



Gavin Newsom for Governor: He is a proven advocate for our students, public schools and colleges. He knows that educational excellence does not come from Sacramento, but from the daily devotion of those on education's front lines.

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Tony Thurmond for Superintendent of Public Instruction: His lifetime of commitment to at-risk youth and public education makes him the only choice to lead the state's school system. He supports adequate funding, community schools, and attracting and retaining quality educators.

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Ed Hernandez for Lieutenant Governor: A strong supporter of increased accountability and transparency in California's charter schools, he has a proven track record of supporting students, educators and public education.

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Xavier Becerra for Attorney General: He is an advocate for working families, affordable healthcare and the environment. He believes in protecting the rights of educators and all workers to come together to negotiate learning and working conditions.

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Alex Padilla for Secretary of State: His support of public education includes advocacy for English learners. As a state Senator, Padilla authored legislative measures to identify and implement best practices in English learner curriculum and instruction statewide.

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Betty Yee for State Controller: She is a product of San Francisco public schools with 30 years of public service. She cofounded the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project to involve California high school youths in the public service, public policy, and political arenas.

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Ricardo Lara for Insurance Commissioner: A passionate believer in the power of public education, he is driven by a vision for the future that includes protecting the health of our students. CTA worked with Lara to pass Proposition 58, which repealed bilingual education restrictions in our classrooms.

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Fiona Ma for State Treasurer: She is a lifelong champion for public education and believes that public schools are the great equalizer.

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Connie Conway for Board of Equalization 1: A former state Assembly member and Republican minority leader, she is committed to talking with stakeholders through education issues before making any recommendations or decisions on the Board of Equalization.

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Neutral – Board of Equalization 2: Both candidates, Senator Cathleen Galgiani and San Francisco Supervisor Malia Cohen, are highly qualified and have spent many years in public office. Both understand education issues, tax issues, and are committed to continuing to work with educators. The choice is yours.



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These candidates

were interviewed and evaluated in a democratic and member-driven process for each office over a two-day period. The decision-making process and deliberations were arduous. In considering recommendations of candidates for each office, the CTA interview teams, which were comprised of 30 CTA leaders and members from throughout the state, sought to evaluate the candidates on a variety of criteria. The criteria are available at www.cta.org. Recommendations are as follows:

The Educators' Choice for Superintendent of Public Instruction **TONY THURMOND**

Thurmond knows the power of public education firsthand, he says, because it saved his life. After his single mother died when Thurmond was 6 years old, he and his 3 brothers were raised by a cousin who taught them that education could be the great equalizer. Thurmond was inspired to become a social worker to help at-risk kids, and is now running for Superintendent to fight for all students and educators.

As a state Assembly member, school board trustee and city councilman, Thurmond has always kept California's kids as his top priority. While on the West Contra Costa Unified School District board, he oversaw truancy prevention programs, supported school-based mental health programs, and launched a program to teach entrepreneurial skills to disadvantaged students.

Thurmond passed legislation to provide millions of dollars to school districts to keep kids in school and out of the criminal justice system, fought for money to make sure that all California youth in foster care can go to college, and increased funding for early education programs.

Thurmond recognizes the growing teacher shortage in California. He supports affordable housing and other incentives to attract and retain quality educators in our classrooms.

Thurmond wholeheartedly supports transparency and accountability for all public schools, including privately-run charter schools. With more than 1,200 charter schools operating in California, he does not believe we

The 2018 Election will be crucial for our organization as all statewide offices are up for election, including Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), as well as state senate, assembly and local school board seats. Who wins these races and their views on public education will have a direct impact on students and educators. To fight the attacks on public education that are coming from multiple fronts, we need leaders, we need champions and we need allies.



should increase the number of charters in the state. He believes charters should only be authorized by locally elected school boards.

Like educators and parents, Thurmond believes in demanding the resources necessary to prepare our students for 21st-century jobs. He wants to see that every California student has the resources they need to develop their capabilities in science, technology, engineering and math and succeed in the high-tech and global economy.

The Educators' Choice for Governor

GAVIN NEWSOM

Newsom believes that solving California's public education problems starts with educators. He believes we need to attract high quality educators and retain them, by treating them and paying them as professionals. As mayor of San Francisco, Newsom set up a rainy-day fund that prevented teacher layoffs during the recession and state budget cuts.

Newsom believes that educational excellence isn't conceived in Sacramento, but rather comes from the daily toil of hundreds of thousands of educators, parents and students. And he's tired of people demonizing educators, when they are really the everyday heroes who have devoted their dreams to helping all students achieve theirs.

Newsom supports creating more full-service community public schools - with wellness centers, arts education, computer science education, and after-school programs. As mayor of San Francisco, Newsom used city resources to help local schools serve as community centers.

Newsom believes a good education is the key to opportunity and a good life. He opposed college tuition hikes and supports two years of free community college tuition to reduce student debt and create better pathways to quality jobs.

Like educators, Newsom opposes the privatization of public education. He opposes the proliferation of charters, especially those run by private management companies who want to profit off our kids. He supports holding charter schools to the same standards of accountability and transparency as neighborhood public schools. Newsom has seen the waste and abuse by some charter operators and is committed to making it stop. He believes all charters must provide equal access to ALL students and that the decisions about authorizing charter schools must be made locally, by local school boards.

Newsom's top priorities are education and increasing affordable access to quality schools at all levels, economic development, creating jobs, reducing poverty, protecting the environment, and social justice. He will ensure that California continues to lead by example with innovative and bold ideas.

The Educators' Choice for Lieutenant Governor

ED HERNANDEZ

Senator Hernandez has a proven and demonstrated track record of supporting students, educators and public education. He's the first in his family to graduate from college and he



believes that an education is the greatest equalizer in our society. That's why he is an advocate for re-investing in our PreK-12 public schools, community colleges, and public universities. He also supports increased accountability and transparency in California's charter schools.

Hernandez has a master plan for higher education, in which the lieutenant governor plays a vital role, and he unequivocally supports increased accountability and transparency in California's charter schools. His voting record in both the California Assembly and Senate reflects his commitment to all students.

The Educators' Choice for Attorney General

XAVIER BECERRA

Attorney General Xavier Becerra has a long-standing commitment to and passion for students, educators and families from across California. A staunch advocate for working families with decades of experiences representing Californians, Xavier Becerra became California Attorney General in January 2017 to defend the rights of the nearly 40 million people statewide.

Becerra's work as chief law enforcement officer follows more than two decades of service to the people of Los Angeles in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he was also elected to serve in leadership, chairing the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Becerra was the first Latino to serve on the powerful Ways and Means Committee, fighting for a fairer tax code and for fairer trade laws and working to protect Social Security and Medicare.

Becerra believes in protecting the rights of educators and all workers to come together to negotiate proper learning and working conditions. He also believes California's charter schools must be held to the same accountability and transparency standards as traditional public schools.

The Educators' Choice for Insurance Commissioner

RICARDO LARA

Senator Ricardo Lara has been a consistent and steadfast partner and advocate for students and educators. As recently as 2016, CTA worked in partnership with Lara to pass Proposition 58 to repeal bilingual education restrictions in California public schools. Lara is the only declared and viable candidate for Insurance Commissioner. He is a thoughtful, passionate advocate for public schools with a strong record of working collaboratively on behalf of California's students and educators.

Lara is driven by a vision for the future that includes an often-overlooked area of education - ensuring the health of the students who attend. As a candidate for the office that would work most closely on regulating insurance companies and health plans, he is dedicated to a thoughtful inclusive conversation for how to achieve universal healthcare.



The Educators' Choice for State Treasurer

FIONA MA

Current Board of Equalization member Fiona Ma is the only declared and viable candidate for the office of State Treasurer. Ma is a lifelong champion for public education and believes that public schools are the great equalizer.

Ma has a wide-range of experience on financial, budget and investment issues that make her highly qualified for this position. She supports a defined-benefit retirement system for all educators and as Treasurer will sit on both the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards.

Ma believes in local stakeholder involvement for the important decisions facing public education and she supports amending Proposition 13 to ensure big corporations pay their fair share.

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The Educators' Choice for Board of Equalization 2

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