

TCTP Ballot Recommendations for Nov 4, 2014

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1. Some races may still be added and/or recommendations filled in after our Oct 21 meeting
2. **Tips:**
 - a. If in a race you strongly support only one candidate: to help your candidate win, even if more than one seat is open in that race, consider voting only for the candidate you most prefer.
 - b. A thank you to Penny's Picks and Nick's Picks for sharing their thoughts
2. Link to www.tri-cityteaparty.org to see our documented recommendations (for the email)
3. See also **links to others' picks**: We don't agree with all these say, but consider their picks
 - a. For a comprehensive look at several sources' recommendations many conservatives turn to **Robyn Nordell**. See <http://robbynordell.com/> and <http://robbynordell.com/onestop.aspx>
 - b. **Craig Huey: Election Forum**: <http://www.electionforum.org/> see **Judge Voter Guide**: <http://www.judgevoterguide.com/>
Also see Craig Huey's Election Forum's Comparison Voting Guide: https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/electionforum/pages/79/attachments/original/1411501459/EF_M7858_Christian_Gen_Election_Voter_Guide_v.4_092214GH.pdf?1411501459
 - c. **Specific to YOUR area**: See **endorsements, bios and more** at: www.votersedge.org . Live in Oceanside or TCMC's area? Check out **KOCT's candidate statement videos** for local council, board and races and more: http://koct.org/video/detail/candidate_statements
 - d. **CA Pro Life Council**: <http://www.californiaprolife.org/cplc-pac-ballot-endorsements/> and <http://www.californiaprolife.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/San-Diego-Voter-Guide-Church.pdf>
 - e. **Family Voter Info**: <http://familyvoterinfo.org/>
 - f. Re: The Propositions—Recommended by Conservative Political Analyst Steve Frank, See Gary Aminoff's picks: <http://www.capoliticalreview.com/capoliticalnewsandviews/november-california-ballot-measure-recommendations-by-gary-aminoff/>
 - g. **AFA Action Voter Guide**: this has for US electeds a comprehensive detail list of scores from many groups. **We do see flaws with it**: it ranks McClintock as somewhat conservative and Issa as very conservative! <https://ivoterguide.com/Summary.aspx>
 - h. **NumbersUSA** scores Congressmen
<https://www.numbersusa.com/content/my/tools/grades/list/0/CONGRESS/ca/A/Grade/Active;>
 - i. See **Heritage Action Scorecard** also
<http://www.heritageactionscorecard.com/members/member/1000056>

POSITION	TCTP RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE/COMMENTS
GOVERNOR	NONE	Brown serves the unions; Kashkari, the banks. Neither serves the public. ¹
LT. GOV.	NONE	Both in favor of immigration reform; pragmatism over principle ²
SEC OF STATE	PETE PETERSON (R)	Peterson endorsed by CRA, HJTA and CRP; CA Tea Party Groups, Huey's Election Forum and more. EIP supports Peterson, saying "Secretary of State is the most important office on the ballot" ³ http://www.petesos.com/
CONTROLLER	ASHLEY SWEARENGIN (R)	Patriot and CA State Assm. Shannon Grove endorses Swearingen, who also is endorsed by the Rep Party and the American Independent Party. However, Swearingen supports high speed rail, and opposes property rights. Election Forum gives her 1 thumb up out of 3 ⁴ http://www.ashleyforca.com/
TREASURER	GREG CONLON(R)	CTA supports Chaing; Election Forum gives Conlon 1 thumb up out of 3. See www.gregconlon.com ⁵
ATTORNEY GENERAL	RON GOLD (R)	CTA and Democratic Party endorse Harris. Gold, however, does NOT oppose a ban on partial-birth abortion. Election Forum gives Gold 1 thumb up out of 3. ⁶ http://www.rongold.org/
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	TED GAINES (R)	CRA, HJTA endorses Gaines; Gaines filed suit against Covered California over rampant policy cancellations. Election Forum gives Gold 3 thumbs up out of 3. ⁷ http://www.tedgaines.com/
BOARD of EQUALIZATION, 4 th District	DIANE HARKEY (R)	CRA, FRC ActionPAC endorse Harkey; Election Forum gives her 3 thumbs up. Consistently conservative in votes, according to CRA ⁸ http://www.dianeharkey.com/
U.S. REP District 49	NONE	PRO Issa: Endorsed by CRA, CA Pro-Life Council, GOP. Election Forum gives him 2 thumbs up. CON : NumbersUSA gives Issa C+. Issa endorsed Kashkari over Donnelly. Heritage Action score: 55%--a failing grade. ⁹ In February 2014 Issa voted for an open-ended debt ceiling, even though 199 Republicans voted NO.
U.S. REP District 50	DUNCAN HUNTER (R)	Endorsed by CRA, CA Pro-Life Council. Election Forum gives 2 thumbs up out of 3. Heritage Action score: 68%. NumbersUSA gives Hunter B. ¹⁰ http://www.hunterforcongress.com/
STATE SENATOR 36 TH District	PAT BATES (R)	Election Forum gives her 1 thumb up out of 3. http://www.batesforsenate.com/
STATE SENATOR 38 TH District	JOEL ANDERSON (R)	Endorsed by CA Pro-Life Council. Highly recommended. True public servant; Only CA senator to vote against paying suspended felon senators ¹¹ https://www.facebook.com/SenatorJoelAnderson
Member of State Assembly 75 th District	MARIE WALDRON (R)	Endorsed by Sen Joel Anderson, HJTA, California Pro-Life Council ¹² http://www.joinwaldron.com/
Member of State Assembly 76 th District	NONE	Election Forum makes no recommendation in this race. Chavez reneged on his marriage pledge; Spoke pro-amnesty at TCTP 10/15/13. ¹³
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	LUI—NO	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	CUELLAR—NO	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	WERDEGAR—NO	Prop 8: Werdegar agreed to grant same-sex marriages (see http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2009/05/) and cast a deciding vote against parental rights ; she ruled “children as young as 12 had a right to secret abortions in the name of ‘privacy.’ ” See http://www.californiaprolife.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/San-Diego-Voter-Guide-Church.pdf . But Huey’s Judge Voter Guide says Yes on her. See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 1	O’ROURKE—YES	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 1	NARES—YES	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 1	MCDONALD—YES	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 1	MCINTYRE—YES	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 2	HOLLENHORST—YES	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 3	OLEARY—NO	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 3	RYLAARSDAM--YES	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Dist 4, Div 3	ARONSON--YES	See: http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego
Judge of Superior Court	KEN GOSSELIN	Ken Gosselin endorsed by CRA, Dep. Sheriffs’ Assoc, Rep Party. Huey’s Judge Voter Guide says YES to Gosselin , NO to his opponent. See ratings ¹⁴ http://kengosselin.org/
State Superintendent Of Public Instruction	WRITE-IN LYDIA GUTIERREZ	Gutierrez opposes Common Core standards. See: http://www.lydia4schools.com/AVisionforEducation.html The other two candidates support Common Core. ¹⁵ If you just can’t do a write in, then TUCK.
Tri-City Healthcare Member, Board of Directors 3 seats	CAMPO DAGOSTINO KELLET	Incumbents: Paul Campo, Cyril Kellet, Jim Dagostino Campo: Endorsements include: Kern, Felien, Bill Morrow, Rocky Chavez, Dave Cowles, Republican Party Kellet: Endorsements: none shown. On board when Larry Anderson was hired Dagostino: Endorsements include: Republican Party, Mimi Walters, Rocky Chavez L Mitchell: Endorsements include: Democrat Party, nurses’ union Montulli: ardent supporter of fired CEO Larry Anderson. See https://www.facebook.com/TriCityHealthcareDistrict Fowler: Endorsements include: Democrat Party ¹⁶

Tri-City Healthcare Member, Board of Directors (short term) 2 seats	FINNILA SCHALLOCK	Incumbents: Ramona Finnila, Larry Schallock Schallock: Endorsements include: Tri-City Medical staff, Kern, Felien, Bill Morrow, Rocky Chavez, Republican Party Gould: Endorsements include: SEIU , Oside Mayor Jim Wood, Democrat Party, nurses' union Marrocco: Endorsements include: Democrat Party , Oside Mayor Jim Wood, Oside City Councilmember Esther Sanchez J. Mitchell: Endorsements include: SEIU , Democrat Party, Oside Mayor Jim Wood, nurses' union Finnila: Endorsements include: Republican Party, Ret. Congressman Ron Packard, Bill Morrow, Tri-City medical staff ¹⁶
STATE PROPOSITIONS		
Proposition 1 Water Quality Supply, and Infrastructure	NO	"...Estimated annual cost of repayment: \$360 million/year interest; \$200 million/year principal repayment... Prop 1 borrows \$7.5 Billion when approximately \$1.5 Billion-\$4 Billion is really going to provide infrastructure to help our water supply in the future." ¹⁷
Proposition 2 Budget Stabilization	NO	Accelerates debt pay off, BUT funds unions ¹⁸
Proposition 45 Healthcare Insurance	NO	Increases cost of health insurance and power of the commissioner ¹⁹
Proposition 46 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors.	NO	Encourages frivolous lawsuits; raises cost of healthcare ²⁰
Proposition 47 Criminal Sentences	NO	Shifts funds from criminal justice to Democrat-supporting unions – no savings ²¹
Proposition 48 Indian Gaming Compacts	NO	Waives environmental impact laws. This violates the rule of law because while every other business must endure the environmental impact laws, the state exempts itself. It is about time that the government either bear the same yoke we all bear or make those environmental laws fair for all. No special laws for special interests. Besides gambling, like taxes, pulls money out of the economy, creating more unemployment, not less. ²²
SCHOOL BOARDS		
Carlsbad Unified School District Board 3 seats	SAGE NAUMANN	Fiscal conservative, opposes Common core http://sagenaumann.com/
Carlsbad Unified School District Board short term	RAY PEARSON	Fiscal conservative, opposes Common core http://www.raypearson.org/#!
Oceanside Unified School District Board 3 seats	MYRNA VALDEZ EMILY WICHMAN	Strongly recommend: VALDEZ: Fiscal conservative, opposes Common core. See her statement at: http://koct.org/video/detail/candidate_statements_ousd_myrna_valdez and http://myrnavaldez.com/
CITY COUNCILS, MAYOR		
Carlsbad City Council 2 seats	MARK PACKARD	Packard: Fiscal conservative, endorsed by Mayor Matt Hall. See: http://markpackard.us/ Hall and many other GOP leaders also endorse Schumacher: See: http://votersedge.org/california/2014/november/carlsbad/candidates/council-member/12078-michael-schumacher?jurisdictions=28.726.1.28-upper-ca.726.28.28-upper-ca.PC4092400-sd&city=CARLSBAD&state=CA&county=San%20Diego#.VDLIqFdaWAg

Oceanside City Council 2 seats	TO BE DETERMINED	<p>Kern and Felien: Got union contracts under control; For privatizing contracts and charter cities; restored funds to General Fund. Endorsed by Rep Party.</p> <p>Felien: Campaigned for Prop 8; leans far closer to pro-choice; for E-Verify. Endorsed by Rep Party. http://garyfelien.com/</p> <p>Kern: http://jerrykernforoceanside.com/home/index.php</p> <p>Lowery: for big government, supports MoveOn.org; endorsed by Dem Party</p> <p>Lowery majority 2010 results: Spent the Unallocated General Fund Reserve down to zero.</p> <p>Corso: for big government; endorsed by Teamsters, Mayor Wood</p>
Vista Mayor	NONE	<p>Ritter: Endorsed by GOP. Scorecard shows weak support for TCTP principles</p> <p>Campbell: very much alien to TCTP principles. Endorsed by Dem Party</p>
Vista City Council 2 seats	JOHN FRANKLIN	<p>Franklin: TCTP pick. Campaign website states his priority is “eliminating budget deficits and balancing our city’s budget.” http://vote4franklin.com/</p> <p>Aguilera: no TCTP recommendation. Endorsed by GOP. Scorecard shows weak support for TCTP principles; recommended by Penny’s Picks.</p> <p>Cowles: TCTP recommend against. Scorecard shows NO support for TCTP principles.</p> <p>Coleman: TCTP recommend against based on campaign website statements and positions contrary to TCTP principles. http://crystalcolemanforvista.com/</p> <p>Lopez: TCTP recommend against based on campaign website statements and positions contrary to TCTP principles. http://www.erubeyforvista.com</p>
Other Races		
U.S. REP District 52	PETERS (D)	Strategic Tactical Voting—DeMaio will actually do more damage to the GOP platform than will Peters. http://www.scottpeters.com/52nd-district
U.S. REP District 53	WILSKE (R)	<p>Wilske: Navy Seal instructor whose immigration and border policy is brilliant. Wilske agrees with NAFBO’s Zack Taylor’s plan. See: http://cdn.freedomoutpost.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Advisory_to_America_Independence_Day_2014.pdf</p> <p>http://wilskeforcongress.com/</p>
Member of State Assembly 78 th District	DECKER (R)	<p>Decker: True patriot local leader and activist. Solid conservative candidate of integrity, candidate you will still be proud of as she serves. Decker is a candidate to support—to donate to, to call and walk for, and to spread the word about. Long an activist for property rights, Constitutionally-limited government, free market solutions, and fiscal responsibility.</p> <p>http://decker78assembly.com/</p>
San Diego Community College District Trustee	WOODRUM (R)	<p>Woodrum: True patriot local leader and activist. Solid conservative candidate of integrity, candidate you will still be proud of as she serves. Woodrum is a candidate to support—to donate to, to call and walk for, and to spread the word about. Long an activist for property rights, Constitutionally-limited government, free market solutions, and fiscal responsibility.</p> <p>http://www.electwoodrum.com/</p>
MiraCosta Community College Board of Trustees, Area 2	REESE (R)	<p>Reese: True patriot local leader and activist. Solid conservative candidate of integrity, candidate you will still be proud of as she serves. Reese is a candidate to support—to donate to, to call and walk for, and to spread the word about. Long an activist for property rights, Constitutionally-limited government, free market solutions, and fiscal responsibility.</p> <p>http://votefordranreese.com/</p>

TCTP Ballot Recommendations Documentation/Footnotes

¹ **Governor: Brown (D) / Kashkari(R):**

Brown: CA now has the nation's highest personal income tax, sales tax, gas tax, cap and trade, rate of small business failures. Brown welcomes all illegals. See: <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2014/08/26/Jerry-Brown-to-Mexican-Illegals-You-re-All-Welcome-in-CA> and <http://californiapolicycenter.org/unaffordable-california-it-doesnt-have-to-be-this-way-3/>

Kashkari: Kashkari Administered TARP bailouts; Kashkari evasive about \$3M bonus. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UP73cK3GXdo> and <http://www.nokashkari.com/>

Read more here: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/09/22/6724613/video-neel-kashkari-calls-candidacy.html#storylink=cpy>

² **Lieutenant Governor: Nehring (R)/ Newsom (D):**

"...immigration is a positive force for America."—Ron Nehring, candidate for CA Lt Governor See: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/06/23/6500129/viewpoints-republican-party-should.html>

"I have talked to a number of money people, and they have told me as long as Nehring stays chairman, they will not give a dime," said Raoul Lowery Contreras, a Southern California GOP activist who writes the CalNews.com blog and has called for Nehring's resignation." (June 26, 2007) See:

<http://alexconstantine.blogspot.com/2007/07/calif-gop-chief-flayed-over-immigration.html>

"We should demonstrate we are the party for immigration reform."—Ron Nehring, April 8, 2013 article. See: <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/04/08/187844/in-shift-on-immigration-gop-takes.html>

³ **Secretary of State: Padilla/Peterson**

Padilla: proposed big auto fee hike 2010 <http://articles.latimes.com/2010/oct/09/business/la-fi-1009-autos-fees-20101009>

Peterson: supported by Election Integrity Project: *"the Secretary of State is the most important office on the ballot in November... Only one* desires not the office but the *job. Pete Peterson IS that one!"*

⁴ **Controller: Swearingen/Yee**

Swearingen: CA State Assm Shannon Grove endorses her, saying "she's with us on 80% of the issues." She refused to endorse Kashkari—good for her. But she does support high-speed rail:

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/09/19/4134237/ashley-swearengin-takes-gop-center.html>

Yee: endorsed by the Democrat Party

⁵ **Treasurer: Chiang (D)/ Conlon (R)**

Compare both:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/electionforum/pages/79/attachments/original/1411501459/EFM7858_Christian_Gen_Election_Voter_Guide_v.4_092214GH.pdf?1411501459

⁶ **Attorney General: Harris (D)/ Gold (R)**

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⁷ **Insurance Commissioner: Jones (D)/ Gaines(R)**

Gaines: see <http://www.tedgaines.com/media/>

⁸ **Member, State Board of Equalization: Shahatit (D)/ Harkey (R)**

Harkey: see <http://www.electionforum.org/#erecommend>

⁹ **US Representative 49th District: Peiser (D) / Issa (R)**

See: <https://ivoterguide.com/RaceDetails.aspx?1233&Candidates=11>

<http://www.heritageactionscorecard.com/members/member/I000056> and
<https://www.numbersusa.com/content/my/tools/grades/list/0/CONGRESS/ca/A/Grade/Active>

¹⁰ US Representative 50th District: Kimber (D) / Hunter (R)

Hunter: <https://ivoterguide.com/RaceDetails.aspx?1279&Candidates=11>
<http://www.heritageactionscorecard.com/members/member/H001048> and
<https://www.numbersusa.com/content/my/tools/grades/list/0/CONGRESS/ca/A/Grade/Active>

¹¹ State Senator 38TH District: Tsimboukakis (D) / Anderson (R)

Anderson:

¹² Member of State Assembly 75th District: Waldron R / Shiestople (D)

Waldron: <http://www.electionforum.org/#sandiego>

¹³ Member of State Assembly 76th District: Krouse (R) / Chavez (R)

See: <http://www.electionforum.org/#sandiego> and http://koct.org/video/detail/candidate_statements

¹⁴ Judge of the Superior Court Office NO. 25: Weinreb / Gosselin

Gosselin: <http://www.judgevoterguide.com/#sandiego>

¹⁵ State Superintendent of Public Instruction: Write-In Lydia Gutierrez—the only candidate who opposes Common Core.

Gutierrez: See <http://www.lydia4schools.com/AVisionforEducation.html>

¹⁶ Tri-City Healthcare Member, Board of Directors, both full and short term

See for candidates' video statements: http://koct.org/video/detail/candidate_statements_tri_city_hospital

See Voters' Edge for endorsers, bio, etc: <http://votersedge.org/california/2014/november/tri-city-healthcare-district/candidates/board-member-full-term/>

State Propositions:

¹⁷ Prop 1: See http://www.alliance4liberty.org/analysis_of_the_propositions_on_the_november_2014_ballot

¹⁸ Prop 2: See http://www.alliance4liberty.org/analysis_of_the_propositions_on_the_november_2014_ballot

However, Conservative commentator Frank Kacer says YES on Prop 2. See: www.christiancitizenshipcouncil.org

¹⁹ Prop 45:

(Prop 45) “gives a single politician (the Insurance Commissioner) too much power. Having that much power reside in a single individual creates the environment for corruption. It creates duplicative additional state bureaucracy. California already has set up a new independent health care commission to control costs and expand coverage. Further, it exempts large corporations while it adds additional burdens to small businesses. Further, language in the proposition makes it easier for lawyers to bring lawsuits, resulting in potential additional costs to the taxpayer.” See: http://www.alliance4liberty.org/analysis_of_the_propositions_on_the_november_2014_ballot

²⁰ Prop 46:

“The increase in cap will result in higher medical malpractice insurance premiums, which will either be passed along to patients, or will incentivize doctors to either considering moving to other states, or dropping out of the practice of medicine altogether. I also have some grave concerns about the ‘big brother’ (anti-liberty) aspects of this proposition, and the additional governmental costs of administration.” See: http://www.alliance4liberty.org/analysis_of_the_propositions_on_the_november_2014_ballot

²¹ Prop 47:

“Prop. 47 requires the release of thousands of convicted felons. Felons with prior convictions for armed robbery, kidnapping, carjacking, child abuse, residential burglary, arson, assault with a deadly weapon, and many other serious crimes will be eligible for early release under Prop 47. Prop. 47 will reduce the stealing of a gun from a felony to a misdemeanor unless the gun is worth more than \$950. Prop. 47 undermines laws against sex crimes.

Proposition 47 will reduce the penalty for possession of drugs used to facilitate date-rape (Rufis) to a simple misdemeanor. Prop. 47 will overcrowd county jails with dangerous felons who should be in State prison while they wait for their "get out of jail free" card. Judges already have the discretion to give reduced sentences in non-violent crimes. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 convicted felons currently in prison will be released if this proposition passes." See:

http://www.alliance4liberty.org/analysis_of_the_propositions_on_the_november_2014_ballot

²¹ **Prop 48:**

<http://www.capoliticalreview.com/capoliticalnewsandviews/november-california-ballot-measure-recommendations-by-gary-aminoff/>