



Santa Clara County Voter Guide

For the Conservative Voter

General Election, November 2026

Position	Candidate
1030 Governor	Steve Hilton
1040 Lieutenant Governor	Gloria Romero
1050 Secretary of State	Donald P. (Don) Wagner
1060 Controller	Herb W Morgan
1070 Treasurer	Jennifer Hawks
1080 Attorney General	Michael E. Gates
1100 Member, State Board of Equalization, District 2	John Pimentel
1129 US Representative, District 16	Peter Sundin Soulé
1130 US Representative, District 17	Ritesh Tandon
1140 US Representative, District 18	Shane Lewis
1150 US Representative, District 19	Peter Coe Verbica
1200 State Senator, District 10	Linda R. Price
1299 Member of the State Assembly, District 23	David G. Johnson
1300 Member of the State Assembly, District 24	Max Hsia
1310 Member of the State Assembly, District 25	Himat Singh Bainiwal
1315 Member of the State Assembly, District 26	Tim Gorsulowsky
1330 Member of the State Assembly, District 28	Carol Pefley
1340 Member of the State Assembly, District 29	Dennis P. Sanchez
The following offices are all non-partisan. The candidates come from various political affiliations. Through our own research, we believe these candidates are the best fit for our community. Note: The BETTER CHOICE watermark is to preclude radical progressives from weaponizing our picks against decent candidates.	
3001 State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Sonja Shaw
3216 Foothill-De Anza CCD, Trustee Area 4	Liangfang "Liang" Chao
3234 San José-Evergreen CCD, Trustee Area 2	Karen Martinez
3321 Milpitas Unified SD	Chris Norwood
3352 San José Unified SD, Trustee Area 2	Carson Dance
3354 San José Unified SD, Trustee Area 4	Michael Melillo
3444 Los Gatos-Saratoga Union HSD TA 2	Ishaan Prasad
3503 Alum Rock Union SD, TA 3	Andrés Quintero
3505 Alum Rock Union SD, TA 5	Linda Lo Chávez
3561 Franklin-McKinley SD	Marc Cooper
3672 Oak Grove SD, Trustee Area 2	Victor A. Ramirez
3673 Oak Grove SD, Trustee Area 3	Kaushik C. Joglekar
3675 Oak Grove SD, Trustee Area 5	Pradeep Kumar
3691 Saratoga Union SD	Farnoush Drexel
3691 Saratoga Union SD	Anna Goldberg
5022 City of Campbell Council, District 3	Dan Furtado



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5054 City of Los Altos Council, D2	Lynette Lee Eng
5071 Town of Los Gatos Council	Rob Stump
5071 Town of Los Gatos Council	Mary Badame
5081 City of Milpitas Council	Jennie Ha Phan
5121 City of Palo Alto Council	Brian Hamachek
5121 City of Palo Alto Council	Bryna Chang
5207 City of San José Council, District 7	Bien Doan
5209 City of San José Council, District 9	Genny Altwer
5230 Mayor, City of Santa Clara	Karen Hardy
5233 City of Santa Clara Council, District 3	Eric Crutchlow
5240 City of Saratoga Council	Glenn K. Hendricks
5240 City of Saratoga Council	Ping Li

We recommend voting in person by feeding your vote-by-mail ballot directly into the voting machine. For offices with more than one open seat, we recommend only voting for the candidates listed here. Some races aren't listed; either there were no good choices or we didn't have enough info to make recommendations. Note that over 80 offices were won by default (not enough candidates ran), sure hope they're good choices.

This Voter Guide is provided by the Silicon Valley Association of Conservative Republicans. We are an independent organization committed to supporting and defending the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America, and our missions are to educate and motivate our members to support conservative principles, and to elect qualified conservatives to offices in Santa Clara County.



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Prop 1	State of California AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS	NO	BOND ALERT! Authorizes Sacramento to play mortgage banker with \$11.25 billion of your tax dollars to spend on "affordable" housing.
Prop 2	State of California INCREASES STATE'S RAINY DAY FUND.	NO	Rainy Day fund jumps 10% to 20%, debt payments pushed from 2030 to 2040, allows backdoor funding with the "saved" money to pay off loans, including the \$20-22 billion California owes the Feds for COVID unemployment payments.
Prop 3	State of California PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE BY EXTENDING EXISTING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES.	NO	Makes permanent a temporary higher tax rate levied on top 2% of earners. Was set to expire in 2031. For those already paying 50% of all income tax, gouges even further (up to +3% higher).
Prop 4	State of California REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS	NO	Your taxes would pay for DSA candidate campaign ads. What a deal.



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Prop 5	State of California CHANGES RECALL ELECTION PROCESS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS.	NO	Would ban using same recall election to also elect replacement state officer. Post-recall, Lt Governor would complete Governor's term, all other lower offices filled by yet another special election. Hands off our recall process!
Prop 37	State of California CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED NEW HOMES	NO	BOND ALERT! State would offer low/no income residents "downpayment assistance" for high density housing loans using another \$25 billion of YOUR money.
Prop 38	State of California AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH.	NO	BOND alert! \$8.4 billion in BONDS for medical research, half of which goes to CIII, an NGO affiliated with UCLA. Three billionaires sponsored this bill and are affiliates of CIII.
Prop 39	State of California PROHIBITS CITIZENS FROM VOTING UNLESS THEY PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION.	YES	Bonta intentionally messed up title, but prohibits voting without valid ID. Main opposition argument is to "stop Trump from rigging our elections".
Prop 40	State of California IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN TAXPAYERS.	NO	"Billionaire Tax" runs off more employers. Money allocation looks like an absolute rager. Proposition even taxes unrealized assets. Money grab won't stop with billionaires.
Prop 41	State of California PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT. REQUIRES AUDITS FOR NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES.	YES	Requires clean audit before special taxes can be levied on us.
Prop 42	State of California PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN RETROACTIVE STATE TAXES.	YES	Shh! Don't tell anyone but, if passed, this would offer a King's X stopping "Billionaire Tax" by disallowing new taxes on personal property.
Prop 43	State of California LIMITS VOTERS' ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.	YES	Forces 2/3 voter approval on all special taxes (instead of simple majority). Would save Prop 13 from mob rule.
Prop 44	State of California REQUIRES COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS SPEND 90% OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES.	NO	SEIU-UHW sponsored Proposition 44, in an attempt to force further unionization on healthcare clinic operators. They floated a similar, but failed, proposition last election cycle. Even CADEM opposes this!
Prop 45	State of California MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.	YES	Tames CEQA costs for housing construction. Forces meetings and threatens lawsuits, of questionable enforceability, but solid attempt to wrangle CEQA.
Measure RTM	Public Transit Revenue Measure District Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative	NO	No more additional taxes for BART. Would generate another \$1B for BART via additional 14 yr sales tax (0.5% in Santa Clara Co). Just buy an Uber for every rider and save money.
Measure A	City of Morgan Hill City Treasurer Change from Elective to Appointive Office	NO	Takes away another chance for citizen oversight.
Measure B	City of Gilroy Transient Occupancy Tax	NO	Sticks it to hotel visitors instead of fixing city's spending problem. Hotel tax rises from 9% to 13% as set by council.
Measure C	City of Santa Clara Public Works Charter Amendment	NO	Gives city council more power to award "Minor Projects" up to \$250,000 (instead of up to \$1,000), and "Major Projects" with shortened bid process.



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Measure D	City of Los Altos Citizen-Sponsored Initiative	YES	Shifts more oversight to citizens. Would forbid council, without majority vote of citizens, to offload the ten City-owned Parking Plazas (excluding two already planned for affordable housing).
Measure E	City of Mountain View Charter - Modernizing Initiatives	NO	Updates charter to allow council extra time to fill vacancies, eliminates requirement to read ordinances & resolutions in full, gives council authority to establish qualifications over boards/commissions. Diminishes citizen oversight.
Measure F	City of Mountain View Transient Occupancy Tax	NO	Sticks it to hotel visitors instead of fixing city's spending problem. Hotel tax rises from 10% to 15% as set by council.
Measure G	City of Sunnyvale Charter - Public Works Contracting	NO	Loosens contracting rules, gives council/staff more discretion with less oversight.
Measure H	City of Sunnyvale Charter - City Manager's Authority to Settle Claims	NO	Increases lawsuit payout amount 5-fold, lessens citizen oversight. Shifts authorization for future increases to council instead of by citizen vote.
Measure I	City of Sunnyvale Charter - City Council Vacancies	NO	Allows longer service by appointed (unelected) individuals, plus incumbent edge in getting reelected.
Measure J	City of Palo Alto Transactions and Use Tax	NO	Live within your means, this takes sales tax to 10.25%!
Measure K	City of Milpitas Local Funding - Business Tax Update	NO	Increases taxes on most businesses, unfair to high-volume, low-margin businesses (retail/wholesale). Feeds general fund, won't necessarily be used for promised expenses.
Measure L	City of Cupertino General Plan Amendment	YES	Bans any attempt to rezone or proposal developing parklands for residential, commercial or industrial development without receiving two-thirds citizen vote. Power to the people!
Measure M	Gilroy Unified School District School Bonds	NO	BOND ALERT! \$295,000,000 with bond interest about doubles the total cost. They're already spending about \$22,000/pupil/year.
Measure N	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District School Bonds	NO	BOND ALERT! \$321,000,000 extra large bond for district of this small. Bond interest about doubles total cost. They're already spending about \$29,000/pupil/year.
Measure O	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Parcel Tax	NO	With enrollment decreasing, replaces \$214 parcel tax with \$310 parcel tax, 30% increase. Funds students experiencing housing instability??? SEE MEASURE P!!!
Measure P	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District General Obligation Bond	NO	BOND ALERT! \$100M, as older bonds are paid down or retired, this adds new bond debt without pushing the combined rate above the level taxpayers are already paying. But with a shrinking district and closing schools, why add more debt? SEE MEASURE O!!!
Measure Q	Cambrian School District Parcel Tax	NO	Adds \$148/parcel to prop tax bill. Seniors all vote YES as they're exempted. With annual inflation adjustments! Who gets to decide annual inflation???
Measure R	Orchard School District Parcel Tax	NO	Adds \$89 to residential prop tax bill and up to \$7,500 for non-residential buildings. Seniors all vote YES as they're exempted. OSD already spending about \$23,000/pupil/year.
Measure S	El Camino Healthcare District Limit District Directors to Four Four-Year Terms	No Reco	Current directors have served 19, 6, 14, 12, and 8 years, all also serve on El Camino Hospital Board. There is a cost associated with this bylaw update.