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2020 General Election Voter Guide

Indivisible San Diego Persist

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About us:

Inspired by the national Indivisible movement, Indivisible San Diego Persist is a grassroots coalition dedicated to resisting the Trump agenda. Find us on our [website](#) or on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#).

The Team:

The November 2020 voter guide was compiled by Doug Porter with contributions from volunteers Janet Mueller, Sara Kennedy, Wes Scott, Ed Hayden, Sarah Pease, Kathy Archibald, Vince Outlaw, & Aruna Raj. Graphics were created by Julia Willis.

What you will find in this guide:

- You'll have the opportunity to read a short overview on each candidate and ballot measure and we've provided links for further research if you're so inclined.
- Information used was sourced from public documents and media accounts. Opinions expressed are just there to give readers a better idea of what candidates stand for.
- You may notice that the order of this guide is not exactly the order on your ballot. We put ballot measures & propositions first since that is people have asked us most about. Use the [table of contents](#) to easily navigate to the information you need for your ballot.

What you won't find in this guide:

- Because of late filing deadlines, not all financial information in this guide may be up to date. We used "funds raised" rather than "cash on hand" because it's a better measure of support.
- For the most part you won't find endorsements in this guide, mostly because there are too many contests with more than one quality candidate, but also because this guide is written by a diverse team for a diverse audience.
- In some cases, an endorsement did not seem necessary at all. (For instance, there is not much to be said about the presidential race that has not been said by the last 4 years of resistance.) However...

Two key races to pay attention to:

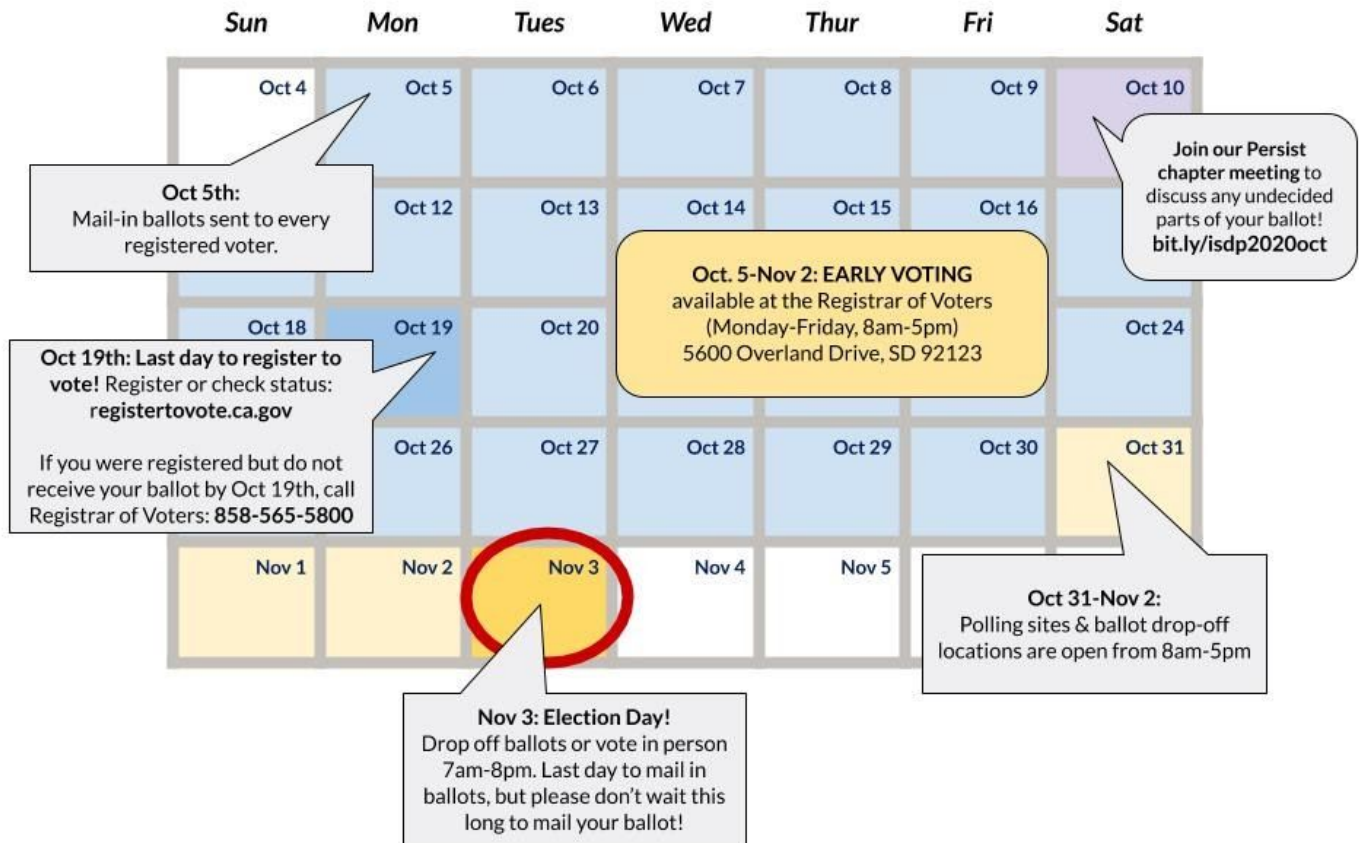
The leadership in San Diego Persist has been promoting and supporting two candidates here in San Diego: **Ammar Campa-Najjar**, who is running for Congress in [CA 50](#), and **Terra Lawson-Remer**, who is running for the [Board of Supervisors District 3](#). (See more information [about the Board of Supervisors](#) and why this is an important place to pay attention.) Our group is dedicated to resisting the Trump agenda, and these two are running against local candidates that are very Trump-esque. We encourage you to vote for those candidates if you live in those districts and to contribute to those campaigns (financially or with your time) if you are able.

NOTE: Please be aware that there has been [controversy](#) surrounding Ammar's recent meeting with an East County [group](#) that has engaged in racially motivated violence and threats. Although there are still clear differences between him & his opponent, holding candidates responsible for is important now more than ever.



Voting in San Diego in 2020:

It is more important than ever to review your options and make a plan this year, especially if you have been voting in the same way at the same polling place for years. Make sure to review the Registrar of Voters information carefully: [SDVote.com: Vote Safer San Diego](https://sdvote.com)



Our recommendations:

- **Option A: Turn in your ballot in person to the Registrar of Voters.** When you get your ballot in the mail, fill it out and bring it in person to the Registrar of Voters, or go directly to the Registrar of Voters to vote in person. This means you avoid the lines on election day/weekend, and eliminates any problems with the mail. It also means you can see someone physically verify your signature.
- **Option B: Mail in your ballot early.** When you get your ballot in the mail, fill it out and mail it as early as possible. This lets you stay safe and also makes sure your vote gets counted early. Read directions carefully and **sign your name** as it appears on your driver's license! Otherwise your vote will not get counted. (Sign up for "Where's my ballot?" to track your ballot.)
- **Option C: On election weekend, drop off your ballot.** During election weekend, you can drop off your ballot at the Registrar of Voters or at your assigned polling place. Make sure you look up your polling place, because there are much fewer this year! Be prepared to wait in lines. Wear your mask and keep your distance.
- **Option D: Vote in person only if you need to.** On Election Day, expect lines to be long at your polling place. Wear a mask, keep your distance, and be prepared to wait for a while.

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San Diego Ballot Measures

Measure A: General Obligation Bonds for Affordable Housing

This would provide a funding source for permanent and supportive housing for extremely low- to low-income individuals and families, including supportive mental health and substance abuse services, for populations including veterans, seniors, the disabled, youth and the homeless. *This measure requires a two thirds majority to pass.* [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: City Bonds with matching funding from other sources would be used to create enough affordable homes for veterans and children in San Diego experiencing homelessness. It also provides thousands of affordable homes for low-wage families, workers, seniors, and people living with disabilities.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Funding for low income/homeless housing will not be available. The population living on the streets will remain there, in between trips to jail.</p>
<p>Supporters: Yes on A Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: Carl Demaio/Reform California; County Republican Party Website Facebook Twitter</p>
<p>Talking points: This would cost property owners in the city between approximately \$3 and \$21 per each \$100,000 of assessed valuation for fiscal years 2022 through 2068. If passed San Diego will be eligible to receive up to \$3.6 billion dollars from the state and federal governments. Funds can be used only for building more affordable homes, will be administered by the San Diego Housing Commission and subject to independent citizen oversight and annual audits. Downloadable Fact Sheet.</p> <p>Analysis: Either we want to build housing for people on the lower end of the economic scale or we don't. The private sector has made it clear that it's not profitable enough for them.</p> <p>Funds raised in support: \$410,384.00</p>	<p>Talking points: If Measure A passes, the average homeowner will pay more than \$500 in higher property taxes in just the first five years!</p> <p>Analysis: That works out to about \$100 per year and using their math the average home in San Diego is worth \$3.3 million.</p> <p>Funds raised in opposition: \$34,989.06</p>

Measure B: Charter Amendments Establishing Commission on Police Practices

This would establish a Commission on Police Practices, appointed by the City Council, which would have the full complement of tools needed to perform oversight of critical police practices, investigate complaints, and make recommendations as needed. [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: The current Community Review Board on Police Practices will be replaced with an independent, community-led Commission on Police Practices to bring public trust to the way SDPD is held accountable.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: The current Community Review Board on Police Practices will not be replaced.</p>
<p>Supporters: San Diegans for Justice Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: There is no organized opposition to Measure B</p>
<p>Talking Points: The new Commission will be required to use independent investigators not affiliated with SDPD and have counsel independent of the City Attorney, who advises and represents the Mayor and SDPD. Having subpoena power means the end of having to depend on information passed on by law enforcement. Cases like domestic violence by law enforcement will no longer fall through the cracks. And there will be evaluation of SDPD's compliance with Federal, State, and Local reporting laws and requirements.</p> <p>Analysis: Passing Measure B will mark the end of a hard fought battle to improve oversight. The San Diego Police Officers Association, which has opposed past efforts, says it will remain neutral. The devil here will be in the details, since the City Council will be responsible for appointments, practices, and operating standards.</p> <p>Funds raised in support: \$46,601.54</p>	

Measure C: District-Only Elections for School Board Members

This would mean that candidates for school board would be elected by voters in the district they seek to represent. [Text of Measure.](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: No longer will voters in La Jolla have a say in what school board members are elected to represent Southeast San Diego (as an example.)</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Candidates for school board in the general election will have to face the entire electorate.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporters:</p> <p>Arguments for Measure C in the official ballot book were signed by City Council members Chris Cate & Monica Montgomery, BAPAC Chair Ellen Nash, Retired Principal Wendell Bass, and Parents for Quality Education President Tom Keliinoi.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opponents:</p> <p>The argument against Measure C was signed by Taxpayer Advocate Scott Barnett, Policy Advocate Dr. Kyra Greene, SD High Elected Parent Leader Amy Denhart, SD County Teacher of the Year Tammy Reina, and Past NAACP President Frank Jordan</p>
<p>No monies raised for Measure C.</p>	<p>No monies raised against Measure C.</p>

Measure D: Procedures to Remove School Board Members for Cause and To Fill Vacancies

This fixes an oversight in the city charter, adding language saying rules about replacing school board members should be the same as with other elected city offices. [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: A supermajority of the school board could call for a special removal election if a board member is convicted of a serious crime, is found to be physically or mentally incapacitated or if there has been a dereliction of duty.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: The current charter would remain unchanged.</p>
<p>Talking Points: When school board member Kevin Beiser was credibly accused (a legal case was settled) by multiple people of sexual misconduct, he refused to resign in response to a resolution calling upon him to step down. When the City of San Diego updated their charter language on removing elected officials, the school board was not included, meaning there was no legal method at hand.</p>	<p><i>There is no opposition to Measure D, nor have any arguments against it been filed with the City Clerk.</i></p>

Measure E: Removing 30-foot Height Limit in Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Area

Some of the area surrounding the Sports Arena is getting a makeover. Proponents want height restrictions for this area created by a 1972 ballot measure lifted. [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: Voters citywide agree that a specific area with no views or beach access should be allowed to build higher than three stories.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: The height limitation will remain in effect.</p>
<p>Supporters: San Diegans for Midway Revitalization – Yes on E Website Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: There is no formal opposition, but ballot arguments against it were submitted by John McNab, Save Our Access; Ronan Gray, chair of the Save San Diego Neighborhoods; Alex Leondis, chairman of the 1972 Coastal Height Limit Initiative; James LaMattery, Raise the Balloon</p>
<p>Talking points: The Midway Community Planning group, residents of the Midway community, the City of San Diego Planning Commission, and others suggested the height limit overlay zone be removed when the Midway Community Plan was updated in 2018. Measure E applies only to the Midway community, keeps the 30-foot building height limit in place for coastal communities, and will allow modernizing the 54-year-old Sports Arena.</p> <p>Analysis: The 1972 measure limiting new building heights west of Interstate 5 was the result of a grassroots citizens movement that took years to get heard. Once the question was put to voters, it was approved overwhelmingly throughout the city. There is remaining sentiment holding that any exception to the rule will open the door for unwelcome development. Supporters of Measure E hope that presenting a united front from the affected areas in favor will be enough to win votes. And, let’s face it, the area in question is an eyesore.</p> <p>Funds raised in support: \$66,049.00</p>	<p>Talking Points: It allows dense construction of unaffordable expensive residential towers within the coastal zone. It’s a step toward dismantling the height-limit along the entire San Diego coastline and will incentivize the private acquisition and use of what is now public land. There will also be worse freeway congestion, overloaded beach access roads, and parking issues created by intensive development.</p> <p>Funds Raised in opposition: \$0</p>

State of California Ballot Propositions

CA Proposition 14: Authorizes Bonds to Continue Funding Stem Cell and Other Medical Research

This is about asking Californians to renew support of stem cell research funding via bond sales. [Text of Initiative](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: Approving the issuance of \$5.5 billion in bonds over a ten year period. Payments from the General Fund will be \$310 million annually for a period of up to 25 years.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Funding for these programs will not increase.</p>
<p>Supporters: Yes on 14 Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: There is no organized opposition to Prop 14.</p>
<p>Talking Points: In 2004, California voters approved Proposition 71 to fund stem cell research. Significant progress has been made, with over 90 clinical trials and 2,900 published medical discoveries to date. Prop 14 is about continuing this effort. San Diego’s research institutions are huge beneficiaries of this funding stream, with UCSD alone taking in \$233,326,284.</p> <p>Analysis: It’s likely that voters will approve this proposition, and they should. But they shouldn’t get their hopes too high when it comes to miracle cures. Science is hard.</p> <p>Funds Raised in support: \$5,593,325</p>	<p>However, Marcy Darnovsky, executive director of the Center for Genetics and Society says: <i>“While stem cell research is valuable, there are no longer federal limits on its funding, which was the justification in 2004 for asking California voters to allocate the first multi-billion-dollar pot of money. In the meantime, that campaign’s shameless over-promising and hype set the stage for the hundreds of under-regulated commercial stem cell clinics now offering unapproved ‘treatments’ that have caused tumors and blindness.”</i></p>

CA Proposition 15: Property Tax Rates on Commercial and Industrial Land

Proposition 15 is about the way that property taxes are assessed on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million. [Text of Initiative](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: Property taxes on most commercial properties worth more than \$3 million would go up in order to provide new funding for local governments and schools.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Property taxes on commercial properties would stay the same. Local governments and schools would not get new funding.</p>
<p>Supporters: Schools and Communities First-- Yes on Prop 15 Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: No on Prop 15 – Stop Higher Property Taxes and Save Prop 13 Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>
<p>Talking Points: Prop 15 provides billions in new revenue for our communities and schools;10% of the wealthiest businesses will provide more than 90% of the revenue; Gives tax breaks to small businesses to help our economy grow; Keeps Prop 13’s protection for homeowners, renters, and farms. Analysis: If passed, Proposition 15 would generally require that commercial property be reassessed to market value on a periodic basis. There would be no changes in the rules for reassessment of residential (both owner-occupied and rental) and farm property. If all of the property owned by a business has a fair market value of \$3 million or less, that property would continue to be assessed based on purchase price, as adjusted. Reassessment of commercial property would be phased in starting with the tax year 2022-2023.Under Proposition 15, a small business would not pay any tax on personal property. A small business is defined as one having fewer than 50 employees. Other businesses would not pay taxes on the first \$500,000 of their personal property. Reassessment of commercial and industrial property to market value would increase the property taxes collected in each county. After paying for the costs of administering this measure and reimbursing the state for any loss of income tax receipts, the balance of the additional revenue would be used to fund local governments and schools. This allocation would provide money over and above the current constitutional minimum funding requirement. If Proposition is passed, it is estimated to generate \$6.5 to \$11.5 billion in additional revenue per year Funds Raised in support: \$41,297,557</p>	<p>Talking Points: Prop 15 would trigger the largest property tax increase in California’s history;Prop 15 is a threat to homeowners as this is merely the first step in dismantling Proposition 13;Additional costs will ultimately raise prices for consumers; Will make it harder for people to start small businesses; Will require huge cost to administer Analysis: Those who oppose Proposition 15 are mostly business organizations and taxpayer advocacy groups who view the measure as the first step towards dismantling the protections of Proposition 13 and argue that a massive tax hike on commercial businesses will hurt business at a difficult time, and that the tax hike will ultimately be passed on to consumers and small businesses in the form of higher prices on rents, food and other everyday necessities.The restructuring of CA’s property taxes by conservative interests in 1978 was about much more than protecting homeowners. The underlying idea was to starve the government of resources, allowing privileged corporate landowners to accumulate wealth without having to fully fund the common resources they used. Funds Raised in opposition: \$31,004,969</p>

CA Proposition 16: An amendment to the Constitution of the State, repealing Section 31 of Article I relating to government preferences.

Prop 16 would repeal Proposition 209, (passed back in the Pete Wilson era) allowing the practice often described as affirmative action to again be used in the state. It was [added to the ballot by the Legislature](#), in light of discussions about systemic racism and inequities at the same time as a national reckoning on these topics. [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: California would no longer be one of the nine states banning affirmative action as a tool to fight discrimination.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: The status quo remains in place allowing systemic racism and sexism to exist under the color of law.</p>
<p>Supporters: Opportunity for All Coalition Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: Californians for Equal Rights Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>
<p>Talking Points: In states allowing affirmative action, women and people of color compete on equal footing for jobs, promotions, and contracts. Without affirmative action, small businesses in California owned by women and people of color lose out to bigger, wealthier companies for government contracts. Prop 16 is a tool to begin dismantling structural racism and sexism. Latinos make up over half of our state’s public school students but just 25 percent of University of California undergraduate students.</p> <p>Analysis: This is about levelling the field. In an era where opportunity and justice are increasingly the domain of the already privileged, passing this measure is a significant accomplishment.</p> <p>Funds Raised in support: \$13,273,078</p>	<p>Talking Points: Prop 16 is legalized discrimination. Affirmative action based on economic criteria is perfectly okay. California is already the #1 diversified state in the nation. It would legalize quotas.</p> <p>Analysis: If you really think there is no systemic racism and sexism, then you should vote against the proposition.</p> <p>Funds Raised in opposition: \$1,004,575</p>

CA Proposition 17: Voting Rights Restoration for Persons on Parole Amendment

This will amend the State Constitution so Californians who have completed their prison term will have their right to vote restored. [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: Approx. 50,000 Californians who have finished their prison sentences will be able to vote.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: People on state parole would continue to be unable to vote in California.</p>
<p>Supporters: Free the Vote Website Facebook Twitter</p>	<p>Opponents: There is no formal opposition to Prop 17.</p>
<p>Talking Points: When people feel they are valued members of their community, and that their voices matter and their concerns are addressed, they are less likely to re-engage in criminal activity. Current law creates a confusing two-tiered system where some people with past felony convictions can vote and others cannot. Approximately half of all industrialized nations do not have any voter disenfranchisement at all. Of those that do, disenfranchisement is almost always limited to a person’s incarceration.</p> <p>Analysis: The more people vote, the better democracy we have.</p> <p>Funds Raised in Support: \$727,414</p>	<p>Some conservative politicians and organizations have spoken out against it. The Election Integrity Project filed the arguments against the amendment in the State Voter Guide</p>

CA Proposition 18: Primary Voting for 17-Year-Olds Amendment

First-time voters could participate in a full election cycle (i.e primary & special elections) provided that they are 18 by the time of the general election. [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: The opportunity for more civic engagement by young people.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: No one younger than 18 can vote in any election.</p>
<p>Supporters: Yes on 18 - Vote for Our Future Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: There is no organized opposition to Proposition 18. However, an Argument Against was submitted by Ruth Weiss, Co-Founder of the Election Integrity Project California, Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, and Larry Sand, a retired teacher.</p>
<p>Talking Points: Young people can enlist in the military before turning 18 years old and are already working, paying taxes, and deserve the right to vote. Young people are those most affected by election issues such as climate change, gun laws, student debt, healthcare, and the economy. Research shows that voting is habit-forming. Those who vote in an election are more likely to do so again, increasing political participation. Early involvement in elections creates a more active voting public and strengthens our democracy. Analysis: An idea whose time has come. Funds Raised in Support: \$265,109</p>	<p>Talking Points: Science and legal consistency demand a NO vote .The law prohibits younger teens from smoking, drinking and even tanning because research shows the logic and reasoning area of their brains is not fully developed. Analysis: Okay, boomer.</p>

CA Proposition 19: Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions, & Revenue for Wildfire Agencies & Counties Constitutional Amendment

Homeowners who are over 55, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims would be allowed to transfer primary residence's tax rate to a replacement residence. Also revises taxation of family-property transfers. [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: Eligible homeowners could transfer their tax assessments anywhere within the state; increase the number of times that persons over 55 years old or with severe disabilities can transfer their tax assessments from one to three; require inherited homes not used as principal residences be reassessed at market value when transferred; and allocate additional revenue to wildfire agencies and counties.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Keeping the status quo, meaning eligible homeowners can transfer tax assessments within counties and to homes of equal or lesser market value; limit the number of times eligible persons can transfer their tax assessments at one; and allow the tax assessments on inherited homes without regard to residency to be transferred from parent to child or grandparent to grandchild.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporters: Yes on 19 Vote Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opponents: There is no formal campaign against 19, although many of the state's newspapers have come out against it.</p>
<p>Talking Points: Allows tax savings and housing relief for vulnerable Californians, so they can afford to move closer to family or medical care, or to a home that better meets their needs. It provides tax protections for wildfire victims, removing location restrictions and allowing the transfer of a damaged home's property tax base to a replacement home anywhere in California. Makes it easier for parents and grandparents to pass the family home to their child for continued use as a primary residence. Analysis: The purpose of this proposition is to drum up real estate sales; too many seniors are sitting on property they could be swapping out for something more suitable to their needs because it would cost them a bundle in taxes. Everything else is just sweetener, since a similar proposition from the real estate industry went down in flames not long ago. Funds Raised in support: \$40,685,031</p>	<p>Talking Points: It's a billion-dollar tax increase on families and -via the wildfires funding--a sop to the firefighters union. It's not fair to property heirs. Analysis: This is a clear abuse of the California initiative system, even if a conveniently placed lawmaker got it placed on the ballot after polling showed the language on petitions wasn't working with voters. Funds Raised in Opposition: \$22,525 (The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association contributed a token amount to oppose the measure.)</p>

CA Proposition 20: Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders

Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors. By eliminating the eligibility for certain offenses to be considered it prevents access to parole programs established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term of their primary offense. [Text of Proposition](#)

<p style="text-align: center;">A “Yes” vote means:</p> <p>Certain theft-related crimes (such as repeat shoplifting) could receive increased penalties (such as longer jail terms); the bar would be raised for the state’s process of releasing certain inmates from prison early and DNA samples would be required from adults convicted of certain misdemeanors.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A “No” vote means:</p> <p>California won’t be doubling the list of felonies for which early parole is restricted; won’t be going back to calling certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies); and won’t require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporters:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes on 20: Protect Victims of Violent Crime Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opponents:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No on 20 - Stop the Prison Spending Scam Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>
<p>Talking Points: Expands the list of violent crimes for which early release is not an option. It raises the theft threshold by adding a felony for serial theft — when a person is caught for the 3rd time stealing with a value of \$250. Requires Parole Hearings to consider an inmate’s entire criminal history when deciding parole. Reinstates DNA collection for crimes reduced to misdemeanors as part of Proposition 47</p> <p>Analysis: This is a pushback on the criminal justice reforms Californias have overwhelmingly supported at the ballot box in recent years. Supporters want to keep more people in jail and are prepared to frighten people with stories about sex offenders and violent crimes.</p> <p>Funding in Support: \$4,304,653</p>	<p>Talking points: We don’t need or want to return to the failed 1990’s era of harsh sentencing and mass incarceration. It’s a prison spending scam as we’re closing prisons and reallocating funds. Why are we expanding a system that’s already profoundly biased against Black, indigenous and Latino Californians?</p> <p>Analysis: Don’t let the scary talk fool you. Crime rates are low. We need to be questioning the basic precepts of our criminal justice system.</p> <p>Funding in opposition: \$5,636,760</p>

CA Proposition 21: Expands Local Governments' Authority To Enact Rent Control On Residential Property

This limits the [Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act](#), which essentially squashed local attempts at rent control. Local governments would be able to adopt rent control on housing units, except on (a) housing that was first occupied within the last 15 years and (b) units owned by persons who own no more than two single-family homes or condos (and a few other things). [Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: Local governments could enact rent control on housing with the exceptions listed above.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Localities will be prohibited from enacting rent control on properties first occupied after 1995.</p>
<p>Supporters: Yes on 21 Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: No on 21 Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>
<p>Talking points: The measure would allow local communities to: Limit Annual Rent Increases; Preserve Currently Affordable Housing; Incentivize the Construction of New Housing, Exempt Single-Family Homeowners; Guarantee Landlords a Fair Profit Analysis: We’re looking at another bloody ballot box battle over rent control. In 2018 59% of CA Voters said no to a similar measure. This version is tweaked, backed by the AIDS Care Foundation, with support from Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Maxine Waters along with a host of progressive political organizations. The rent <i>is</i> too damn high. Maybe the pandemic will change public opinion. Funding in support: \$22,985,396</p>	<p>Talking Points: Would allow for permanent price caps on all forms of housing, including single family homes and condos. It has no funding for affordable housing or a requirement that it be built, no specific provisions to reduce rent, and no specific protections for seniors, veterans, or the disabled. Analysis: Since when is rent control supposed to provide a mechanism for affordable housing to be built? And the arguments go downhill from there, never really getting around to the real reasons why the rent is too damn high, namely the takeover of housing inventory by private equity and corporate groups. Arguments about rent control seemingly always end up being apples vs oranges, and I suspect that’s deliberate. Funding in Opposition: \$43,082,588</p>

CA Proposition 22: Changes Employment Classification Rules for App-based Transportation and Delivery Drivers

A ballot measure written by three companies would exempt people working in those industries from being classified as employees as is currently required by California law (AB5). [Text of Measure](#)

<p style="text-align: center;">A “Yes” vote means:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allowing companies engaged in app-based transportation (rideshare) and delivery to treat drivers as independent contractors, subject to labor and wage policies written by the companies.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A “No” vote means:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">California Assembly Bill 5 would be used to decide whether app-based drivers are employees or independent contractors. Companies would pay into unemployment insurance and workman's compensation funds; paid sick leave and other benefits could be used by those deemed to be employees.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporters:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes on Prop 22: Save App based Jobs and Services Website Facebook Twitter Endorsers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opponents:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sick of Gig Greed - No on Prop 22 Website Facebook Twitter Endorsers</p>
<p>Talking Points: Allows app-based drivers to be independent contractors, provides drivers with opportunity for benefits, saves jobs, implements safety protections.</p> <p>Analysis: This measure only applies to workers in the specific fields used by the companies who funded it; expanding or changing provisions in the act would require a 2/3 vote of the legislature.</p> <p>Funding in Support: \$184,339,085.</p>	<p>Talking Points: By eroding minimum wage protections, Prop 22 would lock a workforce that is predominantly people of color – and almost a quarter Latino – into permanently low-wage jobs. It would create a special exemption from California employment laws just for the companies sponsoring the measure, while also preempting local regulation. By avoiding calling workers employees, companies are evading millions in taxes to state and local governments.</p> <p>Analysis: In many ways, this proposition is about the future of working. The “freedom” that comes along with being classified as an independent contractor ultimately undoes the social safety net. And the companies pushing this thinking want it that way.</p> <p>Funding in Opposition: \$10,553,513</p>

CA Proposition 23: Authorizes State Regulation of Kidney Dialysis Clinics

Establishes Minimum Staffing and Other Requirements. This is a union-funded effort to reform an industry dominated by two big companies, who have used their monopoly power to drive prices up and avoid oversight. The dialysis business is a poster child for everything that's wrong with for profit healthcare. [Text of Measure](#)

<p style="text-align: center;">A “Yes” vote means:</p> <p>Clinics would have to offer the same level of care to all patients, regardless of whether the treatment is paid for by private insurance or a government-funded program. Each clinic would be required to have a physician on duty. More information about infections among dialysis patients would have to be reported, and the State Department of Public Health would have a larger role in agreeing to changes at a clinic or its closure.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A “No” vote means:</p> <p>Companies in the dialysis business can continue to operate as they have been.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporters:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kidney Patients Deserve Better Website Facebook Twitter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opponents:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stop the Dangerous & Costly Dialysis Proposition Website Facebook Twitter Endorsers</p>
<p>Talking Points: Kidney dialysis completely consumes the lives of 80,000 Californians. Three times a week these patients spend fours at a center getting their blood cleansed of waste products, a process their bodies can no longer perform. Under the current system patient care is suffering while corporate profits soar, thanks to pricing schemes that drive up costs for everybody’s healthcare.</p> <p>Analysis: High blood pressure and type-2 diabetes are the two leading causes of what’s called End Stage Kidney Disease. Folks are getting rich fattening us up with processed foods and then gouging people when they get sick. This is one small step in the right direction.</p> <p>Funding in Support: \$6,212,857</p>	<p>Talking Points: Proposition 23 would put dialysis patients’ lives at risk by making them wait longer to see doctors. Healthcare costs would increase by hundreds of millions annually. Many dialysis clinics would be forced to shut down, sending tens of thousands of vulnerable patients to emergency rooms. This measure amounts to special interest ballot box abuse using patients as pawns.</p> <p>Analysis: The threat of closing clinics is the primary weapon in this industry’s arsenal. This is predatory capitalism at its worst; companies making money hand over fist and threatening their customers to push back against oversight and reasonable working conditions.</p> <p>Funding in Opposition: \$93,059,082</p>

CA Proposition 24: Consumer Personal Information Law & Agency Initiative

This would build on protections for consumers created by the [California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 \(CCPA\)](#). Businesses could be directed by consumers not to share their personal information, the grace period for fixing privacy violation would be eliminated, and allow for the creation of the Privacy Protection Agency to enforce the state’s consumer data privacy laws.

<p>A “Yes” vote means: Supporting expansion of the state’s consumer data privacy laws</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Newly applied (fully effective July 1, 2020) existing laws have a chance to be effective</p>
<p>Supporters: Californians for Consumer Privacy Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements Text of Measure</p>	<p>Opponents: Californians for Real Privacy <i>(No Social Media)</i></p>
<p>Talking Points: It creates new rights to stop businesses from using personal information, including health and financial data; triples fines for violations of children’s privacy, requires opt-in consent in order to sell personal data from consumers under the age of 16; mandates establishment of the California Privacy Protection Agency, charged with protecting consumer rights and giving consumers control over their personal data. Analysis: Existing privacy law doesn’t have enough teeth. This measure will create a system for enforcing the law and add penalties for bad behavior stringent enough to deter violations. Passing this law as a proposition will make it harder for lobbyists to change privacy laws in the Legislature. Funding in Support: \$5,523,652</p>	<p>The opposition to Prop 24, while vocal, hasn’t coalesced into an organization capable of creating an internet presence of any kind. They’ve raised a bit of money and paid for some professional public relations.</p> <p>Talking points: The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a leader on internet and privacy issues, has taken a neutral stance on Prop 24: <i>“Prop 24 does not do enough to advance the data privacy of California consumers. It is a mixed bag of partial steps backwards and forwards. It includes some but not most of the strengthening amendments urged by privacy advocates.”</i></p> <p>Funds raised in opposition: Two groups, California Consumer and Privacy Advocates Against Prop 24 & Californians for Real Privacy - No on 24 Sponsored by the Consumer Federation of California, have advanced a total of \$48,368 in opposition to the bill.</p>

CA Proposition 25: Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum

This measure would uphold a 2018 law that sought to eliminate cash bail and replace it with an algorithm to assess a person’s risk for not appearing at trial — the higher the risk, the less likely they are to be released.

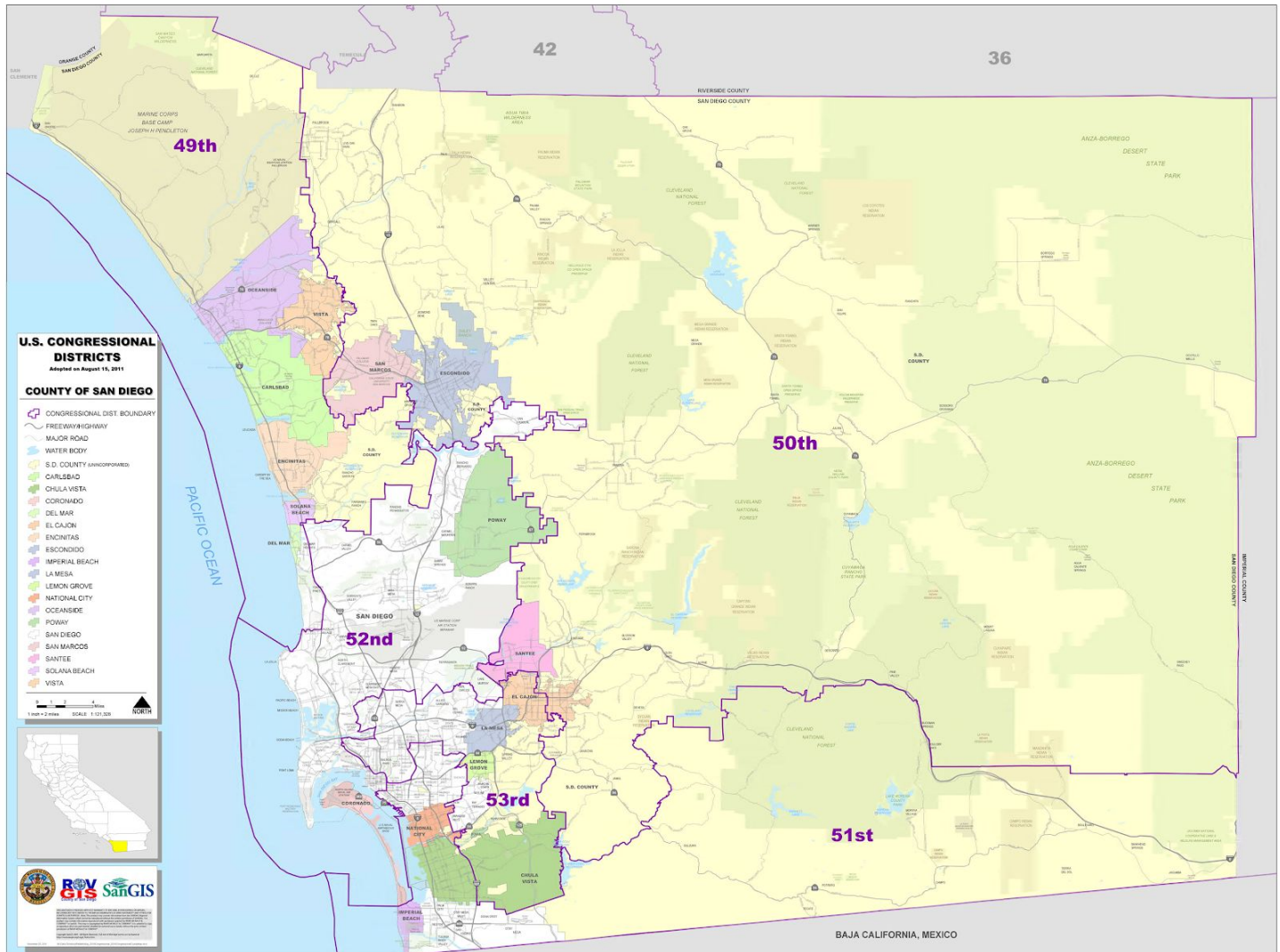
[Text of Measure](#)

<p>A “Yes” vote means: California would be the first state to replace cash bail with an algorithm.</p>	<p>A “No” vote means: Repeals SB10, keeping in place the current system of using cash bail for detailed suspects awaiting trial.</p>
<p>Supporters: Yes on 25 #End Money Bail Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>	<p>Opponents: No on Prop 25 Website Facebook Twitter Endorsements</p>
<p>Talking Points: SB10 essentially eliminated cash bail for people accused of crimes. The law gives judges wide discretion to decide who can be released prior to trial. Those charged with nonviolent, “low-level” misdemeanors could be released within as little as 12 hours after being booked into jail. Charges of stalking or domestic violence are exempt. People arrested for felonies would be immediately assessed for their risk to public safety and likelihood of returning to court.</p> <p>Analysis: Companies representing the bail bond industry quickly gathered signatures on a referendum after the law was signed. SB10 is now on hold and awaiting a final decision in the general election. The cash bail system is inherently classist, racist and unfair. People with generational wealth can pay their way out of jail while awaiting trial. Poorer people in the exact same legal circumstances, with the same statistical likelihood to appear — or not appear — for trial cannot afford to pay their way out.</p> <p>Funding in Support: \$8,341,736</p>	<p>Talking Points: Eliminates the ‘right’ to post bail. Important criminal justice decisions will be at the mercy of the bureaucracy and biased computer formulas. Prop 25 will endanger public safety; takes away the accountability and incentive to show up for trial.</p> <p>Analysis: The US and the Philippines are the only two countries in the world with a legalized for-profit bond industry. While the industry makes claims about being run by mom and pop enterprises, the real money in bail bonds comes from insurance companies.</p> <p>Footnote: The NAACP, the ACLU and more than 100 other groups have issued a statement advising against adopting pretrial risk-assessment tools. They believe that jurisdictions that have already adopted a tool should include the wider community in designing a transparent algorithm. Such tools need to be regularly audited by independent researchers to ensure that it is reducing jail populations and racial disparities.</p> <p>Funding in Opposition: \$9,077,987</p>

U.S. House of Representatives

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Note: Federal campaign finance reporting dates for the last few months are not scheduled until mid-October.



House of Representatives - District 49

Mike Levin (Democratic Incumbent)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: First-term Democrat in a seat long held by Republicans. Has endorsed the Green New Deal and other progressive legislative proposals. Has been strong on veterans affairs.

Organizational Endorsements: California Democratic Party, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 17 Democratic Clubs, Equality California (EQCA), League of Conservation Voters (LCV), NARAL Pro-Choice America, Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), Planned Parenthood Action Fund, California Labor Federation (CLF), San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council, Orange County Labor Federation, + 23 Individual unions.

Additional info: Levin's work as an environmental attorney and clean energy advocate were cornerstones of his 2018 campaign. He gained notoriety for sending an illustrated book titled "Climate Change for Beginners" to then-Congressman Rep. Darrell Issa. This time around, the National Republican Congressional Committee says Levin is one of 55 targets for their "Freedom or Socialism" campaign.

Analysis: Levin shouldn't take anything for granted, but the overall picture for him in 2020 looks promising. His frequent town halls in the district, work on veterans issues, and foundation of voter support built for him in 2018 should equal success.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$2,953,603.22

Brian Maryott (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Maryott is Mayor of San Juan Capistrano. He also ran in 2018, finishing eighth overall and behind two other Republicans in the primary.

Organizational Endorsements: Deputy Sheriff's Association of SD County. California Republican Party, Republican Parties of Orange and San Diego County, Lincoln Clubs of Orange and San Diego County.

Additional info: Running for Congress to restore "common-sense representation" to the 49th Congressional District. Formerly a financial planner. He garnered 39.96% of the vote in the March two-way primary.

Analysis: Democrat Hillary Clinton carried the 49th in 2016, and there are indications that GOP voters are not all enthused about President Trump, which won't help turnout.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$1,751,228.69

House of Representatives - District 50

Ammar Campa-Najjar (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Endorsements](#)

Summary: In 2018 Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar waged an uphill campaign against incumbent Duncan Hunter, coming within 4 points in a district that favors Trump by 15. Activists have been canvassing the 50th Congressional District for months now, focusing on El Cajon, where strategists believe a boost in turnout could put him over the top come November.

Organizational Endorsements: Indivisible, Democratic Party of San Diego + 15 Democratic Clubs, Democracy for America, California League of Conservation Voters, End Citizens United, Equality California, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council + 4 other unions.

Additional info: In 2012, Ammar served as Deputy Regional Field Director for the Obama campaign, overseeing Southern California's grassroots operations.

Analysis: Campa-Najjar made it through to the November ballot, in large part because of the number of Republicans vying for the seat, and lots of local & national support.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$3,043,704.60

Update 10/15/20: Please be aware that there has been [controversy](#) surrounding Ammar's recent meeting with an East County [group](#) that has engaged in racially motivated violence and threats. Although there are still clear differences between him & his opponent, holding candidates responsible for is important now more than ever.

Darrell Issa (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Endorsements](#)

Summary: Former 49th District Congressman who resigned in the face of an Indivisible-led movement against his reactionary politics is now angling for a seat in a more red district. He was the top vote getting Republican in the primary with 22.23% of the vote.

Organizational Endorsements: Riverside Republican Party, San Diego Deputy Sheriffs Assn, San Diego County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Republican Party of San Diego County

Additional info: Before he decided to run for this office, Issa was in line for a trade representative position within the Trump administration; his confirmation hearings never took place because of issues about his past raised during an FBI background check.

Analysis: The question here is, will Democrats in the East County show up because they're angry about Trump, and will Republicans not be so enthusiastic? Polls show Issa tied with Campa-Najjar. If the 50th flips, the San Diego GOP is all but finished.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$8,221,308.08 (Includes \$3.4 million loan by Issa)

House of Representatives - District 51

Juan Vargas (Democratic Incumbent)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: His political career started in 1993 as a San Diego City Councilman., moving on to the State Assembly in 2000, and the State Senate in 2010. He ascended to the House of Representatives in 2012 as part of the political shuffle following San Diego Bob Filner's election.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego County Democratic Party, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council.

Additional info: Vargas has been active in promoting the cause of refugees and immigrants.

Analysis: Democrats have a 3 to 1 edge in voter registration in the 51st District.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20 \$549,255.53

Juan M. Hidalgo, Jr. (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Endorsements](#)

Summary: Retired Marine who lost to incumbent in 2016 (73-27%) and 2018 (71-29%)

Organizational Endorsements: Imperial County Republican Committee, Republican Party of San Diego County, Combat Veterans for Congress (PAC), Veterans in Defense of Liberty, Mountain Empire Gun Owners Association, San Diego East County Conservatives.

Additional info: Was featured speaker at the GOP's LEXIT rally, where a few Latinos claimed they were leaving the Democratic party.

Analysis: Not a chance. Received 28.9% of the March 2020 primary vote.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$23,571.12

House of Representatives - District 52

Scott Peters (Democratic Incumbent)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Moderate, "practical" Dem representing District 52 since 2013. Background in environmental law.

Organizational Endorsements: American Nurses Association, County Democrat Party + 3clubs, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, Downtown San Diego Partnership, End Citizens United, Equality California, International Longshore & Warehouse Union, Southern California District Council, Laborers' International Union of North America, League of Conservation Voters, Mexican American Business and Professional Association, NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Organization for Women PAC, New Democrat Coalition, Peace Officers Research Association of California, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, San Diego Municipal Employees Association, San Diego Police Officers Association, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Additional info: While Peters recognizes the need for increased Federal spending during the pandemic, he's susceptible to national debt fear mongering, which will undoubtedly come back into style should Dems win big in November.

Analysis: Well-known Democrat with wide-ranging endorsements, and nearly \$2 million cash on hand. Likely to dominate this now solidly blue district, even with some critical of his unwillingness to support more fundamental, structural changes like the Green New Deal.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$1,515,380.19

Jim DeBello (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Former CEO of software company Mitek, when asked about climate change, says "There is science on both sides." Received 32.6% of the vote in the March primary.

Endorsements: Republican Party of San Diego County, CAGOP, Pete Wilson.

Additional info: Conservative in the role of government, moderate in social issues. Says of Trump "I don't like the rhetoric but I like the results.", Co-inventor of mobile check deposit software, "21st century Republican" (who is skeptical of climate change).

Analysis: Says Proposition 16 would allow discrimination and preferential treatment and will work to keep discrimination out of laws in Washington.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$308,945.00 (Includes personal loan of \$250,000)

House of Representatives - District 53

NOTE: *Indivisible San Diego Persist* co-hosted a debate for this race on Oct. 3. See the video [here](#).

Sara Jacobs (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Strong finish as a candidate in the 49th Congressional District in 2018, came in first in the March 2020 primary in the 53rd. Policy work; positions in the U.S. State Department during the Obama Administration, UNICEF, and the United Nations.

Organization Endorsements: Equality California, Run Women Run!, San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association, American Postal Workers Union Local 197, Tri-State Maxed Out Women PAC, Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club of San Diego, Eastlake-Bonita Democratic Club, San Diego-area Realtors, San Diego Lifeguards of Teamsters Local 911.

Additional info: Has deep pockets; granddaughter of Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs.

Analysis: Has best name recognition going into the fall, thanks to an unceasing blitz of advertising across all media.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$3,574,043.86

(Plus an additional \$1.5 million from family PAC being spent to support her.)

Georgette Gomez (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: First LGBTQ Latina elected San Diego City Council President, environmental activist.

Organization Endorsements: California Democratic Party, California Federation of Teachers, LGBTQ Victory Fund, California Labor Federation, UNITE HERE, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Laborers International Union, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, BOLD PAC, Equality PAC, SEIU California, California Young Democrats, AAPI Democrats, Poder PAC, Equality California, Congressional Progressive Caucus PAC.

Additional info: Very progressive agenda, known for her ability to reach compromise. Has individual endorsements from many well-known Democrats, including Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Rep. Ro Khanna, Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, Rep. Jamie Raskin, Both SD Mayoral candidates Todd Gloria & Barbara Bry, Willie J. Brown, and Delores Huerta.

Analysis: Despite her generally praised work in local government, Gomez faces an uphill battle. A large number of voters remain undecided and she needs to perform well in debates.

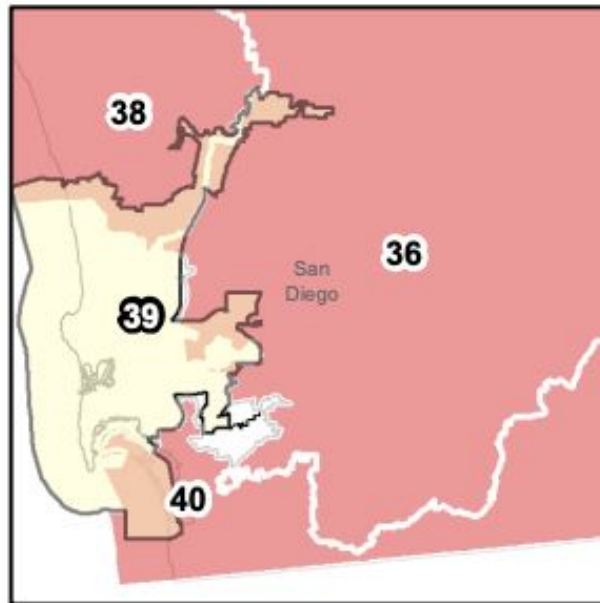
Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$1,168,600.61

(Plus an additional \$280,000 in support from various PACs)

Update (10/10/20) An attempt by Georgette Gomez to force Sara Jacobs into releasing her tax returns turned into a scandal for Gomez. Jacobs did release her returns, and they showed she was wealthy, which was probably the point. Then a [Union Tribune reporter](#) started looking at Gomez' returns and noticed she forgot to declare a \$90,000 City Council salary (among other things) on her 2017 tax returns. The Gomez campaign released a statement blaming her tax preparer, promising to refile and pay taxes due.

California State Senate District 39

San Diego, Solana Beach, Rancho Bernardo. (See map [here](#).)



Toni Atkins (Incumbent Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: President pro Tempore of the California State Senate since 2018.

Endorsements: [California Democratic Party](#), [California Labor Federation](#), [California Teachers' Association](#), [California Professional Firefighters](#).

Additional Info: Former San Diego City Councilmember and Interim Mayor (2005). She was the first woman and the first openly LGBT person to lead the California State Senate. Running as a [champion for affordable housing, the natural environment, healthcare, veterans, women, and the LGBTQ community](#).

Analysis: The Democratic Incumbent political powerhouse will most likely be re-elected, as she garnered 91% of the primary vote.

Funds Raised as of 6/30/20: \$1,329,001.40

Linda Blankenship (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Small business owner who advanced as a write-in from the primary.

Endorsements: [Republican Party of San Diego County](#), [Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association](#), [California Women's Leadership Association PAC](#), [Darrell Issa](#).

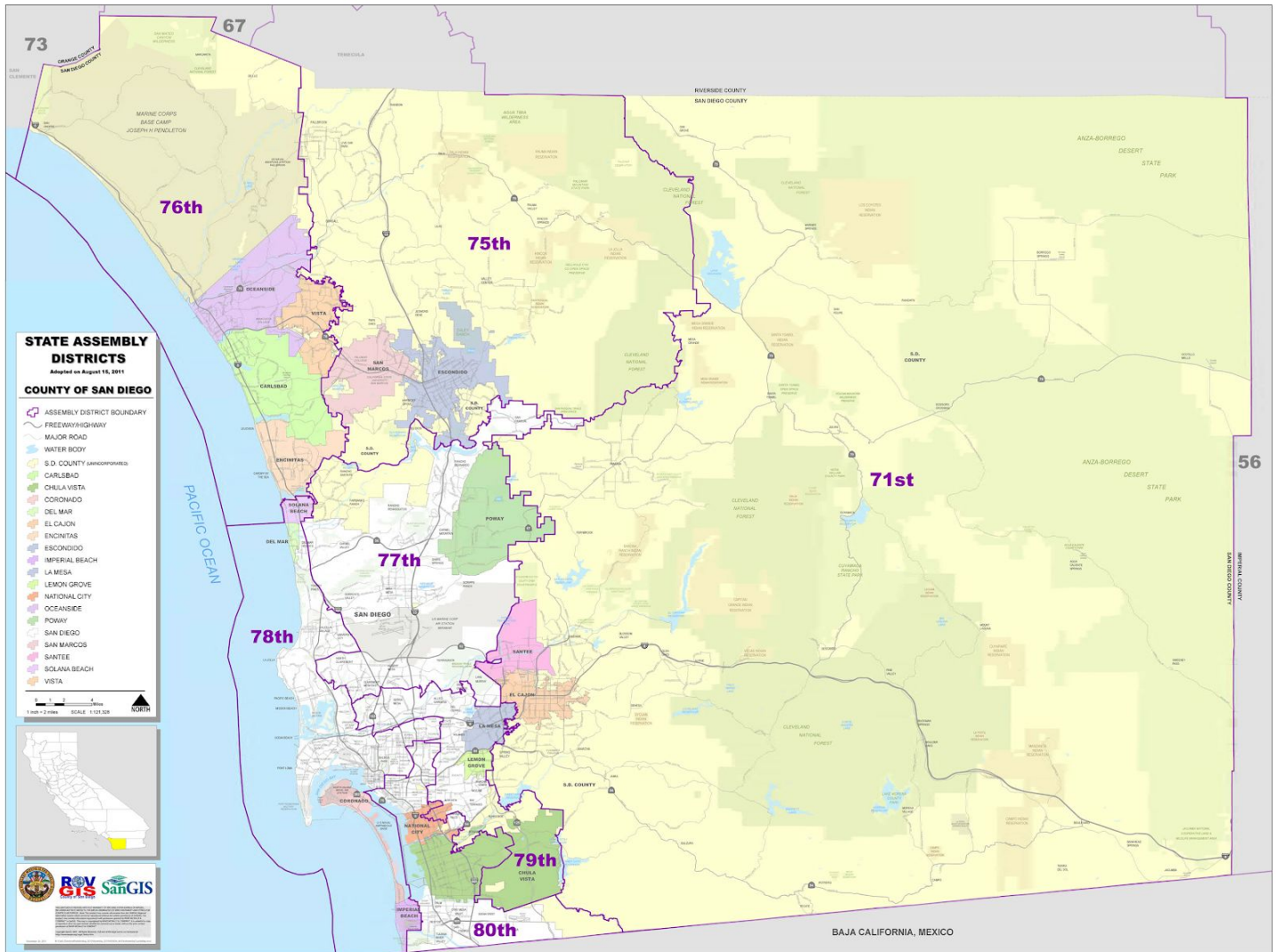
Additional info: Platform of lower taxes, freedom and school choice. Believes [COVID restrictions on churches are arbitrary and a violation of the First Amendment](#).

Analysis: Slim chance; she received 8% of the vote in the primary.

Funds raised as of 6/30/20: \$19,910.19

California State Assembly

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California State Assembly - District 75

Inland SD County, includes Escondido, Temecula.

Marie Waldron (Incumbent Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: [Minority leader](#) of the State Assembly. Background in business, Escondido City Council.

Endorsements: [San Diego County Republican Party](#), 2018 endorsements include [California Pro-Life Council](#), [NRA](#).

Additional info: [2018 SD Union Tribune Q & A on Issues](#). [Has been effective in some bipartisan efforts](#), but also champions [gun rights, pro-life and other](#) conservative causes and policies. Supported Escondido [2006 immigrant rental ban](#) that was subsequently cancelled by the city after lawsuits from the ACLU and others.

Analysis: Well-known in North County San Diego politics for decades, an incumbent in a +5% Republican district, she has the advantage.

Funds Raised: \$809,969.56

Karen “Kate” Schwartz (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Behavioral health care provider for 34 years.

Endorsements: [California Democratic Party](#), [Run Women Run](#), [California Nurses Association](#), numerous Democratic elected officials and clubs.

Additional info: Supports climate and transportation initiatives like SANDAG's [5 Big Moves](#), creative affordable housing [solutions](#), and providing [quality and accessible healthcare](#) to all Californians. Elected to [Fallbrook Regional Health District Board](#).

Analysis: Low name recognition against an incumbent in a +5% Republican district makes her the underdog.

Funds Raised: \$22,240.50

California State Assembly - District 76

Coastal North County, from Camp Pendleton to Encinitas

Tasha Boerner Horvath (Incumbent Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: [Former Encinitas City Council member](#), Assistant Majority Whip in Assembly.

Endorsements: , [California Democratic Party](#), [Run Women Run](#), Equality California, Emily's List, [SD Regional Chamber](#), San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council.

Additional info: Stood with newly-elected County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher in [demanding Tri-City Medical Center reinstate services rendered by behavioral health beds](#). Not long thereafter, a deal was announced to build a new stand-alone psychiatric hospital to replace the units. Recently authored a number of bipartisan efforts including an [economic recovery bill to save jobs and expand unemployment benefits](#), and bills to [protect San Onofre State Beach](#), [limit short term rentals](#), and [protect sexual assault survivors and witnesses in court](#).

Analysis: She occupies a vulnerable North County seat previously represented by a Republican. State Democratic lawmakers pitched in enough money to make her #2 in fundraising in the first half of the year to ensure she can keep it. Has been an effective legislator, chances for re-election are good.

Funds Raised: \$1,792,788.73

Melanie Burkholder (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Former Secret Service agent with a Masters in Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research.

Endorsements: [San Diego Republican Party](#), [California GOP](#), [Darrell Issa](#).

Additional info: Burkholder appears regularly as a guest on the KUSI morning show, doling out advice for seasonal issues, like summer parenting and holiday season mindfulness. Website states she has a PhD in Clinical Christian Counseling, which appears to be from an [unaccredited institution](#). [Court said she couldn't use "Doctor" on the ballot](#). She has [run unsuccessfully for Carlsbad school board and withdrew a month prior to the election for Carlsbad City Council](#).

Analysis: Republicans have a slim disadvantage in this district, and she is well behind the incumbent in fundraising, so it will be an uphill battle.

Funds raised: \$150,336.96

California State Assembly - District 77

Northern San Diego east of Interstate 5, including the city of Poway.

Brian Maienschein (Democratic Incumbent)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Incumbent who [switched from GOP to Democrat in 2019](#), Former San Diego City Councilman.

Endorsements: San Diego Democratic Party, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, [SEIU California](#).

Additional Info: He's big on mental health, education, and animal rights legislation. He's been [seen as strong on low-income housing and homeless issues](#) because of his role as [Commissioner on Homelessness for the United Way](#). He [teaches a course on Election Law](#) at the University of San Diego Law School. Republicans are [angry at him](#) for being sane.

Analysis: Has the advantage of incumbency, a fat political war chest, and being down-ballot in a year where the President dominates the news, but his 2018 general election win was within 1% (albeit against a Democrat).

Funds Raised: \$1,202,444.83

June Yang Cutter (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Attorney/businesswoman. Calls herself an "Opportunity Republican" who believes that California's best days are ahead.

Endorsements: California Republican Party, Republican Party of San Diego County, California Women's Leadership Association PAC, Associated Builders and Contractors – San Diego.

Additional info: Says she will strongly support more lanes on freeways, highways and roads; supports rollbacks of reforms in ballot measures concerning incarceration. She comes in with [no elected experience outside of being president of her local PTA](#).

Analysis: Not much name recognition.

Funds raised: \$504,509.69

California State Assembly - District 78

San Diego County's coast from Solana Beach to the Mexican border

Sarah Davis (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: California licensed midwife and lactation, small business owner.

Endorsements: Democratic Socialists of America, San Diego Chapter.

Additional information: Has promised to use the reproductive justice lens to analyze every bill; will advocate for paid family leave, access to midwives, primary health care providers, and care for seniors.

Analysis: This is a two Democratic race. Her opponent, Chris Ward is the strong establishment favorite. However, she could be a dark horse if she gains spoiler Republican votes.

Funds Raised: \$129,013.05

Chris Ward (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: San Diego City Councilman, formerly chief of staff for State Senator Marty Block, and party establishment favorite.

Main Endorsements: San Diego County Democratic Party; Equality California; California League of Conservation Voters; San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council + 18 Unions/ Locals; San Diego Police Officers Association; California Legislative LGBT Caucus; Victory Fund; Consumers Attorneys of California; California Association of Psychiatric Technicians; California Association of Professional Scientists; California State Retirees; Association of California State Supervisors; Unity League of San Diego; California Democratic Party + 7 Democratic clubs.

Additional Information: Campaigning on childcare/paid family leave, homelessness, climate change and education.

Analysis: Large war chest, solid name recognition and deep backing from a wide range of power players.

Funds Raised: \$956,904.00

California State Assembly - District 79

Southeastern San Diego and its closest eastern suburbs

John Moore (Republican)

[Website](#)

Summary: Retired businessman, served in the Air Force and has volunteered for several San Diego area Republican campaigns.

Endorsements: None available; Not endorsed by local Republican Party.

Additional Information: Issues include sex education, crime, water supply, secure boarder, and sending California inmates in other states for cost savings.

Analysis: Apparently not a very active campaign.

Funds Raised: \$0

Shirley Weber (Democratic Incumbent)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Former college professor, known for tenacious campaigns aimed at righting things perceived as wrongs; legislation in the last session on police-use-of-force is considered groundbreaking.

Endorsements: Democratic Party of San Diego

Additional Information: Named Person of the year by Union-Tribune and Voice of the Year by Voice of San Diego.

Analysis: Shirley Weber has twice defeated this opponent with more than 60% of the vote each time - this should be a three-peat.

Funds Raised: \$286,150.00

California State Assembly - District 80

Southern parts of urban San Diego County to the Mexican border

Lorena Gonzalez (Democratic Incumbent)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: A dynamic legislator with a national reputation for speaking out for what she believes is right. She regularly gets legislation done in the face of massive opposition.

Endorsements: Democratic Party of San Diego, San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council.

Additional Information: actively pushes for pro worker legislation; disliked by chamber of commerce-type lobbyists. Has already declared for Secretary of State position in 2022.

Analysis: Controversies over AB5 (gig workers) and scorn from vaxxers should not preclude her from another term.

Funds Raised: \$1,025,858.00

John J. Vogel (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: A long time public employee, currently as an IT technical domain lead for Health and Human Services Agency of San Diego County.

Endorsements: Republican Party of San Diego

Additional Information: Lost the two previous attempts at running for office- South Bay Irrigation District (2016) and Assembly District 79 (1994).

Analysis: He advocates for a “full and immediate” repeal of AB5 as the centerpiece of his campaign. He is also for school choice, parental ‘choice’ in healthcare (concerning vaccinations of children) and is a conservative Republican in a heavy Democratic district.

Funds Raised: \$21,152.72

Superior Court Judicial Office #30

Paul Starita (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Summary: Sixteen years as an Assistant United States Attorney which included prosecuting criminal and civil cases; four years as an adjunct faculty member at the University of San Diego school of Law; four years as a military judge and awarded a Meritorious Service Medal and thirty years of active and reserve status with US Marine Corps with rank of Colonel.

Endorsements: San Diego County Republican Party; San Diego County Supervisors, Diane Jacob, Jim Desmond and former supervisor Ron Roberts; Sheriff Bill Gore; San Diego Deputy District Attorney Association; Deputy Sheriffs Association of San Diego County; San Diego Police Officers Association; Lincoln Club of San Diego County and San Diegans Against Crime.

Additional Information: State Bar #219573, admitted 5/30/2002. Masters of Law in environmental law-cum laude- from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Analysis: His educational and professional qualifications are very good, however his endorsements are very much Republican and law enforcement in an age of Black Lives Matter issues.

Funds Raised: \$54,903.00

Tim Nader (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Has an impressive range of experience in legal and political matters: was Mayor of Chula Vista (91-94) and has served on the South Western Community College Board since 2010. Was a Deputy Attorney General for the state of California and in the San Diego County District Attorney's Office as a prosecutor.

Endorsements: San Diego County Democratic Party, California State Senate President Tony Atkins, Congressman Scott Peters, Congressman Juan Vargas, County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, Assemblyman Todd Gloria, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, San Diego City Council members Barbara Bry, Chris Ward and Steve Padilla as well as San Diego la Rosa Lawyer Association, San Diego City Attorney Maria Elliot and San Diego Imperial Counties Labor Council.

Additional Information: State bar #106093, admitted 12 /3/ 1982. A Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude graduate of the University of California Berkeley and law degree from the University of California Bolt Hall.

Analysis: A well qualified judicial candidate with a strong political connection to the Democratic party and platform. He faces a tough Republican opponent in what could be a very close contest.

Funds Raised: \$32,180.00.

San Diego County Board of Supervisors

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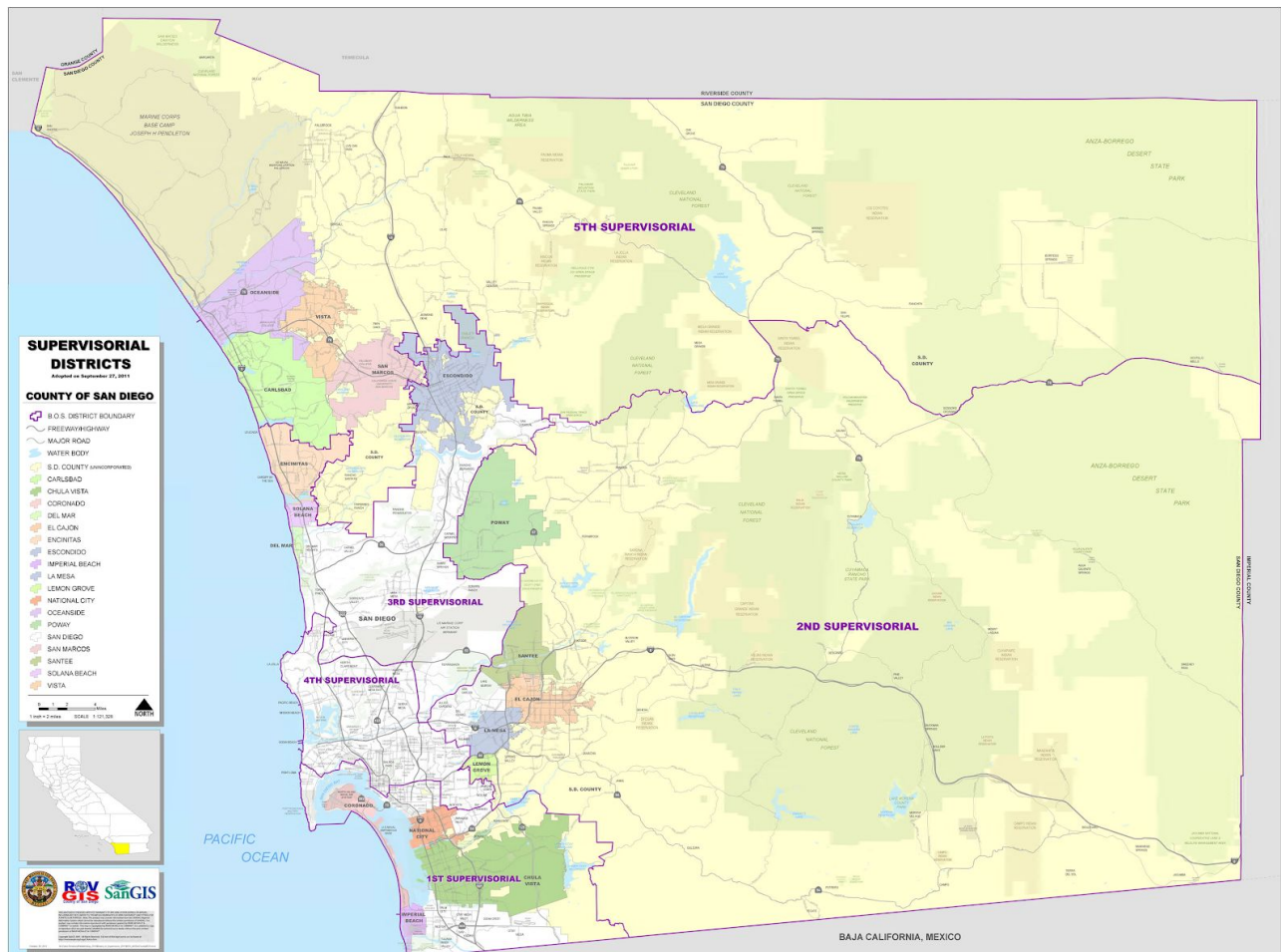
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Why is this an important race this year?

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has been controlled by conservatives for decades, which does not necessarily represent the demographics of our region. *The outcome of District 3 could shift the balance of power on the board.* Districts 1 and 2 are also up for election, but won't impact the balance of power because both races will be determined by shifts in party registration; D1 will shift to Democrats. D2 will remain Republican.

What does the Board of Supervisors do?

The SD County Board of Supervisors is made up of 5 people from various geographies of the county and their job is to decide how \$6.5 Billion of our tax money is spent. About 80% of the money in their budget is earmarked already because it comes from state and federal programs, but the remaining \$1B is spent according to the priorities they set. Most recently, the Board of Supervisors doled out millions in Coronavirus relief grants to small businesses in San Diego. Supervisors are elected for a term of 4 years.



County Board of Supervisors - District 1

Point Loma, Coronado, Chula Vista, IB etc.

Nora Vargas (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

Summary: Currently a VP at Planned Parenthood, [Southwestern College Governing Board member](#)

Organizational Endorsements: Planned Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest, Democratic Woman's Club of SD County + 5 Democratic clubs, SD National Organization for Women, California School Employees Association Chapters 386 & Chapter 724, Sierra Club, Emily's List, Run Women Run, Environmental Health & Justice Campaign, Engage San Diego Action Fund.

Additional info: [Union Tribune Q & A from Jan 2020](#). Wants to prioritize protecting the vulnerable and providing necessary services for those in transition while keeping the county solvent. Community organizer; progressive on social justice, healthcare, education. Innovative ideas on [food insufficiency](#). [Advocates for big picture](#) on housing crisis and cross-border sewage issue.

Analysis: Vargas brings deep background in health and human services - an asset in today's COVID-19 crisis. Besides her professional expertise, she is a woman of color who would bring diversity to a board of supervisors made up almost entirely of white men.

Candidate Funds Raised: \$409,851.90

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total-\$4000

[Stronger and Healthier Communities in Support of Nora Vargas for County Supervisor, District 1 2020](#) - \$1000

[Friends of Nora Vargas for Supervisor 2020, sponsored by Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California](#) -\$3,000

Ben Hueso (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

Summary: Former City Councilmember, Assemblymember, now State Senator and serves as chair of the Senate committee on energy utilities and communications

Additional info: Previous business and community redevelopment experience; appointed to Coastal Commission while on the City Council. Serves on senate environmental, bi-national affairs, etc. committees. Advocated for clean-up of Tijuana River Valley, and against [Trump's "sanctuary state" law](#). [Apologized for 2014 DUI](#). Has been criticized for [past misleading statements](#) and [receiving \\$24,000 from loan providers prior to lending practices vote](#). Jan [2020 Union Tribune Q & A](#)

Organizational Endorsements: 5 local firefighter unions, California Native American Tribal Council, Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local 230.

Analysis: Hueso highlights his experience in government but in today's environment it's unclear if that's a pro or a con.

Funds Raised: \$370,281.98

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$180,356

[Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County PAC](#) - \$8,956.00

[Annie and David Malcom and Affiliated Entity Suncoast Financial Mortgage Corp; CV many investments LLC; & CalWest Apartments](#) - \$50,000

[San Diego Strong, Supporting Ben Hueso for Supervisor 2020](#) - \$121,400.00

County Board of Supervisors District 2

La Mesa, Ramona, Julian, Pine Valley, etc.

Joel Anderson (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Former State Assemblymember and State Senator

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego County Republican Party, San Diego County Gun Owners.

Additional info: Authored and championed numerous state bills, including bipartisan efforts such as Iran divestment, data privacy, refugee protections as well as numerous solidly conservative ones. History of [campaign finance violations and creative loophole usage](#). [2011 "Legislator of the Year" at Koch-funded corporate interest group ALEC](#). [early Trump supporter](#). Advocated for 2014 expulsion of Senate Democrats indicted for crimes such as corruption, perjury but [supported then-indicted Rep. Duncan Hunter "100 percent"](#) in 2019. [Reprimanded for saying he wanted to 'bitch slap' a lobbyist in a bar](#) in 2018. [Self authored article](#) highlighting bills aimed at homelessness, mental health advocacy.

Analysis: Well-known legislator with a long history of questionable integrity and documented violations

Funds Raised: \$333,288.96

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total- \$57,000

[San Diego County Electrical Contractors PAC National Electrical Contractors Assoc.](#) - \$7,000

[Annie and David Malcom and Affiliated Entity Suncoast Financial Mortgage Corp; CV many investments LLC; & CalWest Apartments](#) - \$50,000

Steve Vaus (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Republican, current mayor of Poway. Background as recording artist ([aka Buck Howdy](#)).

Organizational Endorsements: Deputy Sheriffs' Association of SD County, El Cajon Police Officers' Association, Fraternal Order of Police SD, SD County Probation Officers Association, SD Against Crime, SD Deputy District Attorneys Association, Associated General Contractors, Associated Builders & Contractors, SD Lincoln Club.

Additional info: Active in the Poway community for decades, Chair of SANDAG. Running on [safety from crime and fire, fiscal conservancy, good roads, allowing development where appropriate](#), and being [accessible to the community](#). Gun rights advocate, as in his [2016 song "Come and Take It"](#). Generally praised for his response to [the 2019 shooting at Poway synagogue](#), questionably criticized [by some for response to Poway boil water advisory](#). Mysteriously [conceded the endorsement of the San Diego County Republican Party](#). Accused of opaque accounting with his [Christmas benefit concert](#).

Analysis: Good ol' local boy without the baggage Anderson has

Funds Raised: \$659,019.00

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total- \$211,456

[Honest Governance PAC, Opposing Joel Anderson for Supervisor 2020](#) - \$197,000

[Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County PAC](#) - \$14,456

County Board of Supervisors District 3

Encinitas, Carmel Valley, Escondido, Tierra Santa, etc.

Kristin Diane Gaspar (Incumbent Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

Summary: Former Encinitas City Councilmember and Mayor, businesswoman.

Organizational Endorsements: Republican Party of San Diego County, San Diego Asian-Americans for Equality, SD County Medical Society, SD Deputy Sheriff's Association, North County Association of Realtors.

Additional info: Opposes SANDAG's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) citing feasibility, and SANDAG biking and mass transit initiatives over fiscal concerns. [Strong anti-union messaging](#). [Opposed opening satellite voting offices to alleviate long lines](#). Joined with Trump and appeared on FOX to advocate the SD Supervisors joining [lawsuit against CA "sanctuary" law](#), and voted to [green light Trump's handling of asylum seekers](#). Advocate for trafficking victims, but multiple concerns over [lack of transparency and possible conflicts of interest](#).

Analysis: Has publicly stood shoulder to shoulder with Trump on multiple occasions.

Funds Raised: \$758,062.12

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$112,591

[The Community Leadership Coalition sponsored by The Lincoln Club of San Diego County](#) - \$53,175

[Michael E. Turk & Affiliated Entity KD Development](#) - \$50,000

[Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County PAC](#) - \$9,416

Terra Lawson-Remer (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Economist, [community organizer](#), environmental attorney.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council + 7 local labor unions (Incl. SEIU, which represents County workers), Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, Brady Campaign, SD County Democrats for Environmental Action + 10 Democratic clubs, LGBTQ Victory Fund, Equality California.

Additional info: Worked as a Senior Advisor in the Obama Administration on environmental regulations as well as for Amnesty International. [Honored for work on economic and social rights](#). Spearheaded "Flip the 49th" to help stop the Trump agenda. [Research Fellow at UCSD](#). Advocates for strong [Climate Action Plan](#). Authored numerous articles such as [this one on global governance and natural resources](#). [Recent interview with local KUSI news](#)

Analysis: In a critical race that could shift power on the board to progressives for the first time in decades, Lawson-Remer has the smarts, experience and policy positions to make it an easy choice.

Funds Raised: \$787,400.00

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total- \$957,059

[Friends of Terra Lawson-Remer for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors District 3 2020, Sponsored by Laborers' International Union of North America Local 89](#) - \$534,359

[San Diegans Opposing Gaspar for Supervisor 2020 sponsored by labor organizations](#) - \$422,700

City of San Diego Mayor

(Incumbent Kevin Faulconer is termed out)

Barbara Bry (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: City Councilmember, former high-tech entrepreneur and journalist.

Endorsements: Uptown Democratic Club, Run Women Run, Save San Diego Neighborhoods.

Additional info: Advocates for regulations on short term rentals and scooters (such as a ban on boardwalks), transparency, and a global approach to homelessness*. Has concerns about neighborhood growth and losing local control. Opposed to SB 50 (increasing housing density) and [AB5](#) ('gig workers' bill). [Founded Run Women Run](#), which encourages women to run for office, and [Athena](#), empowering women in STEM fields. [Champions CCA](#), which allows the city renewable energy options.

Analysis: Despite all the talk, she and Todd Gloria have much in common on [housing development decisions](#). Both candidates supported AB392 'use of force' and independent police review commission measures, although they dispute who went first. Campaign grasps at straws to make city office building scandal at 101 Ash Street as Gloria's doing, hoping to develop cred for Bry's business background. By default, because they dislike her opponent so much, many Republicans are backing Bry, and she has responded positively on issues they're concerned about in media appearances.

Funds Raised: \$1,907,138.13

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$330,801

[Success San Diego in support of Barbara Bry for Mayor 2020](#) - \$330,801.00

Todd Gloria (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Current State Assemblymember and Majority Whip, former City Councilmember, Interim Mayor.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego Democratic Party + 9 Democratic Clubs, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council + 9 Union Locals, California Restaurant Association, Engage San Diego Action Fund, Equality California, National Latino Peace Officers Association, San Diego Climate Defenders Action Fund, San Diego County Regional Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Hotel-Motel Association, San Diego Police Officers Association, Victory Fund, Service Employees International Union, San Diego Municipal Employees Association, San Diego City Firefighters Association

Additional info: Advocates for a global approach to homelessness, with a focus on housing first solutions.

Supports SANDAG's proposed 5 Big Moves. Has championed transparency, increasing minimum wage, and aggressive climate action. Backed CA bills to support the Green New Deal, transit, and recycled water. Authored the current City Climate Action Plan as Interim Mayor and supported CCA. Has been criticized for poor attention to detail in handling a campaign finance issue, for which he paid a \$200 fine.

Analysis: Has strong institutional support of business and labor, Bry's attack advertising could influence undecided voters.

Funds Raised: \$1,919,429.45

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$1,601,184

[San Diego City Fire Fighters, Local 145 PAC](#) - \$8,950.

[San Diegans from Every Community in Support of Todd Gloria for Mayor 2020 sponsored by Laborers Int'l. Union of No. America Local 89](#) - \$674,071

[San Diego Small Business Coalition Supporting Todd Gloria for Mayor 2020](#) - \$40,000

[United San Diego, a coalition of citizens supporting Todd Gloria for San Diego Mayor, 2020](#) - \$20,000

[Democrats for a More Affordable and Sustainable San Diego in Support of Chris Olsen for Council and Todd Gloria for Mayor 2020- Sponsored by YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County](#) - \$52,200

[Neighbors for Housing Solutions Supporting Todd Gloria for San Diego Mayor 2020](#) -\$805,963.00

San Diego City Attorney

Cory Briggs (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: A high profile attorney who has sued developers and several public entities, including the city of San Diego over regulatory and environmental issues. He often represents nonprofits in litigation. Was a subject of a series of critical stories by [inewssource](#) about his relationships with non-profit plaintiffs. Nothing came of it.

Organizational Endorsements: Save San Diego Neighborhoods, Downtown Democratic Club.

Additional info: [Union-Tribune interview](#). A major critic of incumbent City Attorney Mara Elliott, who he accuses of consistently giving the city bad legal advice and lacking transparency. Has current lawsuits pending against the city including one to recover trash collection fees from commercial businesses like Airbnb and URBO who use the single family houses as part of their business plan (single-family homes used as a residence are not subject to trash collection fees). Has also [sued the city](#) over the use of smart street lights for failure to disclose records those lights generate.

Analysis: Politics aside - one either likes him or doesn't. He has spent his career suing government entities. Can he now change stripes and defend them? Brings to mind how former city attorney Mike Aguirre stirred the pot during his term of office. Put another way, can a critic write a play? Or do his criticisms of Mara Elliott justify a rewrite?

Funds Raised: \$219,382.00

(Includes \$100,000 in self loans)

Mara Elliott (Incumbent Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: San Diego's first woman & Latinx city attorney. Stated priorities include preventing gun violence, protecting victims of abuse and sex trafficking, safeguarding taxpayer dollars, holding polluters accountable and defending consumers and seniors. Gauging her effectiveness in these endeavors is hard to objectively establish.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego County Democratic Party, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, Run Women Run, Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, National Women's Political Caucus, Emily's List, San Diego City Firefighters.

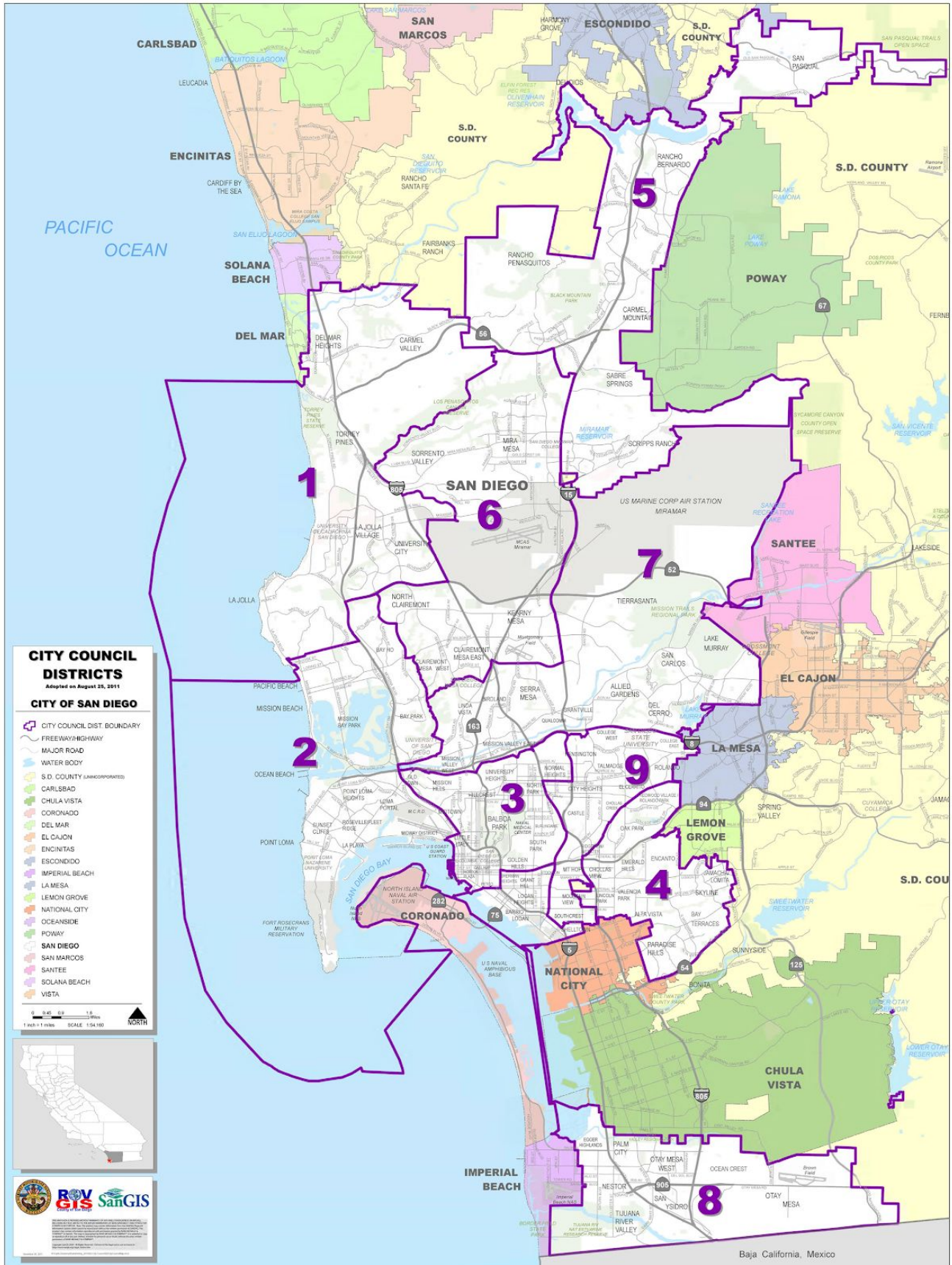
Additional info: She has been an effective advocate for utilizing gun restraining orders in domestic violence cases. [Union-Tribune interview](#).

Analysis: Coming out of the primary Elliott was a clear favorite to win in the general election. Now that picture has been complicated because of the [fiasco](#) involving the proposed city office building at 101 Ash Street. Questions about her maybe too friendly relationship with the SDPD have shifted the landscape.

Funds Raised: \$489,478.25

San Diego City Council

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City Council District 1

Incumbent Barbara Bry is running for Mayor

Joe LaCava (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: San Diego native, civil engineer by trade; participated in local politics by sitting on more than 20 civic boards, planning groups and commissions; active in social and environmental causes.

Organization Endorsements: Save San Diego Neighborhoods, Sierra Club San Diego, National Electrical Contractors Association, San Diego City Lifeguards, Teamsters Local 911, San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action, [3 of his primary opponents](#).

Additional Info: Knows local government nuts and bolts. [Union-Tribune Interview](#). Believes in [rethinking SDPD funding, while still prioritizing "investing in public safety."](#)

Analysis: Good name recognition, activist support, highly qualified.

Funds Raised: \$229,813.13
(Including \$4000 in self loans)

Will Moore (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Small business attorney, social justice advocate, Peace Corps volunteer

Organizational Endorsements: Carmel Valley Democrats, YIMBY Democrats, La Raza Lawyers Association, San Diego Blue Dream Democrats, UCSD College Democrats

Additional Info: Founding member of Business For Good — an organization of small business owners working for policies that improve our community. Has also served on the boards of the San Diego Leadership Alliance, The Urban League Young Professionals, and the American Constitution Society. [Union-Tribune Interview](#). Supports [UCSD's Theatre District Living](#). When it comes to local police reform, [believes that addressing systemic racism in ourselves and our neighbors is just as important as making sure we are not relying on the police for things like mental health response.](#)

Analysis: Deep connections in business and professional circles, has cred with activists. Self funding \$47,000 in addition to contributions

Funds Raised: \$258,958.99
(Includes \$76,900 in self-loans)

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$40,000

[Reform City Government Supporting Will Moore for City Council 2020 sponsored by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce](#) - \$40,000

City Council District 3

Incumbent Councilmember Chris Ward is running for State Assembly.

Toni Duran (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Worked in the local state Assembly and Senate offices of Toni Atkins, including housing issues, as well as issues concerning women, veterans, the LGBTQ+ community, human trafficking, and arts and culture.

Organizational Endorsements: Run Women Run, La Raiz for Change, UCSD College Democrats, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest, Democratic Woman's Club of San Diego

Additional Info: Advocating for creation of a new mechanism for community and neighborhood feedback, namely a Neighborhood Leadership Group (NLG), to ensure residents are able to fully understand and participate in important issues far in advance of when decisions are made. [Union-Tribune Interview](#). Wants to [reroute police funds toward other services and favoring de-escalation](#).

Analysis: Certainly not afraid of hard work - made it through the primary despite being less well funded than her opponents, perhaps speaking to her campaign's door-to-door efforts.

Funds Raised: \$85,227.60

Stephen Whitburn (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Nonprofit manager currently with Red Cross. Volunteer work has included serving on advisory panels for the City and County of San Diego, the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation Board of Directors, the Greater San Diego Business Association Advocacy Committee, and as Vice Chair of the North Park Planning Committee.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego County Democratic Party + other Democratic clubs, San Diego Unity League, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Municipal Employees Association, SD Police Officers Association, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, Unite Here Local 30, Laborers' Union Local 89, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 221, Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 9509, San Diego Building Industry Association, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors, National Electrical Contractors Association, Climate Defenders Action Fund, La Raza Lawyers Association, San Diego Unity League, CAIR California Action, GLBT Vote 2020, Planned Parenthood by the Planned Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest

Additional Info: Has run for office twice, losing to Todd Gloria in 2008 by a narrow margin for the D3 Council seat, and in 2010, coming up short in an attempt to unseat County Supervisor Ron Roberts. Significant amount of self funding through contributions & loans. [Union-Tribune interview](#). When it comes to the future of policing in San Diego, [supports funding the new Office on Race & Equity and addressing systemic racism beyond changes to policing itself](#).

Analysis: When it comes to issues like police reform (who have endorsed him) and [homelessness](#), seems to favor collaborative conversations over fixes that are quick or concrete.

Funds Raised: \$197,366.00

City Council District 5

Incumbent Councilmember Mark Kersey is termed out.

Joe Leventhal (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Attorney with national law firm Dinsmore, served as City of San Diego Ethics Commissioner, worked as an aide to former Vice President Dick Cheney.

Organizational Endorsements: Republican Party of San Diego, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Asian Americans for Equality, Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego, San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association, California Women's Leadership Association PAC, California Restaurant Association - San Diego Chapter, Greater San Diego Association of Realtors, San Diego Rental Housing Association, Building Industry Association of San Diego, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors, Downtown San Diego Partnership PAC

Additional Info: Proposing Safe Schools Initiative tasking community planning groups with examining the areas within a half-mile of all K-12 schools in the City with the goal of increasing safe access. [Union-Tribune Interview](#). Acknowledges that George Floyd's death "[ignited a critical examination of the American justice system](#)" but maintains that the SDPD does not need significant reform.

Analysis: This could be an uphill contest as Democrats now outnumber Republicans in D5. The GOP is going all-out to keep this seat.

Funds Raised: \$441,614.80

(Including \$22,000 in self loans)

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$55,827.50

[Small business Recovery Coalition Supporting Joe Leventhal for City Council 2020 sponsored by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce](#) - \$25,000

[The Community Leadership Coalition sponsored by The Lincoln Club of San Diego County](#) - \$30,827.50

Marni Von Wilpert (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: San Diego Deputy City Attorney, served in the Peace Corps. Says she's running to put "People over politics."

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council, San Diego City Firefighters Association, Local 145, San Diego Municipal Employees Association, Laborers International Union, Local 89, National Latino Peace Officers Association, National United Healthcare Workers, Run Women Run, Sierra Club San Diego, Bike SD, San Diego County Democratic Party + 11 Democratic clubs, Planned Parenthood Action Fund for the Pacific Southwest, United Nurses Associations of California

Additional info: Founded a legal clinic, with the Mississippi Center for Justice, to combat discrimination, assist people living with HIV/AIDS and help people lift themselves out of poverty. [Union-Tribune Interview](#). Supports the [Office of Race & Equity as a response to the call to Defund the Police](#) (as does her opponent.)

Analysis: Has a lot of support in this very partisan race.

Funds raised: \$294,754.98

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$3,050

The San Diego City Firefighters, Local 145 PAC (\$3,050) bought digital ads.

City Council District 7

Incumbent Scott Sherman is termed out.

Raul Campillo (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: A young candidate who has two years as an elementary school teacher, three plus as a law associate, and two years presently as a deputy city attorney. A Harvard Law School graduate who worked on the Obama and Hillary campaigns. His political connections are obviously strong.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego County Democratic Party + 7 Democratic clubs, Sierra Club, San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council + 5 local labor unions, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, San Diego Municipal Employees Association, San Diego Deputy City Attorneys Association, The Unity League, San Diego La Raza Lawyers, California Democratic Party

Additional Info: One of only four attorneys assigned to obtain Gun Violence Restraining Orders in court in the city of San Diego, helping enforce the state's "Red Flag" laws. [Union Tribune Interview](#). Believes that police reform that cuts SDPD funding [would threaten the "safest city in America," but believes that funds should be reallocated to provide unconscious bias and de-escalation training.](#)

Analysis: Raul is a young establishment favorite who may be looking beyond this entry level office.

Funds Raised: \$193,055.50 (This amount includes an unusual and very large 56% from out of state and out of San Diego County sources, not obviously connected to the D7 race or issues.)

Noli Zosa (Republican)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Founder of Dirty Birds restaurants, has served on 17 city and community boards, commissions, and boards.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego Republican Party, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, Southern California Rental Housing Association, San Diego County Lincoln Club, San Diego Asian Americans for Equality, California Restaurant Association, National Electrical Contractors Association, Associated Builders and Contractors (SD Chapter), New Majority San Diego Chapter.

Additional info: Has significant support from Asian-Americans in the region. [Union-Tribune interview](#). When it comes to local police reform, [wants to focus on increasing the training required for police officers.](#)

Analysis: Republican party considers his candidacy a good opportunity.

Funds raised: \$381,008.86

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$28,185.50

[The Community Leadership Coalition sponsored by The Lincoln Club of San Diego County](#) -\$28,186.50

City Council District 9

Incumbent Councilwoman Georgette Gomez is running for Congress.

Kelvin Barrios (Suspended campaign on September 28)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Director of Policy for LiUNA (Laborers) Local 89, Former Council Rep/Policy Advisor for Georgette Gomez.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, LiUNA Local 777, SEIU Local 221, Unite Here Local 30, Operating Engineers Local 12, National Union of Healthcare Workers, San Diego Democrats for Equality, Blue Dream Democrats, Veterans Democratic Club of San Diego County, Neighborhood Market Association, LGBTQ San Diego County News

Additional info: He's the candidate of organized labor. [Union Tribune Interview](#). When it comes to local police reform, [supports the new Office on Race & Equity & making sure police actually serve all neighborhoods](#).

However, his ideas and plans may be [overshadowed by a variety of scandals](#).

Analysis: Made it through the primaries despite [admitting and paying fine](#) for unlawfully buying food and clothes with money he controlled as a campaign treasurer (and with [other more recent ethics investigations ongoing](#).)

(Would not commit to taking the seat if he somehow wins enough votes)

Sean Elo-Rivera (Democrat)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Board Trustee, San Diego Community College District.

Organizational Endorsements: Sierra Club, YIMBY Democrats, La Raza Lawyers Association, San Diego Young Democrats, AAPI Democratic Club, Democratic Women's Club of San Diego County, Lifeguards of San Diego, League of Conservation Voters San Diego, Run for Something

Additional info: Says he wants to transform San Diego from "America's Finest City" for some to a world-class city for all. A strong progressive platform. [Union-Tribune Interview](#). Supports a city budget that [diverts funds away from the police budget and to other community services](#).

Analysis: Got through the primaries with a strong door-to-door campaign, and now may be getting a boost from the ethical questions surrounding his opponent.

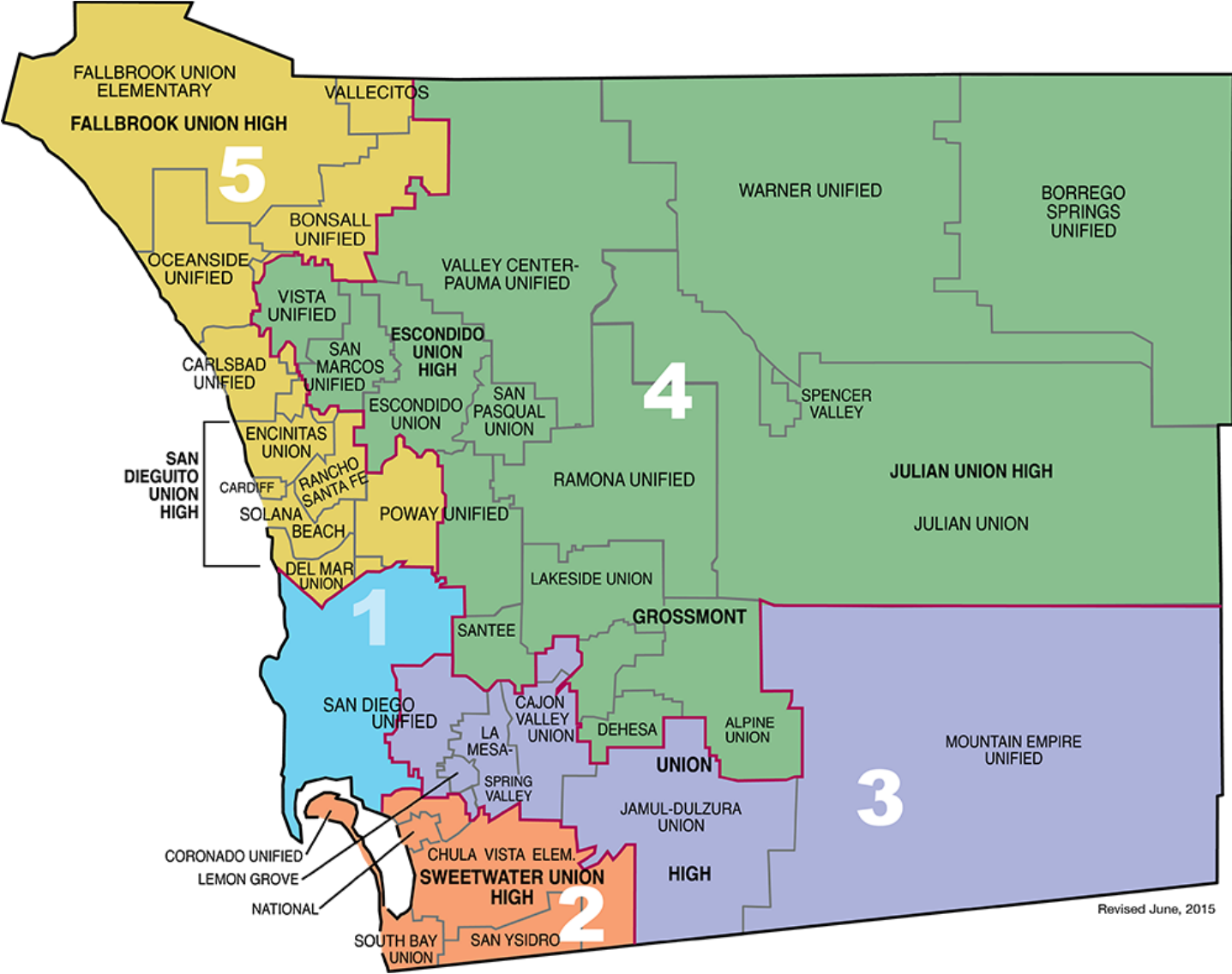
Funds raised: \$69,678.39

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$1500

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San Diego County Board of Education – District 1

Mark Powell (Incumbent)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Summary: Powell is a first term member of the San Diego County Board of Education, running against Gregg Robinson, who he defeated for the seat in 2016 with the backing of the California Charter School Association. According to his website, Powell's main priorities are student safety, fiscal accountability, expansion of vocational education, and school repair. He strongly supports expansion of affordable housing for teachers and is an advocate for charter schools, claiming to have approved more charters than any other member of the County Board of Education. Powell has argued for an increased presence of law enforcement officers in school classrooms.

Organizational Endorsements: Republican Party of San Diego County supported Powell in the March primary.

Additional Info. Powell is a real estate broker and serves as an adjunct professor at National University. He has a Master's degree in Educational Counseling, along with a Master's in Educational Administration and Bachelor's in Criminal Justice Administration. He holds a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, Educational Administration Credential, and a School Counseling Credential.

Analysis: Powell is considered to be in pocket of Charter School operators

Funds Raised: \$2,150.00

Gregg Robinson

[Facebook](#)

No other social media or website available

Summary: Robinson is a former member and president of the San Diego County Board of Education, having represented District 1 from 2013 to 2016. According to local media reports, Robinson is an advocate for helping students in need such as those in juvenile hall and students who are homeless. Robinson has argued for a decrease in police presence in school classrooms.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego Democrats for Equality, San Diego County Democratic Party, AFT

Additional info: He is an activist with roots in the community going back four decades, currently active in the AFT..

Analysis: Robinson is not in the pocket of Charter School operators.

Funds Raised – \$0

Outsider/PAC Involvement Total - \$770,121

[American Federation of Teachers Guild, Local 1931 San Diego and Grossmont - Cuyamaca Community Colleges Committee on Political Education \(AKA: AFT Guild, Local 1931 - COPE\)](#)- \$70,121

San Diego County Board of Education - District 2

Guadalupe González (Incumbent Democrat)

No social media or website available

Summary: Gonzalez has represented District 2 since she was appointed to the County Board of Education in 2015 and was then elected in 2016 to represent the areas of National City, Chula Vista, Bonita, Imperial Beach, Nestor and San Ysidro. She supports public education and helping to educate low-income and at-risk students. In addition to serving as president of the San Diego County Board of Education, González is the Region 17 delegate to the statewide California County Boards of Education organization and a delegate to the California School Boards Association. She is a member of the California Latino School Board Association, the California Association of Bilingual Educators, and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials.

Organizational Endorsements: San Diego Democrats for Equality; San Diego County Democratic Party

Additional Info. González is a faculty member of the San Diego Community College District, having worked at San Diego Mesa College for 20 years. Previously, she worked for Southwestern College for 14 years. She worked as a counseling practicum supervisor at San Diego State University (SDSU) and has taught at Mesa College and MiraCosta College.

She has a bachelor's degree in sociology from CSU San Marcos and a master's degree from SDSU. González also attended Universidad de las Américas in Cholula, Puebla, Mexico.

Analysis: The Democratic Party has a +25.76% advantage in voter registration in this district

Funds Raised: \$0

Tamara S. Rodriguez (Republican)

[Twitter](#)

Summary: Rodriguez, a chief operating officer of an unspecified company, is reported by local media as running because she cares about taxpayer money being used effectively. She said she wants to do better for children in South Bay who are hurt by deficits and budget cuts.

Organizational Endorsements: Republican Party of San Diego County and San Diego County Gun Owners

Additional info. None available

Analysis: The Democratic Party has a +25.76% advantage in voter registration in this district.

Funds Raised: \$0

San Diego County Board of Education – District 4

Paulette Donnellon (Incumbent Republican, running unopposed)

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Summary: Paulette Donnellon was elected in June of 2016 to the County Board of Education representing District 4. Donnellon has more than 20 years of experience working with technology in education. Redefining schools for the modern world has been a focus as a Board member for the San Diego County Office of Education. Paulette's goals include bringing 21st century skills with a global outlook to every classroom in San Diego County She served on the Escondido Union School District Board of Education from 2012-2016.

Organizational Endorsements: None discovered

Additional Info. Currently Donnellon is an enterprise account manager with LEGO® Education. In addition to her technology and volunteer background, Donnellon has served nine years in the U.S. Army and was deployed during Desert Storm.

Analysis/Funds Raised: Not relevant