my biggest accomplishment. COD now provides FREE TUITION for every Coachella Valley high school senior and free public transportation on Sunline to work, school, and home. COD built new campuses throughout the Coachella Valley including COD's East Valley Campus in Indio.</p> <p>The second reason is to ensure COD continues to offer a high-quality education. Our community relies on COD to train nurses, firefighters, peace officers, accountants, business leaders, and auto mechanics.</p> <p>The third reason is to support our diverse student body. COD must continue to offer excellent student supportive services so they can thrive.</p> <p>Community leaders, faculty, staff, and students agree that my leadership has earned their vote and I hope I have earned yours. For more information, go to: www.DrStefan4COD.com.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MT. SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT,
TRUSTEE AREA 1**

EDISON GOMEZ-KRAUSS

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Medical Interpreter / Musician

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Edison. I am a medical interpreter from Anza, working primarily with neurodivergent children and the elderly in the Desert region. My background as an ESL teacher and community servant has given me valuable experience in communicating with people from various linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Outside of my professional work, I am also a recording artist, which allows me to express my creativity and connect with others through the arts. Music is a language too.

I believe our tax dollars should fund education, not endless war. We should focus on arming students with the skills required to succeed in emerging fields, ensuring that they are prepared to compete effectively in a rapidly evolving job market. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

As a trustee, I will advocate for the expansion of vocational training and educational services to rural communities and Native populations, ensuring that all students have access to the opportunities they need to achieve their goals.

www.voteforedison.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MT. SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT,
TRUSTEE AREA 1**

BRIAN SYLVA

AGE: 45

**OCCUPATION: Mt. San Jacinto Community College District
Board Member**

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Sylva for MSJC! During my time on the MSJC Board, we have improved our financial stability, increased our student population, compensated our bargaining units and completed many facilities projects, all while enhancing the taxpayers' investment in the college.

Those projects include opening:

- the Temecula Valley Campus,
- the Middle College High School on the San Geronio Pass Campus,
- the HCN Bank Stadium on the Menifee Valley Campus (MVC),
- the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Centers in San Jacinto and Menifee.

When I was first elected to the MSJC Board in 2020, we were in the throes of a pandemic. MSJC emerged to become one of the top Community Colleges in the state. As our enrollment surges across multiple areas, the MSJC Board continues to prioritize our students. Providing multiple instructional options, namely: face-to-face or hybrid or online. MSJC is ideally situated to pivot quickly with different facility use models since online instruction continues to hover at around 60% of course offerings. We are responding to the needs of students where they are at, whether at home or in the classroom.

MSJC will continue to offer attainable higher education opportunities for everyone.

Vote Sylva for MSJC to continue this path!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

LIZETH VEGA

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Born and raised in Riverside, I am a proud product of the Alvord Unified School District, Norco College, and the University of California, Riverside where I earned my bachelor's degree in Business Administration. As your board member for the past six years, I have dedicated my time to connecting with students and staff, advocating for quality education, focusing on fiscal responsibility, and prioritizing the wellbeing and safety of our students. I would be honored to continue serving as your board representative to build on our progress and ensure academic success for all through enhanced programs and curriculums, improved educational opportunities, and increased career pathways throughout our Alvord schools.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4,
SHORT TERM**

LOUIE M. PEREZ

AGE: 45

OCCUPATION: Alvord Parent / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am proudly running to become the next Board Trustee for Area 4 in the Alvord Unified School District.

I am a lifelong Riverside resident, where my wife of 25 years and I raised our four children. My eldest 2 children both graduated from Alvord Schools. One is a college graduate and the other serves in the US Navy. My youngest children are currently in Alvord's middle schools.

My wife and I have a successful printing and photography business, and I've also work for a major national grocery chain since 2002.

I have spent many years on Alvord campuses and in the classrooms and know firsthand the struggles some of our student's face. Since 2007 I have worked closely with the community, district administration, teachers, and staff to promote parent involvement, boost school morale and support student achievement whether the goal is college or pursuing a technical/ trade career.

- I'm passionate about creating a safe and healthy learning environment.
- I started the WatchDog program at several schools which grew to over 400 Dad's being a visible support on Alvord campuses.
- Served with and on PTA/PTO boards in many roles.

I would appreciate your vote on November 5th.

Thank you,
Louie Perez

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4,
SHORT TERM**

NORMA BERRELLEZ

OCCUPATION: Educator / Administrator / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have 30 years experience as a teacher and administrator. My daughter is also an educator.

With my experience and knowledge in the classroom, I have dedicated my life to helping students and families achieve their dreams through a quality public education.

I understand the need to know that our kids are safe, that they are learning and that our parent's voices are heard. I fight every day for our students in the classroom.

Preparing students for the future; maintaining safe schools; responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds; improving test scores; increasing graduation rates; reducing dropout rates; increasing advanced placement classes; expanding services to students with disabilities; providing safety upgrades and essential repairs are major priorities.

I know the importance of making a difference, including providing dual college enrollment and vocational training programs which empower our parents to help their children academically succeed. The measure of success for a district is whether it can propel our students forward, rather than just get them through.

I have lived and been involved in this community for 40 years, Alvord Unified School District Measure J Facilities Bond Committee, City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and Saint Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church.

Please Vote for Norma Berrellez on Election Day.

Contact me: hecno@hotmail.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4,
SHORT TERM**

JOEL BALL

OCCUPATION: Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

First and foremost, I am a Parent in this district. I am not a politician, public figure or high-powered businessman, I am just a simple parent trying to do everything I can to give my kids the best life they can have. A life with the best education possible. I have two daughters, both currently attending Arizona middle school. I feel Children need structure and balance to become the people they are going to become.

I have a common sense, straight forward attitude in life. I want to be able to give my children and yours an opportunity to excel in a no-nonsense environment dedicated to real education. I attended Alvord schools when I was young, starting with Orrenmaa elementary and graduating from La Sierra high school. I feel a deep attachment to this district, and I want to be able to give a little back to show my appreciation.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4,
SHORT TERM**

DUSTIN NGUYEN

OCCUPATION: Community Advocate

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Dustin Nguyen, and I am excited to be running for Alvord Unified School District Trustee Area 4. As a neighborhood watch member and parent of children in our district, I have clear-cut goals to make our community and schools a better place for every family while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. I believe that every child deserves a high-quality educational experience from the very best schools and educators.

If elected, my main priorities will include, but not limited to:

1. Fiscal Responsibility: I will ensure that the Alvord Unified School District management is held accountable for all expenses made with taxpayer money. Monies from bonds should go directly to student success, not to administration salaries. I will require financial transparency to ensure our community is involved in financial decision making and aware of all monies spent.
2. Enhancing Education Quality by Supporting our Teachers and Staff: The people that have the most positive effects on our students are the teachers and staff. Great teachers and staff are the foundation of our schools, and they deserve to be supported by innovative professional development and current curriculum support.

I am humbly asking for your vote.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>SHAWN D. MITCHELL OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I would be honored to be re-elected to serve you on the Beaumont Unified School Board. I have served the last four years with a focus on our students' academic growth and holding everyone accountable for their performance. We are proud of our schools, but we must continue to be innovative. An example of that innovation is the expansion of our pathways in our Career Technical Education programs at our middle and high schools.</p> <p>I have the experience and knowledge to continue as your school board representative as a former middle school teacher, an assistant principal at Mt. View Middle School, and principal at three of our elementary schools – Chavez, Three Rings Ranch and Tournament Hills Elementary, which I had the privilege of opening as the first principal.</p> <p>My community involvement has also included serving on the Beaumont Library Board, supporting Rotary initiatives, and numerous positions at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church. Three of our four children graduated from Beaumont High School and our grandchildren will soon start attending our schools. I am dedicated to ensuring our students, our children and grandchildren, have access to the highest quality education experience. I would be honored to have your vote.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>LANSTON M SYLVESTER AGE: 59 OCCUPATION: Pastor / Father / Director EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I am Lanston Sylvester, and I am running for Beaumont School Board Member TA1. I have worked as a Teacher, Youth Director, and Pastor over the past 35 years. I have also served as a Civil Service Commissioner and a committee member on the Stockton Charter Review Commission.</p> <p>I have obtained my Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate Degrees and have a continuous appetite for learning. I have been married for over 32 years and have four children.</p> <p>I am running for School Board member because my experience allows me to bring a balanced perspective in times of extreme views and emotions. The most important task at hand is making sure our children are prepared and given the best opportunities to succeed. Our children need to be safe at our schools; given the proper resources to advance and benefit from policies established by the School Board. I look forward to serving the great community of Beaumont.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>TRINIDAD “TRINI” ARREDONDO AGE: 40 OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a parent of three girls who attend CVUSD schools, I understand how important it is to keep our children safe. As your Trustee and a member of the District English Language Learner Advisory, Facilities, and District Safety Committees, I have worked hard to build CLEAN and SAFE schools by approving the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New North Shore Elementary School ● Refresh the weight rooms at Coachella Valley High School ● Resurfaced tracks at Coachella Valley High School and Desert Mirage High School ● New gym bleachers ● Carpet replacement at various school sites ● Classroom modernization at various sites ● New air conditioning units at the K-12 school complex in Thermal <p>Although progress has been made, there is still a lot of work to do to improve our schools and to expand available resources for our children. It is my priority to continue visiting classrooms, collaborating with my colleagues and engaging with students, teachers and residents. With your support, I plan to continue to work for our children and families to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhance Student Safety ● Demand District Accountability to our Community ● Improve Communication to our Families <p>Let's work together to help our children succeed!</p> <p>Please vote for Trinidad Arredondo for CVUSD Trustee Area 1 on November 5th!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1</p> <p>AGUSTIN ARREOLA AGE: 27 OCCUPATION: Public Affairs Strategist EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a proud alumnus of Coachella Valley Unified School District, I'm excited to announce my candidacy for the CVUSD Board. I believe that stronger schools create stronger communities— with partnerships among teachers, parents, and community members at the center.</p> <p>As your CVUSD Trustee, my priorities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● enhancing student achievement through targeted resources; ● investing in professional development for teachers; ● securing new funding for programs; ● promoting collaborative decision-making with our stakeholders. <p>Since graduating from Desert Mirage High School and earning a double major in Political Science and Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCLA, I've been driven by a passion for equitable community development. After returning from college, I led and supported critical community interventions, most notably, the United Lift Rental Assistance program which helped hundreds of families impacted financially during the COVID-19 pandemic stay housed. Now, as a public affairs strategist for the State of California, I continue to emphasize community engagement, bringing diverse voices together to ensure essential programs reach our most vulnerable communities.</p> <p>Together, we will ensure that Coachella Valley Unified School District shines bright for the benefit of our students and future generations.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2</p> <p>JESUS R. GONZALEZ OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Father EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I'm asking for your trust, continued support, and vote on November 5th. I currently serve as your voice on the CVUSD Board.</p> <p>Accomplishments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serving as your facilities chairman, CVUSD invested 148 million on school improvement projects across our 23 schools. 2. Led legal battle against our solar energy provider, resulting in a court settlement saving CVUSD over 10 million dollars. 3. Led refinancing of CVUSD financial debt saving our community 6.7 million dollars. 4. Led renegotiation of Coachella Fest property lease agreement from \$17,000 per year to \$585,000. This new source of revenue is used for arts, music, culture, sports and athletics. 5. Assisted in planning and development of the new district office, Palm View and North Shore schools. 6. Played an active role in developing California's model Ethnic Studies Program. 7. Helped secure \$1,000,000 to provide safe drinking water for Westside Elementary School.. <p>"Muchisimas gracias a toda la comunidad por su apoyo siempre. Les pido su voto para seguir defendiendo los derechos de nuestra comunidad y mejorando la educación de nuestros hijos. Vamos!"</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to be your voice on the CVUSD board. Vote Jesus Gonzalez 'Your servant, Your voice'</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2</p> <p>ALTRENA SANTILLANES AGE: 53 OCCUPATION: Government Official / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My name is Altrena Santillanes, I am running to be your Coachella Valley Trustee. As a mother of 8 and having gone through the CVUSD system the last 27 years, I understand how difficult it can be to be a parent here. With my 8 children at different stages and different schools, it was a struggle to find accessible resources, tutoring, and even transportation. It is time that we put the needs of our children and families first!</p> <p>With my 10+ years of Governmental experience working with numerous government entities and stakeholders, I know what it takes to get the job done. I am also proud to serve our youth through my nonprofit for the last 20+ years. I am <u>uniquely qualified</u> to work with our families to bring needed change to CVUSD.</p> <p>As your next Trustee, I will prioritize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Student Safety</u> measures that are effective. • <u>Accessible After School Programs and Tutoring</u> for our students. • <u>Updated Transportation Routes</u> so students can benefit from our bus system. • <u>Raising the Standard</u> that will hold CVUSD board members and staff accountable to parents. <p>Let us parents work together to provide our children the best education possible.</p> <p>Please vote Altrena Santillanes on November 5th!</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
COACHELLA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

JOCELYN VARGAS

OCCUPATION: Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm a proud daughter of immigrants, born and raised in the Coachella Valley. As an English learner, first-generation college graduate, and product of local public schools, I have first-hand knowledge on challenges our students face. I've dedicated the last 15 years uplifting Eastern Coachella Valley families and students.

My personal and educational experience ignites my passion for increasing student success, equity and access through culturally relevant and representative curriculums. After completing my bachelor's at UCLA, and master's in Education at Loyola Marymount University, I have returned to my community to apply educational practices that recognize and are responsive to the current and inclusive context of student learning.

As the incumbent, I continue deeply committed to creating pathways for youth to pursue higher education and professions that will lead to a thriving wage. As a community college educator, I will continue to collaborate with decision makers and leaders to advocate for the needs of students. I stand ready to address the inequities amplified by the pandemic, including access to affordable and reliable internet, and supporting teachers and staff to provide quality instruction in an inclusive and safe learning environment.

I ask for your vote to serve as CVUSD Board member 4.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

JOSE LALAS

OCCUPATION: Professor / Teacher Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a proud INCUMBENT and have served Corona-Norco Unified School District for 29 years. I will continue to sustain the District's culture of EXCELLENCE. More than ever, our District needs an experienced, well-proven Trustee who has ADVOCATED for all students, teachers, administrators, and parents. ALL students must be PROFICIENT in literacy, mathematics, and technology while feeling SAFE and meeting their social, psychological and emotional needs. I will strive for CNUSD to maintain a welcoming collaborative environment to foster and inspire success in all its students and employees. I will continue to emphasize career and academic readiness, school safety, critical thinking, and art while keeping the district's FINANCIAL stability.

My 4 children graduated from CNUSD. A former teacher, my master's and Ph.D. degrees are in literacy/education. With Ph.D. from University of Washington, I am a professor developing effective teachers for ALL students. I visit schools and engage in constant conversations and COLLABORATION with teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and students while using research and best practice in education.

Corona-Norco Teachers Association, California School Employees Association, administrators, parents, and other local associations are supporting my re-election for school board.

I ask you to re-elect me as experienced advocate for all children. Contact me at (951) 847-0498 or jose_lalas@redlands.edu. Visit: <https://joselalas.wixsite.com/jl4schoolboard>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

ANNA CORIDDI-MEZA

OCCUPATION: Substitute Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Riverside County has been my home for more than 40 years. I graduated from local public schools, including Corona-Norco Unified School District; Riverside Community College; and University of California, Riverside. Over the last 25 years, I've held various positions in education, from working in the cafeteria to teaching in the classroom. My husband and I are proud parents of four children who graduated from Corona-Norco Unified School District.

I'm dedicated to serving children and families. I've held several volunteer and/or leadership roles in our community, including Chair for Corona Public Library Board of Trustees; President for Corona-Norco Council PTA; Education Chair for American Legion Auxiliary; and currently serve as a School Smarts Parent Engagement Academy Facilitator at the local school sites.

I'm not a politician; I'm a concerned citizen, parent, and educator committed to doing what is best for students.

If you elect me to represent you on the Corona-Norco Unified School District Board of Education, I will:

- Provide every student with a high-quality education
- Take political agendas out of the classroom
- Empower parents as partners in their child's education
- Provide a safe learning environment for students and teachers
- Promote full transparency/accountability with taxpayer dollars

With my leadership and experience in education, I've earned endorsements from local civic leaders, including Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Corona Mayor Tom Richins, Norco Mayor Kevin Bash, Eastvale Mayor Christian Dinco, and many others.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.Anna4CNUSD.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

MARY HELEN M. YBARRA

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a dedicated 41 year resident of Corona and proud parent of two CNUUSD graduates, I bring a wealth of experience and passion for education and thus, seek your vote as a CNUUSD board member.

With 35 years of advocating for children, I am committed to enhance the quality of education, health, safety, technology and school infrastructure while maintaining a balanced fiscal budget. As your school board member for the past 11 years I am fully dedicated to continue representing and advocating for students, parents, teachers, support staff and administrators.

I understand the immense responsibility of ensuring the education, health and safety of every student in our district and pledge to continue to fulfill these duties with utmost dedication. My extensive record of achievements in community service highlights my success in building partnerships with all stakeholders to achieve these goals.

With my leadership abilities, experience, education, training and insight, I am determined to continue making positive contributions to Corona-Norco Unified School District.

I appreciate your support and your vote.

Campaign web site: maryybarra.wixsite.com/ybarra

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

JAMES WHITE

OCCUPATION: Parent / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a former educator and current business leader, I am dedicated to enhancing our educational system while empowering parents and families. My experience in the classroom and the boardroom has given me a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities in education.

I believe in prioritizing student achievement and ensuring that every child has access to high-quality education. My goal is to support innovative teaching methods, strengthen educational standards, and provide adequate resources to our schools.

Equally important is the role of parents in their children's education. I am committed to upholding and expanding parental rights, ensuring that families have a meaningful voice in their children's academic journey. Parents should be well-informed and actively involved in educational decisions affecting their children.

My dual background in education and business equips me with the skills to advocate for effective solutions and sustainable progress. I will work tirelessly to bridge gaps in our education system and to promote a collaborative approach that includes educators, parents, and the community.

Together, we can build a stronger, more effective educational system that supports our students and empowers our families. Thank you for your support.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

JAMI MERCHANT

OCCUPATION: Educator / Businesswoman / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a lifelong Corona resident, I graduated from Corona-Norco Unified School District schools. My husband and I are proud parents of two children who also attend Corona-Norco Unified School District schools.

My dedication to our community's children includes substitute teaching and serving on the Corona-Norco Council of PTAs, Corona-Norco Unified School District Community Action Committee and the Corona Public Library Board of Trustees.

I served on the Measure GG Oversight Committee, where I ensured fiscal responsibility and safeguarded taxpayer funds. I successfully pushed to preserve land in Temescal Valley for the future development of a high school.

I'm not a politician, I'm just a concerned parent, educator, and businesswoman wanting to give back to our community. As your school board representative, I'll be a strong voice for parents and students:

- Give every student a high-quality education
- Empower parents in their child's education
- Take political agendas out of the classroom
- Ensure all graduates are ready for college or the workforce
- Provide a safe learning environment for students and teachers
- Advocate for children with special educational needs
- Promote complete accountability with taxpayer dollars

With my leadership and experience in education, I've earned endorsements from Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, Riverside County Board of Education Trustee Ben Johnson, Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Corona Councilmember Wes Speake, Corona-Norco Unified School District Trustee Bill Pollock, and Temescal Valley leaders like Jannlee Watson and Tracy Davis.

I respectfully ask for your vote. www.jami4cnusd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

RENAE LYNN BRYANT

OCCUPATION: Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is the result of my commitment to the success of our students and staff and expertise in education that I am seeking to represent you as your School Board Trustee at CNUSD. As a graduate of CNUSD with 27 years experience as an educator (fourteen of which were at CNUSD) and a resident of Corona/Norco for 32 years, with an Educational Doctorate (Ed.D.) in Organizational Leadership, I am thrilled for the opportunity to give back and work to expand resources and opportunities in CNUSD, including bringing a long-promised high school to Temescal Valley. My goals are to increase student and staff safety, keep CNUSD fiscally responsible and increase students' college and career access and opportunities. I love our community and intend to serve with the same level of commitment as I did as our past CNUSD Teacher of the Year and 2024 CAFE Administrator of the Year. Thank you for your vote. www.DrRenaeBryant.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 6**

JEFF SLEPSKI

OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

America's strength depends on quality public schools. It is imperative that we empower students to make educated decisions, respect other opinions and contribute to our community. Every student deserves an educational foundation that provides a prospect of opportunity. Whether choosing a skill-based or a college-based future, students should graduate from our Hemet schools equipped to be productive members of society.

I am running for the HUSD Board because of my strong advocacy that all career paths are vital for our students' success and for a healthy society. I began in the steel mills and then construction, later earning my Doctorate of Education in Applied Biology. I taught at Hemet High for more than 18 years and spent 24 years as an educational leader and award-winning science professor at MSJC and California State San Marcos. Having educated students of all capabilities, I understand what it takes to reach each individual and help them succeed.

Recently, I was appointed as Trustee to the Governing Board and it would be my honor and privilege to continue guiding the district's over 22,000 students. I have the knowledge, experience and leadership to help our students acquire the skills to navigate the career challenges of their future.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

JENNY FELIX

AGE: 33

OCCUPATION: Entrepreneur / Parent Advocate
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a proud resident of Jurupa Valley for over 24 years. My journey here began in elementary school, and culminated with my high school education, all within this community. I have deep roots in Jurupa Valley, and it's where I have chosen to raise my family. Currently, I serve as the PTO President at my child's school. This role allows me to give back to the community and support the educational environment that has been such a significant part of my life.

13 years ago I became a business owner. Over the years, this experience has taught me invaluable lessons about leadership, and the importance of community support. My business endeavors have helped my professional growth but have also reinforced my commitment to contributing positively to Jurupa Valley. This community has shaped me, and I am dedicated to support and enrich it through my roles as a business owner and an active participant in my child's education.

I believe in the potential of our schools to provide a nurturing, safe and comprehensive education for all students. I am equipped to advocate for the resources and opportunities our children need to succeed. Together, we can create a brighter future for the students.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

DR. ERIC DITWILER

AGE: 62

OCCUPATION: Academic Administrator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Voter,

I am seeking re-election because there is a steep learning curve to being an effective school board member. While I still have plenty to learn, I am over the steep part and in a good place to govern for student learning and success.

With the help of the California Schools Boards Associations' 5-day 'Masters in Governance' course and advice from trustees from other districts whom I met through the Riverside County Association (of which I am an officer), I have pushed for many effective initiatives, including:

- Establishing an Equity Committee,
- Expanding Community Schools,
- Using formative assessments to target interventions,
- And, making compliance reports meaningful.

My Ph.D. in Education and my experience assessing student learning have enabled me to effectively engage the District Administration. I understand their language, critique their reports, and contribute, while advocating for our students.

Effective trustees also engage with other elected officials. We talk to state legislators about the impact of their laws on our children. And when you have done your homework, they listen. I am deeply committed to serving all Jurupa students, teachers, and staff, and I will continue to work tirelessly for our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric Ditwiler

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

RAQUEL ORTIZ CORNEJO

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Baseball Mom / Entrepreneur

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a proud resident of Jurupa Valley for over 28 years. My educational journey began at West Riverside Elementary, continued through Mission Middle, and I became a Rubidoux High School graduate, all within the Jurupa Valley district. As a long-time member of this community, I have seen firsthand the positive impact a supportive and well-rounded education can have on our youth.

I am running for the school board because I am passionate about ensuring that every child in our district receives the best possible education. As a baseball mom, I strongly advocate for youth involvement in sports, understanding the critical role extracurricular activities play in developing teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills. Additionally, as a business owner, I bring a wealth of experience in management, strategic planning, and community engagement. .

My goal is to foster an environment where our schools can thrive, providing comprehensive support to both academic and extracurricular programs. I believe that with dedication and a collaborative approach, we can create a brighter future for all students in the Jurupa Valley district. Together, we can ensure that our children have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed in all areas of their lives.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2</p> <p>MIKE PACHECO AGE: 62 OCCUPATION: Retired Fire Captain, L.A. Co. FD EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>With 34 years in Fire Service, I'm just a regular guy, not a politician. As a 31-year District resident, I'm running for School Board to serve our children and their families. It appears we have an Emergency of Wokeness and Radical Policies in schools across America.</p> <p><u>EDUCATION:</u> According to Publicschoolreview.com¹, LEUSD ranked #1162 out of 1941 school districts based on combined math and reading proficiency data. This placed LEUSD in the bottom 50% in California for 2021/2022. An educator's focus should only be on preparing students to promote to the next grade and should include legible penmanship; proficiency in TRADITIONAL curriculum and, knowledge of America's special place in world history.</p> <p><u>WOKENESS:</u> The Woke Mind Virus Indoctrination can cause destruction of our children's innocence. Critical Race Theory and the like should not be taught. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!</p> <p><u>PARENT/FAMILY RIGHTS:</u> It's YOUR family values that matter, not theirs! Over time, families have lost the right to have a say in what their children are exposed to throughout the school day. NO MORE SECRETS!</p> <p>I would be honored to have your vote.</p> <p>Facebook.com/MikePachecoForLEUSDSchoolBoard http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6156352610366t4&mibextid=LQQJ4d</p> <p>¹https://www.publicschoolreview.com/california/lake-elsinore-unified-school-district/600027-school-district</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2</p> <p>JENNETTE VANDERPOOL AGE: 43 OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a mother of four LEUSD students, ranging from 2nd grade to a 2024 TCHS graduate, I am deeply invested in our district's success. My professional journey as a former LEUSD special education administrator, teacher, and professor of education at Azusa Pacific University has equipped me with the insights and experience necessary to advocate for meaningful change.</p> <p>Two years ago, I saw the need for transformation and stepped up to serve on the school board. Since then, I am proud of the advancements we made in physical security, curricular supports, and parent engagement. These achievements are just the beginning.</p> <p>Currently, as an Education Strategist, I support districts across California and Hawaii in implementing solutions that enhance student and staff outcomes. I owe it to my children and our community to continue this work. My focus is ensuring every student succeeds, every family feels supported and every staff member is equipped with what they need.</p> <p>I believe in and practice servant leadership. Feel free to give me a call at 951-627-0997 to discuss anything at all related to our LEUSD educational system. Your voice matters.</p> <p>Together, we can build on our progress and create a brighter future for all LEUSD students.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

JOHANNA MARLENNE LEIVA

OCCUPATION: Parent Ambassador

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've been a dedicated volunteer of Moreno Valley Unified School District since 2000. I have 4 sons who have been a part of MVUSD.

I believe I'm well qualified to serve as a governing board member of MVUSD because as a dedicated parent and active volunteer, I believe I bring a unique and valuable perspective to the school board that will benefit our community. My experience and commitment to our school district have equipped me with a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities we face. My involvement as a volunteer has given me firsthand insight into the needs and dynamics of our schools.

As a parent, I am deeply invested in the educational experience of all students. I am passionate about ensuring that every child has access to high-quality education and the resources they need to succeed.

My volunteer work has required me to work closely with various stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, and fellow parents.

I believe in the importance of listening to and involving parents, students, and educators in decision-making processes to ensure that our policies and initiatives reflect the needs and values of our community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

SUSAN J. SMITH

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I currently serve on the school board for Moreno Valley Unified School District. As a trustee, the education and well-being of the students of our district have always been my number one priority.

I am focused on helping the students of Moreno Valley excel academically by providing equal educational opportunities for all.

I am committed to safe schools by adding safety and security staff, additional safety protocols for those entering our schools, and providing necessary physical barriers.

I support the continuous improvements to our physical facilities to give students the environment and technology needed to succeed in our rapidly changing world.

I believe in parental involvement. Working together, we can help students to be stronger.

I strongly support career and college readiness. We must prepare our students for future success.

I have been an educator for more than 30 years. I have a master's in education and have taught both elementary school and at Riverside Community College.

I have lived in Moreno Valley since 1983 and my children and grandchildren attended Moreno Valley schools.

For the last 8 years, I have worked hard to improve the quality of education and safety for students in Moreno Valley Unified School District. I ask for your vote so I can continue fighting for our children!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

RHODES TAYLOR WILLIAMS

OCCUPATION: Teacher / Administrator / Volunteer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Moreno Valley has been my home for over 40 years. In that time, I've had the privilege of watching Sunnymead, an unincorporated area, grow into the thriving City of Moreno Valley. Since 1981, I've dedicated myself to this community as a teacher and administrator in MVUSD, raised my children here, coached local teams, and volunteered with numerous organizations—all guided by one principle: "Children Come First."

With my extensive experience and education, I am well-qualified to serve as a governing board member of the Moreno Valley Unified School District. My four goals to support our district are student and staff safety, fiscal responsibility, student success, and community engagement.

As a school administrator, I've mastered the art of balancing budgets, practicing fiscal responsibility, and building strong, collaborative relationships with staff, parents, and students. My work as a community volunteer has provided me with crucial insights into areas that need improvement within our district. Most importantly, as a parent in MVUSD, I intimately understand the concerns, aspirations, and challenges that all parents face. I hold a MA in Curriculum and Instruction and a Clear Administrative Services Credential.

A vote for Rhodes Williams is a vote for "Student Success!"

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

RUTH SELF-WILLIAMS

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Ruth Self-Williams, and I am the Vice President of the Moreno Valley Unified School Board. I have served on the board for two years. As a retired educator with 38 years of experience, I was an elementary and middle school teacher, Reading Specialist, Assistant Principal, Elementary and Middle School Principal and County Office Administrator. I have been a member of the Moreno Valley community for 34 years. I am the mother of three children, two grandchildren and one great-grandson. As a proud parent of children who are products of this district, it is an honor to serve as a trustee to support the mission and vision of the Moreno Valley Unified School District. As a board member, my focus continues to be transparency and accountability with the parents, students, staff and the community. I believe open communication, safe schools, high-quality data driven instruction and increased academic achievement for our students are priorities for all stakeholders. I want to continue to support the students, parents and community to ensure that all students are prepared for their chosen career path.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3</p> <p>YVONNE MUNOZ OCCUPATION: Mother / Wife / Executive EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Yvonne is happily married wife and mother with two sons as well as two dogs living in Murrieta. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Spanish with a minor in Secondary Education from Regis University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She was raised in a military family with a great appreciation for duty, diversity and respect. Yvonne is a multifaceted person, ally and advocate for social justice and civic engagement. As the mother of a recent graduate and current student of MVUSD she is personally invested in the educational experience of our Murrieta youth. Yvonne wants to put the focus squarely on the experience of students and educators.</p> <p>The School Board of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District plays a critical role in decisions which frame the educational journey of our students. They make decisions about budgets/funding, Textbook adoption, enrichment and development programs and set policies related to all aspects of student life and educator experience. Our school should be getting attention for demonstration of academic and athletic excellence not for propagation of extremist ideologies which do little to improve student performance and achievement.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3</p> <p>JULIE VANDEGRIFT AGE: 61 OCCUPATION: Incumbent / Retired Homeschool Mother EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a wife and mother of six adult children, I understand the needs, aspirations and challenges of families in today's world.</p> <p>Raised on a small Midwestern farm as one of twelve children, including a disabled sister, I am dedicated to caring for people and working diligently to meet the challenges of the moment. I have been married for 39 years and have lived in Murrieta since 1990.</p> <p>I received a B.A. in Business Administration at Cardinal Newman College in Florissant, Missouri, completed studies for a Paralegal Certificate at University of San Diego, and worked for five years in the financial services sector before leaving the work force to raise my family and educate my children.</p> <p>Since joining the Murrieta School Board in December 2022, I have been steadfast in my commitment to enhancing academic achievement, safeguarding family bonds, ensuring safe and orderly campuses, and maintaining accountability to taxpayers. I look forward to continuing to serve our community with dedication and integrity.</p> <p>Please visit my website at www.VandegriftForSchoolBoard.com</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

LINDA LUNN

OCCUPATION: Incumbent-Area 4

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am honored to have served the past 7 years on the MVUSD School Board and humbly ask for your support to continue serving the students, parents, and staff of the District.

I am passionate about Student Achievement, and ensuring a quality education for each student attending MVUSD schools. From taking on the challenge of COVID learning loss, addressing Campus Safety and implementing policy that supports our Student's Futures when they leave MVUSD schools, I am committed to continually improving the services MVUSD provides.

As a MVUSD Air Force JROTC and Marching Band Mom, I understand the importance of the student-parent-staff relationship and, when done correctly, how it leads to the best possible outcomes for students.

As a 15-year volunteer for MVUSD, I know that it takes many people to keep MVUSD a top-ranked district and that work is never finished.

I serve on more than a dozen parent and community committees that serve our District and city, because new ideas and fresh perspectives from differing viewpoints help MVUSD continue to grow and improve.

Vote for me, I will continue the fight to keep student learning and achievement the focus of MVUSD.

Thank you

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#focusingonwhatreallymatters

#commonsensecrowd

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

ELEANOR CRUZ BRIGGS

OCCUPATION: Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a mom of 4 kids, with 2 currently enrolled in Murrieta Valley Unified School District, I'm invested in the success and well-being of all students.

As your school board member, I will be a strong advocate for parents' rights, ensuring that families have a voice in shaping the policies that affect their children's education. My focus will be on transparency and academic excellence. I will work hard to ensure that our district operates with openness and accountability.

Engaging the local community is an absolute priority. Seeking input from parents, teachers, and residents helps to ensure our district & its staff uphold the values and needs of our entire community.

Having been born and raised on a beautiful island, I have experienced firsthand the expression "it takes a village to raise a child." My goal as a board member would be to help bridge the gap between students, teachers, parents and the district staff. We need to all work together to help "raise" all students to achieve their highest potential!

I am committed to making a positive difference in our schools and would be honored to serve you as your board member in Trustee Area 4!

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<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>PAUL F. DIFFLEY OCCUPATION: Incumbent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I taught for 34 years as a high school and city college art teacher. In 1997, my family moved to Murrieta, and I realized there was room for improvement in the schools, so I ran for School Board. In my 20+ years of serving on Murrieta's School Board, I have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helped make Murrieta Valley USD the number one district in Riverside County - Voted consistently for improved, modern facilities and class offerings, and I advocate continuously for rigorous advanced math and science courses - Voted to build Vista High, Mesa High, Lisa Mails Elementary, and Dorothy McElhinney Middle schools (among others) and created the Gershwin concept for the Mesa High School auditorium - Succeeded in finding the most qualified superintendents in the country - Expanded TK and Extended Learning Opportunity classes after school - Worked to change our STEM school system to S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, reading/Writing, Engineering, Arts, Math) to reinforce interconnection between subjects. <p>I believe quality teachers and superintendents are vital and we must continue attracting them with substantial salaries and teaching conditions.</p> <p>A vote for me maintains Murrieta's position as top school district in the county and builds upon that success to ensure continued excellence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>DEON MARIO HAIRSTON OCCUPATION: Educator / Professional Musician EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a husband, educator, and professional musician, I am deeply committed to the educational success of all students in MVUSD. My journey through sports and music, from elementary school to college and beyond, has shaped my belief in the transformative power of a well-rounded education. My passion for education and experience working with children of all ages, including those with special needs, drives my desire to serve on the MVUSD Board of Trustees.</p> <p>I bring fresh perspectives to the challenges we face. I will work tirelessly to foster a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment for every student. I believe in practical, common-sense solutions that enhance the areas where MVUSD excels, such as the arts, while addressing critical issues like bullying and economic challenges.</p> <p>My top priorities include ensuring a healthy learning environment, fiscal responsibility, and supporting our highly skilled staff. I am committed to maintaining MVUSD as a district that encourages intellectual growth, rational thinking, and a sense of community in our schools. Your vote for me is a vote for a positive, impactful future for our children and our families.</p> <p>#EveryStudentCounts</p> <p>#ActiveListener</p> <p>#CommonSenseCrowd</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5</p> <p>CHRISTINE SCHMIDT OCCUPATION: Professional Development Specialist EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a current Professional Development Specialist and former elementary school teacher (with a Masters Degree in Best Practices), I am a passionate advocate for education and a dedicated member of our community. I believe that every child deserves access to quality education that fosters their growth, creativity, and potential.</p> <p>Throughout my 29 years of experience in education, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges our students and educators face. I am committed to addressing these issues by prioritizing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Student-Centered Policies</u>: I will advocate for policies that put students first, ensuring they receive the support and resources they need to thrive academically. 2. <u>Enhanced Teacher Support</u>: I will work to provide educators with the resources and recognition they deserve to inspire and engage our students. 3. <u>Community Engagement</u>: I will foster an open dialogue between parents, teachers, and the community to create a supportive environment for our students. 4. <u>Fiscal Responsibility</u>: I will work diligently to manage our school budget effectively, ensuring that funds are allocated appropriately and with transparency. <p>I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the school board and to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to create a brighter future for our students.</p>	

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ALICE DEAN

OCCUPATION: Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for the Palo Verde Unified School District Board. As the PARENT of four sons who graduated from PVUSD, I am committed to our community. During my 18 YEARS here, I volunteered in scouting, the Red Cross, and the schools as a yearbook and "walking club" parent.

My experience as a PARENT, student services technician, and volunteer equips me to address our district's challenges. I have an ASSOCIATE'S from PVC, a BACHELOR'S from BYUI, and I am enrolled in a MASTER'S program at CSUDH in NEGOTIATION, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, and PEACEBUILDING. These skills allow me to assist students, families, and community members in RESOLVING CONFLICTS PEACEFULLY.

My VISION for our school district includes TRANSPARENCY, fiscal responsibility, community engagement, SOUND POLICY MAKING, ACCOUNTABILITY, increased educational QUALITY, and SCHOOL SAFETY. This will create a nurturing academic environment that PREPARES OUR CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS. Children matter: so do parents!

I am COMMITTED to being ACCESSIBLE and RESPONSIVE to the needs and concerns of our district's families. Together, WE can ensure a brighter future for OUR community and OUR children. To be part of this journey, contact me @ alicedean4schoolboard@gmail.com or 760-972-8658. VOTE ALICE DEAN for PVUSD Board!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ALFONSO "SONNY" HERNANDEZ

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Alfonso "Sonny" Hernandez. As a School Board Member, one of our responsibility is to ensure that the voices of our community are heard and their concerns are addressed. I believe that over the years, I have demonstrated a deep commitment to the education of all students. My decisions have always been predicated upon what is best for all students.

We need to provide additional opportunities by opening the Middle School. Closing the campus made no sense. The closure remains unclear and has failed to bring about notable academic gains. Also, there is a need to create additional Career and Technology Education (CTE). Many students drop out because they do not see any meaning in what they are taught, and struggle to engage in the classroom. Students who take CTE courses are more likely to be employed after high school because they are better prepared.

I graduated from Palo Verde High, I have an AA from Palo Verde College, and a BS in Engineering from San Diego State University. I proudly served in the U.S. Army.

My responsibility as a Board Member is to serve as an advocate for parents, the community and our students.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

KAREN COLEMAN

OCCUPATION: Retired Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a proud graduate of the Riverside Unified School District, I went on to earn my bachelor's degree from the University of California, Riverside. With a 20-year career in education, I dedicated my professional life to working as an elementary school teacher within the Riverside Unified School District, bringing firsthand experience and a deep commitment to our community's schools.

Riverside students are struggling, with 55% not meeting the grade level standard in reading, 68% in math, and 72% in science. We need to do better.

I'm not a politician, and I've never run for elected office; I'm a concerned citizen and educator committed to giving back to our community. If you elect me to represent you on the Riverside Unified School District Board, I'll be a strong voice for students and parents:

- Provide every student with a high-quality education
- Improve student performance by focusing on core subject areas
- Empower parents as partners in their child's education
- Ensure all graduates are ready for college or the workforce
- Support special educational needs students
- Provide a safe learning environment for students and teachers
- Promote accountability and transparency in budgeting

Let's work together to ensure students and families have the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.karen4rusd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

DALE KINNEAR

OCCUPATION: RUSD Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Voters:

You have a choice. In these difficult times, it is imperative that we elect an RUSD School Board Trustee with first-hand experience leading successful schools. As the current RUSD Board President, I've led our schools with trust and transparency as non-negotiable core values. Safety, student achievement and expanding career-vocational options have been my most important priorities. As a former classroom teacher and a celebrated principal in Riverside (California State Principal of the Year, 2006) my focus has always been on students. I have been a principal at both Riverside Poly and JW North High Schools for 23 of my 34 years in education.

What was good for kids has always guided my decision-making, even when the decisions were difficult ones.

Experience, commonsense leadership, commitment, and hard work are the personal attributes I bring to the position. As we face a fiscal and educational crisis, RUSD needs effective leadership with demonstrated experience. Our students and their families deserve no less.

My priorities are:

- Increasing student achievement
- Expanding and enhancing career-vocational options.
- Trust and transparency as non-negotiable core values.
- Making student-centered decisions.

I respectfully request your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

CHANI BEEMAN

AGE: 65

OCCUPATION: Businesswoman / Parent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for RUSD School Board Trustee Area 3 to continue my life-long commitment to service, education, and community. I am a retired education professional, a mother of two sons, and a grandmother of eight.

I was born and raised in Riverside and graduated from Area 3 schools: University Heights Middle School and John W. North High School. I worked for nearly 30 years at multiple levels in the education field. I have been Classified Staff, Adjunct Faculty, and a District Administrator.

I understand the value of our school system and the teachers, staff and administrators who educate and care for our children every day. I know first-hand how strong schools can make a positive impact on our quality of life, property values, and our ability to attract businesses. And I believe in the transformative power of education to create opportunities for our children's futures.

As your Area 3 Trustee, you can count on my commitment to transparent decision-making, sound fiscal stewardship, and parental engagement. I am endorsed by many local education and community leaders, and I look forward to serving Riverside's children and families on the RUSD school board.

More Information: www.Beeman4RUSD3.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

AMANDA VICKERS

OCCUPATION: Educator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a product of the Riverside Unified School District and our local colleges. It is an honor to be running for the board. I have spent years in the classroom and have seen students' struggles (particularly post-pandemic). My goal is to be a voice for the students and parents. Recently, parents have been ignored at the school house door which is unacceptable! If elected, I will have an open-door policy for all.

If elected, my goal is to expand CTE (Career Technical Education). California is experiencing a skilled labor shortage. RUSD can help change that by advancing CTE programs for much needed trades. This will set our students up for success upon graduation!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

JESSE TWEED

OCCUPATION: Pediatrician / Educator / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am honored to serve as the appointed Governing School Board Member for the Riverside Unified School District, TA4. As a pediatrician, educator, business owner, and parent, I am deeply committed to Riverside.

Growing up I attended Washington, Gage, and graduated from Poly. After completing medical school at UCLA, I returned to Riverside to start my healthcare practice *serving the needs of children*.

As a physician and business owner, I have the experience to oversee budgets, collaborate with diverse groups, and provide innovative solutions to complex problems.

As an educator, I am proud to support the next generation of healthcare leaders through my teaching for CBU, UCR School of Medicine, and Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

My Priorities:

- *School Safety/Well-Being:* increase budget to secure schools; add counselors to prioritize well-being.
- *Student Achievement:* allocate funds directly to the classroom.
- *Career Pathways (CTE):* expand opportunities for students to pursue a career directly after high school (trades, medical, law enforcement, etc).
- *Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM):* Prioritizing project-based learning at all sites.

It would be an honor to earn your vote and continue to serve on the RUSD Board of Education.

Humbly,

Jesse Tweed, M.D.

Pediatrician/Educator/Parent

TweedforRUSD.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

MARLA A. MATIME

AGE: 40

OCCUPATION: Media / Communications Professional

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a wife and mother of three within RUSD, small business owner, and nonprofit leader, I've been honored to serve my community in many capacities. I am running for RUSD Trustee Area 4 to ensure our schools serve the needs of every student. In my current roles as Executive Director of the Cal Cities African American Caucus, the BEO of California, and president of CCAEJ, I've honed the skills necessary to guide teams toward common goals. My work in forming nonprofits, parent organizations, committees, and building and running a small business, demonstrates my commitment to building strong, supportive communities around our schools. I have also volunteered in various functions at my church and within our community, fostering a spirit of collaboration and service. As a small media company owner, I understand the importance of clear communication and transparency. Additionally, my work with elected officials throughout California and across all levels of government has given me valuable insight into how policies can impact our education system. I'm experienced, qualified, and committed to advocating for our students, teachers, and families to create an equitable and inclusive future for all.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

MARCELLE WILLIAMS

OCCUPATION: Riverside Businesswoman / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

With a 24-year career in business and a background in education, I'm uniquely qualified to serve on the Riverside Unified School District board. My husband and I are proud parents of five children who graduated from Riverside schools.

I'm dedicated to our community's children. I volunteer as a youth mentor, helping at-risk youth.

I also worked as a Secretary for the Superintendent, where I advocated for students.

I'm not a politician; I'm a concerned citizen, businesswoman, and parent committed to giving back to our community.

As your representative on the Riverside Unified School District board, I'll be a strong advocate for parents and students:

- Provide every student with a high-quality education
- Reverse the declining enrollment rate
- Take political agendas out of the classroom
- Empower parents as partners in their child's education
- Ensure all graduates are ready for college or the workforce
- Provide a safe learning environment for students and teachers
- Ensure a balanced budget

I've earned endorsements from Sheriff Chad Bianco, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Riverside City Council Members Sean Mill and Steven Robillard, and many others.

I legally immigrated to the United States, worked hard, pursued an education, and started a successful business. I want to ensure every student has the same opportunity to succeed.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.marcelle4rusd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
SAN JACINTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

BENJAMIN URIBE

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: 5th Grade Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Attended MSJC for 2 years.
Graduated from the University of California Riverside with a B.A. in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Sociology and Spanish.
Teaching credential – UCR
Master's – Curriculum and Instruction from Azusa Pacific University
Masters – Administration from Azusa Pacific University
– I have served on the Valley Wide Recreation Baseball board as President of baseball committee.
– 24 years teaching experience
– High school soccer and baseball coach

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
SAN JACINTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1**

TRICA S. OJEDA

OCCUPATION: Incumbent / Retired Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Nine years ago I was honored to have been elected to serve as Trustee for Area 1 of SJUSD. It has been an honor to serve the students of SJUSD for many years. I served 10 years as an instructional aide, 30 years as a teacher, and now 9 years as a Trustee. As you can see, I have been incredibly invested in our schools. I have seen how the SJUSD staff, parents, and community believe in the great potential of our students. I have witnessed the dedication and hard work our employees devote to our children. As a board member, I am proud to be a part of the San Jacinto Difference!

My husband and I are both San Jacinto Unified alumni. Our four children also attended SJUSD K-12. Our two daughters have taught in the district for 33 years, and our oldest grandson just completed his first year as a SJUSD teacher.

I have dedicated my life to the students of San Jacinto. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve. I ask for your support on Election Day. Please vote for Trica S. Ojeda for San Jacinto USD Trustee Area 1.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, SAN JACINTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3</p> <p>WILLIAM FISHBURN OCCUPATION: Teacher EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My name is William Fishburn, and I am running for San Jacinto School Board Trustee Area 3. I have lived in San Jacinto for 20 years and am deeply committed to our community's future. I am a 27-year veteran teacher who supports an education system that fosters intellectual growth, critical thinking, safety, and higher graduation rates.</p> <p>This is a crucial time to engage in school board elections, even if you don't have children in the district. Our schools, once safe havens for learning, are facing significant challenges. Changes in education nationally are impacting our community.</p> <p>Our children should learn how to think independently, not just what to think. Education must remain free from all agendas that may undermine these principles.</p> <p>As a candidate, I am committed to guiding our district toward these goals. We must protect our children's educational environment from bias and hidden agendas, ensure their safety, and prepare them for future success. By providing our students with the necessary skills and knowledge, we can help them thrive in an ever-changing world.</p> <p>Together, we can protect and enhance the quality of education for all, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed and contribute positively to society.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, SAN JACINTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3</p> <p>AUDREY THOMAS AGE: 42 OCCUPATION: Social Services Professional EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a resident of San Jacinto for the past 15 years, I am seeking the opportunity to serve as your representative on the San Jacinto Unified School District School Board for Area #3. With a background in psychology and a master's degree in human services, my career has been dedicated to supporting families in crisis and educating communities on the impact of trauma within the family structure. My experience in family and crisis intervention equips me to address the complex needs of our students, teachers, and families. I am committed to implementing systems that address mental health and well-being in our schools.</p> <p>As a parent of three children—two SJUSD graduates thriving in the California State University system and a current high school senior—I have a personal investment in the success of our schools. I understand the challenges our students and families face and am dedicated to fostering an environment where every child can succeed.</p> <p>I will work to create a safe, nurturing atmosphere where students can thrive academically and personally. I would be honored to bring my passion, experience, and commitment to the San Jacinto Unified School District School Board.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1, FULL TERM</p> <p>MELINDA ANDERSON AGE: 49 OCCUPATION: Dentist / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Uniting the Temecula Valley School Board with parents and teachers is essential for student success. Parents are the best advocates for their students. Keeping school doors open for parent/teacher communication is key to keeping TVUSD schools some of California's most distinguished.</p> <p>Political and social squabbling are distracting from looming state budget cuts and student underperformance. I am ready to refocus the TVUSD board meetings on achieving high-quality education.</p> <p>As a small business owner, I am prepared to navigate looming budget shortfalls. My skill set is critical for budget oversight, resource allocation, and financial transparency. I earned my Doctorate from Loma Linda University. I served as an adjunct professor teaching Anatomy at BYU, and an alternative high school teacher in rural communities. I have served on pediatric medical mission trips to India and Thailand and participated in projects with Loma Linda University Mecca and Sac Health Norton, where medical services are limited. I volunteer with the PTA at Helen Hunt Jackson, Gardner Middle and Great Oak HS, Boy Scouts, ADA, CDA and youth soccer.</p> <p>I am committed to serving students, teachers, parents, and our community. We need to improve academics, school-parent relationships, instruction and ensure age appropriate curriculum.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 1, FULL TERM</p> <p>ALLISON BARCLAY OCCUPATION: Non-Profit CEO EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a mother of four, a 12-year Temecula resident, and CEO of a youth-serving non-profit, I am passionate about education for youth in our community. I have dedicated my career of over 30 years to advocating for kids and families. I've been deeply involved in volunteer work throughout my life and consider it a privilege to use my time to serve others.</p> <p>I've had the honor to serve as a member of the Governing Board for three years and am excited to continue in this role. I am committed to advocating for all students, ensuring they graduate from high school prepared for the future.</p> <p>I believe with my experience I can continue to champion the best interests of our students, parents, teachers, staff, and community, utilizing a logical and problem-solving approach while showing care and compassion for each individual student and family.</p> <p>I will fight for fiscal responsibility, open and honest communication, equitable access to quality education for all and prioritize safety on our campuses. Working together, we can create a successful path for all students in Temecula.</p> <p>I would be honored to earn your support and respectfully ask for your vote on or before November 5th.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BarclayforTVUSD.com</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
SHORT TERM**

ANGELA TALARZYK

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: School Social Worker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Angela Talarzyk brings much needed parent representation to the School Board as a Temecula mom with two children currently attending TVUSD schools. She also brings 16 years of experience, and counting, as a School Social Worker and Mental Health Specialist in public schools.

Angela has the unique experience of working with students full-time before, during, and after the pandemic while also raising her own children. She knows the struggle of the lockdowns and virtual learning as a parent, and as an educator. She has seen the changing landscape of education, as well as the behavioral and mental health issues affecting students and classrooms. Angela continues her work with students, staff, and parents every single day and has a direct line into the issues they are facing. Like many people, Angela and her family moved to Temecula because of the reputation of our public schools. She understands that great schools and safe students means thriving communities.

Angela has a Bachelor's in social work and a Master's in social work from Indiana University, is a Licensed Clinical Social worker, and has earned her Pupil Personnel Services credential. For more information visit angela4tvusd.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
SHORT TERM**

EMIL ROGER BARHAM

OCCUPATION: Retired Educator / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

With a 24-year career in education and a background in business, I'm uniquely qualified to serve on the Temecula Valley Unified School District board. I've taught every grade level from elementary school to college and was named Teacher of the Year. My business experience includes working in accounting and strategic planning.

I'm not a politician and don't represent special interest groups. I'm just a concerned citizen, educator, and businessman looking to give back to our community.

Temecula students are struggling, with 38% not meeting the grade level standard in reading/writing, 53% in math, and 57% in science. We can do better.

As your representative on the Temecula Valley Unified School District board, I'll be a strong voice for parents and students:

- Fight for parental rights and local control in education.
- Improve student performance by focusing on core subject areas.
- Increase transparency and accountability.
- Provide a safe learning environment for students and faculty.
- Expand Career and Technical Education.
- Advocate for children with special educational needs.
- Promote fiscal responsibility, ensuring taxpayer dollars go directly to classrooms.

With my experience and dedication to education, I've earned endorsements from Sheriff Chad Bianco, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Temecula Valley Unified School District Board Member Jennifer Wiersma, and others.

I respectfully ask for your vote: Let's raise the bar for our children!

www.emilbarham.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2,
SHORT TERM**

GARY ODDI

OCCUPATION: Retired Educator / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Who do you want to guide our schools?

- 35-year Temecula resident with deep community knowledge
- Parent and grandparent of TVUSD students who understands and shares parents' concerns
- Passionate educator who knows how teachers teach, how to build safe and positive school cultures, and how to focus on real learning, not political agendas
- An experienced administrator who knows how to stretch limited budgets and understands the impact of reduced state funding for TVUSD in the coming years

My priorities as your TVUSD trustee:

Build bridges. I'm very concerned about our divided community and will actively work to unite us. TVUSD needs parent involvement to chart our future course. As an administrator and community volunteer, I have a proven record of uniting people to meet shared goals.

Improve school safety. Safety is the foundation for all good things happening in classrooms. Bullying, drug use, special needs support, unsafe crosswalks, and e-bikes all demand attention.

Focus on education. Building on Temecula's educational foundation, we'll analyze all learning data and identify ways to improve student learning beyond just test scores. Technology, society, and education are changing. Together, we can meet these challenges.

I respectfully ask for your vote by November 5th.

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<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4, SHORT TERM</p> <p>DR. JOSEPH KOMROSKY OCCUPATION: Father / Veteran / Professor EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As the former president of TVUSD Board of Education, I am seeking re-election in Trustee Area 4.</p> <p>I am a loving husband, father and former Army Ranger and disabled veteran. I devote myself to God, protecting family values, and defending America. I have 20 years experience in nuclear medicine.</p> <p>Currently, I am a tenured professor specializing in logic, critical thinking, and ethics - teaching students how to think, not what to think.</p> <p>In just 2 years on the board, I delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair-minded resolution banning harmful CRT. • Sensible parental notification policy. • Adopted a policy allowing only US and CA flags on campuses. • Banned future 5G towers near campuses, reducing harmful radiation. • Defined policy prohibiting inappropriate/pornographic material in classrooms. • Stood firmly against Sacramento's interference in our district and the partisan unions prioritizing politics over our children's education. <p>When re-elected, I promise to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working with parents, students, teachers, and staff to raise educational standards. • Ensure fiscal and disciplinary accountability. • Oppose initiatives that prioritize social and political agendas over educational excellence and merit-based principles. <p>Endorsed by Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, and Temecula City Councilwoman Jessica Alexander.</p> <p>I ask for your trust and vote to keep Temecula great!</p> <p>www.drk4tvusd.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4, SHORT TERM</p> <p>DAVID SOLA AGE: 39 OCCUPATION: Retired Marine / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My name is David Sola, and I am running for the Trustee Area 4 position on the Temecula Valley School Board.</p> <p>As a veteran with over 20 years experience in the Marines I value hard work, leadership, and dedication to my community and family.</p> <p>As a husband of 18 years and a father of four incredible kids who have or currently attend TVUSD, nothing is more important to me than academic excellence and creating a safe educational environment for not only my children, but my neighbors, and their neighbors, and theirs.</p> <p>My priorities as your Trustee in Area 4 will be to invest in the success of our district, helping to usher in technology beneficial to students and faculty, and embolden student support systems.</p> <p>I am proud to have served in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. Now, I am dedicated to serving my community with the same level of commitment, fiscal responsibility, and accountability to our constituents.</p> <p>Together, we can put aside the inflammatory rhetoric, the politics, and instead focus on high-quality education for our kids. Let's get to work.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5,
FULL TERM**

JON COBB

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Great teachers changed my life. I only attended two years of high school because I was forced to work full-time to support my family, but God blessed me with teachers who taught me to love learning.

That love of learning carried me from community colleges to graduate programs at Stanford, Harvard, and Vanderbilt. I've been successful throughout my time as a Marine, as a police officer, and as an entrepreneur because of the great education and great teachers I had when I was young.

As someone who overcame academic challenges, I'll do everything in my power to ensure that every TVUSD student receives a world-class education.

As the father of five children, I will:

- Ensure our children are taught HOW to think and not WHAT to think.
- Defend parents' right to know what's going on with their children at school.
- Empower parents to determine their children's education path.
- Remove explicit books and divisive ideologies from our schools.
- Protect our students from drugs and violence.

I humbly ask for your vote to protect our kids, save parents' rights, and give our students the incredible education they deserve.

Thank you, and may God bless your family.

Sincerely,

Jon Cobb

JonForTemeculaSchools.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

DOLORES HOLMES

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Parent / School Counselor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Dolores Holmes. I am a mother running for Val Verde Unified School District School Board Trustee 2. I have been married for 22 years and have lived in this community for 15 of those years. My husband and I have raised 4 children in Val Verde Unified.

My career started in Val Verde, and the wellbeing of students has always been the focus of it. I'm not a politician, simply a parent that wants to see this district put students first in every decision made.

I have worked alongside teachers, administrators, parents and currently work as a student counselor. I want to be a strong voice for the parents of the Val Verde School District. My experiences in working with students give me insight on leading them to success.

Please support me on making a positive impact on our district and our students. Let's protect our children's educational environment and experiences from people that do not have the best interests for children.

Please vote for Dolores (Lola) Holmes to make Val Verde a School District we can be proud of!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

HECTOR JIMENEZ

OCCUPATION: Computer Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I believe the future of our community depends on how well we prepare our students to be our future leaders, healthcare professionals, educators, and more.

I grew up in Moreno Valley and Perris, and I am a product of our community and the Val Verde Unified school district. I have first-hand experience with the level of education that K-12 students receive in our schools. And, having earned an engineering degree from the University of California, Riverside, I have seen where our schools are falling short in preparing our students. Overall, VVUSD student academic performance has been flat or declining in key areas. I worry that our students are not well prepared to reach their goals despite graduating.

I attribute much of my own success in college to the teachers and staff of VVUSD, and I recognize their roles in student success. If elected, I will work to the best of my ability to do the following:

- Review and approve budgets with a focus on improving academic performance.
- Attract and hire additional skilled teachers.
- Improve retention of teachers and staff.
- Protect jobs and approve new positions where needed.
- Negotiate fair contracts with employee unions.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

MATTHEW SERAFIN

OCCUPATION: Val Verde Unified Governing Board Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a life-long resident of Mead Valley and your current elected Val Verde Unified School District Governing Board Member, I have been blessed to follow my passion for education and community empowerment. This is my home and the community my children will be raised in, and I want to ensure they have the best education possible.

I attended all Val Verde Schools and graduated from Citrus Hill High School as a valedictorian and an accomplished athlete. I went on to obtain a B.A. and Graduate Degree in Politics and Public Policy. I've worked with youth and toddlers through various organizations for the past 16 years to help kids achieve their goals and thrive. Every child needs the tools to do better than those who came before them. Val Verde needs to prioritize the children and staff who empower them over all else.

My academic, professional, and personal experiences reflect my desire to empower the community and youth. I am the best candidate for our district to ensure students and staff come first, and it is through education that we will build a better home. There is a lot more work to be done, Let's get to it.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

CHARLES HENRY HALL

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Service Sales Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hi, my name is Charles Hall. I am a proud father of 7 amazing children who motivate me to be a better person, a lucky husband of a veteran teacher who supports me, and a vested community member who values the importance of concerned parents being active in the school system.

Safety and transparency can only be accomplished through bridging the gap between the school district and the community.

I am dedicated to advocating for programs that nurture academic achievement and build career readiness. This includes providing mental health resources, and a wide range of extracurricular activities. I want every parent, student, and teacher to feel supported by our school board, especially when making tough decisions.

I believe in common-sense solutions, as your next school board member, my top priorities will be:

- Ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for all
- Prioritize students through fiscal responsibility and proper governance
- Competitive wages

By voting for Charles Hall, we can ensure student success remains the priority by electing me to be your voice.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4</p> <p>JAMIE ANAYA OCCUPATION: Pharmacy Technician / Parent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a dedicated mother of five, a committed local resident for over 20 years, and an active member of our community, I am invested in the educational landscape of the Perris Union High School District. With my current role at a local pharmacy and my ongoing pursuit of a bachelor's degree in psychology, I bring a unique blend of practical experience and academic insight to the table. Having children within the district myself, I understand firsthand the challenges and opportunities our schools face.</p> <p>My vision for the Perris Union High School District is rooted in a genuine desire to enhance our educational environment and foster a thriving community for all students. I am passionate about introducing innovative ideas and evidence-based strategies to improve academic outcomes and support the well-being of our students. By leveraging my background in psychology and my commitment to local values, I aim to contribute to a forward-thinking approach that addresses the needs of our diverse student body and prepares them for a successful future.</p> <p>Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive educational experience that reflects the best of the Perris Union High School District and supports every student's potential.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGE: 32</p> <p>JONATHAN BELLOSO OCCUPATION: Nonprofit Director / Consultant EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a progress-minded candidate for the Perris Union High School District, I am deeply committed to ensuring that every student and staff member in our community has the opportunity to thrive. With years of experience in nonprofit leadership and the private sector, I understand the importance of equity, responsible fiscal management, and investing in priorities that truly benefit our schools.</p> <p>My focus is on creating an inclusive and supportive educational environment where all voices are empowered. I am dedicated to enhancing student services, advocating for fair and respectful treatment of staff, and fostering a sense of community that values every individual's contribution.</p> <p>By prioritizing fiscal responsibility, I aim to help the district become more solvent while ensuring that resources are allocated to initiatives that directly impact student success and well-being. I believe that through collaboration and thoughtful decision-making, we can set our schools on a path to long-term excellence.</p> <p>I am committed to fostering collaboration among educators, parents, and community members to develop policies that support our students' success. I am passionate about making our district a place where every student can succeed, and every staff member feels valued. I ask for your support to bring this vision to life.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

ALYSSA FELICIANO

AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Healthcare Worker / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Alyssa Feliciano, and I have proudly resided in the community of Nuevo for nearly three decades. I received education in Nuevo, attending elementary and middle school here. I am the-proud parent of Breanna, who is entering her senior year at Nuvview Bridge Early College High School, after being enrolled in the district from daycare through graduation. I have 17 years of experience in healthcare, currently serving in a local emergency room department. I am passionate about ensuring our children receive the best opportunities to thrive as productive adults in society. I firmly believe that active parental involvement is a key to student success. As a candidate for the school board, I am dedicated to bridging the gap and serving as a liaison between parents, students, faculty and district administration. Our children deserve unwavering support, and I am committed to fulfilling this role on the board. I humbly seek the support of our wonderful community. Thank you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

ROBERT MCGINTY

AGE: 62

OCCUPATION: Retired Local Farmer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a proud resident/active member of the Nuevo community for 39 years. I am also a proud husband, father of three, and grandfather of four. The opportunities provided to my children and grandchildren through attending the Nuvview Union School District and being a part of this community are irreplaceable. I have been a local Farmer and Businessman for 39 years and find that the involvement in our community/schools has been the most rewarding

I believe that children, parents, teachers and all community members through their voices and actions foster the nurturing atmosphere of our community and schools.

We must prioritize educational opportunities and provide these pioneers of the future with the tools they need to be successful. We are raising doctors, engineers, scientists, mechanics, nurses, carpenters and so much more together. These children are our future and our future leaders. Each student deserves to be treated as an individual, provided with a respectful, challenging, and innovative educational environment. Let us embrace this responsibility together. I welcome the opportunity to further serve our youth and this great community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
NUVIEW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 5**

JIM BRADBURY

AGE: 63

OCCUPATION: Contractor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Jim Bradbury, and I am running for the Nuvview Union School District board. As a resident of Nuevo since 1986, I have had the privilege of seeing three of my children and six grandchildren go through our local schools.

I am committed to protecting parent rights and ensuring they have a voice in their children's education. Safeguarding our children is my top priority, and I will work tirelessly to ensure a safe learning environment for our children and our staff.

I will ensure our district's curriculum focuses on reading, writing and mathematics and I will ensure that we keep manipulative content out of our schools.

I am also committed to improving our facilities and expanding our students' access to extra-curricular and athletic opportunities. Our students should not have to leave town to access these experiences.

Re-implementing job training programs in our schools is another key focus. These programs are crucial for preparing our students for the workforce and providing them with practical skills that will serve them well in their future careers.

Together, we can build a stronger, safer, and protected educational environment. I humbly ask for your support and your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
PERRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

VIRNIECIA GREEN-JORDAN

OCCUPATION: Educator / Parent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

VOTE GREEN-JORDAN

P-TOWN EXCELLENCE- PROVEN LEADERSHIP!

These are challenging times, so, an experienced visionary navigator is needed to ensure future generational successes. Thus, A VOTE FOR GREEN-JORDAN is for the passionate love of the Perris community starting at Perris High School as an honor student, Mascot, band member, athlete and ASB officer along with:

EDUCATION

PH. D Clinical Psychology, Program; M.S. Counseling Psychology, MFT, CBU; M.A. Special Education Severely Handicapped, CSUSB; B.A. Psychology, UCR; Graduate Rehabilitation Counseling, CSULA; Advance American Sign Language, RCC.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Over 33 years of professional counseling and special education experience (teaching: preschool to adults: RSP, SH, MH, SED, HH Autism and Alternative Ed); Perris School Board Member helped built 9 schools, including: STEM, STEAM, K-8th Arts Charter School, 0-5 Children Resource Center and Preschool and one Virtual School. Helped write CTC California Colleges Standards: Special Education Credentials (Mild to Moderate; Moderate to Severe).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

As Perris Valley Arts And Activities Executive Director aided establishment of the Riverside County Family Resource Centers (3: Perris, Jurupa, Mecca) and the Perris Valley Red Team and doing community events: parades, festivals, job and health fairs and a radio show).

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
PERRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 4**

DOUGLAS CORONA

OCCUPATION: Teacher / Board Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hello fellow residents, Douglas Corona is a product of the Perris public school system, a lifelong resident of Perris, a graduate of UC Riverside, a devoted parent, and a committed public school teacher, he knows what it takes to get our schools performing better. He is supported by Perris staff and teachers.

In the last four years, Douglas Corona has worked tirelessly to create a lot of positive change in the district. Student enrollment and scores have increased, Douglas Corona worked hard to increase salaries for teachers and staff by almost 25%. He helped increase school safety, expanded the DLI program to more schools, extended some of our schools up from 6th to 8th grades, updated the AC units at all sites, renovated many of the school sites, lowered suspension rates, started the immersive TK program, hired more staff, expanded and created more after school and summer school programs. Douglas Corona needs your vote to continue this progress.

Douglas corona is endorsed by the Perris Mayor, Michael Vargas, US Congressman, Mark Takano, California State Senator Richard Roth, Assemblyman, Dr. Corey Jackson and residents like you. Vote for Douglas Corona on November 5th, 2024 for Perris Elementary School Board Trustee Area 4. Our children deserve the best.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
DISTRICT 1**

JOSE MEDINA

AGE: 71

OCCUPATION: Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've served Riverside County as an educator and State Assemblymember. I'm running for County Supervisor to deliver results for our community.

As an Assemblymember, I secured impactful projects including:

- \$201 million for UC Riverside to increase enrollment, tackle climate change, improve health equity, and create union jobs.
- \$25 million for the César Chávez Community Center and the Riverside Arts Academy.
- \$25 million for UC Riverside School of Medicine to train students and expand access to health care.
- \$9.7 million to support the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art, Culture, and Industry.
- \$7 million to support the restoration and preservation of the Harada House.
- \$5.2 million for the preservation of Riverside's Trujillo Adobe.
- \$3.5 million for the development of the Mission Heritage Plaza.

As your County Supervisor, I will deliver for Riverside County working families by:

- Holding the Riverside County Sheriff's Department accountable and restoring trust with our community.
- Tackling our homelessness crisis by rapidly moving people off our streets and into housing.
- Increasing educational opportunities through enhanced coordination of our school districts, community colleges, and UC Riverside.

I am proud to be endorsed by The Press Enterprise, educators, and workers throughout Riverside.

I ask for your vote. Learn more: josemedinaforsupervisor.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,
DISTRICT 1**

RICHARD D. ROTH

OCCUPATION: Major General, USAF (Ret.)

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm a proud veteran who served in the United States Air Force for 32 years, retiring with the rank of Major General. There, we didn't worry about political party – because you need both wings to fly.

As a moderate Democrat and state senator, I've worked across the aisle for our fair share:

- Fully funding the UC Riverside School of Medicine
- \$300 million to train local doctors
- \$419 million to lower emissions and improve air quality
- \$700 million in college and career pathways
- \$30 million in new Cal Grant funding so students can go to college without debt
- \$427 million for road repairs and transportation infrastructure

I'm running for Supervisor to build more housing our families can afford, improve our quality of life, recruit doctors, and make mental healthcare more accessible.

I'll ensure we fund and support public safety to combat crime, fight gang violence, and stop illegal drugs from overtaking our communities.

I have a plan to address homelessness by partnering with nonprofits, expanding substance abuse treatment, supportive housing, and job training, while working to end street encampments.

I'm proudly supported by our nurses, firefighters, sheriff's deputies, local education leaders, and labor unions. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 1**

LEROY MILLER

AGE: 60

**OCCUPATION: Retired Firefighter
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

My name is Leroy Miller and I was born and raised in the city of Banning. I am a retired firefighter for Cal Fire and began my civic duty as a Banning Parks and Recreation Commissioner for 14 years, served 2 years as a planning commissioner and have led numerous initiatives for different non profits within the pass area. Throughout my years of public service it has been great to be a part of the improvements, however it is very clear that our city still has a great deal of work ahead of us. It's vital to increase economic stability with opportunities for new businesses that accommodate young families and provide higher paying jobs that will ultimately stimulate the local dollar in our community. My vision is to partner and collaborate with local, state and federal agencies to mitigate and tackle the homeless issues to create a safer community. Together, I believe we can create a Banning that will benefit the generations to come and it starts with voting the right people into city council. Leroy Miller for City Council 2024.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 1**

ALBERTO SANCHEZ

**OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Dear Banning Residents,

It has been an honor to serve you on the Banning City Council for the past four years, and I seek your trust and support for re-election. We have made significant progress together, but more work remains to ensure Banning continues to thrive.

During my term, I have focused on balancing the city's budget while making strategic investments that drive economic growth. I supported initiatives that attracted new businesses, creating jobs and boosting our local economy.

I have championed infrastructure projects, including the repair of roads, modernization of public transportation, and improvement of parks. These are crucial for maintaining our city's quality of life.

Public safety has been a top priority. I have worked closely with our police and fire departments and supported programs that promote mental health and social services.

I have also advocated for affordable housing developments and sustainable practices that protect our environment and reduce long-term costs.

As your council member, I have always listened to your concerns and made decisions reflecting our community's needs. I humbly ask for your vote in this upcoming election so we can continue moving Banning forward together.

Thank you.

Alberto Sanchez

Incumbent Candidate for Banning City Council

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 1**

HARRY SULLIVAN

AGE: 74

**OCCUPATION: Retired General Contractor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I, Harry Sullivan, a third generation Banning native, am committed to the prosperity and values of our community. I grew up in a close-knit community and family which instilled in me the principles of diligence, integrity and a commitment to service. My life's work reflects a dedication to our district, demonstrated through decades of hands-on experience and leadership.

- Chairman of Banning Airport Commission
- Past President and Board Member, Banning Sportsman's Club
- Past President and Board Member, Banning Airport Pilots Association
- Banning Municipal Airport, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's Airport Support Network Member
- 45 years as a working General Contractor
- 25 years Owner and Manager of Rental Properties in Banning, CA
- Vietnam Veteran, Decorated Combat Non-Commissioned Officer
- Instrument Rated Private Pilot

I am prepared to use my experiences to advocate for District 1, with honesty and transparency, making sure our community's voice and principles are represented.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 2**

EVA MIRIAM RAMIREZ

OCCUPATION: Technical Specialist / Student

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Miriam Ramirez, and I'm running for Banning City Council because I care deeply about our city's future. I grew up here, graduated from Banning High School, and work at my family's business in town. I'm deeply connected to our community, and I've seen the impact of businesses leaving and the challenges our city faces as it tries to grow. I am running to help the city I love.

As a council member, I will prioritize economic development, infrastructure improvements, and community engagement. I'm committed to ensuring our city grows in a way that benefits everyone and creates a strong foundation for future generations. This means clean air, a strong economy, and a safe place to live, learn, and work.

I'm ready to ensure that Banning remains a place people are proud to call home. This fight is personal for me, and I know it is for you too. Vote for Miriam Ramirez.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 2**

CYNTHIA "CINDY" L. BARRINGTON

OCCUPATION: Retired Laboratory Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a second generation native Southern Californian and have lived in the Inland Empire for 50 years, 25 in Banning.

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, am a licensed Clinical Laboratory Scientist, and managed 3 laboratories and 8 phlebotomy draw stations for Beaver Medical Group for 25 years until my retirement in 2020. As the Director of Laboratory Services, I supervised as many as 65 employees and managed an annual budget of \$6 million. I negotiated contracts, functioned as a consultant for physicians, and was responsible for ensuring that all State and Federal regulatory requirements were met.

I love Banning and want it to be a city that residents are proud to live in. My priorities, if elected are:

- A commitment to honesty, ethics, and transparency in city government
- Retain and restore the airport to attract industry and commerce
- Work towards a regional animal shelter to keep animal services local
- Implement a moratorium on warehouses
- Bring more meaningful business and jobs to Banning
- Represent all residents and respect their wishes over special interest groups

BE PART OF THE CHANGE! I respectfully ask for your vote to make change happen

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 3**

SHERI FLYNN

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Thorough knowledge of CEQA, EIR's, CFD's, Banning Point and Sunset Crossroads.
- Past VP and Co-Chair of the Legal/Environmental Committee for the Pass Action Group.
- Crafted the Resolution to deny the Banning Point project.
- Exposed the financial mismanagement within Banning Utility.
- Will demand an independent city-wide forensic audit ensuring transparency and accountability.
- Oppose the construction of warehouses near residential areas.
- Instrumental in the successful recall of Mary Hamlin.
- Active representation on the: the Budget and Finance Committee, Cal Cities Warehouse Working Group, League of California Cities, Western Riverside Council of Governments, Riverside Transit Agency, and Riverside County Transportation Commission.
- BS in Microbiology from California Polytechnic University, Pomona (1983).
- AA in Medical Laboratory Technology from Santiago Community College (2012).
- Retired Clinical Laboratory Scientist.
- Customer Service Representative at Orchard Supply Hardware (2012 to 2018).
- Married 39 years. Raised three successful college-educated children. A dedicated dog mom.

It has been my privilege to serve as your District 3 Councilperson. I have consistently advocated for and passionately represented the interests of District 3 and Banning at every City Council meeting.

I respectfully request your vote to continue providing strong, decisive, forward-thinking leadership. Let's work together to set Banning on a path of progress, fiscal responsibility, transparency, and renewal.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 3**

DEBORAH H ROBBINS

OCCUPATION: Community Volunteer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Debbie Robbins and I have been a Banning resident since 2018. I have been married for 43 years and am the proud mother of three children and two beautiful granddaughters. My husband and I owned and operated a decorative apparel business from 2008 until 2014 where I was the Director of Operations. Several years later, we discovered the beautiful community of Sun Lakes where we have dedicated our time to become an integral part of the community with our involvement in the many activities and organizations Sun Lakes offers.

Throughout the years, I have found my passion in serving others and community is where I have found fulfillment. I have volunteered and led some extraordinary charities and clubs throughout my journey. My road to civic duty is nowhere near ending and it would be my great honor to represent District 3 on the Banning City Council. As your representative, not only will I seek solutions for District 3, but I will also create a cohesive relationship with other city council members and staff to achieve economic growth and opportunities for all of Banning.

When elected, I will represent you with integrity, honesty and an open-door policy.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 4, SHORT TERM**

DAVID HAPPE

OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Vote Happe!

As your current District 4 Councilmember and a proud Banning resident, I am committed to realizing our city's great potential. With 25 years as a firefighter, I understand the importance of public safety and will ensure our police and firefighters have the resources they need.

Recruiting businesses that provide good-paying jobs and revenue is key to our success. New businesses will offer local jobs, commercial services, and tax revenues to support crucial city services.

Banning residents deserve stability at City Hall. We need a positive working environment to attract and retain the best people.

Most importantly, Banning should be a place where families enjoy a high quality of life. We have great parks and recreational opportunities, and as your Councilmember, I will continue to support businesses that enhance these activities.

Together, we can provide the leadership Banning needs now and into the future.

Join me in making Banning a better place for all. Vote Happe!

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BANNING, DISTRICT 4, SHORT TERM**

RICHARD ROYCE

AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Law Enforcement

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am 57 years old, have been married for 34 years, and have lived in Banning for 25 years. I have served in Law Enforcement for 30 years and believe in a fair, unbiased, and transparent government. I am also a firm believer in fiscal responsibly, accountability, and responsible development. Some of my experiences and accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- 14 Years as Union President
- Negotiated labor contracts
- Crisis Negotiator
- Prepared and presented staff reports for City Council
- Grant Writer
- Hi-Tech / Financial Crimes / Fraud Investigator
- Co-authored policy and participated in the first ever BWV camera study in the Nation
- Helicopter Pilot

If elected, I will use my training, experience, and skills to:

- Ensure responsible development of Residential, Retail, and Commercial Properties / Zoning
- Work with existing resources to address the root cause of homelessness
- Work to approve an outside forensic audit of city finances
- Provide Public Safety with training, technology, personnel, and equipment necessary to be most effective at serving our community

My goal is to continue my public service and provide our community with a more transparent, responsible, and accountable government. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and vote.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR TREASURER, CITY OF BANNING</p> <p>COULA RINGGOLD OCCUPATION: Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a candidate for City Treasurer, I am committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility in managing our city's finances. With over a decade of experience in financial management, I have the expertise to oversee the city's budget, investments, and expenditures with the utmost integrity and diligence.</p> <p>I believe in a proactive approach to fiscal stewardship, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are managed wisely and efficiently. My goal is to enhance the financial health of our city by implementing sound investment strategies, reducing waste, and prioritizing long-term financial planning. I am dedicated to making sure that our city's financial resources are used to improve public services, support community programs, and invest in infrastructure that benefits all residents.</p> <p>As your City Treasurer, I will work tirelessly to foster trust between the city government and the public by providing clear and accessible financial reports, hosting regular community forums, and being available to address any concerns. Together, we can build a financially strong and vibrant city that serves everyone. I ask for your vote to bring responsible financial management to our city's treasurer's office.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR TREASURER, CITY OF BANNING</p> <p>GLADYS "SUE" SAVAGE OCCUPATION: Retired Hemet City Treasurer EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>You, the Citizens of Banning, have my solemn promise I will take very seriously the job of City of Banning Treasurer.</p> <p>As a retired City of Hemet Treasurer, I understand how important it is to have someone representing you, the Citizens of Banning, and your money.</p> <p>If elected City Treasurer, I guarantee you will know where and how your tax dollars are invested in my Treasurer Reports.</p> <p>I respectfully ask for your trust and your vote this November 5, 2024.</p> <p>Thank you, Gladys "Sue" Savage</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

DAVID L FENN

AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Realtor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Beaumont,

Thank you for electing me in 2020, we did it with no campaign donations and we'll do it again in 2024. We accomplished a lot during my first term. I served on several committees including Finance and Audit, Economic Development, Transportation, and as Mayor for 2024.

Some of the many accomplishments we've had are:

- Public safety support for Police & Fire included new vehicles, equipment, and new fire station #106
- Completed traffic projects include widening of Pennsylvania Ave, traffic light signal synchronization, protected left turn signals at multiple intersections, and repaving city streets
- Ongoing Traffic improvements include 2nd street extension, 60 Freeway ramps at Potrero, Highland Springs & Oak Valley upgrades, and railroad crossing on Pennsylvania
- "Good neighbor Policy" for Industrial, no warehouses near residential
- Parks and Recreation improvements
- Strengthened relationships with local elected officials
- Encouraged public engagement
- Supported City Staff in Economic Development
- CFD/Mello-Roos property tax transparency

It was a great first term. I would be honored to receive your vote so we can make Beaumont even better, thank you!

Sincerely,

David L. Fenn

www.davidfenn.com

Real Estate Broker

US Army Veteran

21-Year Beaumont Homeowner

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

JOSEPH MATHEWS

OCCUPATION: Youth Commission Coordinator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hello, I'm Joe Mathews, a U.S. Navy Veteran and Candidate for Beaumont City Council. A proud product of this community, I transformed my life from a high school dropout to earning a Bachelor's in Counseling and a Master's in Business Administration. My journey reflects dedication to overcoming challenges, and my goal is to help others do the same.

As the Legislative Intern Program/Youth Commission Coordinator, I create growth opportunities for youth and advocate for their needs with the support and guidance of the Board of Supervisors. Previously, as an Employer Services Consultant, I supported small businesses by filling employment gaps with county residents, strengthening our workforce.

With eight years at Morongo Tribal TANF, I implemented community assistance programs to uplift Native families, supporting their development to achieve self-sufficiency. This led me to become a certified facilitator for Native American Fatherhood and Families Association, nourishing family relationships and addressing key issues.

My personal and professional work is dedicated to making a difference in our residents' lives, promoting a brighter future for our community by ensuring every voice is heard and every resident thrives.

I ask for your support to help build a brighter future; together, we can make a difference.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

JULIO MARTINEZ III

OCCUPATION: City of Beaumont Councilmember / Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a City Councilmember, I'm dedicated to serving the residents of Beaumont and bringing positive change to our city.

We eliminated corruption at City Hall and balanced the city budget, turning an \$11 million deficit into a \$17 million surplus. We restructured city finances, resulting in lower taxes for homeowners.

We created Beaumont's first street maintenance department, rehabilitating over 150 miles of city streets. We enhanced city parks and expanded recreation opportunities. We created the Small Business Assistance Program and developed a plan to revitalize Downtown.

We completed construction of Fire Station #106 and fully funded our police department, strengthening our commitment to public safety.

With your support, I will continue advocating for residents and working hard to:

- Ensure Beaumont is a safe city
- Address homelessness
- Attract popular eateries and stores
- Enhance and build more city parks
- Begin construction of the Pennsylvania overpass and Highland Springs Interchange Improvements

As a teacher at Beaumont High School for 19 years, I hold a B.S and M.A degree. As a Beaumont resident for 23 years, my family and I appreciate the beauty of Beaumont.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving you and moving Beaumont forward.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF BEAUMONT**

JESSICA GERARD HEDLUND

AGE: 33

OCCUPATION: Fundraising Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a dedicated mother of three, special education teacher, and community advocate, I am thankful for the opportunity to represent the citizens of Beaumont, California. My years of leadership experience on the executive boards of four collegiate organizations have equipped me with the skills necessary for effective governance.

Currently, I serve as the Fundraising Director of a nonprofit organization that benefits the special needs community. I am deeply committed to Beaumont, and grounded by my core values which are honesty, faith, hard work, and understanding.

I am dedicated to caring for our city and its citizens with the same passion and compassion I have for my own family. As a mother, I know that listening to those in need is the most effective way to solve the big issues. I will work for you, and with you, to ensure that the city we live in is the perfect environment to grow our business and our babies in. I thank you sincerely for your vote.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF BLYTHE</p> <p>MARIA GUADALUPE GONZALEZ OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a long-time resident, small business owner, educational contractor, and parent, I have seen both the strengths and challenges Blythe faces. Serving as President of the Blythe Chamber of Commerce, I have worked closely with local businesses and community members, and I am deeply committed to making our town a better place for everyone.</p> <p>I am running for City Council because I believe in Blythe's potential to once again be a thriving, vibrant place where families can grow and prosper. My vision is to create an environment where businesses flourish, families feel secure, and our children have the opportunities they need to succeed.</p> <p>My focus will be on fostering collaboration between local businesses, community organizations, and government agencies to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life for all residents. I believe in transparency, accountability, and ensuring that every voice in our community is heard.</p> <p>As your City Council representative, I will work tirelessly to bring positive change to Blythe. I am committed to making decisions that reflect our community's values and will work hard to build a brighter future for generations to come. Let's work together to restore Blythe to the great town we know it can be.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF BLYTHE</p> <p>SUMMER SPRAGGINS OCCUPATION: Realtor EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGE: 46</p> <p>As a dedicated Realtor, active service club member, and passionate advocate for our community. I am excited to offer my vision for our city as a candidate for City Council. My experience and values uniquely position me to address the critical issues facing our community while fostering a thriving, safe, and inclusive environment for all residents.</p> <p>Ensuring the safety and security of our neighborhoods is a top priority. I am committed to strengthening our local law enforcement agencies with the resources and support they need to effectively prevent and respond to crime.</p> <p>Homelessness is a complex issue that requires compassion and strategic action. I believe in a balanced approach that combines immediate relief with long-term solutions. By collaborating with local organizations and leveraging community resources, we can create a humane and effective system to reduce homelessness in our city.</p> <p>Supporting Local Businesses: Our local businesses are the heart of our community. As a real estate professional, I understand the importance of a robust local economy. I will advocate for policies that support small businesses, and promote local entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Together, we can build a city that is safe, compassionate, and economically dynamic.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CALIMESA**

WILLIAM DAVIS

AGE: 78

OCCUPATION: General Engineering
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a businessman and property owner I have spent over 40 years living and working in Calimesa. I have served on the Planning Commission and five terms on the council working hard serving the needs of the community. I am not a politician, I cannot make everyone happy, but I listen carefully and answer questions honestly. My agenda is I like living here and helping support the community.

As a business owner for over 50 years, I have developed a working relationship with companies by being straight forward and taking pride in what we do. I take the same pride in this community because this is where I want to live.

I've worked with various organizations throughout the community in an effort to better unite those who live and work in our area to instill a sense of pride.

I am a CSU graduate with a degree in civil and environmental engineering. With my combined education and experience, I bring a working knowledge of land development, infrastructure improvements, open space preservation, and fiscal responsibility.

A father of 4, grandfather of 13, and great-grandfather of 31, I will continue to provide leadership for Calimesa and preserve our community for future generations.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CALIMESA**

WENDY J HEWITT

OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Calimesa has been my home town for 33 years. Myself, along with my husband of 35 years have raised six children here in Calimesa. I have served on the City Council for 4 years and in that time we as a city have added a beautiful new park in Summerwind, we have also broke ground on an expansion of our 4th street Park. They will be adding pickleball courts amongst other things.

In March of 2023 we initiated our Calimesa Pavement Plan to repair our city streets, and in August of 2024 we broke ground for the enlargement of our new library. We have so much to offer our residents of Calimesa. We are a growing city and Calimesa remains one of the most fiscally healthy cities in California.

I hope that you will vote for me again for City Council to continue our thoughtful growth.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CALIMESA**

EDGAR GARCÍA

OCCUPATION: School Community Liaison
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a devoted father and husband with three children, one of whom has a disability, I understand the challenges families face. In our city, where resources are scarce, I have stepped up to provide essential support to students and families across our communities. My personal experience fuels my commitment to ensure no one feels alone and every family has access to the resources they need.

With 14 years of experience in the medical field, I have led teams to bring out the best in every individual and ensure excellent patient care. I have also worked closely with our school district to provide resources to our community, removing barriers and ensuring student success both in school and in their future.

Having lived in Riverside County for 27 years and Calimesa for 3 years, I am passionate about preserving our city's family-friendly atmosphere and attracting local businesses that enhance our community. I am dedicated to keeping our city safe and beautiful for all families to enjoy.

Vote for Edgar Garcia. Together, we can make a tangible, heartfelt difference for all who need it and for our community.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CALIMESA**

LINDA MOLINA

OCCUPATION: Calimesa Councilmember / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbors,

My husband and I moved to Calimesa 18 years ago with our three grandkids. I'm proud to call Calimesa my home. Our grandchildren went to local schools here and are active in all of the amenities our great community has to offer. I'm running for City Council because I love living in Calimesa and I want to ensure our city remains safe and provides an exceptional quality of life.

My 18 years of employment with the Housing Authority City of Los Angeles and my election and subsequent Presidency of the Rosemead Elementary School District Board of Trustees, has provided invaluable experience in governance. My focus remains unchanged:

- Prioritize public safety, fully-fund police and fire services
- Ensure a balanced city budget and healthy reserve fund
- Support local businesses and attract desirable new businesses
- Invest in road improvements, and traffic reduction
- Make sure Calimesa remains a great place to live, work, play and raise a family

I'm honored to be endorsed by Public Safety Officers, regional and local elected officials and so many business owners in our community.

I will continue to bring responsible, effective leadership to the City Council.
I respectfully ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CALIMESA**

ERIC L. CUNDIEFF

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Retired Law Enforcement

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a US Navy veteran, a retired Deputy Sheriff, and have been serving as one of our cities planning commissioners for over 3 years. I am 49 years old, I grew up in the Yucaipa Calimesa communities and have lived in Calimesa with my wife and two children since 2016

I care deeply for our citizens and wish to continue my public service by serving as one of your elected council members. Public safety and controlled well planned growth are two areas of my focus for Calimesa.

I humbly ask you to vote for me this November, God Bless.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CANYON LAKE**

MARK TERRY

OCCUPATION: Mayor Pro-Tem / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm proud to call Canyon Lake our home. As a 23-year resident, I'm humbled to have raised my family and now grandchildren in our amazing community. As your Mayor Pro-Tem I show up to work everyday to ensure we are increasing the quality of life for all Canyon Lake Residents. We need to continue to fight for:

- Public Safety
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Canyon Lake Small Businesses
- Working with our Property Owners Association
- Regional Relationships
- Future Investments

Today we have accomplished a great deal:

- Provided the Canyon Lake Fire Department with a permanent, city owned firehouse
- Approved a three-year contract for our valued Canyon Lake Firefighters
- Oversaw a budget surplus for years 2023 and 2024
- Secured the City reserves to 90%
- Provided a platform for Canyon Lake Businesses focused on marketing creatively via social media
- Advocated for the Canyon Lake Cash Program, benefiting both consumers and Canyon Lake businesses

I'm humbled to be endorsed by: Both Fire and Police public safety personnel, Councilmember Jeremy Smith, Councilmember Kasey Castillo, Councilmember Jennifer Dain, Elsinore Valley Water District Director Darcy Burke, POA President Bill Van Vleet, POA Board Member Jeff Bill, Business Owner Iris Stricklin of Legacy Realty, Business Owner Johnny Juarez of Patriotic Arms and the Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CANYON LAKE**

DALE WELTY

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

For 35 years, my family has called Canyon Lake home. As your current mayor, just like you, I'm passionate about our community and dedicated to making Canyon Lake a city that we can be proud of.

Working with the current council, we opened our own Fire Department and purchased the fire station, which significantly improved our relationships with local communities.

The decision to run for city council was a family decision, as both my wife and I are dedicated to public service.

In my 30-year career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, I assisted veterans with obtaining VA home loans and served and continue to serve our most disabled veterans, helping them adapt their homes to accommodate their disabilities.

As a former POA board member, I worked to strengthen the long-term sustainability of the POA finances and brought about meaningful improvements.

I want to continue serving the people of Canyon Lake as a strong voice on the council.

As a member of the council, my goals are clear:

- Support our business community
- Make public safety a priority
- Ensure a pathway to success for our children.

I would be honored to receive your vote on November 5th.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CANYON LAKE**

JOSHUA STEEBER

OCCUPATION: Businessman / Community Volunteer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Joshua Steeber, and I am running for city council with a deep history and commitment to serving our community. As a father of two boys who love the City of Canyon Lake, I understand the values that make our city special. Canyon Lake has been our home since 2016. For more than ten years in the private sector, I have worked with Federal, State and Local Governments on focused planning, budgeting, and contracting. Additionally, I serve on the Advisory Council at Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center. I bring a blend of visionary leadership and practical experience.

Public safety is my top priority, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that our city is safe and secure for individuals and businesses alike. I am committed to strategic planning that will keep our city moving forward while being fiscally responsible to protect our resources and investments. I will work to implement budget accountability and solutions for our city's goals. This election will be pivotal in guiding the City of Canyon Lake efforts to remain a quality city. I pledge to listen to the community before making decisions. Voting for me will give you a strong voice on the council!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 1**

RITA LAMB

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am Rita Lamb, councilmember for Cathedral City and am seeking re-election for another term on your city council. I am honored to have served on the City Council for the past 5 ½ years having first been elected to represent the residents of District 1 in a special election.

My priorities include public safety, including retaining and recruiting well-trained paramedics and firefighters, assisting families prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters, keeping our parks safe and secure and repairing neighborhood streets.

Cathedral City has been my home for 24 years and the Coachella Valley for over 40. I retired as an elementary school principal in both the Desert Sands and Coachella Valley Unified School Districts. I was appointed to the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission serving for 6 years and served as board member for the Cathedral City Senior Center for 2 years.

Since my first election in 2019, I have worked tirelessly to build a community that is safe, friendly, diverse and inclusive. I know the value of a well-run and supportive community where our children are safe, our seniors are respected and all of us thrive.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 1**

MICHAEL W. HAYES

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Retired Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a proud openly gay man of Irish and Mexican descent, I am honored to run for city Council With decades of community experience and as a US Marine veteran station here in Southern California. I've dedicated my life to fighting for freedom and equality. From the early days of the HIV crisis to now, I've successfully lead businesses with created vision, compassion and heart.

My leadership focuses on empowering our community, particularly the homeless and the under represented. I am committed to:

- Enhancing local businesses and economic development
- Expanding parks, dog parks and recreational spaces
- Streamlining government for more efficient and effective neighborhood support

As a veteran and community advocate I understand the importance of inclusive leadership. I will work tirelessly to ensure our city is a vibrant welcoming place for all. Let's build a brighter future together, where everyone has access to opportunities and resources. Vote for me, and let's make our community shine!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 1**

MARK SCHARAGA

OCCUPATION: Chief Executive Officer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina in 1993. After that I spent about 16 years in the public safety and education software industry. However, I missed working in restaurants and began a culinary journey to become a sushi chef. My experiences, including being a father to my 27 year old daughter, give me a truly wide lens to serve the people of Cathedral City.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, DISTRICT 2**

NANCY L. ROSS

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Ross asking for your vote to re-elect me to the City Council of Cathedral City.

When elected I will serve as your mayor in 2025. I am looking forward to elevating our city together.

I also represent Cathedral City, and you, on several commissions; Coachella Valley Association of Governments Energy and Environment Commission, Riverside County Animal Campus, Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control and Sunline Transit Agency where I am the Chair of Trustees.

I am pleased to support, both financially and with my time to our Boys and Girls Club, Cathedral City Senior Center, Fire and Police departments and city staff.

I support the vibrant Hispanic members of Cathedral City and their strong familial and city contribution.

Additionally, the LGBTQ+ community are building in and supporting our city every day.

My favorite achievements for the city have been the dinosaur exhibit bringing 10's of thousands of people. Handing out 30,000 COVID masks to small businesses.

Providing the first neighborhood sign toppers in Cathedral City "Ocotillo Square". Hosted, 3 Emergency Preparedness classes and provided stocked buckets.

Travelled to Sacramento speaking with our leaders. Supplied funding for scores of free swim vouchers to children.

I humbly ask for your vote with my promise of dedication and loyalty to the job and to you. My greatest honor is to help the citizens of Cathedral City.

Thank you. (NRoss@CathedralCity.gov)

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR MAYOR, CITY OF COACHELLA</p> <p>FRANK FIGUEROA AGE: 32 OCCUPATION: Coachella City Councilmember EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I'm Frank Figueroa and I'm running for Mayor because our biggest challenges deserve bold action and fresh leadership <u>now</u>.</p> <p>As a son and grandson of farmworkers, I've devoted my life to giving back and helping our community. My parents' work ethic and love of Coachella inspired me to graduate from Coachella Valley High School, COD, and UCR. I have over a decade of experience in higher education as a Financial Manager, in addition to serving on Council.</p> <p>As your City Councilmember, I've fought for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Affordable housing, ensuring seniors and low-income families have a safe place to live.- Youth engagement opportunities.- Support for small businesses. <p>But I know there's so much more we can do. We deserve positive change and leadership that is responsive to the people. As your Mayor, I'll put our community first and get things done by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improving public safety by hiring more police officers, adding vehicle license plate readers, and increasing firefighter funding.- Expanding our first time home buyer program, so that owning a home is achievable for all Coachella working families.- Developing Coachella as a top tourist destination. <p>I would be honored to earn your vote on November 5th to move Coachella towards a better future.</p> <p>DrFigueroa4Coachella.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR MAYOR, CITY OF COACHELLA</p> <p>STEVEN A. HERNANDEZ OCCUPATION: Coachella Mayor EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Dear Coachella,</p> <p>It has been the honor of my life to have served as your Mayor for the past decade. Together we have transformed this city by prioritizing public safety, affordable housing, recreation, education and the economy. I am grateful that you have trusted me as your Mayor.</p> <p>Today, new businesses are coming to town; new affordable housing is sprouting before our eyes and a new park is on the horizon. The City of Coachella is more beautiful now than ever. This would not be possible without the incredible collaboration that has been cultivated throughout the years between citizens, city hall, and our state and county officials. It is vital that we continue this collaboration and progress.</p> <p>As the city expands, many new challenges will confront us. That is why public safety, the economy, solutions to homelessness, and the expansion of our infrastructure will continue to be prioritized as your Mayor.</p> <p>We need your help! Let's keep Coachella moving in the right direction. Let's keep Coachella looking beautiful. Let's keep moving forward! I respectfully ask for your vote, November 5, 2024.</p> <p>Very truly yours,</p> <p>Steven A. Hernandez Mayor City of Coachella</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

DENISE DELGADO

OCCUPATION: Councilmember / Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Fifty years ago, my family moved to the City of Coachella to start a new life for themselves and raise their family as immigrants. They taught me hard-work, community building, and the importance of helping others. Today, I'm proud to say that I continue to live in this wonderful city with my family.

In the last four years, we have worked hard to improve our quality of life and ensure that our hard-earned taxpayer dollars are invested responsibly. As your councilmember, I am proud to say that since 2020 we have delivered results:

- Committed to complete Las Flores park with the over 8 million grant.
- Increased fire personnel and services.
- Added traffic deputies to help keep our streets safe.
- Started repavement and street widening program.
- Added over 400 affordable housing units
- Started the Connecting Coachella program to help improve transit with new bus stops and bike lanes.

Coachella is improving and I plan to continue to work to build a:

- Safe City: Support the strengthening of our public safety department to ensure clean and safer neighborhoods.
- Prosperous City: Provide workforce opportunities to our residents and increase local revenue.
- Effective City: Provide accessible, affordable recreational activities for all residents.

www.DeniseforCoachella.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

KIMBERLY MIRANDA

AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: Senior District Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Querido Coachella,

iProsperemos juntos! My name is Kimberly Miranda. I am running to be your next councilmember. As an engaged Coachella resident and former planning commissioner, I have seen firsthand the city's significant growth in the last 20 years, and I am ready to lead Coachella towards a future of growth and transformation.

I earned a B.A. in Economics with a minor in Public Policy from the University of California, Riverside. Currently, I serve as a Senior Legislative Representative and Public Safety & Veteran Affairs Policy Advisor for Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia.

Looking into the future, I plan to:

- Attract new businesses and support local entrepreneurs to stimulate job creation and economic prosperity;
- Invest in our roads, parks, and public facilities to better serve all residents; and
- Collaborate with both law enforcement and local stakeholders to develop comprehensive and balanced solutions that not only protect our neighborhoods but also enhance the overall quality of life of our community.

I am prepared to tackle our community's challenges and seize opportunities. Let your vote be the building block for a thriving, safe, inclusive, and resilient Coachella!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Miranda

Your Next Councilmember

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

MARCOS GRANADOS JR.

AGE: 33

OCCUPATION: Coachella Parks Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Marcos Granados Jr., and I'm running for Coachella City Council. Coachella has been home to my family and I for over 25 years. I am deeply rooted in this city; I've walked its parks, attended its schools, worked in its fields, and now it's time to give back to the community in a new way.

Like many of Coachella's wonderful residents, I grew up working in the fields and developed a passion for agriculture. For a long time, fieldwork was all I knew and all I wanted to do. Years of working in the industry gave me knowledge and life experiences that I wouldn't have gained anywhere else.

Coachella, I'm running to bring a fresh perspective to the City Council. I'm running to ensure that Coachella has the schools it deserves, the housing opportunities we all seek, and to be a voice for those who wish to be heard. Join me as we strive to create the best version of Coachella we can achieve.

Coachella, ¡vamos a darle!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF COACHELLA**

YADIRA PEREZ

AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: Criminal Investigator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Yadira Perez, and I am proud to call the City of Coachella my home. For the last two decades I have lived here and raised a family here. With 18 years' experience in Law Enforcement and the last year as a Criminal Investigator, I have dedicated myself to serving our residents by bringing criminals to justice and keeping our community safe. I understand firsthand the critical link between public safety and effective city governance.

As your next City Councilmember, my top priorities are:

- Improving Public Safety by hiring more police officers, adding license plate readers, and advocating for the implementation of advanced law enforcement programs to help reduce violent crimes.
- Enhancing Local Businesses by promoting a shop local program to help generate economic growth.
- Expanding Recreation Activities for our youth by providing safe and enjoyable indoor spaces during the summer months.
- Reducing Homelessness by developing initiatives to support families, expanding affordable housing, and providing mental health services.
- Supporting Seniors and Veterans with resources to improve living conditions and update services.

With your support, we can build a safer and more prosperous Coachella.

Please vote for Yadira Perez for Coachella City Council on November 5th!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CORONA, DISTRICT 2**

ANTHONY D DADDARIO

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As the representative for District 2 in Corona over the last four years, I am enormously proud of the hard work and dedication of the City Council. Corona is in a better financial position; we have planned for success and are working to implement those plans. The city has worked hard to listen to the residents, gather their input and encourage them to participate. Having hosted quarterly Town Halls & Talks w/Tony events I have been able to hear directly from the residents. I have always prided myself on being available to the residents and if re-elected will continue to do so. Corona is moving in a great direction; I am so excited for our future. In the last four years the city has taken on challenges that are a direct reflection of listening to the citizens. Examples include a 60% reduction in homelessness which is a testament to the cities strategic homeless planning, revitalization projects that include a remodeled City Park making it the show piece of our community and revitalization of our downtown. I am looking forward to earning your vote. Thank You

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF CORONA, DISTRICT 3**

TOM RICHINS

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Electrical Contractor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been an honor to serve on the Corona City Council for the past 4 years. Thanks to a unified city council, hardworking city employees, a wise city manager, and supportive citizens, Corona has achieved landmark successes in the last 4 years. Please allow me to list a few of our achievements:

- Corona Mercy House homeless shelter opened its doors.
- The homeless population in Corona was reduced 65%.
- We saw a significant decrease in graffiti with a team dedicated to removing graffiti within 48 hours.
- Corona's city logo and seal were updated.
- The streets are currently being repaved and restriped.
- We passed an ordinance to ban real estate signs in public landscaping medians.
- Plans for the City Park revitalization and new Community Center are underway.

There are even more projects in the works.

My genuine interest is in the success of our community. Since being elected, I have not accepted any campaign contributions because it is ethically important to represent the citizens first and foremost. As a city council member, I am dedicated to looking out for the best interests of our community and its citizens. I respectfully and humbly ask for your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
TREASURER,
CITY OF CORONA**

YASAR DAGLAR

OCCUPATION: Business Consultant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Yasar Daglar. I am 49 years old. I am running for the position of City Treasurer in Corona. With over 30 years of experience in the USA, I have dedicated my career to helping individuals and businesses navigate the complexities of financial management.

For the past 20 years, I have run a successful consulting business, assisting clients in achieving their financial goals and securing their financial futures. My extensive knowledge in financial management, tax preparation, and business consulting qualifies me to manage the city's finances responsibly and transparently.

As City Treasurer, I will ensure fiscal accountability, safeguard public funds, and work diligently to enhance Corona's financial stability. My commitment to transparency and ethical financial practices will guide my efforts to serve the community effectively.

I am dedicated to creating efficient financial strategies for our city. I plan to implement modern financial technologies to streamline processes and save taxpayer money. Furthermore, I will actively engage with the community to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met.

I am passionate about using my expertise to contribute positively to our city's future. Together, we can build a financially strong and vibrant Corona.

Thank you for your support.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
TREASURER,
CITY OF CORONA**

CHAD T. WILLARDSON

OCCUPATION: Financial Management

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm running for City Treasurer because Corona taxpayers deserve a financial leader with expertise and ethics.

Take confidence in my 22 years of professional investment experience. After nine years at Merrill Lynch, I founded Pacific Capital as a professional investor and certified fiduciary. Though I'm serving as the City Treasurer today, I'm a businessman, not a politician. And I know how to succeed in a volatile economy.

Since being elected in 2016, I've grown the value of Corona's investment account from \$229 million to \$515 million, with the investment return continually above market benchmarks. We also helped save the City an estimated \$166 million by issuing a bond with perfect timing in October 2021.

I've also proactively managed our pension costs by setting up a trust in 2022, growing it to \$46 million with an 11.63% ROI since inception (benchmark 7.89%). During my 8 years in office, our City's financial management improved significantly to manage debts, optimize cash flow, and maximize our income earned, boosting our City's credit rating to AA+ from AA.

Corona is the community where my wife and I are raising our five children and I care deeply about the financial stability of our city.

Chad Willardson

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
TREASURER,
CITY OF CORONA**

VEE SARMAH

OCCUPATION: Consultant / Architect

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Mr. Vee Sarmah is a distinguished professional with extensive experience in technology and finance, complemented by a robust entrepreneurial background. He has founded technology startups and played a critical role for Navitas Semiconductor through a successful NASDAQ IPO in 2021, earning recognition on the NASDAQ billboard.

Currently, he is a founder of xRobotics, revolutionizing automation in the hospitality and cleaning industries. Under his leadership, xRobotics is integrating advanced technologies to streamline operations and enhance efficiency.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Sarmah is engaged in various non-profit organizations and community initiatives. He served as Treasurer for Citrus Hill Middle School and volunteered with the Band Booster program at Santiago High School. As a mentor at CSUB, he supports aspiring entrepreneurs.

Mr. Sarmah's philanthropic efforts include a six-year tenure as secretary for the Indian Cancer Care Network, aiding cancer patients. Academically, he holds a BE in Computer Science and Engineering, a business management certificate from Wharton Business School, and a certification in Artificial Intelligence from Stanford University.

He has held key roles at Fortune 500 companies including Microsoft and is currently a KPMG Consultant for the USA Marine Corps.

Married for 30 years, residing in Corona since 2018 with his wife and their two children, he enjoys a fulfilling life and active community involvement.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

SCOTT MATAS

AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Property Manager
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Please visit www.scottmatas.com.

I was first elected Mayor of Desert Hot Springs in 2015, but I've been serving our community my entire life. I'm a lifelong resident of Desert Hot Springs — my commitment to community service spans more than 40 years: serving as a volunteer firefighter; on the board of Food Now; two decades of coaching and umpiring Little League and a member of our local Rotary club. My career now is that of a community manager, overseeing four HOA's and one Special District.

I have led our City through a more than 20% growth in population. According to the DOJ, Desert Hot Springs has the lowest crime in the Coachella Valley. I have kept Desert Hot Springs financially stable, have facilitated the creation of hundreds of jobs for in the cannabis industry, and have increased services for seniors and youth.

I am running in order to complete the initiatives first envisioned years ago: our new fire station; a revitalized family-friendly Pierson Boulevard downtown with shopping and entertainment; strengthening our local economy; and working to improve the quality of life, through additional retail opportunities, attracting health care providers, and infrastructure improvements. I'm dedicated to the continued growth and prosperity of Desert Hot Springs.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

RUSSELL BETTS

OCCUPATION: Council Member Businessperson
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Council Member with over 15 years of service, I'm eager to take on the role of your next Mayor. Together we can strengthen our vibrant desert community we all cherish.

My Campaign's key focus:

City Finances: Our immediate priority is better control over city spending. I will enhance financial oversight and encourage public involvement in spending decisions. City Hall must get the same job done with less.

Inflation: With inflation straining family budgets, I'm concerned about proposals to raise property taxes and city hall fees. We must be sensitive to financial pressures on families and take care to avoid actions that worsen their situation.

City Guidance: I will foster an inclusive environment where every idea is valued. As Mayor, I will ensure residents and council members alike feel welcomed, engaged in discussions.

We must enhance retail development, build on our advances in public safety. On homelessness, we should offer housing assistance. However, if help is refused, it can't be an option to disrupt city life.

If elected, I will be a goal-oriented leader. Clean, safe, prosperous is our goal. I bring the experience needed to enhance our city. I ask for your vote, Russell Betts. Learn more, electrussellbetts.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 2**

DANIEL PITTS

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

In 2015, my spouse and I made the transformative decision to move from Orange County to Desert Hot Springs, trading ocean views for breathtaking mountain vistas. I am deeply committed to ensuring our desert city thrives!

With over a decade of experience in Public Safety and Public Administration, I have served in various leadership roles across multiple municipalities, gaining essential insights into effective management that drive community success. As a business owner and board member focused on supporting local enterprises, I have developed extensive skills as Vice President and Regional Manager of large community banks. My previous position as President of our Homeowners Association also allowed me to work toward a vibrant future for our neighborhood.

My comprehensive four-part plan for our city includes creating a safer community, prioritizing solutions for local homelessness, implementing budget discipline and responsible spending, and fostering economic development while enhancing infrastructure. Throughout California, I have maintained a common-sense approach as both a Public Safety Advocate and Business Advocate dedicated to building successful communities.

Desert Hot Springs deserves a renewed vision, and I am prepared to MOVE DHS FORWARD. On election day, please vote for Daniel Pitts and support a prosperous, sustainable future for our community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 2**

ROGER V. NUNEZ

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Social Worker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Please visit www.nunezfordhs.com

As your councilman for the last four years, I've focused on key issues in the city that I felt would improve the quality of life for residents and build community pride. Our youth now have a city run Recreation Department that provides opportunities to play, learn, and grow. Now I want to continue working on additional youth programs including higher education and job training.

As the only Spanish speaking member of the council, I've worked with the Mexican consulate and Congressman Ruiz' office to provide services and help for our Spanish speaking residents. I will continue being a voice not only for the Spanish speaking residents, but for everyone, which will help engage and build our community.

I will work for responsible growth and development for the future of our city. I will continue working with the council to make sure developers pay their fair share from prevailing wages to bigger parks and infrastructure.

The direction of our city good – our future is bright with so many possibilities from commercial to residential. I believe I am the councilman to help build the future path for our city. I hope to earn your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

CHARLES LANTZ

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Car Hauler / Minister

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a long term resident of Desert Hot Springs, having resided here since 1978, and graduating PSHS in 1986. Upon graduation, I entered the US Army as an Aviation Special Equipment Repairer. I served as an Instructor at Ft Gordon, teaching new recruits their skills necessary to succeed within the military. I was later selected to serve in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, the top aviation unit in the Army, where I supported Special Operations missions worldwide. During my 9 year enlistment, I studied Criminal Justice at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee with the intent of pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Upon exit from the military I was employed by a local casino for 15 years, as a security officer, and promoted within, until becoming the Director of Security. I am proficient in conflict resolution, have excellent verbal and written communication skills, and believe in treating everyone with respect regardless of perceived differences. I work well as part of a team, or as an individual, driven by integrity and fairness, and a desire to accomplish the assigned task with efficiency and confidence.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

THOMAS MOEN

AGE: 65

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

VARNER ROAD

This road started out as a US Highway. Since 1957 has been Varner Road. Now Cathedral City owns it is isn't maintaining this important road correctly. Desert Hot Springs residents depend on Varner Road every day. Our citizens deserve a good road to commute on.

JOBS

We need valuable jobs for people living in Desert Hot Springs. Commuting is getting more and expensive. Attracting business to Desert Hot Springs will make our citizens more prosperous and better able to retain earnings.

AFFORDABLE HOMES

Rents keep going up and up every year. Desert Hot Springs needs to attract and sponsor affordable homes for the people who live here. Historically, Desert Hot Springs has been the most affordable place to live in our Coachella Valley. Having affordable housing will attract lots of people to live our city.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Ability to accumulate wealth needs to be taught to the residents living in Desert Hot Springs. What money you are able to keep is more important than what you earn. A financial education will help keep our citizens secure and happy.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

GARY CARROLL

AGE: 77

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My vision for the City can be summed up in a question, "When the residents are asked where they live, will they proudly respond "Desert Hot Springs". This answer is what I plan to work diligently to accomplish during my term if I'm honored to be selected for the seat by the citizens of District 4. Having worked as the city's Senior Accountant for the past 3 years, I am very aware of the challenges I will be facing as member of the City Council. The state of California is facing an estimated \$70 Billion budget deficit for Fiscal Year 24-25 and covering that deficit could ultimately affect the City of Desert Hot Springs. State funds that supported various city programs may no longer be available, and the City could be forced to reduce services. However, in my view reducing services is not the best way and in the long term will weaken the city structure. The city council, city staff, and most of all the residents, will have to work together to make the wisest choices for use of current resources and to identify new resources to build the city up, not reduce it down.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

DIRK VOSS

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Planning Commissioner / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I will be a leader who will fight for our residents and our city. I've been a homeowner in Desert Hot Springs for 12 years. I currently serve as the Chair of the Desert Hot Springs Planning Commission and served on the Commission from 2015-2018. I'm a business owner specializing in business development, with over 25-years of experience working in local government: economic development, redevelopment, and code compliance.

These are the main areas I want to focus on if you elected me this November:

Economic Development

1. Encourage economic development -- especially along the freeway and at 62/Pierson.
2. Diversify the workforce and local economic development improving our local economy and tax base.
3. Pursue businesses, services, and amenities the residents would like in the city.

Quality of Life:

1. Develop a comprehensive neighborhood services program bringing residents closer to city hall.
2. Keep our neighborhoods clean, safe, and prosperous.
3. Hold quarterly Council District info meetings for residents to get City updates.

Public Safety:

1. Increased per shift number of police officers on the street, fully fund public safety and improved code enforcement.
2. Improved city-wide street maintenance program.
3. Work with regional housing and mental health agencies to address homelessness.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 1**

CAROLE L. KENDRICK

OCCUPATION: Interim Community Development
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The First District deserves representation that is decisive, trustworthy, and respectful. We need a representative who is engaged, responsive, and focused on genuine progress rather than popularity. My campaign will concentrate on three key promises:

1. Stabilizing Staffing Levels: I will work tirelessly to ensure that all departments, including police, fire, and code enforcement, are adequately staffed. This will help keep our city safe and clean while reducing our reliance on expensive consultants.
2. Promoting Smart Development: I will strive to create a business-friendly environment that ensures projects generate desirable employment opportunities and sustainable revenue to support essential city services.
3. Enhancing Quality of Life Ordinances: I will push for and enforce tough ordinances related to truancy, trespassing, graffiti, and loitering. We need to take all necessary steps to discourage vagrants, vandals, and criminals from operating in our city.

It has been my honor to serve as your Council Member since June 2023, and I stand proudly behind my voting record. I promise to continue fighting for the First District and improving the City of Hemet.

Vote Carole Kendrick on November 5th.

Carole L. Kendrick
Professional Planner
(951) 265-4195

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 1**

NORM KYRISS

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Agent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've lived in Hemet since 1981, moving from the Coachella Valley. My father was a mechanic for local farms and my mother was a stay-at-home mom of eight. My wife teaches at Hemet Unified School District, we have three children and four grandchildren. I graduated from Hemet High in 1986 and began a career in real estate in 1991. In 2021, I received my mortgage license to better serve my clients.

My volunteer service has included President of the local Association of Realtors, Director for the Southwest Riverside County Association of Realtors, Director for Habitat for Humanity and family selection Chairman, Measure U Citizen Oversight Committee and ROCS member, President of the Ramona Bowl during the 100th season, and Vice-President of Grandfather's for Golf. I am a member of the Elks Lodge, Eagles, Masonic Lodge, Rotary, and member of the local Chamber of Commerce's.

I believe we must focus on quality of life, taking care of our streets, parks, recreation areas, and promoting affordable housing. We must prioritize economic development by aggressively attracting jobs, promoting a business-friendly environment, staying tough on crime, and supporting our first responders.

I ask you to vote for Norm Kyriss, 951-202-9754.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 3**

MALCOLM LILIENTHAL
OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 42

Serving Hemet as mayor and City Council member has been one of the greatest honors of my lifetime. My name is Malcolm B. Lilienthal, and I am running for City Council to ensure Hemet thrives as a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered.

With a background in psychology and experience as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist, I understand and address people's challenges. This experience informed my work on the City Council, where I led the creation of Hemet's first mission and vision statements.

Together, we achieved remarkable milestones. We implemented advanced policing technologies, leading to more accountability attempting to create safer streets. Our economic initiatives attracted businesses, created jobs, and boosted prosperity through various grants for businesses. Through community programs, we built trust and engagement.

One priority is diversifying Hemet's economic portfolio. By supporting hospitality and other projects, such as warehouse clubs, we can build a more resilient community.

Join me in building a brighter future for Hemet. I endeavor to enhance the quality of life for every resident, listen to your concerns, represent your interests, and lead with Integrity and transparency.

Thank you for your support and trust.

Vote Malcolm Lilienthal for City Council district three.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 3**

TOM LODGE
OCCUPATION: Facilities Maintenance Engineer
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 63

I've lived in Hemet for 36 years and have watched our community deteriorate into a place where even my closest relatives hesitate to visit. I am not one to waste time, and Hemet absolutely does not have time to waste if we are to turn our community around. I'm running for Hemet City Council because I know I can make a difference.

My entire professional life in facilities maintenance has been one where I quickly analyze and solve problems. I pay attention to details, and I don't stop asking questions until I receive common sense answers.

My priorities for the City of Hemet include:

1. Cleaning up our city. Anyone driving down Florida Avenue knows what I'm talking about. Property owners must be held responsible regardless of who they know at City Hall.
2. Enforcing Measure U. Soft questions from the City Council go unanswered. I will do everything in my power to increase the number of patrol officers and keep the promises of Measure U.
3. Homeless. Hemet pays \$1,500,000 annually to a company in Long Beach to address our homeless population. Both the taxpayers and our homeless are being shortchanged. I guarantee that we can do better.

A vote for Tom Lodge is a vote for action.

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(951) 923-3113

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 3**

DEBORAH ANN JACKSON
OCCUPATION: Special Education Assistant
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 55

Hemet is my Voice! We're better together! I'm a leader who can bring positive impact by addressing community issues by implementing with strength. We must be attentive to the needs of our youth, seniors must feel safe, housing and medical care must be a priority for homelessness, and rental protection for our local business owners. My successful experience in governmental public service will ensure that Hemet's voice is heard too.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 4**

JOE S. MALES

AGE: 68

OCCUPATION: Retired Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hemet residents and businesses deserve a city administration that reflects their values and priorities. As a grandfather with grandchildren living in Hemet, I want activities for them; I want alternatives to keep them active in our city. As a businessman, I want jobs for citizens, so they don't have to drive miles for employment. After almost four years in council, I have stepped up to the plate to be involved with making Hemet a prosperous city. I worked to improve in everything I have ever involved myself in, and I still do that today. As your mayor for the last two years, I plan on continuing working hard for the residents of Hemet.

Under my term in council, we have Cleaned up our city and added hiring bonuses and incentives for our Police Officers and Firefighters. We also Hired new positions such as an Economic Business Manager and a Community Solutions Coordinator to bring highly skilled jobs to our city and to clean up our city.

The addition of a new Skate Park for kids and adults and four Pickleball courts for our citizens to enjoy is further proof that we intend to grow our city.

Joe Males
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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF HEMET, DISTRICT 4**

KRISTA MASON

OCCUPATION: Principal Planner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

New leadership is crucial for meaningful change in the City of Hemet! We need leaders ready to make tough decisions and take decisive action to revitalize our city.

As a mother, homeowner, and government employee with 20 years of experience in City Planning and Code Enforcement, I offer both experience and a fresh perspective. My work has involved collaboration with Building and Safety, Police, Fire, and the District Attorney to improve community well-being.

My mission is clear: use my extensive experience to reform Hemet's government and address key issues:

- Increase Public Safety: Enhance collaboration between residents and public safety teams, boost patrols, and reduce response times.
- Reduce Homelessness: Implement strategies to effectively tackle homelessness.
- Create Jobs: Stimulate local job growth and economic development.

I advocate for a new era of leadership characterized by:

- Transparency: Making tough decisions and ensuring accountability.
- Vision: Promoting Hemet as an exceptional place to live, work, and play.
- Teamwork: Building a safer, more vibrant community through strong collaboration between residents and public safety teams.

"Faith without works is dead." I am dedicated to working tirelessly for the City of Hemet, bringing real change and a renewed sense of purpose to our city.

Elect Krista Mason for Hemet City Council.
krista4hemet@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS**

TOPER TAYLOR

OCCUPATION: Committeeman / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Toper Taylor currently serves the City of Indian Wells on the Golf Resort Advisory Committee and holds a doctorate in public policy from the University of Southern California.

Indian Wells needs Toper Taylor's accomplished leadership skills to tackle critical issues facing our city: addressing California's mandate for all cities to build low-income housing; supervising the new operating agreement and golf course redesign for the Indian Wells Golf Resort; navigating increased traffic on Highway 111; managing rampant inflation which impacts our city's budget; and strategizing the impact of the Coachella Valley's projected growth and ever-changing demographics.

Toper Taylor is a successful, passionate, energetic leader with public and private, commercial and non-profit organization experience.

Toper Taylor is experienced in scaling organizations, turning around companies, negotiating high-stake complex agreements, empowering personnel from diverse cultures and backgrounds, raising capital, and excels in long- and short-term strategic planning.

Toper Taylor is an Emmy award winning educational children's television producer of shows like Arthur on PBS who serves on the board of councilors for the USC Roski School of Art and Design and the alumni board of the USC School of Cinematic Arts. Toper earned a bachelor's degree from the USC Annenberg School of Communications and Journalism, a master's degree in health care administration and a doctorate degree in policy, planning and development from the USC Price School of Public Policy.

Toper Taylor is a fifth-generation Californian who grew in the San Francisco Bay Area, raised three accomplished children in Los Angeles, and is now thrilled to be living in Indian Wells with his wife Jennifer, a native of Riverside County, as active members of The Vintage Club.

Vote Toper Taylor for Indian Wells city council.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS**

BRIAN M. PENNA

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Corporate Controller

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Indian Wells is an exceptional, well-managed city and there are three open seats for the city council in this election cycle. I am running for City Council to protect our way of life in Indian Wells and because I have the experience and background to lead our city.

If elected in November, my focus will include:

- Public safety inclusive speeding, traffic issues, fire, paramedic and police
- Preserving the uniqueness of Indian Wells, which sets our city apart from every other city
- Ensuring our beautiful landscaping and surroundings are maintained and enhanced
- Prioritizing the city's capital improvements for the benefit of our residents

But my vision is broader as well. My purpose is to preserve, define and shape the future of our city. I am committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility, transparency and ensuring each resident is kept informed. This is imperative to maintaining the success of the beautiful City of Indian Wells.

For the past 21 years, I have been a corporate controller, a licensed realtor and real estate investor. I obtained my real estate license in 1987, when I was 19 years old. I solely owned a commercial construction company named Excel Fixtures, Inc. in the State of Georgia. I returned to California and became co-owner, principle and project manager of Penna Construction, Inc. My various experiences make me a strong and qualified candidate for the Indian Wells City Council.

I have initiated and organized fund-raising events for our neighboring Santa Rosa Plateau, which was severely damaged by a forest fire. I chaired an architectural committee for a 5-year term within a Jack Nicklaus golf course country club with 640 homes. I am a member of the Indian Wells Preservation Foundation. My wife of almost 25 years and I donate and support the Ophelia Project. We are also proud parents of six adult children and seven grandchildren.

For the past several years, I have been working with the current city leadership on various issues to keep myself informed. My promise to every citizen is to sacrifice my time, utilize my life experiences and knowledge to add additional value to our city. I will proudly carry the torch being handed off in an effort to keep Indian Wells safe, beautiful, and fiscally thriving for many decades to come.

Join me in preserving and protecting the future of Indian Wells. I am asking for your vote this November.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS**

GREG SANDERS

OCCUPATION: Mayor, City of Indian Wells

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Mayor, I brought extensive experience including 47 years as a business attorney, service as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army and leadership roles in various civic organizations to City Hall.

I am dedicated to preserving and enhancing our quality of life in Indian Wells. With a proven track record of leadership and tangible accomplishments, I have worked tirelessly to ensure our community remains safe, vibrant, and prosperous.

Public safety remains my top priority. For my entire term as Mayor and as a member of the City Council, I served on (and for two years chaired) the City's Public Safety Committee. I have worked closely with our Sheriff's Department Police Chief and rank and file officers and Fire Chief and firefighters. Based on input from our law enforcement, firefighter and paramedic professionals, I spearheaded successful efforts to:

- Add a patrol officer at night to increase police presence when we are most vulnerable.
- Implement the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design program to provide home security surveys at no charge to residents.
- Install license plate reader cameras at key locations within the City that have proven critical in solving crimes.
- Retain our Special Enforcement Team responsible for tracking down and bringing criminals to justice.
- Bring law enforcement together with the community by supporting the popular Coffee With A Cop program.
- Enhance fire and paramedic response times by ensuring fire department personnel have quick and easy access to all areas of the City, including gated communities.
- Resolve fire and paramedic dispatch issues to direct personnel via the shortest route to emergencies.

These efforts have made Indian Wells the safest community with the lowest crime rate in the Coachella Valley.

I spearheaded initiatives to improve our world-class Golf Resort, finally making it profitable after years of substantial losses. This was accomplished without impacting resident benefits.

I remain committed to preserving the City's iconic landscape, continue work on safer streets, balanced budgets, increasing our financial reserves, infrastructure improvements and economic development.

Transparency and community engagement are paramount. I am always seeking community input to ensure our city reflects your needs and aspirations. Any resident may email me at gsanders@indianwells.com or call me on my cell phone at (949) 533-3429 at any time.

I humbly request your vote to continue serving Indian Wells, ensuring it remains a safe, prosperous and wonderful place to live, work, and play. Together, we can keep Indian Wells thriving.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS**

NEL YVONNE SKLAR

AGE: 73

OCCUPATION: Hospice Corporate Chaplain

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am Commissioner Yvonne Sklar, honored to have served as a Housing Commissioner on the Indian Wells City Council for the past 16 months. For 14 years, I have proudly called Indian Wells my home.

With a deep sense of pride, passion, and commitment, I am humbled to announce my candidacy for City Council.

A bit about myself: I hail from Tennessee, embracing the values of the South. At the age of nine, my family relocated to California, and I spent my formative years near Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park.

In 1978, I commenced a 42-year career as a Flight Attendant with Western Airlines, later merging with Delta Airlines. Transitioning into upper management during times of deregulation and mergers, I led training programs and strategic initiatives, advocating for inclusion and diversity in a male-dominated environment.

In addition to my aviation career, I owned and operated an Alternative Healthcare practice near LAX for over four decades. As a Clinical Healthcare provider, I served a diverse patient base, from renowned individuals to those experiencing homelessness. These experiences ignited my passion for social advocacy, leading me to work as an evangelist alongside my late husband for over 30 years, ministering to the less fortunate and marginalized populations.

For the past 25 years, I have been ordained as a Christian Pastor, serving in leadership roles within various Coachella Valley churches. My collaboration with evangelist spanned a decade, where I served as a keynote speaker and fundraiser for Operation Blessings, impacting lives on a global scale through media outreach.

I am also a licensed Hospice Chaplain, with over 20 years of experience working both corporately and as a volunteer in Spiritual Care departments at Eisenhower Hospital and Desert Regional Medical Center. I completed my Clinical Pastoral Education at the esteemed Loma Linda University Medical Center.

It is my deepest and most sincere desire to continue serving our beautiful City and uphold its legacy of excellence in community service.

At 73 years old, I am a widow who tragically lost my husband, Rick, a retired Firefighter, to Covid 2 1/2 years ago. Despite this loss, I am committed to dedicating my time and expertise to make a positive impact on our City, community, and Council.

With a blend of business acumen and corporate experience, I am confident in my ability to contribute both economically and practically to the betterment of our City.

I promise to tirelessly represent your interests, should I be entrusted with this role. Thank you for your vote on November 5, 2024.

Sincerely

Commissioner
Yvonne Sklar

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO, DISTRICT 1**

GLENN MILLER

OCCUPATION: Councilmember / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Councilmember, I am dedicated to improving the lives of all Indio residents.

I am proud to call the City of Indio my home for the past 35 years. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve as your Mayor and City Councilmember. You elected me to be your voice and to work for all citizens of our diverse city.

The safety of our residents and local businesses remains my number one priority, as well as maintaining the quality of life in our community. We have made great strides in the redevelopment of downtown Indio with many new businesses and restaurants. The City's downtown has indeed "Taken Center Stage" in our revitalization efforts.

My re-election platform is straightforward:

I will insist on a balanced budget;

I will continue long term strategic planning for all city endeavors; and

I will work to ensure that Indio's development is thoughtful, well-planned and in the best interest of all residents.

I am honored to have the support of public safety including our police and fire departments. I will continue to work for you, and I would be honored to have your vote.

Please contact me at (760) 275-6000 or at glennmiller4indio.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO, DISTRICT 5**

BENJAMIN GUITRON II

AGE: 59

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

With a dedicated 40-year career in public service, I'm the experienced, energetic, and strategic leader that District 5 needs. As a proud father and husband, I've always put family at the forefront of my life, understanding the importance of strong community values and heritage. My support for local nonprofits and community organizations has shown my kindhearted commitment to improving Indio for all.

Throughout my career, I've consistently demonstrated the ability to address complex issues with practical solutions, prioritizing the well-being of the community. My experience spans various sectors, providing me with a comprehensive understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing Indio. My strategic vision and hands-on approach have led to significant improvements in public safety, infrastructure, housing development, and community services.

My priorities for Indio are clear: sustainable growth, uncompromised safety, and smart development. I'm committed to fostering economic growth that benefits all residents, enhancing community development opportunities, and ensuring that everyone has access to essential services. I believe in transparent governance and actively seek input from community members to make informed decisions. My dedication to collaboration and inclusivity ensures that every voice is heard.

I'm ready to serve as your next councilmember; LET'S BUILD A BETTER INDIO TOGETHER!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO, DISTRICT 5**

LUPE RAMOS AMITH

OCCUPATION: Indio Mayor / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As Mayor and District 5 City Councilmember, I am dedicated to serving the residents of Indio and bringing positive change to our city.

Born and raised in Indio, my family has lived here for generations. I started my business here and I have a deep understanding of Indio's vibrant history, traditions and values. I have been active in our community for decades, working tirelessly to enhance our quality of life.

As a proven advocate for Indio, I have successfully led initiatives to promote and grow our local economy and improve public safety. Our community has witnessed substantial progress, including reduced crime rates, improved emergency response times, upgraded infrastructure, a flourishing business district, and enhanced water resource management.

My achievements as your District 5 City Councilmember include:

- Balancing the budget, ensuring a healthy reserve fund
- Attracting millions of dollars of investment, bringing new jobs
- Increasing our commitment and investment in public safety services
- Partnering with non-profit organizations to address homelessness
- Advocating for affordable housing

With your support, I will continue to build on our successes and provide sensible, creative solutions to overcome our challenges. Together, we will continue moving Indio forward!

I humbly ask for your vote to continue serving you.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 2**

LISA LANE

OCCUPATION: Realtor / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Lisa Lane, and I moved to Jurupa Valley 30 years ago to fulfill my dream of raising children and caring for my horses in a safe equestrian community away from urban congestion. Jurupa Valley is a rare gem, offering unique character that is hard to find in California today.

I am running for City Council because we need leadership that is going to stand up for our residents, do everything possible to protect our community and ensure our city remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

Yes we are facing major challenges, but we can't keep making excuses and normalize the disregard of tax-paying residents.

With a focus on responsible growth, public safety, and preserving our cherished open spaces, I will stand up and be a voice for all residents. I have built a career negotiating and working diligently on behalf of my clients. Now, I want to work on behalf of our City and neighbors.

I am here to listen and work alongside you to ensure Jurupa Valley remains a place where everyone can feel proud, safe, and at home in their neighborhood.

I hope to earn your support.

www.LisaLane.Vote

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 2**

TYLER BYRNE

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a committed community member, husband, and parent raising four children, while also caring for my parents, I deeply understand the needs and concerns of my neighbors. Jurupa Valley is our home, and together, we strive for a bright future.

I've dedicated myself to our community, serving in various leadership roles to foster significant improvements:

- President, Jurupa Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman, Del Sol Academy School Site Council
- Chairman, Measure EE Bond Oversight
- President, Jurupa Valley Rotary Club
- President, Queen of Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center
- Founder, Jurupa Valley Coalition
- Member, Action Teams of Healthy Jurupa Valley
- Member, Corona Executive Leadership Roundtable
- Volunteer at numerous local events and activities

These positions and life experiences have equipped me with deep insights into our community, enabling me to adopt a multi-cultural, multi-generational approach to leadership. Our children need robust educational support, our young adults require access to career and housing opportunities, and our seniors deserve safe neighborhoods, clean air and water, and reliable infrastructure.

Supported by local leaders across Jurupa Valley, Eastvale, Corona, Pomona, and El Monte, I am dedicated to representing our community's best interests.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

www.ByrneForJurupa.com

(951) 374-0803

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 2**

GUILLERMO "WILLY" SILVA

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I was raised in the City of Jurupa Valley, attending Sky Country Elementary, Mira Loma Middle, and Jurupa Valley High. My parents moved to Mira Loma in 1988 and purchased a business here, which has been serving Jurupa Valley for 36 years. Interacting with residents through the business since my teens, I have always been attuned to our community's concerns.

Now, living in my childhood home with my wife of eighteen years, Lissette, and our four children, these concerns are my own. I hold a degree in Business Administration and engage daily with residents to understand their needs in person while balancing work, family, and addressing the needs of a rapidly changing city.

As a city council member, we have made major progress, including working on establishing the first TRADE SCHOOL in the region, INVESTING \$20 MILLION in infrastructure, and being one of the FIRST in the state to certify our housing element. We are also working on bringing a NEW FIRE STATION to the west side of our city. My commitment to responsible growth through careful planning and adapting to the future is unwavering.

With your support, I will continue to advocate for District 2, ensuring responsible growth through careful planning. I humbly ask for your vote to keep moving Jurupa Valley forward.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 4**

LESLIE ALTAMIRANO

OCCUPATION: Councilwoman / Businessowner / Substitute Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a mother of three, a small business owner, and an educator, I deeply understand the needs and aspirations of our community. I earned my Degree from CSUDH and am committed to being a strong voice for Rubidoux, Shadow Rock, Belltown, Crestmore Heights, and Sunnyslope.

As your representative, we have made significant strides, including the largest infrastructure investment in our history with the repaving of over 40 streets. Bringing our first Target store to the city, transformed an empty building into a vital food pantry, and achieved the most progress in development since becoming a city, including new shopping centers, housing, and job opportunities. Additionally, we are establishing the first-ever TRADE TECH SCHOOL in the region to provide essential job training.

I am as committed today as I was on the first day and more energized by our progress. I am dedicated to being available to you and managing development THOUGHTFULLY and RESPONSIBLY. I am also focused on the safety of our children and neighborhood improvements.

With your support, I will continue to represent District 4 with a progressive approach, ALWAYS keeping our community's interests at heart. I humbly ask for your vote to continue serving.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, DISTRICT 4**

VERONICA SANCHEZ

OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Veronica Sanchez is a proud Latina with Mexican heritage from Zacatecas. She has called Jurupa Valley home for over 30 years & is the daughter of Jose and Noemi Sanchez.

Veronica attended Sunnyslope Elementary, Mission Middle School, and graduated from Rubidoux High School in 1999. She has been a licensed barber for more than 17 years & completed her training at Roston's Barber College. In 2017, she established her own business, "The Industry Barber Company" & has over a decade of experience as a barber educator. Veronica is passionate about guiding aspiring business owners towards success and mentoring youth on launching their own ventures.

Veronica is a longtime community advocate, has organized community events to help young students get school supplies, as well as free haircuts for Rubidoux High School students in need.

Veronica's vision for Jurupa Valley includes properly funded youth programs, support for small businesses and a direct response to the most pressing issues in our community such as homelessness and traffic congestion.

Veronica will be a voice for all of the residents who want to protect our quality of life and strengthen our community.

For more information: www.VeronicaSanchez.vote

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, DISTRICT 2**

STEVE MANOS

OCCUPATION: Lake Elsinore Mayor / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As Mayor of Lake Elsinore, it's been my passion to deliver results for Lake Elsinore residents. We've made significant progress:

- Lowered property taxes
- Public safety investments that reduced crime
- Repaved roads
- Reduced homelessness with housing, enforcement, and services
- Revitalized our Historic Downtown, attracting new businesses and jobs
- Built new parks
- Upgraded our campground
- Expanded community events
- A healthy, balanced city budget

Growing up in Lake Elsinore instilled pride in my hometown. That is what drives my commitment to make Lake Elsinore a world class city. My wife and I are raising our four children here. My business is here. I have been active in community service here for decades.

As your City Council representative, I have a set of guiding principles: Keep our city safe. Keep our city clean. Keep our residents' needs first.

While much has been done, we must continue to address the unique challenges that face our city. We must continue to advance new, innovative lake water quality projects. Our road network capacity must expand to meet our growing community's needs. We must invite new active entertainment and manufacturing businesses.

Lake Elsinore has unmatched potential. Together, we will continue building on our success.

I humbly ask for your vote.

www.electstevemanos.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, DISTRICT 2**

MARVIN ANDRADE

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Having lived in Lake Elsinore for most of my life and attended its public schools, I'm deeply invested in our community's future. With degrees in Political Science and International Studies from the University of California San Diego, I believe in thinking globally and acting locally.

Our city's rapid growth has exposed serious challenges. While continued growth is inevitable, it must be sustainable. We need well-lit streets, more sidewalks, effective traffic solutions for Central Ave, and policies that reduce our vulnerability to brush fires. I'm committed to making Lake Elsinore safer and more livable for everyone.

I've dedicated my career to organizing across California, helping elect a diverse coalition of leaders who reflect our community's values. I take pride in connecting with residents—listening to their needs and ensuring their voices are heard in the halls of power. Among my proudest achievements are contributing to efforts that successfully brought underrepresented voices, including one of the only single mothers and also the youngest woman to serve in Congress from our state, into leadership positions.

I'm running to be a voice for the working class and ensure all of us have a fair chance to thrive. It would be a privilege to earn your vote. More Info: MarvinAndrade.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

LINDA EVANS

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: La Quinta Mayor / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

THANK YOU for the privilege of serving as your Mayor for the past ten years. La Quinta is in a very strong fiscal position. In addition to a balanced budget, we have fully funded our reserves, paid down our pension obligations, completed major infrastructure projects (with more in process), and have acquired land for the development of more workforce / affordable housing units. In the last two years, we have spent over \$18 million in paving and enhancing our roads (Hwy 111 is next!). Funds have been dedicated to support the unhoused, the food insecure, North La Quinta landscaping, flood control systems and added events for residents and visitors to enjoy.

We will continue to ensure our city is safe as we value and collaborate with our law enforcement and fire services. Ongoing/future projects include Vision Highway 111, Montage and Pendry Hotels at Talus, enhancement of the Village/Old Town area with a cultural campus, reliability of utilities, and economic growth beyond tourism.

We have more work to do to maintain and ensure our quality of life for the future. Respectfully, I ask for your vote for Mayor. Thank you.

www.LindaForMayor.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK

AGE: 75

OCCUPATION: La Quinta Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Serving on the La Quinta City Council is an honor and a privilege.

Building on my career in public service I have provided the leadership required to assure the fiscal strength of La Quinta by setting aside robust reserves, paying down pension obligations, balancing the budget every year and, completing major infrastructure and other capital improvements. I worked to improve our future economic outlook by continuing with the planning and zoning changes to Highway 111 required to allow for innovative redevelopment along the corridor to providing new mixed use construction to better utilize the existing properties for housing, shopping and entertainment.

I am asking for your vote to continue my service. There is still work to be done to assure economic stability into the future. I will continue to focus on completing SilverRock Resort, the vision for Highway 111, developing our Village expansion plans, implementing an asset management plan to protect our existing facilities, growing our economy beyond tourism and, continuing to work with law enforcement to improve our policing strategies to ensure community safety in the most professional economical manner.

Please allow me the privilege of continuing to represent you.
Learn more at www.Fitzpatrick4lq.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

JOSEPH JOHNSON

OCCUPATION: Mediator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Thank you for considering me as your representative on the LA Quinta City Council. I believe I have the qualifications and track record to be your voice on the Council.

In addition to my educational background, which includes a Juris Doctor degree, I have extensive experience in government. As a Supervising Investigator with Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs, I ran the Consumer Protection unit, the Real Estate Fraud unit, the Identity Theft unit and the Mediation unit.

I designed and taught the Los Angeles County Mediation training program. I was also on the volunteer and paid Mediation panels for LA Superior Court. I continue to do volunteer mediations today.

I have shown my commitment to improving our great City. I inform our residents of various projects and issues beyond what is made public. I ask the tough questions and present facts to our residents so they can make informed decisions. I will continue to do so, no matter if the news is good or bad.

I bring new ideas on many issues. I don't go along to get along. My allegiance is to the residents of our City.

joejohnson4laquinta.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF LA QUINTA**

STEVE SANCHEZ

AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: La Quinta Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Over the last eight years, I'm proud of our City and the work we've done together.

As your Councilmember, I've worked for La Quinta- we've balanced our budget without raising taxes, improved our parks, streets, attracted new businesses to our community, and have supported law enforcement by ensuring our city has the resources necessary to keep La Quinta the Gem of the Desert.

I'm a proud patriot and Marine Corps Veteran, with overseas deployments, I've worked in business- telecommunications, government, advertising, and commercial real estate.

I've served on boards of many local non-profit organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Desert, Leadership Coachella Valley, and various Chambers of commerce.

As a Councilmember I sit on many commissions such as: CV Animal Campus; Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) at the County and Southern Region levels, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council, and the Transportation Committee; League of California Cities Public Safety Committee; former Chair of the La Quinta Housing Authority; and many more.

I have the experience, drive, and passion for serving my community and fighting for the long-term well-being of our great city... La Quinta.

I'm Steve Sanchez and I'm asking for your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MENIFEE**

RICKY ESTRADA

AGE: 35

OCCUPATION: Military Airman / Educator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Website: Estrada4Menifee.com

Facebook/Instagram/YouTube: Estrada4Menifee

Dear Menifee,

My name is Ricky Estrada, member of our Military, an Educator, and member of our Menifee City Council.

I'm going to cut right to it. We need to PROTECT our small town feel.

Together, we are running for Mayor in 2024.

I am the ONLY candidate who has signed the oath not to accept campaign contributions from developers, to have a voting record against warehousing, and a voting record against further increasing Menifee's housing density.

Let's improve our infrastructure and traffic, create more parks and open spaces, provide property tax rebates for Disabled Veterans, lower business license fees to help our local startups, and invest in strong public safety.

Let's strive for a family friendly city, with MORE local dining and entertainment.

Let's establish that unique identity which brings together the communities of Sun City, Romoland, Quail Valley, Menifee Lakes, and everyone within greater Menifee.

My vote, as your Mayor, is to make our city prosperous and enjoyable for Menifee families.

It is now time for a new, youthful generation of leadership.

Together, let's lead Menifee into the future with "A Fresh Perspective".

Your Humble Servant,

Ricky Estrada

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MENIFEE**

DAMEON L. GREENE, SR.

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Dameon L. Greene and I am a qualified candidate for Menifee's Mayor at Large position. I have lived here for 19 Months. My wife and I own several Businesses in the area. I am Honest, Authentic, Respectful and Passionate for what the people of Menifee Desire. I am an Inspirational Leader focused on being the People's Mayor. I have been a Nonprofit Consultant for 5 years. I have served Worship in Pink-Komen Breast Cancer, Zero Prostate Cancer and I am Currently an Ambassador for Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce for the Past year.

My education includes: Cal State University, Sacramento

Environmental Science – Collection
Operator Certification

Water Treatment Plant Operation I & II

CPWR

Hazmat Removal – AHERA

Hazardous Waste Worker

Weatherization Awareness

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MENIFEE**

LESA SOBEK

OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have served as a Menifee City Councilmember since 2015 and it has been an honor serving the residents of Menifee. As Mayor I will continue as a voice for all residents. I have fresh ideas and passion to stand-up for the citizens, improving their quality of life.

My accomplishments:

- Driving Force in the Creation of Menifee Police Department – increased officers from 47 to 97, saving \$5M annually
- Developed the first Homeless Taskforce
- Created the Military Banner Program

My top priorities are TRAFFIC, PUBLIC SAFETY, ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, and ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATIONAL AMENITIES.

Endorsements:

"It's been an honor to serve alongside a Councilmember who shares the goal of making Menifee one of the safest cities. Lesa Sobek is respected both locally and regionally" – Mayor Zimmerman

Councilmembers- Robert Karwin and Dean Deines

"Lesla Sobek is the right choice for Mayor. Lesa's vision for Menifee is rooted in fostering a safe and prosperous community for all residents and visitors. I wholeheartedly endorse Lesa Sobek for Mayor." – Mike Hestrin, District Attorney Riverside County

I have the experience and knowledge to address the concerns of the residents as the next Menifee Mayor.

I would be honored to receive your vote for Mayor. Lesa Sobek

www.LesaSobek.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MENIFEE, DISTRICT 1**

MARK HARKAY

OCCUPATION: Account Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I want to Represent the citizens of Menifee.

I will Listen to you and I will represent your voice and your concerns.

I believe in smaller government that values and respects your tax dollars.

If you want to change what is happening in Menifee, then vote for Mark Harkay and lets keep Menifee a great place to Live.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MENIFEE, DISTRICT 1**

BOB KARWIN

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been one of the great honors of my life to serve as Menifee's District 1 Councilman for the past four years. I am seeking re-election so I can continue the tremendous work this council has done to guide Menifee into the future.

During my time on City Council, Menifee became one of California's Top 20 Safest Cities and was ranked the #7 "Boomtown" in the entire nation. We also added a second paramedic unit to our Sun City fire station to dramatically reduce medical emergency response times.

My roots in the community run deep. My wife and I raised our two children here in Menifee's District 1. They both attended elementary, middle school and high school here. For the past 18 years, I have supported my family with a small business that I started, and continue to operate, right here in District 1.

My experience and collaborative approach have helped us add necessary infrastructure to our young city, but there is more work to be done. I am proud of my record while serving you and would appreciate your vote to continue our path of success.

Please visit www.karwinforcouncil.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MENIFEE, DISTRICT 3**

DAN TEMPLE

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Retired Law Enforcement

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My wife and I have proudly called Menifee home for 21 years. Our kids went to local schools and have since graduated from college. I'm running for City Council because I love living in Menifee and I want to ensure our city remains safe and provides an exceptional quality of life.

After high school, I served five years in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. I then began my 27-year career in law enforcement.

I've held leadership positions in several local organizations. I currently serve on the Menifee Interfaith Council. I was appointed to the Menifee General Plan Advisory Committee and served two terms on the Santa Rosa School Board.

As your representative on the Menifee City Council, I will:

- Prioritize public safety, fully-fund police and fire services
- Ensure a balanced city budget and healthy reserve fund
- Support local businesses and attract desirable new businesses
- Invest in park enhancements, road improvements, and traffic reduction
- Ensure Menifee remains a great place to live, work, play and raise a family

Endorsed by:

- Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman
- District 3 Council Member Lesa Sobek
- Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin
- County Supervisor Chuck Washington

I'll bring responsible, effective leadership to the City Council.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MENIFEE, DISTRICT 3**

GENE RECOR

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Residents of Menifee,

I'm Gene Recor and I am running for Menifee City Council. As a long-time resident, I will invest in listening to you to ensure that local needs are met. I am committed to fostering a safe, financially sound and thriving community.

My Vision for Menifee:

1. Economic Growth: I will support local businesses and attract new ones to create job opportunities and affordable homes for young families.
2. Safety: I will advocate for increased resources for our police and fire departments to ensure a safe environment for all residents.
3. Fiscal Accountability: I will focus on improving our infrastructure to manage growth responsibly while preserving our financial reserves. Prioritize investments in parks, recreational facilities, and community programs to enrich our children's lives.
4. Transparency: I am committed to a transparent government that actively seeks input from residents to ensure all voices are heard.

With 30 years of experience as a business owner and licensed contractor, I have the skills to address complex issues and build consensus. I am dedicated to serving Menifee and humbly ask for your support.

Together, we can build a brighter future for Menifee.

Sincerely,

Gene Recor

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

DARYL TERRELL

AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: Clerk

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Daryl Terrell currently serves as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Moreno Valley. For the past 36 years, he has lived in Moreno Valley, and for 13 of those years has served the public as a team member of the Lowe's family.

Daryl Terrell is a problem-solver, not a politician, who gets things done. He has successfully advocated for Hire Moval, for county resources to address the root cause of homelessness, approving projects to meet our housing needs and worked to create jobs to keep you closer to home.

Daryl Terrell knows the challenges our families face and is dedicated to moving our community forward.

Daryl Terrell's proven leadership as a Traffic Commissioner, as a County Behavioral Health Commissioner, and as a City Planning Commissioner enables him to be a strong voice for you as Mayor.

Daryl Terrell will:

- Diversify our economy working with Moreno Valley College, UC Riverside, and County Supervisor Gutierrez
- Make housing more affordable.
- Make real progress toward ending chronic homelessness.
- Keep Us Safe by advancing public safety in our community.

Daryl Terrell is a graduate of both Riverside Community College and UC Riverside.

If you have any questions, you call Daryl at 951-630-1326, darylterrellformayor@yahoo.com, darylterrellformayor on Facebook.

Vote Daryl Terrell for Mayor.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

HECTOR DIAZ

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm a concerned citizen, father and business owner. Our city is facing challenges that demand strong leadership, innovative solutions, and deep commitment to the well-being of every resident.

Our city is full of potential, but we need leadership to face our challenges, and ensure that everyone has a voice in our future. I believe in Moreno Valley and in the power of our community to create lasting and positive change.

My Priorities:

- Economic Growth: I'll work to create jobs, support businesses, and ensure fair wages & opportunities for all.
- Public Safety: Ensure the safety of residents and work with law enforcement, community leaders, and residents to create safer neighborhoods through effective policing and community programs.
- Affordable Housing: I'll advocate for policies that increase affordable housing options, reduce homelessness, and make sure that everyone is safe.
- Education & Youth Services: Our children are our future. I'll work to improve our schools, expand after school programs, and create more opportunities for our kids.

With more than 20 years of experience in different industries, working hard gave me the experience needed to lead our city effectively.

I will be a leader committed to make our city a better place for everyone.

Hectordiaz4mayor@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

ULISES CABRERA

OCCUPATION: Mayor, City of Moreno Valley

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hello Moreno Valley! This is your Mayor, Ulises Cabrera. I was honored to have you elect me to this position in 2022, and I wanted to update you on what we have been doing to uplift our city.

Since 2022, Crime in Moreno Valley is down, with a 4.4% decrease in crime and a significant improvement in overall response times in 2023. We also launched programs to reduce theft and tackle the root causes of crime.

We have improved access to healthcare, with the groundbreaking \$250 million Kaiser Hospital expansion, featuring a new NICU and state-of-the-art building with over 93,000 square feet of facilities and six new operating rooms.

Infrastructure and road conditions are improving, with the completion of the historic \$50M road repavement project, another \$20M invested for additional road repavement over the next 2 years, and the grand opening of the \$39 million Moreno Beach Drive Bridge.

Entertainment and shopping is on the rise, with the approval of the Moreno Valley Mall revitalization project, which includes two hotels, an outdoor central plaza, and an entertainment and dining district.

I hope I can earn your vote again so we can continue this work for another term.

UlisesForMayor.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

DR. PATSY D. BROWN

OCCUPATION: Pastor / Professor / CEO

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Throughout her civic activities, Dr. Patsy Brown has been known for her tenacity and determinate to get things done. She has heard the outcry of the city's citizens and has vowed to put 100% of her efforts towards the following:

- Maintaining this city's funds for this city's services
- Enhancing city safety
- Increasing the number of affordable housing in the city
- Securing livable habitats for the homeless
- Securing livable wages for all Moreno Valley employees
- Increasing the use of innovative activities in the city's parks
- Increasing community resources

As a community leader in Moreno Valley, Dr. Patsy Brown has a record of working tirelessly toward a better Moreno

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 1**

ALISA LOPEZ

OCCUPATION: Business Owner / Mother

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hello. My name is Alisa Lopez and I'm running for Moreno Valley City Council District 1.

When I first moved to Moreno Valley, seeing the need for moms to have a safe space, I started the organization Moreno Valley Mamas. since then, we've hosted countless events which have brought families together and connected mothers to community services and small businesses.

On city council, my focus will be creating better accessibility to housing for all residents. I also understand the importance of increasing educational opportunities and affordable childcare and I will work to attract high wage jobs.

My top three priorities are:

Youth: Bridging resources for education, entrepreneurship, sports, and community involvement. I would increase funding for family friendly community events and intentional crime, drug, and behavior prevention and intervention.

Housing and Living - Increasing access for residents to more affordable housing, and ensuring safe and healthy living standards for our residents.

Public Safety: Lowering Crime rates through crime prevention and strategic planning to address homelessness, mental health, etc.

I've been fighting for our communities my entire life, overseas, nationally, and locally and will be a champion for Moreno Valley.

Please vote for Alisa Lopez!

LopezforMorenoValley.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 1**

ELENA BACA-SANTA CRUZ

OCCUPATION: District 1 Councilmember, City of Moreno Valley

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your councilmember, I am proud to serve Moreno Valley with dedication and passion. My deep roots here reinforce my commitment to advocating for local jobs, affordable housing, public safety, and community engagement.

My Priorities:

- Jobs: Advocate for local employment opportunities. Approved new development and programs to support local businesses and stimulate economic growth.
- Public Safety: Enhanced public safety through increased funding for police and fire departments.
- Community Engagement: Fostered community engagement through regular meetings and public forums.

My Background:

- Resident of Moreno Valley since 1990.
- Alumni of Canyon Springs High School, Moreno Valley College (A.S. in Business Administration), and Chapman University, Moreno Valley Campus (B.S. in Psychology).
- My three children have attended public schools in Moreno Valley Unified School District from kindergarten through high school.
- Over a decade of experience in public education, administrative support, and grants management within the Riverside Community College District.

Community Involvement:

- Currently represent Moreno Valley on the Western Riverside Council of Governments to work on regional issues and the Joint School District Task Force.
- Serve as council liaison for the Library Commission and the Environmental and Historical Preservation Committee.
- Approved funding for significant infrastructure projects, improving roads, parks and public spaces.

Endorsements:

- Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local Union 951
- Riverside Sheriff's Association
- Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez
- Mayor Pro Tem Cheylynda Bernard
- Councilmember Ed Delgado

I am committed to continuing the fight for jobs, safety, and education in Moreno Valley. I humbly ask for your vote to continue our work together.

www.votebacasantacruz.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 3**

ZENDA YVETTE LEWIS

OCCUPATION: Retired Physician Assistant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for city council because I believe in the potential of our neighborhood. Our community is burdened by WAREHOUSES, open land, and a lack of essential amenities. We have only one restaurant, an abundance of fast food chains, and no safe walking paths. These issues contribute to the illegal dumping of trash and the disruption caused by SEMI-TRUCKS illegally driving through our streets.

I am committed to addressing these problems head-on. As a resident, I understand the frustration of not having safe and clean spaces for our families to enjoy. I will work tirelessly to develop walking paths, improve infrastructure, and create green spaces that promote a healthy lifestyle. My goal is to attract diverse businesses, including more dining options and local shops, to enhance our community's vibrancy.

I will collaborate with local authorities to enforce regulations against illegal dumping and unauthorized SEMI-TRUCKS traffic, ensuring our streets are safe and clean. Together, we can transform our neighborhood into a thriving, welcoming community where everyone feels proud to live. Your support is crucial in making this vision a reality. Let's work together to build a better future for our neighborhood.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 3**

ANNA LAPUOS

AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: Data Analyst

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm proud to call Moreno Valley my home. As a child who immigrated from the Philippines back in 2007, I feared the uncertainty of living in a new place but the people of this city welcomed me with open arms and gave me the resources to pursue a brighter future. That being said, it's become my wish to give back to this very community that helped me grow and ensure the continued improvement of our residents' quality of life.

I have extensive background in research and data analysis from my previous roles as an undergraduate researcher in UCLA and a legal analyst for an immigration firm, to my current role as a data analyst for the County of Riverside. As councilmember, I'll leverage these skills in order to make informed decisions and carry out better policies that would help address the city's most pressing needs; to cultivate an enriching community that prioritizes public safety, high-quality education, as well as increased economic opportunities.

It is my personal mission to diligently serve my time to build a community that provides a better future for the next generation. I would be honored to have your support and vote on November 5, 2024.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 3**

ALVIN DEJOHNETTE

AGE: 59

OCCUPATION: Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbor,

I am a military veteran that served in the U.S. Air Force. I am a teacher, a professor, an association board member, and experienced planning commissioner. I have dedicated myself to upholding growth for students and safeguarding our community.

For many years I have served as a Planning Commissioner. I have made hundreds of decisions regarding the development, growth and improvement of this city. These decisions are tough and often are faced with approval and disapproval at the same time. I stand up for the citizens of Moreno Valley through these tough decisions. I have years of experience and understanding of how city government works. I ensure accountability, respect, and consideration for all. I have lived in the city of Moreno Valley for over 50 years watching and learning how we have grown and what we need to safely continue to thrive. I believe that we can continue to be a city where people will want to live here, work here, raise their families and retire here. I want your voices heard. I want you to know that I will work for you and always be here to serve and protect your interest.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 3**

JUSTIN JACKSON

AGE: 27

OCCUPATION: Labor Union / Environmental Press Sec.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Justin Jackson, and I am blessed to run for City Council District 3. I've lived in Moreno Valley—my hometown—for nearly twenty years and have witnessed our city grow into a thriving community of hardworking individuals striving to better themselves and their families.

As residents of Moreno Valley, we have much to be proud of. But while we recognize how far our city has come, we also know there is much more to achieve. I am committed to moving us forward!

I have spent the past several years working at all levels of government—city, county, state, and federal—to bring valuable insights and wisdom back to our community.

I will advocate for improved school safety, work to implement affordable housing measures, and focus on creating local job opportunities. Let's bring leadership to our city council that leverages federal funding for clean energy projects to position Moreno Valley as a leading city of the future.

Moreno Valley deserves more! More from its elected officials, and I am committed to providing that experience and strong leadership for our city.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, DISTRICT 3**

ERLAN GONZALEZ

OCCUPATION: City of Moreno Valley Planning Commissioner / Father

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Hi, I'm Erlan Gonzalez and I'm running for Moreno Valley City Council. I'm running to advocate for accessible housing, good-paying jobs, community safety, and to address homelessness in our neighborhoods.

My vision for District 3 is a community where growth and development are balanced with environmental sustainability and driven by the voices of its residents. This will ensure a prosperous, thriving, and sustainable future for all Moreno Valley District 3 families. Our region is suffering from a lack of affordable housing and I am ready to lead on this issue right away.

As Chair of the Moreno Valley Planning Commission, I have worked to ensure residents' voices are heard and have the experience to serve you from day 1. As a union member, county employee, and husband/father, I know the concerns our working families face here in our beloved city.

My wife and I raise our two sons right here in Moreno Valley's District 3. I have been here for many years, and my wife's family has called this city home since the late 60's. We love this city and will fight to make sure residents' voices are heard in City Hall. I hope I can earn your vote.

GonzalezforMorenoValley.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 3**

DR. LISA DEFOREST

OCCUPATION: Murrieta City Councilmember / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dear Neighbors,

My husband and I love living in Murrieta. He is a deputy sheriff with the Riverside Sheriffs' Department, and I run a business here. Our two sons graduated from Murrieta schools and are now in college. We chose to move here over 12 years ago because we wanted to live in a safe, thriving city. I am dedicated to protecting our quality of life and ensuring Murrieta remains safe and prosperous.

I am an experienced leader and dedicated public servant. Before being elected to the City Council, I served two terms as a School Board Trustee. I have had the honor of serving as President of the Western Science Center, United Way Women's Council, and Murrieta Valley High School Lacrosse Booster. I also served on the Executive Board for the Chamber of Commerce.

It has been an honor to serve as your Councilmember for the past three years. I've worked hard to partner with all stakeholders to protect Murrieta and deliver results for you:

- Balanced the budget, ensured a healthy and growing reserve fund
- Secured \$900,000 for our new mobile command center for police and fire
- Provided \$1 million in grants for local small businesses
- Secured \$3 million in federal funding for the Keller Interchange Project
- Invested in park improvements, street maintenance, and code enforcement
- Ensured Murrieta remains one of the safest cities in California

I have always used a commonsense approach to tackle issues head on, ask insightful questions, renegotiate bad contracts, and hold City Hall accountable to all residents and businesses. As the owner of a successful local business, I know how to make government function more like a business.

If you re-elect me to the Murrieta City Council I will continue to:

- Advocate for fiscal responsibility
- Fight for Fire Station #6
- Ensure a safe community
- Mitigate traffic and congestion
- Support small businesses
- Fight for local control and oppose bad legislation out of Sacramento
- Provide transparent and accessible leadership

My leadership and proven record on the City Council has earned me endorsements from Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, the Murrieta Police Officers Association and the Murrieta Firefighters Association. My campaign is supported by veterans, business owners, first responders, healthcare professionals and community leaders because I always put the needs of Murrieta residents first.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving you on the City Council.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lisa DeForest

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 3**

MICHAEL DESENA

AGE: 37

OCCUPATION: Health Care Provider

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Preserving our past and protecting our future are my top priorities!

A record number of high-density housing was approved over the past couple years. The increase in traffic and demand of services should not be put on the backs of current residences.

Protecting Murrieta's future has never been more important!

Government should be held accountable to the residents they serve. No more excuses or blaming others for these decisions! I will fight to change high-density housing in our General Plan and zoning, so it is legally defensible.

After attending USC and subsequently obtaining my doctorate, I opened my practice in Murrieta. As a local BUSINESS OWNER, a decorated Navy VETERAN, and HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, I am committed and dedicated to serving and fighting for quality of life for all Murrieta residents.

A vibrant Downtown is important. It represents Murrieta's history, culture and strong sense of community. We must ensure growth is managed in a way that preserves the character of West Murrieta.

TEAMWORK is key! As a VETERAN, I understand alone I can do little, but together we can accomplish much. As a Council member, this starts with sincerely listening to residents and following up with action. As a council of five, we act as one. A professional and respectful relationship with council colleagues is key to maintaining and improving our QUALITY of LIFE.

WE must always keep Residents, Taxpayers and Property Owners in mind in all we do. Public Safety, Traffic, Mental Health/Homeless and attracting quality medical professionals all have an impact on our community and deserve to be a priority.

I am proudly endorsed by:

Council Member Ron Holliday – City of Murrieta, “As a fellow Veteran, Mike understands the leadership and teamwork it takes to accomplish city goals.”

Council Member Jon Levell – City of Murrieta, “Dr. DeSena is a proven leader and knows what it takes to keep Murrieta a family friendly safe environment.”

My name is Mike DeSena. Murrieta is my home and always will be! I humbly ask for your support and vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 3**

JOHN NAKAGAWA

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a downtown resident and small business owner I would love to see improvements to our downtown district. I know that many others in the community feel the same way- I have spoken to friends and neighbors who would like to see more locally owned shops and restaurants while at the same time keeping the small town vibe. I believe that it is possible for the city to make infrastructure upgrades to downtown while still preserving the historic feel. My wife and I are raising four children in this community, we want it to be a safe and friendly place for them to enjoy.

I believe that the local government should support its citizens and answer their requests. I would very much like to be a part of this effort, and it would be an honor to serve you and represent your interests. I would like to thank you for your consideration and ask you for your support on election day.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MURRIETA, DISTRICT 4**

LAURENE STONE

AGE: 62

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Promises made. Promises Kept!

It has been an honor serving you as Mayor and I am proud to say that every promise I made, I have kept!

Even through the unprecedented Pandemic, Murrieta continues to be one of the safest cities in the nation.

Traffic, High Density Housing, and Homelessness are all important and I have championed the efforts to find solutions to these important issues so that we maintain the quality of Life Murrieta offers.

Local Mental Health Services, Traffic Solutions, Fighting Unfunded State Mandates, and keeping families and businesses a priority has been my focus.

Today, FREE Mental Health resources are available locally, more roads will be built and widened, and I sent a message to the state of California advocating local cities sue over unfunded mandates.

I continue to be a voice for businesses, non-profits, seniors & families in Murrieta. I want to continue to fight for the people and hold government accountable!

As a longtime resident, Murrieta is not just another city to me. From my Grandparents to my Grandchildren Murrieta is our home.

Murrieta is our home, always has been and always will be. It would be my honor to serve you another four years! I humbly ask for your vote on November 5th, 2024

-Lori Stone, Mayor, City of Murrieta

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Endorsements:

Cindy Warren, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Murrieta

Ron Holliday, Councilmember, City of Murrieta

Jon Levell, Councilmember, City of Murrieta

Jonathan Ingram, Former Mayor, City of Murrieta

Alan Long, Former Mayor, City of Murrieta

Rick Gibbs, Former Mayor, City of Murrieta

Kelly Bennett, Former Mayor, City of Murrieta

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF NORCO**

ROBIN M GRUNDMEYER

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Agriculture Instructor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Norco, a community that uniquely blends rural charm with urban amenities, is a place where animal keeping and small-town living are cherished. Serving on the City Council, I have gained a deep appreciation for the opportunities and challenges that this distinctive blend of 'City living in a rural atmosphere' presents.

Outside-of-the-box thinking, a tenacity to keep pushing ahead, and straight talk are a few of the ways that I have been able to serve our community. Advocating for residents, highlighting our community, and protecting our lifestyle remain my top priority.

If re-elected, I will:

- Be accessible and responsive to residents
- Represent the City professionally
- Continue to enhance agricultural opportunities
- Champion youth involvement in our community

Norco is a special place that I hold very dear. As a lifelong resident, Norco High School graduate, and Agriculture teacher, I understand the essence of who Norconians are. We are a diverse group of folks who come together around animal-keeping and elbow room.

I humbly ask that you continue to allow me to serve our community. When you mark your ballot, VOTE for MRS. G!

We are NORCO!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF NORCO**

KATHERINE ALEMAN

OCCUPATION: Teacher / Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Dearest Neighbors,

It has been an honor serving as your Norco City Council Member since 2020. I value public service, and have spent my life serving others as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer, a teacher and a community volunteer.

Since being elected in 2020 I have worked to:

- Focus \$45 million on repairing streets, trails, and city facilities, while voting against wasteful spending and rubber stamping city contracts without competitive bids;
- Increase public safety through an additional Traffic Deputy;
- Protect our rural lifestyle by shrinking the size of new industrial buildings;
- Address homelessness by partnering with deputies, non-profits, and neighboring cities.

I am running for re-election because there is still more to do. As your Council Member, I will put residents first, vote for city policies that are fair and transparent, and ensure that common sense decision making remains at the forefront of City Hall. I pledge to tirelessly advocate for our residents, our lifestyle, and our community's best interests, in order to maintain Norco's motto, "City living in a rural atmosphere."

My family, and our homestead of animals, love living here. Together, let's continue to build a safe, rural, and more beautiful Norco.

Your neighbor,

Katherine

www.katherinealeman.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF NORCO**

GREG BOWEN

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been honored to call Norco my home for most of my adult life. I have been a public servant with the Sheriffs Department for over 35 years. I am qualified to serve as a City Council Member. I will make fair decisions and vote to keep Norco, Norco. If elected I will continue to volunteer as a:

- Norco Fair Committee Member
- Norco Posse Rodeo Committee Member
- Norco Animal Rescue Team (NART) Member
- Norco Horseman Association Member
- Norco Horseweek Committee Member
- Res Deputy Sheriff

We need people in City Council that are in touch with Norco and its people. A vote for Greg Bowen is a vote to keep Norco, Norco.

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<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO</p> <p>DILLON WEMPLE OCCUPATION: Financial Analyst EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>Born and raised in Norco, I have a passion for our city and all that makes it home. As an Eagle Scout, I understand the importance of open space and am committed to the preservation of and improvement of our parks and trails. As a financial analyst, I am prepared to make smart and fiscally responsible decisions for the long-term health of our city. As a supporter of small farms, I am ready to champion Norco's rich agricultural history. My aim as a candidate is to strengthen the City of Norco, ensuring that it shines as an example of what a rural community can be.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO</p> <p>BRENT SAKAMOTO OCCUPATION: Operations Manager EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGE: 52</p> <p>CONCERNED WITH THE FUTURE OF NORCO? WE MUST BE STRATEGIC IN PROTECTING OUR UNIQUE LIFESTYLE, WHILE BALANCING GROWTH. WE MUST AGGRESSIVELY CHALLENGE SACRAMENTO ON LAWS THAT IMPEDE ON OUR LIFESTYLE. I WILL WORK FOR YOU TO: PROTECT OUR LIFESTYLE FIGHT CRIME FINANCIAL SOLVENCY - FIGHT TAXES, REDUCE FEES FIX INFRASTRUCTURE FAIR PERMITTING & ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT INVESTING IN ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES FOR FOR YOUTH, FAMILIES, & RESIDENTS OF VARIED INTERESTS NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY. A POOL, SPLASHPAD, DIRT TRACK, & SKATEPARK SHOULD BE EXPLORED. DO YOU FEEL YOUR CONCERNS ARE NEVER ADDRESSED? EVERY VOICE MATTERS, LET YOURS BE HEARD! I WILL WORK FOR YOU TO HAVE A TRANSPARENT, FAIR GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS FOR ALL RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU ARE! I WORK FOR YOU, NOT AGAINST YOU! WITH YOUR INPUT & SUPPORT, WE CAN TAKE NORCO BACK TO IT'S ROOTS, & KEEP IT A UNIQUE, ENJOYABLE TOWN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! TAKE BACK NORCO.COM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF NORCO</p> <p>FIA SULLIVAN OCCUPATION: Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGE: 55</p> <p>Having lived in Norco for over 30 years, I have developed a deep love for the unique qualities that make our town special. My decision to run is driven by a strong commitment to give back to our community, and to work diligently to protect our rural lifestyle for future generations. I grew up in the North Hollywood area, but I longed for open spaces and horses. In 1988, when I was 19 years old, I moved to Norco by myself, and I finally felt like I found "home". I instantly fell in love with everything that Norco offers, including animal keeping, large lots, agriculture, and the strong sense of community with a rural lifestyle. I've been blessed to have horses ever since I moved here. I started my business, Sullivan Appraisals, in 1999. I currently serve as Chairperson of the Norco Planning Commission, the Norco Fair Committee Sponsorships Chairperson, and I'm a member of NHA and RURAL. I have a very strong work ethic; I believe that every resident's voice should be heard and valued. I will protect the rural lifestyle and character of our town, while encompassing economic progress and fully supporting law enforcement.</p>	

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 1**

KARINA QUINTANILLA
OCCUPATION: Councilwoman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 45

My fellow residents of Palm Desert,
In 2020, I ran for Council to enhance our community by prioritizing transparency, accountability, and inclusivity. I've lived in Palm Desert for 22 years, raised my two daughters here, and have dedicated myself to the community, even saving lives as an 18-gallon blood donor.

I proudly uphold our vision and values through:

- Fighting for humane treatment of shelter pets and fixing mismanagement of the animal shelter.
- Coauthoring Yes on Measure B, securing your voting rights through district representation.
- Securing \$900,000 to expand childcare for working families and fought for workforce housing.
- Bringing federal resources for cybersecurity services to protect local businesses and consumers.
- Opening an additional cooling center, prioritizing public health during extreme temperatures, and I will fight for more.

I will continue progress by:

- Prioritizing Public Safety while eliminating wasteful spending and vanity projects.
- Implementing Innovative Homeless Interventions.
- Supporting the Passenger Rail Line, higher education, and environmental initiatives to improve air quality and public health

I am dedicated to serving our community with integrity and transparency. Your support will allow me to continue this crucial work for a safe, healthy, and prosperous Palm Desert. Thank you for your trust and your vote.
Your Councilwoman, Karina Quintanilla

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 1**

CHRIS SCOTT
OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 31

I am running to truly represent the people of Palm Desert's District 1. My wife, Brieana Holguin, and I grew up in District 1. We are raising our young son here, with another on the way. I know and understand our community and neighborhoods.

As a Palm Desert business owner for nearly a decade, I am invested in our community. I understand the importance of listening, financial responsibility, and working well with others.

I cannot sit back and watch the current hostile environment, and inappropriate spending of City dollars, while crime, homelessness, and our neighborhoods in need, are ignored. My priority is to fix this. I am humbled to have earned the support of elected and business leaders in Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley.

I support:

- *Public Safety:* Our success depends on safety and security.
- *Fiscal Responsibility:* Strong reserves and balanced budgets.
- *Local Businesses:* The foundation of our economy and future.
- *Civil and Transparent Government:* Our leaders must work together to benefit everyone.

As a dedicated member of our District 1 community, I promise to be a strong, positive voice and restore civility and common sense as your Representative.

I ask for your vote.

Chris Scott

www.ChrisScott4PD.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

GREGG AKKERMAN

OCCUPATION: Local Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Gregg Akkerman, a retired professor, parent, caregiver, and local business owner, running for Palm Desert City Council because the stakes have never been higher.

As the only candidate raised in the area and an active civic volunteer, I have the homegrown values and experience necessary to bring needed competence to our Council.

Public safety should be our highest priority. Unfortunately, our police budget was slashed by millions and residents experienced a 45% increase in violent crime within two years. I will fight to restore funding in the police budget to keep our residents, tourists, and businesses safe.

Palm Desert wants to raise our sales taxes without a guarantee the money will be spent on public safety instead of vanity projects. The reserve funds are running empty and we are expected to pick up the tab. We deserve a City Council that won't increase taxes without first trying common-sense solutions.

Our ambulance response times should not be three minutes longer than in Cathedral City. Palm Desert deserves a representative from District 2 who prioritizes and understands how minutes separate life and death.

Join me as we aspire to align our values and vision for a brighter Palm Desert.

greggakkerman.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

JOE PRADETTO

OCCUPATION: Palm Desert Commissioner / Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My wife and I love living in Palm Desert. My wife is a social worker and I own a business here. Our two daughters attend local public schools. I currently serve on the Palm Desert Planning Commission.

Our city is in jeopardy. The City Council cut funding for public safety, leading to double digit increases in crime. Homelessness more than doubled in the last four years. The City Council even gave themselves a 25% raise. Enough is enough.

I'm not a politician. I'm just a concerned citizen, parent, and business owner wanting to protect our community. If you elect me to represent you on the Palm Desert City Council, I will:

- Restore funding for public safety to reduce crime
- Implement proven solutions to address homelessness
- Ensure a balanced budget without increasing taxes or debt
- Support small businesses and attract desirable jobs

As past President of the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District, I protected taxpayers, ending years of corruption and balancing the budget. My leadership and experience have earned me endorsements from District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, Palm Desert City Councilmember Evan Trubee, Former Palm Desert Mayors Sabby Jonathan, Susan Marie Weber and Van Tanner, and many others.

I'll bring responsible, effective leadership to the City Council. I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.joepradetto.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 2**

KATHLEEN KELLY

OCCUPATION: Councilmember

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It's an honor to have served you on Council for 8 years, with 2 terms as Mayor. My Service and Leadership are Proven! We are on a strong path addressing your needs:

- Public Safety
 - New technology supporting officers
 - Strategies for traffic issues like speeding
 - Plans to modernize all fire stations
 - Nation-leading emergency response times
- Infrastructure
 - Investments for extreme weather impacts
 - 70 miles of safer bike lanes and walking paths
- Fiscal Responsibility
 - Balanced budgets
 - Reserves for emergencies like Hilary clean-up.
- Quality of Life
 - \$79 Million secured for Palm Desert's CSU Campus
 - Effective tools addressing homelessness
 - Assuring our parks and library are topflight
- Hearing You
 - More community meetings for neighborhood issues
 - Outreach to plan new public transportation options

My work beyond Council Proves that I deliver for our community:

- Planning that produced a Wellness Center for all seniors at the Joslyn
- Leadership with neighbors over 10 years to save Shadow Mountain Golf Club (precious green space)
- Extra regional work bringing home \$8 Million for more flood protection

I ask for your vote to continue my mission of service to all. I listen and find sensible solutions that unify.

Kelly4pd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 3**

STEPHEN NELSON

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Stephen Nelson, your candidate for Palm Desert City Council, District 3. I'm running for City Council because we need fresh ideas and competent leadership. My approach is aligned with the core values of North Palm Desert – integrity, respect, and community engagement. By working together, we can create a well-balanced, secure, and thriving community that reflects our shared values and embraces sustainable progress.

As a small business owner, I know what it takes to effectively manage finances and staff. As a member of the Public Safety Committee and longtime North Palm Desert resident, I know how critical public safety is. As your next Councilmember, my top priority is restoring a safe Palm Desert by:

- Investing in Public Safety by reversing the law enforcement cuts that caused a 45% increase in crime, restoring police staffing to safe levels.
- Balancing the Budget by putting a stop to wasteful spending.
- Strengthening Our Local Economy by establishing Palm Desert as the technological hub of the region, generating new jobs for our community.

Let's work together to build a safer, more vibrant North Palm Desert that reflects our collective vision for a better future.

Please vote for Stephen Nelson for Palm Desert on November 5th!

Learn more at NelsonForPalmDesert.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 3**

GINA NESTANDE

OCCUPATION: Palm Desert Councilmember / Businesswoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Palm Desert has been my home for 25 years. Since 2016, I have served on the Palm Desert City Council. While working and raising our children, our family has created a legacy of community service that focuses on lifting our community through extensive volunteering and my work at Sacred Heart School.

Public Safety is my priority – it is critical to community success. Utilizing technology and partnering with our Sheriff and Cal-Fire has increased safety and improved response times while containing costs.

Palm Desert depends on hotel and sales tax. Supporting unique offerings like the Acrisure Arena, Desert Willow Golf Resort, Palm Desert Aquatic Center, and reimagining the Palm Desert Mall, encourage visitors and residents to shop, stay, and enjoy Palm Desert.

We must continue to address our unique needs in North Palm Desert:

- Dust Mitigation & Air Quality
- Review and address relevant zoning ordinances for housing and commercial construction
- Ensure quality housing for all, including retirees, our workforce professionals, teachers, and first responders
- Develop a town center with commercial uses and a regional park
- Broad Band Plan enhancing connectivity for businesses and residents
- Expand Cal State University Palm Desert Campus

It is an honor to serve our community.

I ask for your vote.

Gina Nestande

GinaNestande.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT, DISTRICT 3**

ANYSE SMITH

AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Educator / Attorney

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As an educator and public interest attorney dedicated to advocating for Coachella Valley communities for the past decade, I am running for City Council to ensure North Palm Desert remains a wonderful place to live.

My professional experience equips me to be a strong voice for North Palm Desert, making smart, informed decisions for our community's best quality of life. If elected, I will ensure our district's growth is strategic and that our city remains a place where everyone can thrive.

Priorities:

- Public Safety: Emergency preparedness following recent storms and fires is critical, and I'll work with our police and fire departments to keep our neighborhoods safe.
- Protecting Seniors & Working Families: Many seniors and working families struggle to make ends meet. I will work to improve essential services, public transportation, and equitable access to affordable housing and community resources.
- Economic Growth: Local small businesses are our lifeline. I will push to cut the red-tape stifling small businesses, and work to attract diverse industries aligned with the expected growth of our region.
- Sustainable Development: I will advocate for policies that protect our environment, reduce our carbon footprint, and foster a vibrant, walkable North Palm Desert.

I humbly ask for your vote.

www.anyseforpd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

JOSEPH C. JACKSON

OCCUPATION: Water Company Officer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have spent my twelve years living in Palm Springs serving the community: first as volunteer coordinator for the City's 75th Anniversary Celebration, then as Chair and member of the Sustainability Commission for over 6 years. As a non-profit professional, I also served as President and member of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Board of Directors, and as Board Secretary of the Water Company in nearby Cedarpines Park. Most recently, I was Chair of the Los Compadres Neighborhood Organization. My vision is a Palm Springs that works for everyone. I will support the Palm Springs Police and Fire Departments to ensure our safety, promote small businesses, increase housing for mid-level earners, and encourage progress on Prescott Preserve. As your District 4 Council member, I pledge to listen to you, to represent your values, and to use my problem-solving skills to make the best decisions for the City of Palm Springs.

I would be honored to have your vote. Joe C. Jackson

VoteJoe4PS.com VoteJoe4PS@gmail.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

DAVID RIOS

OCCUPATION: Hotelier / Interior Designer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Being a successful interior designer, real estate professional and hotelier, I have helped improve Palm Springs through innovative hotel projects like The Trixie Motel and The Velvet Rope. Additionally, I have actively engaged and supported organizations such as the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, The Center, and the Palm Springs Boys & Girls Club.

My vision for Palm Springs involves attracting new businesses, improving roads, enhancing public safety, offering a variety of housing options, as well as beautifying our parks. Additionally, I will strive to enhance transportation services and advocate for new educational opportunities by supporting College of the Desert's West Valley Campus.

As a City Councilmember, I pledge to champion public safety, address homelessness, and promote smart-growth development projects that maintain our local charm. It's also important to me to maintain a vibrant and inclusive community dedicated to serving the residents of Palm Springs and ensuring a prosperous future for all. Thank you for considering me and I hope to earn your vote. For more information, go to:

www.davidrios4palmsprings.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

ERNEST CECEÑA

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Compliance Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Ernest Ceceña has worked in the mortgage/banking industry for over 30 years. He currently serves as a Compliance Manager for AmeriHome Mortgage, where he manages and mentors four Senior Compliance Officers. Through continuous quality control reviews, Ernest ensures their sub-servicers compliance to federal, state, and investor servicing regulations, securing fair treatment of the borrowers. Over his career, Ernest has used his innate analytical skills to manage people, projects, expectations, and risk through a number of leading companies and is now poised to do the same as Palm Springs City Councilmember.

Ernest also serves as Chairman of the Palm Springs neighborhood organization, Tahquitz Creek Golf. He volunteered for the position shortly after moving to Palm Springs in August 2020, wanting to support his amazing community. It is through this position that Ernest has been able to engage not only with his neighborhood, but with Palm Springs City Council, city staff, One-PS, and Palm Springs Police and Fire Department. Recognizing that his accumulated skills through his career crossed over to his community leadership, Ernest has been able to ensure his community's quality of life.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

ANNA NEVENICH

OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse / Author

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I offer my experience and commitment to work diligently on behalf of all residents. We need leaders who understand and are willing to reach out and form partnership with residents, businesses and our nonprofit organizations. My experience as registered nurse, school volunteer, and community activist has provided me, exceptional skills to ensure open and respectful communication, so that important decisions are made collectively.

I promise to put my effort and time into keeping our city beautiful and safe. Homelessness is not acceptable. There is a cost-effective way to solving this problem which is beneficial to all of us. I spoke with hundreds of them; I understand what they need.

If elected I will prioritize public safety, improving traffic, maintain our infrastructure and work hard to bring back train system to our valley. When we work together there is no limit of what we can achieve.

I will cherish your vote November 5th.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 4**

NAOMI SOTO

OCCUPATION: Public Health Professional

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience. Service. Perspective. This is what I will bring to the Palm Springs City Council. I am the past-Chair of the City's Measure J Oversight Commission. During my 6 year term, I oversaw \$120 million in city infrastructure spending. I am also the Chair of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. My husband and I are parents to two children, and we are proud to call District 4 home.

The way our community is designed, funded, and maintained has a direct impact on our physical and emotional health. I will bring two decades of public health training to ensure that everyone in this City — whether they are 3 or 83 years old — has access to clean and safe places to work, play, and live.

As your city council member, I will work to:

- Foster economic development downtown and across the city
- Protect safe and open recreational spaces
- Build housing at all market levels, including affordable and workforce housing
- Facilitate city efficiency and transparency

I would be honored to have your support and vote.

www.naomisoto.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, DISTRICT 5**

DAVID H. READY

AGE: 64

OCCUPATION: Retired City Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I declare my candidacy for City Council, District 5. I bring over 30 years of city government experience, including 20 years as Palm Springs City Manager. I'm ready to serve as your member of City Council and ask your support for my candidacy.

As your City Council representative, I will focus on providing the resources required to continually improve our quality of life; police, fire/paramedics, streets, parks, affordable housing, economic development and reducing homelessness.

I'm proud of the many accomplishments that we achieved during my tenure as City Manager. We revitalized downtown, expanded the Palm Springs Airport and Convention Center, brought in new retail and housing, built a "no-kill" animal shelter, and passed Measure J which allowed for increased safety services, and a significant expansion of our street repaving program. Importantly, we implemented the "One PS Neighborhood Program" that continues to provide a strong voice for our neighborhoods at City Hall.

I am committed to a vision of Palm Springs that is centered on service, transparency and a continuously improved quality of life. I would be honored to have your vote.

www.readyforpalmsprings.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF PERRIS**

LUPE GÓMEZ

AGE: 45

OCCUPATION: Nonprofit Executive / City of Perris
Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Lupe Gomez has dedicated her life to advocating for higher education and community development. With a Bachelor's in Sociology and a Master's in Business Administration, Lupe brings knowledge and expertise to her work, ensuring that her initiatives are impactful and sustainable.

As a non-profit director, Lupe has spearheaded numerous programs to increase access to higher education for underprivileged communities. As your Planning Commissioner, Lupe has championed more landscaping and brought more commercial and residential options.

Recognizing the great need for new leadership, Lupe Gomez is running for Mayor of the City of Perris. Her professional expertise, personal experience, and genuine compassion make her an exceptional candidate to lead this city.

Lupe plans to:

- Bring diverse development and address the over-development of warehouses
- Focus on essential city services such as fixing roads
- Invest in cleaning our city and bringing pride to Perris

Lupe is also a devoted mother of four. She and her husband understand the challenges and triumphs of balancing family life with a demanding career, and she brings this empathy and insight to her community work.

This November, choose a true community champion by voting for Lupe Gomez for Mayor.

www.lupegomezformayor.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MAYOR,
CITY OF PERRIS**

MICHAEL M. VARGAS

OCCUPATION: Mayor City of Perris
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As the Mayor of Perris, I am dedicated to serving residents and bringing positive change to our city.

My top priorities are public safety and building our local economy. Every resident deserves to live in a safe neighborhood and have the opportunity to thrive. I have an open-door policy because I want to hear your concerns and address your needs.

My achievements as Mayor include:

- Balancing the budget, securing \$70 million in reserve funds
- Attracting millions of dollars of investment, bringing new jobs
- Increasing public safety services
- Launching the Homeless Outreach Team to address homelessness
- Upgrading our parks, senior center, and preserving open spaces
- Advocating for affordable housing

Before I was elected to serve as Mayor, I served on the Val Verde School District Board of Education where I successfully fought for equality and transparency. I hired more teachers and advocated for student safety and success.

As a husband, father, grandfather and proud resident of Perris, I am committed to the success of our city. I am working tirelessly to make Perris a better place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

With your support, we will continue working together to move Perris forward. I humbly ask for your vote.

www.vargasforperris.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PERRIS, DISTRICT 2**

RITA ROGERS

OCCUPATION: City Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been an honor to serve you as your Councilmember the last 25 years, thank you. Perris has a balanced budget and \$39.8M in reserves. We also paid off our \$14M pension liability. Public Safety has always been my top priority.

During my tenure I have brought thousands of jobs and hundreds of businesses to Perris. Our Live Well Perris Program has received regional and national awards. I serve on the Park & Recreation Committee and am proud of all the recent park updates and the Community Garden.

I am the Chair of Western Riverside Council of Governments, a Commissioner for March Joint Powers Authority and the Founder of Perris Cops & Clergy. I have lived in Perris for 48 years, the proud mother of 2 grown children and grandmother of 9.

My key focus will continue to be public safety, business and job development, community engagement, homelessness and youth programs.

I look forward to serving you for another term, I respectfully ask for your vote.

God Bless
Rita Rogers

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PERRIS, DISTRICT 2**

ELIZABETH VALLEJO

OCCUPATION: Educator / County Representative

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Elizabeth Vallejo is running for City Council to give Perris a renewed identity and help our city evolve and be put on the map. As a school board member for the Perris Union High School District, Elizabeth has seen firsthand the potential of our community and has worked hard to improve our schools.

She holds a Master's degree from California Baptist University and a Bachelor's from CSU Northridge. Elizabeth's professional experience with the City of Perris and the Riverside County Office of Education has provided her with a deep understanding of our community's needs.

As a lifelong resident of Perris, Elizabeth believes in the power of community and is an active volunteer in local projects. She is passionate about making Perris a place where everyone feels proud to live.

With her background in education, community service, and local government, Elizabeth Vallejo is committed to putting Perris on the map. She envisions a city with a strong identity, one that evolves and thrives. Vote for Elizabeth to bring fresh ideas and a strong, caring voice to our City Council.

Please visit ElizabethForPerris.com for more information.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

NATE LEWIS

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Nate Lewis and I would be honored to earn your Vote. I was raised in the Coachella Valley and am proud to call Rancho Mirage my home. I am dedicated to helping maintain the great quality of life we enjoy by supporting and advocating for:

- Strong public safety programs and code enforcement to ensure a safe and clean city
- A balanced budget, thoughtful spending, and adequate reserves
- Thoughtful development that includes public input, which is ultimately beneficial to Rancho Mirage and its residents.
- filling our vacant commercial buildings and shopping centers with businesses that residents would enjoy

My wife and I are fortunate to raise our children in Rancho Mirage and I intend to leave them and future residents a city, in as good, or better shape as it is today. I have participated in and supported several charity events throughout the Coachella Valley. I Volunteered 6-years of service to the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce, where I served as the Chairman of The Board in 2022. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Dixie State University where I was also a Scholarship Athlete. I am a Husband, Father, and Small Business owner, and I want the best for Rancho Mirage.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

GREGORY GOODMAN

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Went to Heidelberg College in Tiffin Ohio, owned 3 floral shops 1 in Mansfield Ohio, 2 in Columbus Ohio. Moved to Los Angeles at 32 opened flower shop in Beverly Hills then moved to Palm Springs, Ca and opened My Little flower shop in 2008 and still own. Did florals for 3 Presidents, 4 Inaugural Events, The Academy awards, Golden Globe awards, and many wonderful stars.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

WAYNE AVRASHOW

OCCUPATION: Attorney / Author

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Wayne Avrashow is an attorney, a best-selling author, and a candidate for Rancho Mirage City Council.

Wayne has been an attorney counselling his clients for thirty years and was a court-appointed mediator. His career began as a Chief of Staff to Los Angeles City Council members and served on two government commissions. Wayne's problem-solving skills and passion for public service will benefit Rancho Mirage.

Wayne and his wife Ann are proud to support The Rancho Mirage Library, The Children's Museum, Preserve Mirage, Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce, The Desert Bar Association, Alzheimer's Coachella Valley, Joselyn Center, Palm Springs Animal Shelter and the Jewish Federation Council of the Desert.

As a member of City Council, Wayne Avrashow will focus on:

- * Public safety – his top priority is supporting our police and firefighters.
- * A City Council that works for YOU. Transparent government. Elections instead of appointments. And term limits.
- * Smarter growth that balances environmental, economic, and community interests.
- * Wayne will donate his first year's council salary to charities that serve Rancho Mirage.

Wayne and Ann proudly reside in The Springs. He has two sons, daughters-in-law, and two granddaughters, two-year-old Zayda and baby Gemma.

webpage: www.wayne4rm.com or email Wayne4rm@gmail.com.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

MICHAEL O'KEEFE

OCCUPATION: Rancho Mirage City Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've lived full-time in Coachella Valley for 26 years, moving to Rancho Mirage in 2019. Serving on your City Council is an honor and a great responsibility. I pledge to preserve the cultural and architectural history of Rancho Mirage while working towards a secure future.

I am committed to the core values of good governance that have made our city special. I will enhance our standard of living and quality of life by:

- Guaranteeing fiscal responsibility
- Prioritizing our public safety and public works programs
- Supporting tourism and local businesses in partnership with our amazing Chamber of Commerce
- Advocating for conscientious growth
- Focusing on affordable and workforce housing
- Emphasizing world-class medical services
- Promoting the Joslyn Center senior programs
- Improving cell phone service
- Providing generous resident amenities and services, including cultural programs and outdoor activities

My experience includes 25 years in business management, 20 years in the mental health field, and lifelong volunteer service, including serving on the Rancho Mirage Cultural Commission since 2020.

I am honored to be the ONLY candidate endorsed by all current and former Rancho Mirage City Councilmembers.

I respectfully ask for your vote on November 5th.

Learn more: okeeferanchomirage.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

TED WEILL

OCCUPATION: Rancho Mirage City Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am honored to have served on your City Council working alongside individuals who have built an incredible foundation for our city. I am seeking re-election to ensure a smooth transition and continue the momentum of all current projects.

Since being elected I promised to protect Rancho Mirage's unique quality of life, my track record demonstrates that commitment. As Mayor Pro Tem, I remain fully dedicated to leading Rancho Mirage by:

- Building on the level of excellence our residents and businesses enjoy
- Keeping neighborhoods safe and ensuring fast emergency response times
- Guiding our city through thoughtful development and a broad spectrum of housing
- Maintaining a balanced budget and strong fiscal reserves

I am a United States Navy Veteran. I graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. My MBA was from Pepperdine University.

The 92270 Zip-Code represents fiscal responsibility and a special way of life. Preserving those values is my highest priority.

I work hard to serve as an accountable, accessible, responsive, and effective advocate for our residents and businesses. I am proud of what we have accomplished together. I would be honored to earn your vote on November 5th.

Sincerely,

Ted Weill

More at: tedweill.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

ADAM TOSTADO

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Husband, Father, Business Owner, and Volunteer. I have lived in the valley for 16 years. I purchased a home and decided to start my family here in San Jacinto. I have coached with Valley-Wide various different sports for over 13 years. I also volunteer at my children's schools for events and field trips.

I love San Jacinto and would love to help it strive. I have many great ideas to bring to the table. Let me be your voice to share ideas, concerns, or anything you need heard.

I am a self-employed handyman. You let me fix your home now let me fix your city.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

STEVE DIMEMMO

AGE: 68

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a candidate for San Jacinto City Council, I am committed to prioritizing people over politics. With over two decades of law enforcement experience and a solid foundation in public administration holding a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in the field—I bring a wealth of knowledge and dedication to our community.

Having served San Jacinto as a councilmember, I understand the intricate dynamics of local governance and the importance of fostering a collaborative environment. My career in law enforcement has instilled in me a deep appreciation for public safety and the well-being of our residents. I am driven by a passion to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods and ensure that every voice is heard in the decision-making process.

Beyond my professional qualifications, I am a committed family person with strong ties to San Jacinto. I am dedicated to supporting initiatives that promote economic growth, improve educational opportunities, and preserve our environment. With your support, I am eager to continue serving our community with integrity, experience, and a genuine desire to make San Jacinto a better place to live, work, and raise families.

Together, let's build a brighter future for San Jacinto for leadership rooted in experience and profound commitment VOTE STEVE DIMEMMO for San Jacinto City Council.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

ERIC ANTHONY DEVEZIN

OCCUPATION: Public Service Professional

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Two decades in California ignited my passion for thriving communities. I'm committed to making San Jacinto even better. Formerly a successful makeup artist, a health challenge redirected my path toward public service. With a bachelor's in public administration and a strong belief in social justice, I transitioned careers.

My entertainment background proved unexpectedly valuable. My experience with major networks has honed my communication and storytelling skills. These abilities, combined with my policy expertise, enable me to bridge the gap between theory and practice, promoting effective governance.

I'm pursuing a Master's in Public Administration at the University of La Verne and serving as the incoming Executive Secretary for GASG. I'm also excited to begin doctoral studies in public administration in the fall of 2025.

As San Jacinto's first openly LGBTQ+ City Council candidate, I offer a fresh perspective. My commitment to data-driven policies and social justice is evident in my volunteer work with organizations like the American Red Cross and my IHSS-Public Authority Advisory Committee role.

My journey has equipped me to tackle San Jacinto's challenges of affordability, sustainability, and community well-being. I'm a fighter with the resilience and passion to create a brighter future for all residents.

More info: Vote4Devezin.com

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

VERONICA DAMIAN-HAWKES

OCCUPATION: Executive Director / Caregiver / Community Service Participant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Veronica Damian-Hawkes, local High School graduate with some College education.

I have 22 years of various volunteer work experience, some leadership role such as Head Start Policy Council Chairperson, Past President and board member of the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce Serving the Chamber for the past 7 years.

With 17 years of experience in the banking industry and a consistent record of achievement, I, Veronica Damian-Hawkes, am a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, caregiver, and community service volunteer, currently serving as Executive Director at the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce, managing multiple responsibilities while serving the community, showcasing my dedication to leadership and community engagement. Having been a resident of San Jacinto for over 42 years, I have been fortunate enough to observe the City's significant growth and development. I am determined to join forces with a team that prioritizes the city's economic progress and prosperous future. Empowering our community starts with supporting our most vulnerable members. As your elected official, I'll tirelessly advocate for resources and programs that uplift our senior citizens, children, and homeless population.

Let's rise together!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

PHIL AYALA

AGE: 51

OCCUPATION: Mayor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Thanks to you, the residents of our city, I've served on your City Council since 2020 and currently have the honor to be your Mayor in 2024. I'm again seeking your Vote to earn a second term on The San Jacinto City Council.

I supported our public safety by adding more Deputies and Firefighters to protect our city. I've approved budgets to attract more businesses and employment opportunities closer to home as well as plans to improve our roads and sidewalks.

Last year, I accepted a position at the San Jacinto Valley Academy as Director of their new Public Service Academy. I brought my two decades of teaching experience to serve the youth in our neighborhood! I now live, work, and serve in our great city!

Being a Veteran, I know what it means to serve & sacrifice. Us Veterans know leadership is temporary and that mind-frame has translated to my life as a Teacher and public servant, accountable to only one boss, YOU! I stand ready to continue to serve our community bringing fresh ideas to better our lives!

Together, with your support, we can keep building a thriving and healthy City of San Jacinto while maintaining our small-town feel.

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Mayor Phil Ayala

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

CRYSTAL RUIZ

OCCUPATION: Councilwoman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Crystal Ruiz, your City Council Member and former Mayor, and I'm asking for your vote to continue serving our community.

Since I served the City Council I've passionately worked to enhance our quality of life. Together, we've balanced our city budget and attracted new businesses, creating jobs for our residents.

I've championed youth programs like Boxing for Christ and the Boys & Girls Club and revived beloved community events, such as the Independence Day Parade and Concerts at the Mansion. I believe in keeping our community safe, which is why I've increased police presence without sacrificing our balanced budget.

My commitment extends beyond San Jacinto as I represent our interests on various regional boards. I've even traveled to Washington, D.C., to discuss critical funding issues on behalf of our community.

I am dedicated to the future of San Jacinto, and I need your support to continue this important work. Together, we can build a brighter future for our community.

Thank you for your trust and your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

CLARISA SANCHEZ

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm a proud mom, business owner, Rotarian, and past United States Postal Service worker. My dedication to the community has been recognized through my nominations for New Business of the Year (2023) and Women Business Leader of the Year (2024).

Helping others has always been my priority. Whether it's supporting local events, community projects, or volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce.

Vision for the Future:

Advocate for more business opportunities and support our small businesses
Public Safety: Implementing measures to ensure the well-being of all residents.

Infrastructure: Investing in modern, efficient infrastructure to support growth and connectivity.

Clean City Initiatives: Promoting programs to keep our streets and public spaces clean and inviting.

Fairness and Justice: Ensuring all voices are heard and treated with respect, fostering a community built on multi-cultural participation.

Cultural Celebration: Encouraging cultural events and initiatives that highlight and celebrate the rich variety of our community.

Together, we can build a City where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and prosper. I humbly request your support to bring about meaningful change and serve you on the City Council. Thank you for your trust and support.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
TREASURER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

TYLISHA A. JULIENNE

OCCUPATION: Quality Administrator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a military spouse with a master's degree and over 30 years of government civilian experience, I have dealt with budgetary fiscal year-monetary funds in various ways. I possess the distinctive qualifications necessary to serve as the treasurer. I am not just knowledgeable but deeply understand the importance of professional finance. This understanding has been honed through my extensive civilian background and 30+ years of service in the military. The Army and Air Force have given me a demonstrated track record of managing numerous logistic budget items with a team overseeing inventory, coordinating budgeting, critical equipment, training, and monetary and technical data for quality assurance transparency. I have collaborated with a team of knowledgeable professionals: government contractors, military, and civilian workers who enjoy working for the good of the people. I understand the accountability to the chiefs, commanders, peers, and others for the services we must accomplish to bring significant economic growth to the community effectively. My extensive background has equipped me with the skills to effectively manage and understand the quality assurance process in a revolving world. I know finance is vital to our community, business, home, and personal life.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
TREASURER,
CITY OF SAN JACINTO**

DEAN J. VANDEVER

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Operations Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am honored to serve as the next Treasurer of the City of San Jacinto. I am a long-time resident of the San Jacinto Valley and have witnessed many changes to the community. I am a graduate of Hemet High School, and our local MSJC college. I minored in business and majored in Computer Science, then completed my BS in Electronic Engineering with CIE institute. Currently, I work in Critical Infrastructure in my telecom career. This current position has me highly involved when working in association with Million-dollar budgets, which involves budgetary projects surrounding the fiscal planning and design of critical building equipment and building expansion projects concerning the Fiber Optic Telecom Industry. Presently I am on the board of directors concerning the Southern California Telecommunication Engineering as the successful treasure for 8 years. At present time I am the Vice Chair of the Sons of the American Legion. I am also on the Board of Directors of the Greater San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce, an organization dedicated to support local businesses and the community of the San Jacinto Valley. With my added experiences I can help with the continued financial success of the City of San Jacinto.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 1, SHORT TERM**

MATT RAHN

OCCUPATION: Educator / Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My wife and I love living in Temecula. We raised our daughter here and I started my business here. I'm dedicated to keeping Temecula safe and maintaining our quality of life.

As a Temecula City Councilmember and Mayor, I worked hard to deliver results:

- Hired more police officers and opened a new fire station
- Expanded homeless outreach and intervention programs
- Created the "Senior Master Plan" with new senior housing and shuttle service
- Updated parks and sports fields
- Fixed over 50 miles of roads and secured over \$120 million in transportation funding to reduce traffic congestion

If you elect me to represent you on the Temecula City Council, I will continue to:

- Prioritize public safety, fully-fund police and fire services
- Ensure a balanced city budget and healthy reserve fund
- Support local businesses and attract new businesses with good-paying jobs
- Invest in our parks, road improvements, and traffic mitigation
- Ensure Temecula remains a safe city with a high quality of life

With my leadership and experience, I am proudly endorsed by CAL FIRE L2881, California Professional Firefighters, Riverside County Sheriffs' Association, and District Attorney Mike Hestrin.

I'll bring responsible, effective leadership to the City Council. I respectfully ask for your vote.

www.rahnfortemecula.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 1, SHORT TERM**

GEORGE RAPCIEWICZ JR.

OCCUPATION: Program Management Specialist

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a U.S. Marine Purple Heart recipient turned Doctor of Business. I am currently employed as a program management specialist with the Department of Defense.

At 18, I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served for nine years when my career was cut short when I was wounded in the Battle of Fallujah in Iraq.

The Marine Corps taught me the value of sacrifice, hard work, and service above self, and I will bring those values to the City of Temecula.

As a husband, father, former Temecula school district substitute teacher, and your next city council member, I want the city that we love to serve you and your interests. Where our:

- Neighborhoods and families are safe, and our police and fire departments have the tools they need to protect us.
- Maintain and improve our roads, parks, infrastructure, and community centers.
- Keep utilities and taxes low.
- Pass prudent and balanced budgets.
- Support our small businesses and responsible business development.

As your next city council member, I will bring my years of experience to serve you. I will always be available to the residents of this wonderful city. Servant leadership is my motto, and I would be honored to have your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 2**

ERIC FAULKNER

AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: Management Analyst, Department of Veterans Affairs

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Married and father of two. 27-year Temecula resident. Master of Science in Health Administration and Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. Served 27 years in the United States Navy. Served 3 years as a Board of Directors for the View Church. Mentors as a member of Riverside Big Brothers Big Sister. Serves as a Commissioner with the City of Temecula. Member of the Riverside County Civilian Use of Force Advisory Council.

I am running for City Council to:

- Enhance Public Safety by ensuring effective and efficient first responder support
- Tackle affordable housing and develop solutions for the homeless in our community
- Provide opportunities to improve the quality of life for our residents
- Maintain and improve a fiscally responsible and accountable local government with an eye to the future
- Support local businesses and the entrepreneurial spirit across the city
- Expand resources for active duty military, veterans and their families
- Focus on evolving, innovative and inclusive community services to meet the needs of residents
- Ensure space for every voice

A Candidate for all Temecula residents!

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 2**

JESSICA ALEXANDER

OCCUPATION: Council Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been an honor to serve as your City Councilwoman these past four years and be a voice for the people. As a mother of five, Center Director for a local non-profit, Veteran of the United States Marines, former NYPD Police Officer and small business owner, I know how to get the job done. That's why many of our local leaders have endorsed my re-election, to include Sheriff Chad Bianco, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez and many more.

As your City Councilwoman, I have:

- Increased First Responders and new safety equipment
- Passed balanced budgets
- Mitigated homelessness and transient issues
- Worked to improve traffic flow
- Supported local business & the creation of job opportunities
- Strengthened code enforcement – including those against human trafficking
- Advocated for transparency at City Hall
- Implemented Mental Health resources for our community

Our job is not done yet. A vote for me is a vote to:

- Protect public safety
- Keep Old Town and neighborhoods safe
- Fund law enforcement and our fire department
- Maintain and improve roads and infrastructure
- Grow our economy, maintain a balanced budget, and not raise taxes
- Support responsible business development that benefits residents, not special interests

Let me be "Your Voice" - [Alexander4Temecula.com](https://www.Alexander4Temecula.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 4**

SUE EVANS

OCCUPATION: Nonprofit Chief Officer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a resident of Temecula for 26 years and am deeply committed to our community. As a parent and grandparent who raised my four children in District 4, I understand the needs and aspirations of our families. With 37 years of child welfare experience and as a Chief Operating Officer of a nonprofit, I have a proven track record of securing funding and developing vital programs for communities, foster care, and housing.

I prioritize actively seeking community input to create transparent, fiscally responsible policies. I am dedicated to fostering partnerships and collaboration with community members, always mindful of the City Council's purpose and limitations. For Temecula to thrive, we must attract funding to develop housing and infrastructure that support our residents to ensure our workforce and future generations can afford to live here.

I am a steadfast advocate for public safety and community services and will work tirelessly to expand access for everyone. Together, we can build a caring, inclusive Temecula that values and supports all its members. Let's work hand-in-hand to create a sustainable future for our wonderful city.

Contact me at: evans4citycouncil2024@gmail.com

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF TEMECULA, DISTRICT 4**

JAMES "STEW" STEWART

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I've been a Temecula resident and local businessman for 33 years. I've owned and operated Stews Barbershops in Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee, Wildomar, Lake Elsinore and Ladera Ranch. I've been married to my wife, Lisa, for 44 years. We have 3 grown children and 7 amazing grandkids. I've been involved in this community for decades...over 20 years with Rotary and 30 years with Sunridge Church. I served on the Rancho California Water District board for 4 years and Temecula City Council for 8 years, serving as Mayor twice.

I've worked to bring a Sheriff's Station within Temecula city limits to better protect and serve our City. There is still much work to be done, but I believe that public safety is job number one!

Since I've served on Council, we've eliminated millions of dollars of debt, making the City facility debt free! We've designed, engineered and secured funding to build a \$130 million freeway project to fix the 1-15 crawl, which is scheduled to finish in a few months. My love for this City and its history can be seen on my Facebook page "Temecula Valley Fun Fact", with current news at "Temecula Stew."

I've been honored to serve our City as Council Member. I would be doubly honored for the privilege to continue.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF WILDOMAR, DISTRICT 4**

**VERONICA LANGWORTHY
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Wildomar incorporated in 2008 to begin local control and to end the need to drive to Riverside County meetings to address city issues. Early local meetings were filled with people sharing dreams of keeping Wildomar family-friendly, re-opening parks, and addressing issues such as land use, police, fire and public safety. I got involved and was appointed Planning Commissioner, serving for eight years.

Road maintenance is an ongoing concern today. Both private and public roads are in similar disrepair. The road maintenance budget is stretched, yet money is allocated for councilmember's health insurance, retirement, and other benefits.

The use of a "consent calendar" allows the council to vote on multiple agenda items without discussion. On April 10, 2024 the council approved thirteen items in one vote including their opposition to "The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act." This act would have amended the California Constitution to define all state and local levies, charges, and fees as *taxes*. All state tax increases passed by two-thirds legislative vote *would have an additional requirement to be passed by a majority of California voters*. This hasty process benefits Governor Newsom rather than the citizens of Wildomar.

Discussing, informing, representing citizens: Vote Veronica Langworthy

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF WILDOMAR, DISTRICT 4**

**KAREN ELLISON
OCCUPATION: Communications Consultant
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

AGE: 53

I am a wife, homeowner, business owner, stepmother and nearly 3-year resident of Wildomar. Since moving here, I have seen a strong push to grow our city without regard for improvement or safety of the community, neighborhoods, schools or local businesses.

Our city is facing many challenges without plans to fix or make improvements. I want to work with residents and lawmakers to address the low/no income housing and home shelters going in (which is impacting our schools and neighborhoods), the ongoing septic issues, flooding and lack of attention to our roads and community safety.

My goal is to ensure our voice is consistently heard to shape and improve District 4.

Key Issues:

- Low/no income housing
- Residential Homeless Shelters
- Resident rights
- Septic Issues
- Road and community flooding
- Road improvements
- Community safety
- Effective communication outreach

As a 25-year communication executive, building and implementing corporate strategies, I want to improve how the city communicates with their constituents to a more personal and direct approach. It'll be about listening and understanding the issues so we can find solutions or work with necessary stakeholders that can actually help.

Vote for Karen Ellison for District 4. It's Time for Change!

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF WILDOMAR, DISTRICT 4**

**BRIDGETTE MARIE MOORE
OCCUPATION: Wildomar Councilmember / Businesswoman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Dear Wildomar Residents,
I'm honored to serve on the Wildomar City Council. As a Councilmember, I'm committed to enhancing our quality of life and ensuring our city remains a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

I've proudly called Wildomar home since I moved here 26 years ago with my husband and our son. My journey in Wildomar began with a passion for revitalizing our local parks. This led to my participation in the incorporation of Wildomar, and since then, I have dedicated myself to serving our community. From City Council to volunteering with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Elks Lodge, Rotary, and founding the Wildomar Community & Parks Foundation/Wildomar Beautification Volunteers, my commitment to our community is strong.

As your City Council Member, I've worked hard for residents and delivered results:

- Expanded Parks & Recreation by engaging local partnerships and non-profits;
- Prioritized public safety and supported our law enforcement and fire services;
- Invested in roads and interchange projects to improve traffic flow and safety;
- Maintained a balanced city budget and a reserve for long-term fiscal stability.

With your support, I'll continue to bring energy, commitment, and effective leadership to our city council.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Sincerely,
Bridgette Moore

www.BridgetteMoore2024.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 1**

RICK LYKINS

OCCUPATION: Construction Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Rick Lykins and I am announcing my candidacy for the Desert Healthcare District's Board of Directors Zone 1 seat. The District is facing a State mandate to seismically retrofit Desert Regional Medical Center by 2030 ensuring it is safe and survivable in the event of an earthquake.

I have over 25 years of experience in construction of Medical facilities, Hotels and School projects in California. I believe I am the right person at the right time to manage the District's oversight of the required seismic retrofit as well as future healthcare expansion projects.

I am not affiliated with a Non-profit organization, Foundation or political office. It is my sincere belief our communities benefit from having Directors who are independent of special interests groups. I believe it contributes to a fair and balanced use of the District's resources.

Over the last 20 years I have witnessed how valuable the District has been at building and supporting healthcare resources for our communities and I want to see its mandate continue for future generations. For these reasons I am respectfully asking for your vote for the Desert Healthcare District's Board of Directors Zone 1 seat.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 1**

GREG RODRIGUEZ

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Deputy Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been involved in public service my entire life and this opportunity to serve on the Healthcare District Board is the next step in offering my passion to further the health and well-being of Coachella Valley residents. I have played a role in many Desert Healthcare District initiatives such as the Coachella Valley Behavioral Health Collaborative, expansion of testing and vaccinations during COVID, and leveraging resources to address homelessness in the Valley.

I know the healthcare landscape in the Coachella Valley as the healthcare policy advisor for Riverside County Supervisor Manuel Perez and as District Director for Congressman Raul Ruiz. I served on the Board of Desert AIDS Project, and currently Chair the RUHS Community Health Center Board. I understand the challenges we face in healthcare provider shortages throughout the valley, the need for more healthcare facilities, and the importance of expanding equitable access to healthcare in our underserved areas.

I look forward to assisting the District in the transitions and opportunities that may exist with the proposed Tenet lease changes and know I can provide the type of leadership to maximize the benefits to the residents of the Coachella Valley. I would be honored to have your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 1**

ROBERT PIECUCH

AGE: 73

OCCUPATION: Physician

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a board-certified pediatrician specializing in newborn intensive care practicing at Loma Linda University Medical Center since 2019. Previous to that I was the Medical Director in the Intensive Care Nursery at Desert Regional Medical Center for seven years.

Currently my practice cares for many newborns transferred from the four major hospitals in Coachella Valley. I am very connected to the valley medical community and was a part of that practicing community.

I am hoping to become a member of the Desert Healthcare District Board. I am hoping that with my experience I might be able to contribute to improving medical care in our valley.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 3**

DANIEL LOGSDON

OCCUPATION: Physician

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a physician living with my family in the Coachella Valley, I understand the importance of access to quality healthcare. I witness daily the gaps in healthcare within our community and the challenges residents face in accessing basic care. This experience has driven me to seek a position on the Healthcare District Board where I am committing to make a difference by expanding access to primary, specialty, and pediatric care while improving mental health services and supporting new community initiatives.

Since completing my medical training in Southern California, I have dedicated my career to expanding cardiac care in the Coachella Valley and advocating for life-saving technology that is currently absent within our community.

As a board member, I will advocate for the healthcare of all residents across the Coachella Valley. I will instill values of integrity and collaboration, aiming to foster harmonious environments that enhance our community. I will leverage my skills in big-picture thinking and clear communication to drive initiatives that improve healthcare access and quality for all. I believe true change is achieved through both community-centered excellence and purposeful administration, and I am prepared to dedicate the next years to making a meaningful impact.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 3**

CLAUDIA GALVEZ

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Health Policy Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Claudia Galvez, and I am running for Director of the Desert Healthcare District Zone 3. As Chief Officer of Governmental and Community Affairs of a Federally Qualified Health Center, I have a proven track record of public service and commitment to improving healthcare access and am fully prepared to address the needs of our residents across the Valley.

Our Valley requires healthcare solutions that focus on improving both longevity and quality of life. I am dedicated to advancing initiatives and policies that bolster services, including sustainable access to preventive care, mental health support, and chronic disease management. Through collaboration with local healthcare providers, we can ensure that comprehensive healthcare is readily available and accessible for all our residents.

While Public health and emergency preparedness are at the forefront of my agenda, I will work tirelessly to ensure our healthcare facilities represent the needs of the Community, providing peace of mind to our residents.

Together we can build a robust and responsive healthcare system that addresses present needs and serves future generations. On November 5th I respectfully ask that you vote for Claudia Galvez for Desert Healthcare District Zone 3.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 5**

CARLOS E. GARCIA

AGE: 73

OCCUPATION: Healthcare Marketing Researcher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I hope to earn your vote for the Desert Healthcare District Board, Zone 5. I am running because I have the necessary experience in both community health and in finance. Every resident in the Coachella Valley deserves access to healthcare to prevent illness and to treatment when they need it.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles of Mexican immigrant parents. I received my BA from Pomona College, an MA from UC Berkeley and an MBA from National University. I have lived in the Coachella Valley for 9 years, 5 years in Zone 5.

I have spent over 40 years as a marketing research professional, conducting surveys and focus groups on a range of topics, many involving healthcare. My work was mostly multicultural but included general market research also. I still run my own company, Garcia Research.

I served on the board of (San Fernando) Valley Community Healthcare for 16 years, including two years as board chair. I am vice-chair of the Palm Desert City Finance Committee. I am board chair of the Artists Council. I am also a Trustee for Pomona College, in Claremont, CA.

Please vote for Carlos E. Garcia for Desert Healthcare District Board, Zone 5.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, ZONE 5**

ARTHUR SHORR

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My qualification as Director Desert Regional District #5 and Foundation Earned a BS in Accounting & Economics; Brooklyn College, 1967 and an MBA in Hospital and

Healthcare Administration; The George Washington University, 1970. I'm Board Certified and a Life-Fellow, of the American College of Healthcare Executives

Served in senior executive management positions of three tertiary care teaching hospitals for 16 years including Chief Operating Officer-Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles.

I am trustee of a "Rural Access" acute-care general hospital in Northern California.

I lecture and mentor graduate students matriculated in the George Washington University graduate program in healthcare administration.

Faculty at nationally conferences on contemporary issues in healthcare administration.

I joined the District Board in 2014 as a community volunteer on the finance committee.

I was appointed to complete the vacant term of the District #5 director. On 01/08/2024 elected to a full term.

For the past two years I have served as Treasurer of both the District and Foundation.

I support the District's mission and vision, deploying funds to service agencies that impact the quality of life of the Coachella Valley's residents.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, FULL TERM**

MARIO GARAI

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm Mario Garai, and I'm running for the San Gorgonio Pass Healthcare District to improve our community's access to dependable, affordable, and reliable healthcare. As a planning commissioner and small business owner in Beaumont, my family and I are deeply invested in the Pass Area.

A few years ago, I faced a medical emergency that underscored the crucial role our local hospital plays. Thankfully, I'm healthy now, but I have serious concerns about the health of our hospital, which is weighed down by financial and service challenges.

We need to do better for our community.

Our district has a significant retiree population that relies on this hospital. I have the skills and drive to provide the resources needed to make it a world-class facility. Health and wellness are personal priorities for me, and I'm determined to ensure our hospital meets the needs of everyone in our community.

If dependable, affordable, and reliable healthcare are priorities for you, please vote for me; Mario Garai this November.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1</p> <p>JACOB MONTAGNE AGE: 29 OCCUPATION: Stationary Engineer EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a husband, father, and homeowner in Beaumont I want to ensure a bright future for my neighbors, family, and community. I truly believe that Beaumont is a town that we can and should all be proud of. I plan on raising my 2 daughters in this beautiful city and believe that running for a seat on the Water district's board of directors is a productive way to ensure that I am doing my part in being a good steward to my neighbors. It is my hope that I can represent the needs of the communities of Beaumont and Cherry Valley and make sure that even in times of drought that Beaumont has clean, sustainable water to drink and utilize in every home and business.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1</p> <p>ANDY RAMIREZ OCCUPATION: Water Board Director EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As your representative on the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District Board of Directors, <u>my priority continues to ensure you and your family (residents & businesses) receive clean, safe, reliable, & affordable drinking water.</u></p> <p>During my service, we've made significant accomplishments:</p> <p><u>Infrastructure Upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through collaboration and grant funding, we resolved flooding issues that affected several neighborhoods and diverted enough stormwater to recharge our local storage facilities. That's enough water for 900 families! <p><u>Water Efficiency & Conservation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through investing into technology, we are now able to detect water leaks quickly and assist residents & businesses on how to conserve water and reduce their water bill. <p><u>Fiscal Responsibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I continue to advocate and vote for balanced budgets and low rates! <p>With your support, I will continue to fight for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low rates and clean/healthy water Protect local control Construct more water storage facilities Reduce reliance from the state's expensive imported water <p>My wife and I have raised our family in Riverside County for nearly 20 years and are beyond blessed to call Beaumont / Cherry Valley our home. Together, we can protect our water and keep our bills affordable.</p> <p>I humbly ask for your vote, Andy Ramirez</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT,
FULL TERM**

JOHN V. FLORES

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Friends and family, I have served on the Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District for the past 10 years.

In that time as a board we have re-formatted from an Interim General Manager to a full time General Manager, acquired Bogart Park from Riverside County, completed the 501c3 Non Profit Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation & Park Improvement District, acquired the 124 acre Danny Thomos Ranch property with numerous upgrades to the Beaumont Women's Club, The Grange Hall, Noble Creek Community Center and Bogart Park.

If elected I plan to continue to challenge my fellow board members to continue being transparent and above and beyond approach. The decisions made today affect our community for years to come.

I have been a vested member of this community for 62 years. Your needs and wants are definitely my needs and wants as I serve you. I am always available by phone and/or email

I want to thank you in advance for the opportunity to serve this community this next term.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT,
FULL TERM**

CHRISTIAN LINNEMANN

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Fire Captain Paramedic

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a dedicated Firefighter Paramedic, Navy Veteran, and current Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park Foundation member, I am eager to bring my extensive experience and unwavering commitment to the BCV Parks.

My role as a Firefighter has equipped me with exceptional skills in emergency response, teamwork, and community engagement. I manage high-stress situations with precision and care, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community members.

My Navy Veteran background instilled discipline, leadership, and resilience, preparing me to effectively serve in diverse environments.

For the past 10 years, I have had the pleasure of being the Burgermeister for Beaumont's annual Oktoberfest. My involvement with BCV Parks has deepened my passion for preserving and enhancing our parks, ensuring they remain safe and welcoming spaces for all.

I am committed to helping our parks move forward and progress for the betterment of the community. By fostering a strong sense of community, promoting outdoor activities, keeping the highest standards of safety and sustainability, I aim to make our parks even more accessible and enjoyable for everyone. It would be an honor to serve and make a meaningful impact on our growing community. Vote Linnemann for BCV Parks.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT,
FULL TERM**

RICHARD LAWHEAD

OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have spent my entire adult life serving my country and community in some capacity. I served my country as a member of The United States Marines, followed by serving the community for 31 years as a police officer, retiring at the rank of Captain. I have also owned and operated a small business for several years. Throughout my adult life, as well as my professional career I have discovered community parks and the programs offered are essential to a healthy and thriving community. When my daughter was young we participated in gymnastics and volleyball and a number of other important activities provided by our local parks and recreation department. These activities helped provide a great foundation for my daughter, learning leadership, sportsmanship, commitment, dedication, and the list goes on. However, she today is a successful 33 year-old professional in part by the foundation she received from the activities provided by parks department. I am now retired and would love to use my education and professional expertise serving this community. Let's work together to continue to make this community the best of the best.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT,
FULL TERM**

DAN HUGHES

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

MY NAME IS DAN HUGHES, I AM HONORED TO SERVE AS YOUR DIRECTOR FOR BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT. I HAVE SERVED 4 CONSECUTIVE TERMS WITH BCVRPD. MOST OF MY TENURE WITH BCVRPD HAS BEEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF THE PARK IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION.

I HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LAURA MAY STEWART FOUNDATION, AND PRESIDENT OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT AND CITY OF WEST COVINA VOLUNTEER MDA COMMITTEES. WE RAISED APPROXIMATELY 3 MILLION DOLLARS OVER 25 YEARS. MONEY THAT WAS GIVEN FOR TREATMENT AND RESEARCH TO MDA ON THE "JERRY LEWIS TELETHON" EVERY LABOR DAY.

PROFESSIONALLY, MY EXPERIENCE INCLUDES FIRE PARAMEDIC IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND A POLICE OFFICER IN WEST COVINA.

AT BCVRPD, I CHAIRED THE COMMISSION TO ACQUIRE BOGART PARK WITH THE GUIDANCE OF BCVWD AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. I WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN ACQUIRING 123 ACRES IN CHERRY VALLEY FOR FUTURE PARKLAND.

I ALSO PLAYED AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN INCREASING THE PARK DISTRICT'S ASSETS OVER 20 MILLION DOLLARS WITHOUT RAISING ANY TAXES.

I HAVE ACHIEVED MANY OF MY GOALS, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR MY CONSTITUENTS. I AM RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH.

SINCERELY,
DAN HUGHES

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, SHORT TERM</p> <p>TAMMY REYES-LETULLE EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My name is Tammy Reyes-Letulle, and I am an Academic Advisor and Community Advocate dedicated to enriching our community.</p> <p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Traditional Education Advocate: For 20 years, I utilized diverse resources across Southern California to benefit my children and extended family. • Academic Advisor at Deluge Life: Guided students to earn their Crafton Hills Community College Associate's Degree while still in high school. • Director of Shaping Lives: Led a 24/7 teen emergency shelter, showcasing my leadership and commitment to supporting vulnerable youth. <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate of Theology: Enriches my professional and volunteer work. <p>Volunteer Work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Beaumont Cherry Valley Parks Foundation: Actively contributing to our community's well-being. • Founder, Night Moves: A physical education program for teens, ensuring they stayed active and met educational requirements during COVID-19. <p>Professional Philosophy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belief in Education and Community Engagement: Creating lasting positive impacts through empathy, creativity, and continuous improvement. <p>Future Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance Community Resources: Leverage my experiences to support educational initiatives. • Inspire Active Community Involvement: Foster growth and enrichment for all. <p>Together, we can make a difference. Thank you for your support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, SHORT TERM</p> <p>MATTHEW "BOOMER" SHANNON AGE: 37 OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I'm Boomer Shannon, and I'm running for the Beaumont Cherry Valley Parks District to ensure our parks remain a vibrant part of our community. After moving to the Pass Area with my young family, we quickly fell in love with the clean air, good schools, and amazing parks. Whether it's evening walks with the neighborhood pack of dogs at Bogart or a game of pickleball at Noble Creek, our parks have become central to our lives.</p> <p>With my extensive experience in both business and local government, I'm ready to bring improvements and new funding to our parks. My focus will be on upgrading facilities, improving infrastructure, and maintaining programs that serve all ages. I'm dedicated to preserving the long-term success of our parks, ensuring they remain a community gem.</p> <p>Please vote this November, but most importantly remember...</p> <p>BOOMER LOVES PARKS!</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 2**

VANESSA RIVERA

OCCUPATION: Community Member

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I grew up playing league soccer in Coachella and in Indio AYSO, and like a lot of kids, I wanted my career to involve my favorite sport.

Once it became very clear I would never be a professional player, my mentality led me to being a soccer referee for intramural sports at UC Berkeley during my freshman year.

I continued to work in intramural sports as a student, and this experience led to me pursuing recreation in a professional capacity.

After graduating, I spent two years working in the UC Berkeley Department of Recreational Sports. In 2018, within two months of moving back to Indio, I was hired by Desert Recreation District, and I soon began to attend DRD Board meetings because I wanted to learn about the job and what it takes to be a Director. I stopped working at DRD a year later, but I have continued to attend multiple Board meetings a year since.

I am asking for your vote because I have learned about Board operations and understand the responsibilities that come with the position. I will commit the time necessary to study and make sound decisions for the benefit of the community.
Thank you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 2**

KARINA RODRIGUEZ

OCCUPATION: Public Servant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a lifelong resident of the Eastern Coachella Valley, I understand our community's unique needs and challenges. I began my career at Desert Recreation District (DRD) in 2000, and for 17 years, I have worked passionately to ensure that our recreational programs and facilities meet the highest standards for everyone.

In addition to overseeing the recreational activities for the communities of Coachella, Mecca, Thermal, Oasis, and North Shore, I am a proud member of the Rotary Club of Coachella Valley where I led community service projects that positively impacted our region. I am ready to take on more responsibilities and serve you as your representative!

My passion for our communities drives me to enhance recreational access and opportunities, from youth sports programs to senior wellness activities. With my deep understanding of DRD, I am committed to promoting healthy lifestyles, fostering community engagement, and ensuring that every family in Division 2 benefits from our services.

I will listen to your needs and work with local organizations to create sustainable programs that serve everyone. Together, we can build a healthier, more connected future. I would be honored to earn your vote for Desert Recreation District, Division 2 Trustee.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

LUIS ESPINOZA

OCCUPATION: Appointed Director Desert Recreation District
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Luis Espinoza, and I currently represent Division 3, covering most of Indio, on the Desert Recreation District Board of Directors. Appointed by the Board to fill a vacated term in 2022, I have maintained a perfect attendance record and was elected President in my second year.

I'm most excited about the purchase agreement for Indio's 35,000 sq/ft Metro 8 Theatre property, transforming it into a state-of-the-art facility for our award-winning gymnastics program and a technology community center.

Over the past two years, the Desert Recreation District has grown significantly. This year, we will:

- Fund substantial upgrades to the Indio Community Center and Pawley Pool
- Develop programming for the new 38-acre Indio Sports Complex
- Begin construction on the 10-acre Thermal Community Park
- Expand our Financial Assistance Program for qualified families

I've been a successful Financial Planner for over 25 years. Born and raised in the Coachella Valley, graduated from Indio High School and the University of California, Irvine. Studied Financial Planning at UC Riverside and earned advanced financial certifications from Harvard and MIT. My financial expertise has helped keep the DRD's budget balanced without raising taxes.

Your vote will be earned!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

JONATHAN BECERRA

AGE: 34

OCCUPATION: Business Owner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Jonathan Becerra, and I am asking you to once again vote for me to represent the residents of Indio on the Desert Recreation District Board.

I love the City of Indio. I grew up and started a business in Indio, and I've served the community of Indio as an organizer and an elected official for years. Desert Recreation District helped my mom as we grew up with after school programs and my friends with families today use Desert Recreation District Programs. I know the programs and facilities of this organization have mattered and continued to matter a great deal to our residents families and seniors

During my tenure as a Board Member for Desert Recreation District, I expanded programming for the residents of Indio. I kept us fiscally focused during the pandemic while ensuring our programs could continue to serve the community. I worked with partner organizations to open new hiking trails throughout the Coachella Valley. I supported our workers which better served our residents. I want to make sure Desert Recreation District continues into the future. That means preparing our facilities and programs for hotter summers and keeping our programs low/no cost for our residents.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

GIOVANNA HEALY

OCCUPATION: School Administrator / Educator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a resident of the Coachella Valley, where I live with my daughter I understand the necessity of being an active participant in the decisions that affect our district. As a resident, mother and educator I witness the challenges residents face in different areas such as health care, lack of accessible child care and access to education. These experiences drive me to run for a seat on the General District Election for Desert Recreation District. I am committed to making a difference by supporting initiatives that enhance our community and support our families.

Since completing my educational training at Loyola Marymount I have dedicated my career to bringing education to marginalized communities and advocating for families and single parents. It's my goal to continue to do so in our community.

As a board member, I will instill values of integrity and collaboration, aiming to foster environments that enhance our community. I will advocate for the wellbeing of all residents across the Coachella Valley. I will leverage my skills to drive initiatives that improve our quality of life. I believe true change is achieved through collaboration and community-centered excellence. I am prepared to dedicate the next years to making a meaningful impact.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

MARCOS ANDRES CORONEL

OCCUPATION: Treasurer / Management Analyst

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a resident of Palm Desert for nearly 15 years and a proud alumnus of Palm Desert High School, I'm deeply committed to the growth and well-being of our community. With a BA in Political Science from UCLA and a Master's in Public Administration from CSUSB, underscoring my ability to manage programs focused on community awareness, financial management, and more. I am eager to use my experience and dedication to work with local leaders and stakeholders to advance our community's needs. I am dedicated to building and expanding our recreation services, keeping the momentum moving forward together.

As Treasurer of the Desert Recreation Foundation - the non-profit arm of the District, I have worked diligently to ensure that our recreational programs are high-quality and accessible, fostering a healthier and more vibrant Coachella Valley. I'm proud to have the support of the majority of the Desert Recreation District Board and Foundation Board.

I am a proud Rotarian and member of the Young Leaders Advisory Council for South Coast Air Quality Management District. I bring a commitment to service and collaboration for my community. I also serve as Board Treasurer of the Dr. Carreon Foundation and the College of the Desert Alumni Association.

Thank you for your consideration.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 1</p> <p>DAVID DANESHMAYEH OCCUPATION: Businessman / Engineer EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My name is David R. Daneshmayeh. I am a businessman, engineer who has lived in this community 40 years. My wife and I have raised two boys who graduated from Patriot High School, finished college and are responsible individuals in society.</p> <p>Throughout my life, I have travel and work with diverse people and cultures. This experience has instilled in me a deep respect for diversity and a strong desire to contribute to a better environment for my community.</p> <p>Firstly, the current leadership is unwilling to act to improve our parks and recreation areas. Avoiding actions has led us down a darker path. Secondly, division is not united behind the citizens who carry their lunch boxes to work and are trying to raise a family in this community. As a community, we have been forgotten.</p> <p>We will work together to create better parks for our families. With my experience in business, engineering, I will bring about positive changes.</p> <p>We have three main goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dedicate quality time to actively listen to our community's feedback to enhance our parks. 2) Improve parks to make them better and safer for everyone. 3) Establish and communicate monthly, quarterly, and annual goals, and provide progress reports to the community. 	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 1</p> <p>KIM JARRELL JOHNSON OCCUPATION: Businessowner / Park Boardmember EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I was born and raised in Jurupa Valley and I want the <u>best for our community</u>. When I got on the Jurupa Area Recreation and Parks District board, I saw many opportunities and have worked diligently to improve the District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since I have been on the JARPD board, we have <u>more than doubled</u> the number of parks in the District, to 38. ● I supported the District in <u>bringing back swim lessons</u> through a partnership with our school district, making our children safer around water. ● The District had no financial reserves when I first joined the board. Now, through <u>responsible fiscal management</u>, we have <u>cash reserves in every category</u> for emergencies and to replace worn out equipment in the future. ● I have helped guide significant investment in energy and water system upgrades that are <u>environmentally responsible</u> and <u>save JARPD money</u>. <p>If reelected, my goals include finding cost effective ways to add or expand parks throughout our district, adding more services at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center, upgrading our five equestrian arenas, and always looking for ways to reduce costs and be more efficient with taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to work for you!</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 2</p> <p>POBEDY MONTES OCCUPATION: Artist / Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My name is Pobedy "Lola" Montes, I've lived in Jurupa Valley for over 30 years. I'm a local Business Owner, International Singing Artist, Horse Trainer, and most importantly I am an active Community Advocate who has consistently stood up to defend the needs of our neighbors and residents.</p> <p>I am running for Jurupa Area Recreation and Parks District/Division II, because our community deserves to be properly represented, invested in and defended. Our community is being left behind when it comes to the establishment of new parks and spaces for our children and neighbors. I'm determined to build Parks with a Purpose within our community. From better utilization of our existing Parks, Arenas, & Fields to advocating for funding to create and build more.</p> <p>I hope to earn your support and your vote.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 2</p> <p>JOSE LUIS GODINEZ AGE: 32 OCCUPATION: Parks Director / Educator EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My family moved to the Mira Loma area in 2002 and my wife and I continue making our home in this neighborhood. I attended Jurupa Valley High School and graduated from UC Riverside. I am currently enrolled in a PhD program at UCR in Spanish linguistics.</p> <p>I have enjoyed working with my fellow board members and staff at Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District to make improvements for District residents. During my current term, 62 acres of park land have been added with eleven more parks in various stages of development.</p> <p>I am proud of helping our District programs be more inclusive, including bringing the first Latin American Heritage Festival to JARPD as well as mariachi music to our concerts in the park. I have also worked to make the district more green through energy system upgrades and water reduction through elimination of unnecessary turf and use of native plants in our parks.</p> <p>During the four years I have been on the board, we have worked to bring parks to more areas. I will continue to do so, especially in the underserved areas of Mira Loma. I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to work for JARPD residents.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 3</p> <p>TAMMY RIVAS OCCUPATION: Engineer / Softball Mom EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My name is Tammy Rivas, and I am running to serve on the Jurupa Area Recreation & Parks District for Jurupa Valley, District 2. Having lived in Jurupa Valley for over a decade, I have dedicated myself to making our community better by volunteering in local community clean-ups, organizing farmer's markets, and supporting our local equestrian drill teams.</p> <p>I've also taken pride in fundraising for organizations and youth sports like fast pitch softball and local Charrería & Escaramuza teams.</p> <p>With 30 years of experience in administrative roles within the construction industry, I have honed my organizational and project management skills. I'm excited to bring this expertise to our Parks and Recreation District. I want to ensure our parks and trails are well maintained, that our community events are inclusive of all community members and that our parks agency is responsive to our residents' needs.</p> <p>I humbly ask for your support in this election. Together, we can continue to make Jurupa Valley a great place to live, work, and play.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration & I hope to count on your support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, JURUPA AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 3</p> <p>DOUGLAS J. COVEY AGE: 49 OCCUPATION: Construction Superintendent EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>My wife and I have lived in the Mira Loma area for 21 years, where we enjoy our large lot with horses and other animals. We raised our two daughters in the community and both graduated from Jurupa Valley High School. I have spent the last 27 years as a Local 105 sheet metal journeyman. I have been a volunteer with AYSO for fifteen years, starting when my daughters were young. I am currently a board member and referee. My wife and I believe in giving back to our community and try hard to help those in need by assisting with food and clothing drives.</p> <p>I want to be on the Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District board to help improve the District for our residents. I would like to see improvements made to our equestrian arenas and make sure the trails JARPD is in charge of are well maintained. I would also work towards getting the second phase of Skyview Events Center built, which would bring a full gymnasium to the west side of the district, and would be great for the youth of our community.</p> <p>I would appreciate your vote for the Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District board.</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 4**

CHRISTOPHER C CARNES

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm committed to ensuring that Menifee residents have a more prominent voice in decisions affecting our community. With your support, I aim to bring a dedicated and informed perspective to the Valley-Wide Board of Directors, ensuring that our interests and concerns are effectively addressed.

It's clear our community faces a pressing issue with representation on this Board. The Menifee area, despite being a significant contributor to the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District's annual funding, is underrepresented on their board. None of the current board members reside in Menifee, even though a large portion of Division 4's parks and facilities are within our city limits. As a result, many residents are paying a substantial portion of their property taxes to a district where our voices and needs are not adequately represented.

I've been extremely involved with Menifee activities since moving here with my wife and two boys in 1995. Currently, I'm the Treasurer of both Arts Council Menifee and the Menifee Valley Community Cupboard. Previously, I've been an umpire, Coach and Treasurer of the MV Little League, President of Callie Kirkpatrick PTA and Paloma Valley Band Boosters and President and Treasurer of the Menifee Lakes Homeowners Association.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

ROBERT DOUGLAS

AGE: 66

OCCUPATION: Retired Postal Worker

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My wife and I live in Winchester CA. I am a retired postal worker for 30 years. A former Marine Corps Veteran Sergeant, Ex Reserve Deputy Sheriff, former small business owner.

I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve as your next board member.

As a board member, i will represent you by being your voice. I will make sound decisions that will represent the community at large.

If I am elected, I will not play politics, nor will i favor outside interest groups by making special deals that would cost the taxpayer money.

My vision is to put more money into the parks and recreation facilities for recreational enjoyment for the communities.

I believe the greatest opportunity unity for The Valley-Wide Recreation and park district is resilience and growth.

I would like to work with the fellow board members and staff to reimagine and develop new strategies and relationships with the community.

As board member, it is my goal to bring positive issues forward and create policy, substance, and importance to the community.

I have B.S. Degree CS Long Beach-Criminal Justice.

I have M.A. Degree Chapman Univ-Criminal Justice.

Thank you.

Robert Douglas

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

MIKE M. JUÁREZ

OCCUPATION: Analyst Generalist

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I currently reside in French Valley since 2010. I am Alumnus of Fresno State University. My major study field was Labor Management Relations from the School of Business. During my 27 ½ year career in State Public Service I discharged the duties of Employment/Correctional Counselor, Employee Relations Officer, Labor/Management Negotiator and Analyst Generalist. I acquired jobs that involved work on both sides of the bargaining table, representing both Labor & Management's rights and interests.

As Analyst Generalist, for State Water Resources Control Board, worked with Community Water District, to resolve Audit Exceptions in Costs/Expenditures overruns in Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Building projects. The Districts' Goals/Objectives are Administrations of Regulations to prohibit discharge any wastewater into Community Streams, Rivers, Lakes, Oceans and Underground Aquifers, under the Porter-Cologne Act of 1969.

As a Board Member, I bring diverse skills, knowledges and abilities that enable me to work/collaborate with Board members and Community leaders to enhance/preserve Parks and Community Centers in Riverside County. My interests are to introduce Track & Field sports activities and expand our Parks into Flower Gardens. We will appreciate all Mother Natures' gifts and frailties.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

JULIE VENABLE

OCCUPATION: Retired College Administrator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

For over 50 years Valley Wide Recreation has been the heart of the San Jacinto Valley and Southwest Riverside County, providing parks, recreation and activities for the young and young at heart. I have experienced its growth from one facility in a mostly rural valley to the numerous locations in our region today and was blessed to grow up participating in Valley Wide sports. Today my children and grandchildren continue to be involved in Valley Wide sports, programs, activities, and events.

As the former Dean of Administrative Services and Controller for Mt. San Jacinto College and with my Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting, I have the financial and analytical skills to ensure our taxpayer dollars are well spent. I was heavily involved in the planning, budgeting and development of the Mt. San Jacinto Menifee and Temecula campuses. I have public governance experience through my service on the Mt. San Jacinto Bond Oversight Committee and with the Valley Wide Foundation. Most importantly, I believe common sense needs to prevail above all else.

With your vote supporting "Julie Venable for Valley Wide", I will ensure Valley Wide Recreation maintains transparency and accountability and continues its economic stability and sustainability, striving to increase programs, sports, events, and opportunities for our families and all members of our communities. Thank you for your vote!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

MARLON WARE

OCCUPATION: University Professor

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

DR. MARLON WARE CURRENTLY SERVES AS ASSISTANT DEAN AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY AND INSTRUCTOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE EXTENSION. HIS EXPERTISE IS FOCUSED ON HOW ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGE IN SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND BUSINESS GROWTH. DR. WARE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE IN 2021, A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) IN 2009, AND A BACHELOR OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT IN 2005. DR. WARE IS ALSO A RETIRED UNITED STATES MARINE – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WHO HAS PROUDLY SERVED FOR OVER 26 YEARS WITH DEPLOYMENTS TO OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/ STORM IN 1990-1991 AND OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM/ IRAQI FREEDOM 2004-2005. HE RESIDES IN MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA, WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. DR. WARE PROMOTES THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING PHYSICAL HEALTH AND OUR ENVIRONMENT, BY ADVOCATING FOR OUR PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES AND WILL WORK HARD TO DO SO. HE BELIEVES IN CREATING AND PROMOTING COMMUNITY GROWTH BY FACILITATING THE CONNECTING OF PEOPLE WITH NATURE THROUGH SOCIAL EVENTS, SPORTS, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC AMENITIES IS ESSENTIAL.. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, ECONOMIC INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, FROM TOURISM, JOB CREATION THROUGH USE OF OUR PARKS CAN GREATLY HELP OUR COMMUNITY AND ENHANCE OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT, DIVISION A, SHORT TERM**

EDGAR SANTANA

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Appointed Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As the current appointed Director of Ward A for the Valley Sanitary District and proud long-time Indio resident (22 years), I pride myself in the service to my community. For the last 25 years, I have served as a Law Enforcement Officer with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. I have been happily married to an educator who works for Palm Springs Unified School District; and we have three grown children who were all raised in Indio. My passion is attending my kid's sporting events and coaching in my community. I have over 18 years of experience supporting the community as a coach and I'm currently a local high school assistant wrestling coach in the Coachella Valley. I enjoy staying active and spending as much time as possible outdoors. I pride myself in being an effective leader who understands that teamwork and collaboration leads to success in community building and service. I bring 25 years of leadership and public service experience along with a passion for stewardship. My vision of being respectful, responsible, transparent along with having integrity, aligns perfectly with the goals and values of the Valley Sanitary District.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 1**

AL M CHAVEZ

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Al Chavez, but most of you know me as Big Al. I'm running for the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency to address the pressing water infrastructure needs of our community. I've been a resident of Banning for 40 years, raising four kids, and now enjoying time with my six grandkids. I've been married for 16 years and have always been active in our community, volunteering with homeless enforcement, coaching youth sports, and participating in the local chamber of commerce.

In the last 15 years, I've seen the Pass area experience significant growth, and our water infrastructure needs to catch up. My top priority as your next Director is to finish the pipeline to Banning, which will provide our community with clean, affordable water. We've been paying into this project for decades, and it's time we had a representative to make it happen.

I'm committed to using my experience and passion to improve our water systems and ensure they meet the needs of our growing community. I ask for your support; your vote this November will help make our water infrastructure stronger for the future.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY, DIVISION 1**

SARAH WARGO

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Chairman of the Board - Cabazon Water District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As the Board Chair of the Cabazon Water District, I bring eight years of experience on a board once notorious for hostility. Under my leadership, it has become a calm, productive entity, achieving significant fiscal improvements and strategic advancements. I also have 20 years of expertise in business process analysis, including as an Associate Director at United Health Care, and I serve on the West Desert Municipal Action Committee.

Growing up in the Pass area, I am deeply committed to our community's water needs. I am dedicated to ensuring District One receives its fair share of resources and strong representation on the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

Historically, the board has lacked representation from Cabazon, and I am determined to change that. I will also be the first woman to serve on the board in over a decade, bringing a fresh perspective to decision-making. As a wife and mother, I understand the importance of securing a sustainable water future for all families.

My leadership has already brought tangible benefits to the Cabazon Water District. With your support, I will continue to drive positive change and advocate for our community's water rights.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 4**

ROBERT A KEERAN

AGE: 66

OCCUPATION: Retired Government Employee

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Water is not a business. It's a solemn obligation, a promise to a community. Nowhere is this better understood than in our desert. I was raised in the desert, moved here 1968. My father was a scoutmaster. I was a Boy Scout. I went to local schools. I studied journalism at COD under the tutelage of Dr. Roy Wilson. I attended CSULB. I worked as a photojournalist and freelance photographer many years. Journalism fed my passion to ask why and seek comprehensive answers.

I joined CVWD Comm/Legi. Dept. in 1990. I delved deep into the realm of water, from its historical roots to its contemporary challenges. I led many water tours for CVWD. I understand the vital balance between tourism, agriculture, and residential needs. Confronting climate change, drought, and floods requires a forward-thinking approach. With this experience and collaboration with CVWD's dedicated professionals, I am prepared to help guide our valley toward a sustainable future. I'm a certified California Naturalist from UCR Palm Desert. I raised my family here, recently widowed. I'm a member of Hope Lutheran Church. Today I work part-time at Red Jeep Tours and MWD inspection tours. Please vote for me to ensure our water future.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 4**

PETER G. NELSON

OCCUPATION: Director of Coachella Valley Water District

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I love the Coachella Valley. My wife of 40 years and I arrived in 1987, having reared our sons in Indio, La Quinta and Thermal.

Major Accomplishments of 24 years as a CVWD Director

- Balanced Imported Water with Extractions resulting in rising groundwater levels.
- Developed two Recharge Replenishment Facilities for the aquifer.
- Over \$130,000,000 of investment in Indio Flood Control Projects.
- Supported Agricultural Surface Water Projects to protect pristine Groundwater for Urban Uses.
- Advocated and Implemented Recycled Water Programs to protect Groundwater Quality and supplement Water Supply.
- Served directly to help the Salton Sea funding with over \$130,000,000 - 2004 and \$250,000,000 - 2023.
- Rates amongst the lowest in Southern California.
- CVWD Financially Fit!
- Appointed by Governor Brown to the Colorado River Board of California and peer elected former Chairman.

Leadership

- Goal: Meet the water related needs of the Coachella Valley with safe, reliable, high quality, sustainable water at a reasonable cost.
- Well networked with California State Water Project, Colorado River Communities and partnered Districts.
- Recognize the need to manage the Colorado River System to ensure continued deliveries while protecting our water rights.
- Support water augmentation projects like Sites Reservoir.

I would be humbled by your vote. I commit to continue to serve YOU well! Please visit my Facebook page: Nelson4CVWD <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563357568971&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

RUSS MARTIN

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

In 2000, Russ Martin was honored with commendations from the President of the United States and the Governor of California for his service to the community. That trend has continued since moving to Desert Hot Springs with his service on the Public Safety Commission, Cabot's Museum Foundation and 14 years as a Director of the Mission Springs Water District. Additionally, Russ Martin was elected to the Riverside Countywide Oversight Board and appointed to the Agua Caliente Tribal Water Authority Board serving as Secretary Treasurer. Russ also serves on the Urban Water Institute Board and was a committee member on Priority One Coachella Valley's effort to bring a four year university to the Valley. As an MSWD Director, Russ voted against increased compensation for Board Members and opposes a water rate increase objected to by the community. He worked to obtain a 68 million dollar grant to build a waste treatment facility to accommodate Desert Hot Springs growth.

Continue the progress, Vote for Russ Martin MSWD Director.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

ADAM SANCHEZ

OCCUPATION: Retired Non-Profit CEO

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

A resident since 1997, Faith, my wife of 35 years, and I raised our children here. I am a retired Non-Profit CEO. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and have extensive leadership skills and strategic planning. My work experience has included project management, labor relations, and budgeting. I have a history of community service and advocacy.

As CEO, I worked with County Supervisor, Marion Ashley, Congressman Jerry Lewis, and U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer to raise over \$6 million to begin building the \$24 million City Health & Wellness Center. We created a Health & Wellness Foundation utilizing New Market Tax Credit Plans to pay off the mortgage.

- As a District resident for over 25 years, I have a heartfelt interest in our community.

- I will ensure transparency, accountability, efficiency, and long-term planning.

- I have Water Resource Management Certifications from the Coachella Valley Water Counts Academy and the Mission Springs Water District Knowledge of Water.

I will make myself available for your comments and questions. I respectfully ask you to place your trust in me to work for your best interests.

Contact me at 760-218-9359 or email at Adamsanchezbusiness22@gmail.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

JOE GRINDSTAFF

OCCUPATION: Retired Water Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It has been an honor to serve my community as a water professional since I started in college as a lab technician. This work continued and eventually I led and managed local, regional and state agencies dealing with the complex issues of water supply, water quality, wastewater management, flood protection and cost. I hope to continue to serve and I ask for your vote as a Director for Eastern Municipal Water District.

I am committed to using my broad knowledge and skills to make sure we have a stable reliable water supply even in the midst of droughts. Drinking water quality is a critical issue and should never be ignored or avoided. We must always be aware of how our decisions impact the residents, the natural resources and economies of our communities. I am committed to treating everyone with respect and to making decisions using transparent and open processes. When I make decisions, I will always seek to understand issues first and to make decisions based on facts. The end result will always remain reliability, high quality and the lowest possible rates. Experience, knowledge and values count. Please vote for Joe Grindstaff, a proven leader in the water industry.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

CORINNE AWAD

AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: Director / Planning Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a daughter of a veteran, a mother of five, and an EMWD ratepayer like you, I understand the unique needs of working families in our community.

I proudly serve on a local Planning Commission to ensure development is done right in our valley. I care deeply about providing safe, reliable, and affordable water. As a Director of the Eastern Municipal Water District, I will work to keep water rates down for families.

Understanding the importance of water conservation, I will bring water education programs into our schools to foster future leaders in sustainability.

Having worked full-time while earning my degree, I know the challenges of finding good-paying jobs in our valley. I aim to create workforce development opportunities within the water industry.

With over 25 years as a public servant, I bring experience to this position, having worked at a neighboring water district and as a graduate of EMWD's Water Leaders Academy.

In EMWD's 75-year history, there has never been a woman elected to serve on the Board. It's time for a change. I proudly ask for your vote. Learn more about my plans for the Eastern Municipal Water District at awadforemwd.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2**

HARVEY R RYAN

OCCUPATION: Local Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have lived in the Elsinore Valley for many years and have raised my 4 children here. We are invested in the community.

As little league board member, high school booster president, city planning commission, and other organizations. In addition, we along with a few other amazing people, have created a scholarship foundation in honor of our daughter to assist high school seniors.

I am proud to have served our country in the military.

As a business owner of 30 years, I realize the importance of cost control. In the past cost overruns were in the millions, with policy contract changes I initiated we now have minimized changes.

I am sensitive to the needs of struggling families; I am proud to have played a key role in a "rate assistance program" families with a monthly credit.

I have required that local development and developers pay their own way, not on the current ratepayer.

It is imperative that we continue to take strategic steps to maximize our local water sources and reduce our reliance on costly imported water.

Through strategic relationships I have helped secure grants and low-interest loans amounting to millions of dollars. Reducing the costs on water customers.

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 4</p> <p>JASON DEVOR OCCUPATION: Business Owner EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>As a long-time resident of Lake Elsinore and a fellow ratepayer, I share your frustration with high water rates. With nearly two decades of business experience, including the successful operations of Hit Print and Hit Home Realty, I understand the need for financial responsibility and efficient water management.</p> <p>I will conduct a complete audit of expenditures to identify savings and avoid passing costs onto ratepayers. I will also focus on reducing fees for development to attract the communities and businesses our city needs. While informed about California's policies, my priority is practical solutions for our local community.</p> <p>Recognized by Assemblyman Bill Essayli, Mayor Steve Manos, and the state Assembly and Senate for my dedication to the community, I bring a proven track record of partnership with the city. Local leaders urged me to run for this position, and I am passionate about fostering collaboration between the City and Water District.</p> <p>Together, we can clean the lake, lower water rates, and reduce connection fees for development. Let's build a sustainable and thriving community.</p> <p>Vote Jason Devor for Water Board, Division 4. Your voice for effective and transparent water management.</p> <p>I am an open book and ready to earn your vote. Feel free to reach out at www.JasonForWater.com, Jason@JasonForWater.com or 951-906-9171.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 4</p> <p>MATTHEW DOBLER OCCUPATION: Water Advocate / Businessman EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:</p> <p>I'm running for the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District board because I believe <u>every resident and business in Southwest Riverside County deserves top-quality, affordable, and reliable water.</u></p> <p>I love living in Southwest Riverside County. I grew up in Lake Elsinore and graduated from Temescal Valley High School. I developed a passion for water as a kid, spending weekends on Lake Elsinore's Lake.</p> <p>As a water advocate, I've partnered with elected officials and non-profit agencies, providing research on water initiatives, water policy guidance and advocating for common-sense legislation at the state level. <u>I'm dedicated to ensuring we get our fair share of water from Sacramento.</u></p> <p>I've served on the board of several community organizations including the Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. I also served on the Lake Elsinore Planning Commission.</p> <p>As your representative on the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District board, I'll fight for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fiscal responsibility and transparency ● Local control of our water supply ● Upgrading our water delivery infrastructure ● Funding for residents and businesses to promote water efficiency ● <u>An accessible and responsive water district</u> ● <u>The lowest water rates possible</u> <p>With my experience and commitment to responsible water management, I've earned endorsements from local leaders including Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Director Harvey Ryan, former Temescal Valley Water District Board Member Paul Rodriguez, Lake Elsinore Councilmember Natasha Johnson, and many others.</p> <p>I would be honored to have your vote.</p> <p>Thank you. Doblerforwater.com</p>

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 4**

ROD TAYLOR

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Being a lifelong California Resident, I have decided to throw my name in the hat for Western Municipal Water Board District 4. I am not a politician and do not claim to be one. I'm just your everyday California citizen that wants the best for our State. Politicians have forgotten they work for us, the citizens, not the other way around and not for special interest groups. Every time we turn around, we see our basic rights and liberties taken away; new taxes imposed; restrictive legislation implemented; misleading information; and increasing deterioration of living.

California's 2022-2023 water year saw 33.56 inches of rain statewide, which is 141% of the historical average, yet in July 2024, California approved permanent water restrictions for cities and towns for the first time in the state's history. Some areas will be affected more than others, with hot, inland communities facing steeper conservation requirements than coastal areas. It's time to put a stop to this and hold elective representatives responsible.

It's time for a changing of the guard; together we can make our Great State Better. No more catering to special interest groups. No more restrictive legislation. No more misinformation. Put common sense back in politics.

Let's make California better together.

Rod

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 4**

LAURA ROUGHTON

**OCCUPATION: Vice President, Western Municipal Water District
Board of Directors, Division 4**

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It's my privilege and an honor serving as your representative on the Western Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

I'm passionate in my commitment to provide you with a safe and affordable water supply.

I believe in a strategy to save Customer's hard-earned dollars and have worked diligently to keep costs low while maintaining reliability.

An experienced leader with a proven track record. I have;

- ADVOCATED for the State of California, through SB366 California Water for All to establish a critical plan for our collective future water needs
- PRIORITIZED sustaining WMWD's Credit Rating as AAA, saving millions for customers
- SECURED over \$36,000,000 in State and Federal Grant Funding
- SUPPORTED solar and utility efficiencies at our facilities, helping the environment and saving thousands per year in rising costs
- COLLABORATED with regional partners on infrastructure improvements resulting in a more reliable water supply and a \$20,000,000 savings to customers

As a former Jurupa Valley Councilmember, I understand the responsibility and dedication it takes to build a sustainable and prosperous future for your family and mine. I will continue to work tirelessly for you to ensure an abundant water supply at the lowest possible cost.

I humbly ask for your vote. Thank You for the opportunity to represent and serve you.

Laura

www.roughton4wmwd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

FAUZIA RIZVI

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Director Western Municipal Water District
Division 5

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your current representative on the Western Municipal Water District, I am proud of our progress together over the past four years. As an engineer/water expert, I have brought my expertise to the table by ensuring that decisions are results-driven. We have made significant strides in advancing our district's goals and ensuring our community's needs are met.

During my tenure, we have achieved:

- Infrastructure Enhancement: Successfully completed critical upgrades to our water systems, which have reduced waste and improved efficiency, all while maintaining cost-effectiveness.
- Sustainability Initiatives: Implemented innovative water conservation programs and latest technologies, setting our district's environmental stewardship benchmark.
- Community Engagement: Strengthened communication with residents, ensuring your voices are heard and your concerns addressed through regular updates.
- Financial Stewardship: Upheld transparency and accountability in our financial practices, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used wisely and effectively.

Looking ahead, I am committed to building upon these achievements by tackling emerging challenges, such as the impacts of climate impacts on water resources, and exploring new opportunities for improving our service and infrastructure.

This November, I respectfully seek your support and vote to continue our progress. Together, we can build a stronger and more resilient future for our community.

Fauzia Rizvi

www.fauziaforwmwd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 5**

MICHAEL MARTINEZ SCOTT

OCCUPATION: Retired School Superintendent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Born in Corona, I remember my grandmother, Frances Aldama Martinez, taking me to swim in the Corona River. Originally, the dam's creation included water storage and family activities like boating and fishing. My intent is to continue developing Prado Dam for Corona, Norco, and Eastvale residents.

New water resources need cultivating so Riverside County can avoid higher bills. Importantly, I will pursue policies to increase water reservoirs and process sea water by nuclear power generation (like 81 US Navy ships). This would solve two of California's biggest issues; clean power and clean water.

I am the Retired Founder and the first Superintendent of Irvine International Academy (IIA), the elite Mandarin & English immersion school of Orange County. IIA's opening 2021- 2022 California CAASPP science score was 5th out of 1,200 California charter schools, top 99%.

My career included the following: professional development - over 8 years in China, business owner, author, schoolteacher, California nurse (PT42268), and non-profit Executive Director. Formerly, I taught at California Baptist University as Adjunct Professor of Education and Bible and National University Adjunct Professor of Education.

Respectfully,
Dr. Scott

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT**

JESSICA PRIEFER

OCCUPATION: Fern Valley Water District Assistant Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a long-time member of the community, I feel that my 18 years of experience working at Fern Valley Water District could be valuable to Idyllwild Water District.

As a candidate for the water district board, I am committed to advancing the District's infrastructure and ensuring the longevity of our dedicated employees. Our services are the backbone of our community, and it is vital that we invest in maintaining this infrastructure to guarantee reliable service and sustainability.

A main goal is to prioritize infrastructure upgrades that address both current and future challenges. By implementing forward-thinking solutions and adopting best practices, we can enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and improve operations.

Equally important is the commitment to our employees. Our workforce is essential to the success of our District, and I will advocate for initiatives that support their professional development, recognize their contributions, and promote long-term career growth. Quality employee retention translates into better service for our community.

With a focus on infrastructure improvements and a dedication to our valuable employees, I am eager to contribute to the continued success and advancement of our water district.

I would be honored to earn your vote to build a better future for all residents.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

JOHN E. HOAGLAND

OCCUPATION: Retired Water Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your representative to Rancho California Water District, I will continue the District's programs to maximize the use of the local groundwater basin and Vail Lake to minimize the impact of wildly fluctuating imported water costs on local water rates and by using technology to enhance reliable service while controlling internal costs.

My wife and I have lived in Temecula over 35-years and have watched our region's population growth. But we cannot forget the existing vibrant equestrian and avocado/citrus/vineyard agriculture aspects of our area, that make Temecula a wonderful place to live. I have and will continue to support the wide variety of RCWD programs which assist both agricultural and homeowner customers to use water as efficiently as practical.

I am a UCLA graduate with a MS in Water Resources Engineering and a registered Civil Engineer. I have spent my professional career in the Water/Wastewater industry working as the Utilities Manager for two Cities and as the General Manager of three Water Districts. I thoroughly understand the engineering, financial and administrative aspects of utility operations.

I pledge to keep RCWD operating in the most efficient fashion for all ratepayers.

I respectfully request your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

BRIAN J. BRADY

OCCUPATION: Water Resources Engineer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Actions speak louder than words, and my background reflects 40 years of proven, measurable results managing public and private water utilities.

As general manager of Rancho California Water District from 2003-2008, my top priority was to maximize and safeguard our local water supplies by developing and implementing recycling and groundwater protection programs. Today, my independent consulting practice focuses on water utility management, strategic operations, assessment of water supplies, and water rights. A registered Civil Engineer, I'm a graduate of Loyola University (BSE, Water Resource Management); of the University of Southern California (MBA, Finance); and of Pepperdine University (EdD, Organizational Leadership) where my doctoral research probed the responsibilities of elected water board officials.

My pledge to the community is to ensure that our families, businesses, and agricultural interests receive high-quality water at the lowest possible cost. To do that, we must continue to protect and grow our groundwater resources; reduce dependence on expensive imported water; and recognize that prudent environmental stewardship and a safe, reliable, and affordable water supply are critical to our prosperity.

Thank you for your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**

BILL WILSON

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Four More Years of the highest quality water at the lowest possible price.

I am Bill Wilson and I want your vote for Director of the Rancho California Water District. I am an incumbent with a 10 year track record of ensuring our rate payer's funds are spent in a prudent manner. As an owner of Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyards, we farm over 300 acres of grapes and water is critical to growing the best grapes that will produce the best wines possible. Water is precious and crucial in the wine business. We all must continue to conserve and capture as much water as we can. Wilson Creek is doing our part in the vineyards and have reduced our water consumption dramatically through Regenerative Agriculture practices. WCW is a leader in this area and we are trying to convince the rest of the grape industry to adopt Regen Ag water conservation techniques. Help me keep water prices low and the water quality high for generations to come by voting for Bill Wilson, Director – Rancho California Water District!