

Subject: SPECIAL Election Edition E-Blast

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Californians, time to clutch up and win!

Only the top two vote getters, regardless of political party, in the June 2nd Primary Election will be on the November 3rd ballot. The math could have Californians choosing between two MAGA Republicans in the general election. (For third party hopefuls, know that there is NO WRITE-IN option in November). We CANNOT let that happen!

Californians cannot let Trump's woefully unqualified lackeys ruin our beautiful State and its people. We need to **lock in a viable Democratic candidate** and make sure they make it to the November General Election ballot!

Strategy to ensure a democratic candidate is on the November ballot: Coalesce behind the most viable democratic candidate by voting for the top polling Democrat on your June 2 Primary Ballot.

The top polling democratic candidate, as of today, is Secretary **Xavier Becerra**. His momentum continues to build and is currently best positioned to advance to the November 3rd General Election.

Secretary Becerra's Political Strengths (from CA Indivisible):

- One of the most **experienced** candidates in the race: Legislative (Congress), State Executive (Attorney General), Federal Executive (HHS Secretary)
- Proven **Legal** Fighter-built reputation suing the Trump Administration and winning key cases, seen as defender of California against federal threats

- **Healthcare** Expertise - credibility on healthcare policy compared to rivals-ability to lead on one of California's most pressing issues
- **Diverse** Coalition - Latino voters, labor groups, Millennial & Gen Z voters, institutional Dem voters, independent and progressive voters.

Endorsements include: The California Young Democrats, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA, SEIU, CHIRLA ACTION FUND, Women's March Action, Central California Environmental Justice Network, LA Progressive, and Dolores Huerta.

Additional endorsements here: [Xavier's Supporters Endorsements](#)

Since Swalwell crashed out, Secretary **Becerra** is the only candidate (Dem, Repub or third party) that has surged in the polls, across diverse demographics in our State.

[California Governor 2026 Poll Track](#)

[2026 Polls: California Governor - 270 to Win](#)

Should I wait closer to Election Day to cast my vote?

Some say get your ballot in **early**, and others say **wait** a bit longer and vote for the lead Democrat closer to June 2. With the primary underway and just 20 days left to vote, if you've decided on your candidate picks, **we urge you to return your ballots without additional delay**. Leaders and election officials from the local & state level, are asking voters to do the same. The earlier you turn in your ballot, the sooner your vote will be counted. Our local election workers will appreciate it! *California vote counts are already notoriously slow, we don't need to actively contribute to slowing the process down further.*

"Time is of the essence in preventing election lies from taking hold," Newsom wrote in a recent letter addressed to all 58 county registrars urging them to **"tabulate and release results quickly and accurately."**

We agree. **Let's help squash disinformation, propaganda and attacks on our election by voting as early as possible.**

Full breakdown here: [Panicked California Democrats are pushing a risky strategy: Wait 'til the last minute to vote](#)

What about the televised debate on May 14, 5-7 PM, CBS? While watching a debate can impact undecided voters (currently 17% in CA), the majority of debate watchers are highly engaged voters and have already solidified their candidate preference; watching another debate will not change their vote. If you are still undecided, we encourage you to take all the steps you need to confidently cast your vote. If you already know who you'll vote for, fill out and return your ballot asap.

Want to know our down ballot picks for in the Primary? See our guide below. In races with multiple names, please vote for one that best aligns with your **policy priorities**.

<p>CANDIDATES TO CONSIDER CA JUNE 2 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT:</p>		<p>Member of the State Assembly District 37: •Gregg Hart</p>
<p>Governor: •Xavier Becerra</p>	<p>Secretary of State: •Shirley N. Weber</p>	<p>Judge of the Superior Court Office No. 2: •Luis Esparza</p>
<p>Lt. Gov: •Josh Fryday •Fiona Ma •Michael Tubbs</p>	<p>Controller: •Malia M. Cohen</p>	<p>State Superintendent of Public Instruction: •Richard Barrera •Nichelle M. Henderson •Al Maratsuchi</p>
<p>Treasurer: •Anna M. Caballero •Eleni Kounalakis</p>		<p>5th District County Supervisor: •Ricardo Valencia (Indivisible Santa Maria Endorsed)</p>
<p>Attorney General: •Rob Bonta</p>		<p>County Superintendent of Schools: •Susan Salcido</p>
<p>Insurance Commissioner: •Steven Craig Bradford</p>		<p>Auditor Controller: •Kyle Slattery</p>
<p>Member, State Board of Equalization, District 2: •Sally J. Lieber</p>		<p>Clerk Recorder Assessor: •Melinda Greene (Indivisible Santa Maria Endorsed)</p>
<p>United States Representative District 24: •Salud Carbajal</p>		<p>Treasurer-Tax Collector- Public Administrator: •Kimberly A. Tesoro</p>
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Here are CA DEMS Endorsements:

Santa Barbara County Dems endorsements:



2026 Primary Election Endorsements

February 22nd, 2026

Governor: No Consensus | **Lieutenant Governor:** No Consensus | **Secretary of State:** Shirley Weber | **Attorney General:** Rob Bonta | **Treasurer:** No Consensus | **Controller:** Malia Cohen | **Superintendent of Public Instruction:** No Consensus | **Insurance Commissioner:** No Consensus

State Assembly	AD 43 - Celeste Rodriguez	State Senate	SD 02 - Damon Connolly	CA 16 - Sam Liccardo
AD 02 - Chris Rogers	AD 44 - Nick Schultz	SD 04 - Jaron Brandon	SD 04 - Jaron Brandon	CA 17 - Ro Khanna
AD 04 - Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	AD 45 - James C. Ramos	SD 08 - Angeliqye Ashby	SD 08 - Angeliqye Ashby	CA 18 - Zoe Lofgren
AD 05 - Neva Parker	AD 46 - Jesse Gabriel	SD 10 - No Consensus	SD 10 - No Consensus	CA 19 - James Varni Panetta
AD 06 - Maggy Krell	AD 47 - No Consensus	SD 14 - Esmeralda Soria	SD 14 - Esmeralda Soria	CA 20 - No Consensus
AD 07 - Amy L. Slavensky	AD 48 - Blanca E. Rubio	SD 16 - Melissa Hurtado	SD 16 - Melissa Hurtado	CA 21 - Jim Costa
AD 09 - Matthew Adams	AD 49 - Mike Fong	SD 18 - Steve Padilla	SD 18 - Steve Padilla	CA 22 - No Consensus
AD 10 - Stephanie Nguyen	AD 50 - Robert Garcia	SD 20 - Caroline Menjivar	SD 20 - Caroline Menjivar	CA 23 - Tessa Lynn Hodge
AD 11 - Lori D Wilson	AD 51 - Rick Chavez Zbur	SD 22 - Susan Rubio	SD 22 - Susan Rubio	CA 24 - Salud Carbajal
AD 12 - No Consensus	AD 52 - Jessica Caloza	SD 24 - Sion Roy	SD 24 - Sion Roy	CA 25 - Raul Ruiz
AD 13 - Rhodesia Ransom	AD 53 - Michelle Rodriguez	SD 26 - No Consensus	SD 26 - No Consensus	CA 26 - Jacqui Irwin
AD 14 - Buffy Wicks	AD 54 - Mark Gonzalez	SD 28 - Lola Smallwood-Cuevas	SD 28 - Lola Smallwood-Cuevas	CA 27 - George Whitesides
AD 15 - Anamarie Avila Farias	AD 55 - Isaac Bryan	SD 30 - Bob Archuleta	SD 30 - Bob Archuleta	CA 28 - Judy Chu
AD 16 - Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	AD 56 - Lisa Calderon	SD 32 - Tiffanie Lavon Tate	SD 32 - Tiffanie Lavon Tate	CA 29 - Luz Rivas
AD 17 - Matt Haney	AD 57 - Sade Elhawary	SD 34 - Avelino Valencia	SD 34 - Avelino Valencia	CA 30 - Laura Friedman
AD 18 - Mia Bonta	AD 58 - Clarissa Cervantes	SD 36 - Chris Duncan	SD 36 - Chris Duncan	CA 31 - Gil Cisneros
AD 19 - Catherine Stefani	AD 60 - Corey Jackson	SD 38 - Catherine Blakespear	SD 38 - Catherine Blakespear	CA 32 - Brad Sherman
AD 20 - Liz Ortega	AD 61 - Tina McKinnor	SD 40 - Mara Elliott	SD 40 - Mara Elliott	CA 33 - Pete Aguilar
AD 21 - Diane Papan	AD 62 - Jose Luis Solache			CA 34 - Jimmy Gomez
AD 23 - Marc Berman	AD 64 - Blanca Pacheco	U.S. Congress		CA 35 - Norma J. Torres
AD 24 - Alex Lee	AD 65 - Ayanna Davis	CA 1 - Mike McGuire		CA 36 - Ted W. Lieu
AD 25 - Ash Kalra	AD 66 - No Consensus	CA 2 - Jared Huffman		CA 37 - Sydney Kamlager-Dove
AD 26 - Patrick Ahrens	AD 67 - Ada Briceño	CA 3 - No Consensus		CA 38 - Hilda L. Solis
AD 27 - Brian Pacheco	AD 68 - David Penalzoza	CA 4 - Mike Thompson		CA 39 - Mark Takano
AD 28 - Gail Pellerin	AD 69 - Josh Lowenthal	CA 5 - Michael Curtis Meyer		CA 40 - No Consensus
AD 29 - Robert Rivas	AD 70 - Paula Swift	Masuda		CA 41 - Linda T. Sánchez
AD 30 - Dawn Addis	AD 71 - JJ Galvez	CA 6 - No Consensus		CA 42 - Robert Garcia
AD 31 - Annalisa Perea	AD 72 - Chris Kluwe	CA 7 - Doris Matsui		CA 43 - Maxine Waters
AD 34 - Randall Putz	AD 73 - Cottie Petrie-Norris	CA 8 - John Garamendi		CA 44 - Nanette Barragán
AD 35 - Andrae Gonzales	AD 74 - Sergio Farias	CA 9 - Josh Harder		CA 45 - Derek Tran
AD 36 - No Consensus	AD 75 - Gerald C Boursiquot	CA 10 - Mark DeSaulnier		CA 46 - Lou Correa
AD 37 - Gregg Hart	AD 76 - Darshana Patel	CA 11 - Scott Wiener		CA 47 - Dave Min
AD 38 - Steve Bennett	AD 77 - Tasha Boerner	CA 12 - Lateefah Simon		CA 48 - No Consensus
AD 39 - Juan Carrillo	AD 78 - Chris Ward	CA 13 - Adam C. Gray		CA 49 - Mike Levin
AD 40 - Pilar Schiavo	AD 79 - LaShae Sharp-Collins	CA 14 - Aisha Wahab		CA 50 - Scott Peters
AD 41 - John Harabedian	AD 80 - David A. Alvarez	CA 15 - Kevin Mullin		CA 51 - Sara Jacobs
AD 42 - Deborah Klein Lopez				CA 52 - Juan Vargas

Board of Equalization District 1 Nelson Esparza | **Board of Equalization District 2** Sally Lieber |
Board of Equalization District 3 Mike Gipson | **Board of Equalization District 4** No Consensus

Working Families Party Endorsements:

**CALIFORNIA
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY**

**CENTRAL COAST,
VOTE
FOR WORKING
FAMILIES PARTY
CHAMPIONS**

MICHAEL TUBBS
CALIFORNIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

JANE KIM
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

JUSTIN CUMMINGS
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 3

RICARDO VALENCIA
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 5

**VOTE BY
JUNE 2ND**

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

Election Information & News

NEW California House District 22: CA-22 is one of the most competitive House Districts in the country. Pro-democracy Californians should support Randy Villegas, a progressive champion. Randy, winning this seat will help end Trump's control of the House.

Randy Villegas spoke on the May 7th National Indivisible Zoom. [Click Here](#) and see him 10 minutes into the Indivisible Podcast. [Click Here](#) for Randy's web page to see his video and to donate to his campaign. If you can volunteer on his campaign, [Click Here](#).

Amazingly, a political action committee (PAC) is spending \$500K to defeat Randy. We disagree with them. La Raza, a Bakersfield Indivisible chapter, is supporting Randy with good rationale.



Election News:

- **NEW [Meet the Candidates for California Lieutenant Governor: 'A Job About Nothing](#)** - Thanks for the input Steve!
- **Ballotpedia summary:** ballotpedia.org
- Keep informed with CalMatters **Voting Guide** - [Voter Guide Here](#)
- **When a postmark no longer tracks mailing. What? This is HUGE! A must read. This affects your income taxes, any bills you pay by mail, legal filings, and your voting BALLOT!!!!** On December 24, 2025, a quiet change took effect in the Postal Service's Domestic Mail Manual. The new section (DMM 608.11) **now clarifies that a postmark will no longer indicate the date a piece of mail was deposited with U.S. Postal Service (USPS).** [Read More Here](#)
 - AND, it **already affected** our elections on Prop 50!! [Santa Barbara County Reports Big Increase in Late Ballots for 2025 Election | Local News | Noozhawk](#)

- Check you voting status [Secretary of State Election Website](#) **Register by May 18**
- **Use a drop box if you can, if not, mail it ASAP.**
- Then **track your ballot** [Here](#)

Thank you for your support!

Please consider supporting Indivisible Santa Maria's work with a donation. A monthly donation of \$5 will cover a case of water at our protests. [Donate here](#). This is a marathon, not a sprint, and we need funds to be more effective. We appreciate whatever you're able to do.

Stand UP! Speak OUT!

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