



What's On My Ballot?

Presidential Primary Election, March 5, 2024

Livermore Indivisible General Meeting, February 11, 2024





Agenda

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Democratic Party Alameda County Central Committee

Q&A



Important Dates

Election Day: Tuesday, March 5

Deadlines to Register to Vote:

By Mail and Online - Tuesday, February 20

In-Person - Tuesday, March 5



Important Dates, cont.

Crossover Voting: NPP can vote in Democratic presidential primary

- must request Dem ballot from county Registrar of Voters no later than 7 days prior to Election Day
 - if you have already received a nonpartisan ballot and want to VBM, go to acvote.org/go - scroll down to Request Replacement Ballot
- or vote at Vote Center - [Vote Centers - Alameda County Registrar of Voters \(acgov.org\)](https://www.acgov.org/elections)



“Primary?”

“Primary” v. “General” races

Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act of 2010

For which races is this a primary election?

- ❖ President
- ❖ “Open” primary for Voter-Nominated Offices (congressional offices and state legislative offices) - top 2 advance
- ❖ Can be for Nonpartisan Offices - top 2 advance if no majority winner



“Primary?”, cont.

For which races is this a “General” election?

- County Central Committee (party)
- District (Zone 7)
- State Proposition
- County measures



Overview of the Ballot

U.S. President (party) (other than NPP)

County Central Committee (party)

United States Senator (full term)

United States Senator (partial/unexpired term)

United States Representative (Congressional District 14)

State Senate District 5 After 2021 Redistricting

Comprises San Joaquin County and Tri-Valley

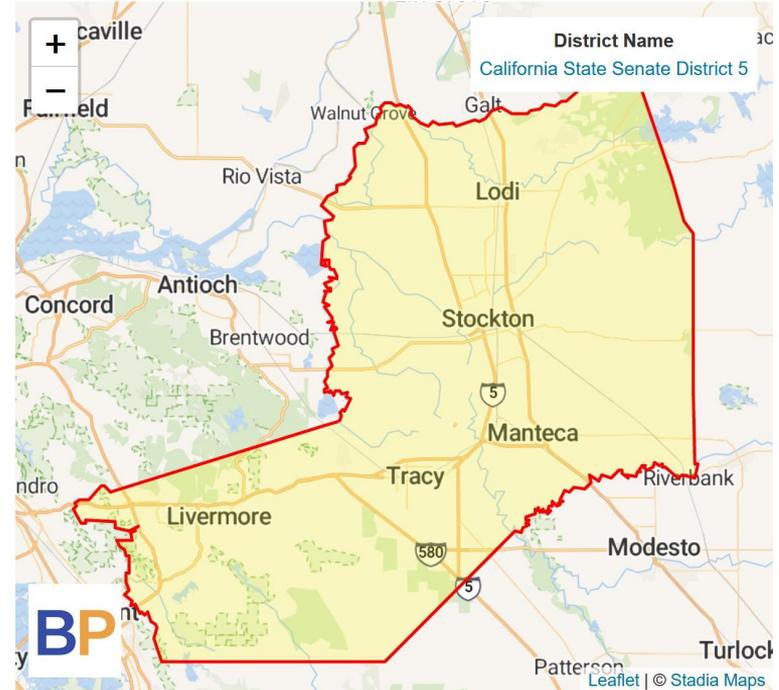
Open Seat with 3 candidates running

Jerry McNerney (D)

Jim Shoemaker (R)

Carlos Villapudua (D)

Takes Effect 2025





Overview of the Ballot, cont.

Member of the State Assembly (Assembly District 16)

Alameda County Judge of the Superior Court (Office #5)

Alameda County Judge of the Superior Court (Office #12)

Alameda County Supervisor (District 1)

Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 7,
Full Term

Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 7,
Short Term



Overview of the Ballot, cont.

Proposition 1 - California - Mental Health Care and Addiction Treatment Reform
& Bonds to Build Places for Treatment and Housing

Measure A - Alameda County - Civil Service Examination Posting

Measure B - Alameda County - Recall Procedures



Contested Races

Alameda County Judge of the Superior Court (Office 12)

Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 7,
Full Term

Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 7,
Short Term



Alameda County Judge of the Superior Court (Office 12)



Mark Fickes



Michael Johnson



Alameda County Judge of the Superior Court (Office 12), cont.

NOTE: In his video statement, candidate Michael Johnson mentions an ethics complaint against his opponent Mark Fickes. Here is the background on that:

In early January 2024, the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee (ACDCC) invited the 2 candidates for Superior Court Judge Office #12 to the ACDCC's endorsement meeting. At that meeting, each candidate was asked who they voted for in the 2022 election for County District Attorney (DA). Mr. Fickes responded that he voted for Pamela Price, but Mr. Johnson declined to answer, citing judicial canons that bar judges (and court commissioners) from expressing political opinions or opinions about matters that may come before the court. In this situation, the attorneys from the DA's office regularly appear before county superior court judges, and Pamela Price is the subject of an active recall effort which may come before the court. Moreover, Mr. Fickes currently serves as a court commissioner and thus is subject to (and should be aware of) these rules. In addition, Ms. Price is a member of the ACDCC; she was present at the ACDCC meeting and voted to endorse Mr. Fickes. So, Mr. Johnson and others (including at least one retired judge) have expressed concern that Mr. Fickes' response was improper and violated judicial ethics and have filed an ethics complaint against Mr. Fickes.

Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 7,
Full Term - Vote for no more than three



Alan Burnham

Sandy Figuers

Kathy Narum - submitted written statement [see next page]



Laurene K. Green

Kathy Narum
Zone 7 Board of Directors Candidate—4 year term
Statement

Thank you for your interest in the Zone 7 Board of Directors election. I was appointed to the Zone 7 Board one year ago after serving over 9 years on the Pleasanton City Council. While serving on the City Council, I was a member of several water subcommittees, including the tri-valley water round table. I'm the only candidate bringing the perspective of a water retailer to the Zone 7 Board.

I was trained as a chemical engineer and currently manage my family's business of commercial properties in Des Moines. These skills give me both a solid technical background and a strong financial understanding of the issues we face on Zone 7.

Delivering clean/safe water to retailers/residents reliably, in a cost-effective manner, is key. This means continuing work to diversify our water supply and increasing storage capacity to be able to smooth out supply during droughts. Under consideration, Sites Reservoir, Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion and the Delta Conveyance Project.

We must continue to meet the needs of agriculture in south Livermore as it's an asset to our region.

Finishing the Flood Control Master Plan is important to implement projects that protect our communities.

I am committed to doing these things in a transparent, collaborative manner while understanding the financial impacts.

I am endorsed by Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Livermore Councilmembers Evan Branning, Bob Carling, & Brittni Kiick, and former Livermore Councilmember Gina Bonano. Visit my website kathyforzone7.com for a complete list of endorsements.

I ask for your vote to continue serving on the Zone 7 Board of Directors.



Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 7, Short Term

Seema Badar

Catherine Brown - submitted written statement [see next page]

Catherine Brown
Zone 7 Board of Directors Candidate—short term
Statement

Water is a critical resource in the Tri-Valley as it is throughout California. As a professional Environmental Scientist, I have a strong interest in contributing to the well-being of our water supply. If elected, I pledge to:

- 1) Keep clean water a high priority for Zone 7.
- 2) Reduce the impacts of climate change to our water supply.
- 3) Support sustainable management of groundwater and surface water supplies especially as related to flood control.
- 4) Continue characterization, monitoring and mitigation of PFAS contamination in our groundwater, including identifying sources.
- 5) Plan for future water supply including studying the feasibility of desalinization of Delta water.

I respectfully request your support and vote so I can help address environmental challenges in the Tri-Valley.



State Proposition 1

Title: Authorizes \$6.38 Billion in Bonds to Build Mental Health Treatment Facilities for Those with Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges; Provides Housing for the Homeless, Legislative Statute

What it does: Amends California's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and renames it the Behavioral Health Services Act

Needed to pass: Majority?



State Proposition 1, contd.

MHSA: Since 2005 under the MHSA, counties receive money to provide mental health care and drug or alcohol treatment, mainly to people with low incomes and severe mental illness. To pay for these services, the state taxes people with incomes over \$1 million per year. Approximately 95% of the money goes directly to counties, while approximately 5% goes to the state to support mental health programs. Services provided by the counties include treatment for people with mental illness and prevention programs for those who may develop a mental illness. While counties can spend MHSA money on treatment for drugs and alcohol, the people receiving treatment must also have a mental illness.



State Proposition 1, contd.

Effects of Prop 1:

- State gets 10% of the tax money, increased from 5%; required to spend a dedicated amount on more workers and prevention
- Counties receive 90% of the tax money, decreased from 95%, for services like crisis response, outreach; counties allowed to use MHSA funds on drugs and alcohol treatment for people without a mental illness
- \$6.4 billion bond for increasing treatment facilities to address less than half the statewide shortage; also to be used to convert hotels and other buildings into housing



State Proposition 1, contd.

Who supports: California Teachers Association, Service Employees International Union California, California Business Roundtable, California Chamber of Commerce, California Labor Federation, California Hospital Association, California Medical Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness California, Steinberg Institute

Argument in favor:

- Prop. 1 will expand community-based mental health and addiction services across the state
- Will create supportive housing settings for over 11,000 Californians with the severest mental health needs
- Will provide \$1 billion to serve veterans experiencing homelessness, mental health and substance abuse issues
- Will help fund additional professionals so that people with mental health needs can get help sooner
- Addresses mental health and homelessness without raising taxes



State Proposition 1, contd.

Who opposes: Disability Rights California, League of Women Voters of California, Mental Health America of California, Cal Voices, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Argument against:

- Cuts almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of the only funding sources for counties to provide peer support and culturally responsive mental health services for racial and ethnic minority communities
- Does not solve homelessness; the majority of homeless people are not mentally ill or addicted
- Would massively expand involuntary treatment options
- Mandates state control over local control, with reduced oversight
- Puts taxpayers on the hook for decades to pay back new bonds at higher interest rates



Alameda County Measure A - Civil Service Measure

Title: Charter Amendment - Notification Period of Civil Service

What it does: Amend the Alameda County Charter to change the notification period of each civil service examination from not less than 25 days to not less than 14 calendar days

What is needed to pass: majority



Alameda County Measure A - Civil Service Measure, cont.

Who supports: Alameda County Civil Service Commission, Alameda County Management Employees Association

Argument in favor: modernize county recruitment practices to remain competitive

Who opposes: Alameda County Taxpayers' Association

Argument against: shorter time period benefits “insiders,” contributing to culture of political interference in county staff administration, as found in Grand Jury reports



Alameda County Measure B

Title: Charter Amendment - Adopting State Law Recall Procedures for Use in Alameda County

What it does: Amend the County Charter to replace the procedures for recall of County officers with those provided for under California state law

What is needed to pass: majority



Alameda County Measure B, cont.

Who supports: County Supervisors Lena Tam, Elisa Marquez and Keith Carson; League of Women Voters Alameda County, Alameda Chamber & Economic Alliance

Argument in favor: Alameda is only county that substantially deviates from state's recall procedures which would be more clear, updated and transparent. And would fix incomplete, outdated and unconstitutional parts of county recall election rules. Set more reasonable timelines and procedures. No recall election has ever been held, so these old rules had never been tested before. Avoid costly legal battles.



Alameda County Measure B, cont.

Who opposes: County Supervisors Nate Miley and David Haubert, Alameda County Taxpayers Assoc., Saving Alameda for Everyone (campaign to recall DA Pamela Price)

Argument against: More signatures and longer time periods would be required for recall elections. Would change law mid-process of current recall efforts. Replacement of recalled official would be appointed by Board of Supervisors, not voters.



Democratic Party Alameda County Committee

Will only be on the ballot for registered Democrats

Official governing body for Alameda County Democratic Party

- build organizations, educate, register voters, turn out Dems
- resource allocation, endorsements and resolutions

Apportioned by party registration in CA Assembly districts - 4 members for AD16



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Questions?



Resources

Alameda County Registrar of Voters - acvote.org/GO

Ballotpedia - <https://ballotpedia.org>

CA Secretary of State - Where's My Ballot? - [State of California \(ballottrax.net\)](https://ballottrax.net)

CalMatters 2024 Voter Guide - [2024 Election: California Voter Guide \(calmatters.org\)](https://calmatters.org)

League of Women Voters of California - Easy Voter Guide -
[EVG-CAPrimary-March5_24-Eng.pdf \(easyvoterguide.org\)](https://www.lwv.org/easyvoter/EVG-CAPrimary-March5_24-Eng.pdf)