



Open Letter from California's No Party Preference Candidates for Governor

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To the Debate Organizers, Media Outlets, and Voters of California

We the undersigned No Party Preference candidates for Governor are on the June 2 2026 ballot, respectfully request fair and equal inclusion in all upcoming debates and public forums.

California's top two primary system was designed to give voters a real choice. Yet all No Party Preference and independent qualified candidates are being excluded from debates based on arbitrary polling thresholds or party affiliation. This denies voters the opportunity to hear from every option on the ballot.

We are not asking for special treatment.

We are asking for basic fairness.

If the major debate organizers cannot include all qualified candidates, we call for at least one dedicated forum or debate open to all No Party Preference and independent candidates on the ballot.

The people of California deserve to see and evaluate every candidate who has met the legal requirements to run. Transparency and inclusion strengthen our democracy.

We stand ready to participate in good faith.

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