



SOLANO COUNTY **Voter Information Guide**

Solano County Registrar of Voters



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Presidential Primary Election
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is your official voter information guide. It has information on local candidates & measures, voting by mail, and answers to common voter questions.

VOTING IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY?
Your Polling Place May Have Changed!

Refer to Official Ballot Instructions or check
www.solanocounty.com/elections for your new
assigned polling place.



Text Solano to 2VOTE (28683) to download
your sample ballot or voter information guide.

(Message and Data rates may apply)

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WHAT OFFICES ARE ON THIS BALLOT?

The March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election is held to vote on Federal, State and Local offices as well as State and Local measures. This election there will be:

- Party-Nominated Offices,
- Voter-Nominated Offices,
- Nonpartisan Offices, and
- Statewide and Local Measures

What does Party-Nominated mean?

These offices have candidates that have been nominated by that party. You must either be registered with the party or the party will have allowed No Party Preference voters to vote in their Presidential Primary election.

The offices you may see this election are:

- President of the United States
- County Central Committee

What does Voter-Nominated mean?

These offices are run as a Top 2 Primary. A Top 2 Primary lets you vote for any candidate, even if you are not in the same political party. If the candidate has a preferred political party, the party name appears on the ballot as information only. The 2 candidates who get the most votes in the primary will be on the General Election ballot in November. The offices you may see this election are:

- United States Senator
- United States Representative (Districts 4, 7, & 8)
- State Senator (District 3)
- State Assembly Member (District 11)

U.S. Senate Contest Information

There are two contests for U.S. Senate on the March 5, 2024 Primary Election Ballot:

- The first contest is a special vacancy election for the remainder of the term, due to vacancy, ending on January 3, 2025 (partial unexpired term)
- The second contest is the Primary Election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031

You may vote on both.

What does nonpartisan mean?

These offices have candidates who are not nominated by a party and does not list a party preference. They are generally Local, County, School Board and Special District Offices. The offices you may see this election are:

- Supervisor (Districts 1, 2 & 5)
- Sacramento County Board of Education (Trustee Area 6)

Can I find out what party I am registered with?

Yes. There are 2 easy ways to find out which party you are registered with:

- Call our office at (707) 784-6675, or
- Visit solanocounty.com/elections and use our online tool

Can I change my political party?

Yes. Re-register online at registertovote.ca.gov or call us at (707) 784-6675 to have a form mailed to you. The form must be received by the Registrar of Voters by February 20, 2024.



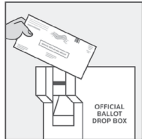
VOTING OPTIONS FOR ALL VOTERS

In an effort to provide a safe voting environment, the Solano County Registrar of Voters has prepared several voting options for all voters. All voters received a Vote by Mail ballot for the election in this packet.

Below is a description of the different options you have for voting to help provide a safe voting environment for all voters, our staff, and our community partners:

No Contact Voting:

As an alternative to in-person voting, you can vote from the safety of your home using the enclosed ballot. Ballots can be returned to our office in one of two manners:



Ballot Drop-Off:

Starting 29-days before the election through Election Day - Drop-off times and locations are identified on the next page (drop box is inside an office building).



Election Day Drop-Off:

Election Day (1-day) - Poll Place drop-off locations are available on Election Day-all locations are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All ballots must be received or post-marked by Election Day. All postage is paid by the Registrar of Voters Office for voters mailing ballots back to our office. Voters do not have to vote this ballot, and can still choose to vote in-person using one of the options listed below.

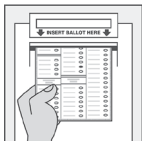
Limited Contact Voting:



At your assigned poll place, you can request to vote “curbside” from the comfort of your vehicle. Look for the blue cone outside of your polling place, and call the number listed on the cone. Poll workers will come out to your vehicle with your ballot and will securely deposit it for you.

This same curbside option is available if you want to drop off your Vote by Mail ballot. It may be preferable for you to remain in your vehicle and we support that option.

In-Person Voting:



Traditional polling places are still available. Your assigned location is included on the cover sheet with your official ballot. Some voters may experience additional wait times due to the need to provide social distancing within the voting location. Please be prepared: it may take longer than usual to vote at your polling place.

If you need assistance...

As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your polling place to help you cast your ballot, as long as those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your polling place will have copies of the ballot in Spanish and Tagalog and may have poll workers ready to assist you who speak Spanish and Tagalog.

Si necesitas ayuda ...

Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación quizá mantenga copias en español de la papeleta de votación y emplee trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

Kung kailangan mo ng tulong...

Bilang botante, maaari kang magkaroon ng hanggang dalawang tao sa iyong lugar ng botohan o presinto upang matulungan kang i-record ang iyong balota, hangga't ang mga taong ito ay hindi kinakatawan ng iyong tagapag-empleyo o iyong unyon. Magkakaroon ng mga kopya ng iyong balota na isinalin sa Tagalog sa iyong lugar ng botohan. Maaring may mga taong nagtatrabaho na nagsasalita ngtagalog sa lugar ng botohan.

BALLOT RETURN ADDRESSES



February 5 to March 5, voters can drop off ballots at the following locations. (Drop Boxes are inside office buildings.)

City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Benicia	Benicia City Clerk	250 East L St.	M-F 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Closed February 16, 19, and March 1)
Benicia	Benicia Pedrotti Ace Hardware	830 Southampton Rd.	M-Sat 8:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Sun 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
Dixon	Dixon City Clerk	600 East A St.	M-F 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Closed February 19)
Fairfield	Fairfield City Clerk	1000 Webster St. 4th Floor	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. (Closed February 16, 19, and March 1)
Fairfield	Fairfield/Suisun Unified School District Office	2490 Hilborn Rd.	M-F 7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. (Closed February 19-23)
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St. Ste. 2600	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Closed February 12 and 19) 24-hour drop off on Union Ave. Election Day - 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.
Fairfield	Solano County Office of Education	5100 Business Center Dr.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Closed February 19)
Rio Vista	Rio Vista Library	44 South Second St.	M & W 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. TU. & TH. 9:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. F & Sat 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Closed February 12 and 19)
Suisun City	Suisun City Clerk	701 Civic Center Blvd.	M-TH. 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Closed February 16, 19, and March 1)
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. (Closed February 9, 19, and 23)
Vacaville	Nut Tree Airport	301 County Airport Dr.	M-F 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Closed February 12 and 19)
Vacaville	Mission Church	6391 Leisure Town Rd.	TU.-F 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.
Vallejo	Vallejo City Clerk	555 Santa Clara St.	M-TH 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. (Closed February 19)
Vallejo	Solano County Fairgrounds	900 Fairgrounds Dr.	M-F 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Closed February 19)
Vallejo	Masonic Temple	101 Temple Way	M-F 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. (Closed February 19)



February 29 and March 1, 2, 4, and 5, voters can drop off ballots "Curbside" at the following locations.

On Election Day, March 5, ballots can be dropped off at any location listed on this page or at the polling locations on the following page, which are open from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

City	Name	Address	Hours Available
Benicia	Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship	1175 Church St.	All curbside locations are open 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., including Saturday, plus 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. on Election Day.
Dixon	Dixon Senior Center	201 South 5th St.	
Fairfield	Solano County Office of Education	5100 Business Center Dr.	
Fairfield	Solano County Registrar of Voters	675 Texas St. Ste. 2600 24-hour drop off on Union Ave.	
Rio Vista	45 Main Street Center	45 Main St.	
Suisun City	Nelson Community Center	611 Village Dr.	
Vacaville	Mission Church	6391 Leisure Town Rd.	
Vacaville	Vacaville City Clerk	650 Merchant St.	
Vallejo	Cal Maritime Academy (Aquatic Center)	117 Maritime Academy Dr.	
Vallejo	Solano County Fairgrounds	900 Fairgrounds Dr.	



POLLING LOCATIONS

BENICIA	BENICIA SENIOR CENTER 187 EAST L ST	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST – LDS 1125 SOUTHAMPTON RD
LIGHTHOUSE COVENANT FELLOWSHIP 1175 CHURCH ST	NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY 711 HILLCREST AVE	TURNER ELEMENTARY 540 ROSE DR
DIXON		
DIXON SENIOR CENTER 201 SOUTH 5TH ST	MAINE PRAIRIE HIGH (FRMLY C.A. JACOBS) 200 NORTH LINCOLN ST	VETERANS HALL 1305 NORTH 1ST ST
FAIRFIELD	A GIRLS PLACE 3351 HILLRIDGE DR	BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH 600 E TABOR AVE
CALVARY CHAPEL SOLANO 1180 WESTERN ST	CLUBHOUSE AT PARADISE VALLEY 3990 PARADISE VALLEY DR	COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CH 1875 FAIRFIELD AVE
CORDELIA HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHL 4770 CANYON HILLS DR	FAIRFIELD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 1108 WASHINGTON ST	FAIRFIELD/SUISUN SCHOOL DIST OFC 2490 HILBORN RD
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1405 KENTUCKY ST	IN-SHAPE: FAIRFIELD RANCHO SOLANO 3254 RANCHO SOLANO PKWY	LIBERTY CHURCH 2641 N TEXAS ST
RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL 5000 RED TOP RD	SOLANO COUNTY OFFICE OF ED. 5100 BUSINESS CENTER DR	SOLANO VALLEY CHURCH 1307 OLIVER RD
TOLENAS ACADEMY 4500 TOLENAS RD	WORD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER 650 PARKER RD	
RIO VISTA	45 MAIN STREET CENTER 45 MAIN ST	TRILOGY AT RIO VISTA 990 SUMMERSET DR
SUISUN CITY		
IN-SHAPE: SUISUN CITY 125 SUNSET AVE	NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER 611 VILLAGE DR	SUISUN CITY HALL 701 CIVIC CENTER BLVD
VACAVILLE	COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH 3870 ALAMO DR	HARVEST CHURCH 126 PEABODY RD
MISSION CHURCH 6391 LEISURE TOWN RD	MOOSE LODGE 6585 GIBSON CANYON RD	NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 4910 ALLISON PKWY
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH 185 CHANDLER ST	CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 100 CAMBRIDGE DR	THE FATHER'S HOUSE 4800 HORSE CREEK DR
THRIVE CHURCH 190 BELLA VISTA RD	ULATIS CULTURAL CENTER 1000 ULATIS DR	VACA. COMM. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 425 HEMLOCK ST
VACA PENA MIDDLE SCHOOL 200 KEITH WAY	VACA SEVENTH DAY ADVENT. CHURCH 4740 ALLENDALE RD	VACAVILLE BIBLE CHURCH 490 BROWN ST
VACAVILLE FIRE STATION 65 6080 A ST	VACAVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 1127 DAVIS ST	
VALLEJO	BAY TERRACE THEATRE 51 DANIELS AVE	COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2800 GEORGIA ST
FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CH. 140 LADERA DR	FILIPINO CULTURAL CENTER 611 AMADOR ST	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1350 AMADOR ST
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST HALL 1905 FLORIDA ST	HIDDENBROOKE GOLF CLUB 1095 HIDDENBROOKE PKWY	IMPACT BIBLE MINISTRIES 1680 FAIRGROUNDS DR
IN-SHAPE: VALLEJO 124 LINCOLN RD E	MASONIC TEMPLE 101 TEMPLE WAY	NORMAN C. KING CENTER 545 MAGAZINE ST
NORTH VALLEJO COMMUNITY CTR. 1121 WHITNEY AVE	SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH 1170 BENICIA RD	SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE-VJO 1687 N ASCOT PKWY
SOLANO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 900 FAIRGROUNDS DR	SOLANO WIDENMANN ACADEMY (FRMLY SOLANO MIDDLE SCHOOL) 1025 CORCORAN AVE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA 3450 TENNESSEE ST
THE LIGHTHOUSE AT GLEN COVE MARINA 2000 GLEN COVE MARINA RD	UNION BAPTIST CHURCH 128 ENCERTI AVE	VALLEJO CITY HALL 555 SANTA CLARA ST
VALLEJO VETERANS BUILDING 420 ADMIRAL CALLAGHAN LN	VALLEJO WOMENS CLUB 200 VALLE VISTA AVE	WAYSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2309 COLUMBUS PKWY

VOTER INFORMATION



The following pages contain information relating to your ballot, which may include:

- Candidates' Statements*
- Ballot Measures*
- Analyses
- Arguments**

This information guide may not contain a statement for each candidate. Each candidate's statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body. (EC 13312)

*All measure documents and Candidates' Statements are printed exactly as filed.

**Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors. (EC 9315)

Refer to the State Voter Information Guide for information on state candidates and measures.

Party Endorsements

	American Independent	Democratic	Green	Libertarian	Peace and Freedom	Republican
President						
US Senate (Full Term)				Gail Lightfoot		
US Senate (Partial Term)						
Congressional District 4		Mike Thompson				
Congressional District 7		Doris Matsui				Tom Silva
Congressional District 8		John Garamendi				
Assembly District 11		Lori D Wilson				
State Senate District 3		Rozzana Verder-Aliga				

Campaign Expenditure Limits

The following California Legislative candidates have accepted voluntary campaign expenditure limits, and were eligible to purchase a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in this Voter Information Guide (listed in alphabetical order):

State Senate, District 3 – Rozzana Verder Aliga, Thom Bogue, Christopher Cabaldon, Jackie Elward, Jimih Jones

State Assembly, District 11 – Dave Ennis, Jeffrey Flack, Wanda M. Wallis, Lori D Wilson

COVID-19 INFO:

Poll Workers and Staff: All poll workers will be provided masks and shields. Additionally the Registrar of Voters will provide gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes.

Voters: Face coverings will be provided to any voter requesting/needing one. Hand sanitizer and disposable pens will be provided to all voters. The Registrar of Voters encourages all citizens to follow the mandated health requirements to help protect our staff and community partners. Without our staff and volunteers we cannot successfully execute an election! Please help us minimize the risk to those helping to administer your voting rights!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 8**

JOHN GARAMENDI

Occupation: Member of Congress/Rancher

Education and Qualifications: I get things done for Solano County. As your Congressman, I fight for good jobs, good schools, good healthcare, and a good future.

The economy can't move if people can't move. I helped design and pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to create jobs in Solano County. We'll upgrade I-80, rebuild highway 37, improve public transportation and water supply, and build green energy systems with American materials and workers.

As Chair of the Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee, I've secured \$440 million to upgrade Travis Air Force Base, guaranteeing the future of the base and its jobs.

I'll never forget our Veterans. In Congress we've tripled funding for vets. We are building new VA medical facilities and expanding healthcare services.

The middle class is America's backbone. That's why I helped pass the American Rescue Plan, the largest middle-class tax cut ever. This invested \$44.8 million into Solano County schools and colleges, kept business open, fought the pandemic, and created the biggest annual job growth in over 50 years.

Healthcare is a right. As California's Insurance Commissioner, I designed America's first single payer universal healthcare legislation. I lowered home and auto insurance rates, and stopped discriminatory redlining.

Congress must pass a new voting rights law and legislation to provide universal child care, preschool, paid family leave, and lower prescription drug costs.

Experience matters. I would be honored to have your support to keep fighting for you in Congress.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS EN EL CONGRESO, DISTRITO 8**

JOHN GARAMENDI

Ocupación: Miembro del Congreso/Ganadero

Educación y Currículum Vitae: Logro que las cosas se hagan para el Condado de Solano. Como su Congresista luché por buenos empleos, buenas escuelas, buen cuidado de la salud y un buen futuro.

La economía no puede movilizarse si la gente no puede moverse. Ayudé a diseñar y aprobar la Ley Bipartidista de Infraestructura para crear puestos de trabajo en el Condado de Solano. Mejoraremos la I-80, reconstruiremos la autopista 37, mejoraremos el transporte público y el suministro de agua y construiremos sistemas de energía ecológica con materiales y trabajadores estadounidenses.

Como Presidente del Subcomité de Preparación de las Fuerzas Armadas, he obtenido \$440 millones para mejorar la Base Travis de la Fuerza Aérea, garantizando el futuro de la base y sus puestos de trabajo.

Nunca olvidaré a nuestros Veteranos. En el Congreso hemos triplicado los fondos para los veteranos. Estamos construyendo nuevas instalaciones médicas para los veteranos y ampliando los servicios de cuidados de la salud.

La clase media es la columna vertebral de Estados Unidos. Por eso ayudé a aprobar el Plan de Rescate Estadounidense, el mayor recorte de impuestos a la clase media de la historia. Con ello se invirtieron \$44.8 millones en las escuelas y colegios del Condado de Solano, se mantuvieron abiertos los negocios, se hizo frente a la pandemia y se creó el mayor crecimiento anual de empleo en más de 50 años.

El cuidado de la salud es un derecho. Como Comisionado de Seguros de California, diseñé la primera legislación de asistencia sanitaria universal de pago único de Estados Unidos. Reduje las tarifas de los seguros del hogar y de los automóviles, y puse fin a las prácticas discriminatorias.

El Congreso debe aprobar una nueva ley sobre el derecho al voto y una legislación que proporcione atención infantil universal, educación preescolar, licencia familiar remunerada y una reducción de los costos de los medicamentos recetados.

La experiencia importa. Sería un honor contar con su apoyo para seguir luchando por usted en el Congreso.

**PAHAYAG NG KANDIDATO PARA
KINATAWAN NG ESTADOS UNIDOS SA KONGRESO, DISTRITO 8**

JOHN GARAMENDI

Trabaho: Miyembro ng Kongreso/Rantsero

Edukasyon at Kuwalipikasyon: Nagagawa ko ang mga bagay para sa County ng Solano. Bilang inyong Kongresista, lumalaban ako para sa magagandang trabaho, magagandang paaralan, magandang pangangalagang pangkalusugan, at magandang hinaharap.

Ang ekonomiya ay hindi makakasulong kung ang mga tao ay hindi makakasulong. Tumulong akong idisenyo at ipasa ang Dalawang Partidong Batas sa Impra-istruktura upang lumikha ng mga trabaho sa County ng Solano. Pagagandahin natin ang kalagayan ng I-80, muling itatayo ang highway 37, pahuhusayin ang suplay ng tubig, at itatayo ang mga sistema ng luntiang enerhiya sa pamamagitan ng mga materyal at manggagawa Amerikano.

Bilang Tagapangulo ng Subkomite sa Kahandaan ng Sandatahang mga Serbisyo, nakakuha ako ng \$440 milyon upang pagandahin ang Travis Air Force Base, iginagarantiya ang kinabukasan ng base at ng mga trabaho nito.

Hindi ko kalilimutan ang ating mga Beterano. Sa Kongreso ginawa naming triple ang pagpopondo para sa mga beterano. Nagtatayo kami ng mga bagong pasilidad na medikal ng VA at nagpapalawak ng mga serbisyo sa pangangalagang pangkalusugan.

Ang gitnang uri ay gulugod ng Amerika. Iyon ang dahilan kung bakit tumulong akong ipasa ang Plano sa Pagsagip sa Amerika, ang pinakamalaking pagbawas sa buwis ng gitnang uri. Ito ay namuhunan ng \$44.8 na milyon sa mga paaralan at kolehiyo ng County ng Solano, pinanatiling bukas ang negosyo, lumaban sa pandemya, at lumikha ng pinakamalaking taunang pagdami ng trabaho sa higit sa 50 taon.

Ang pangangalagang pangkalusugan ay isang karapatan. Bilang Komisyoner ng Seguro ng California, idinisenyo ko ang kauna-unahang batas na nag-iisang tagabayad sa panlahat na pangangalagang pangkalusugan. Ibinaba ko ang mga halaga ng seguro sa bahay at awto, at pinatigil ang nagdidiskriminang pagkakait ng serbisyo sa lugar ng mahihirap.

Ang Kongreso ay dapat magpasa ng isang bagong batas sa pagboto at batas upang magkaloob ng panlahat na pag-alaga sa bata, preschool, binabayaran na pampamilyang bakasyon, at mas mababang halaga ng inireresetang gamot.

Mahalaga ang karanasan. Ikararantal kong makuha ang inyong suporta upang manatiling lumalaban para sa inyo sa Kongreso.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 8**

RUDY RECILE

No Candidate Statement provided.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 3**

ROZZANA VERDER-ALIGA

Occupation: Mental Health Provider/City Council Member

Education and Qualifications: Listening is a fundamental skill for helping others. Listening has made me an effective mental health provider for thousands of patients in Solano County and a force for change on the school board and city council.

So, it concerns me to see many leaders at the State Capitol aren't listening to voters. Voters demand action on difficult issues like homelessness, but nothing changes and problems continue growing. I'm running for Senate to carry the message that Sacramento's attitude and mindset must change. I've done that as a school board member and city councilmember, where I inherited sizeable problems others created, listened to voters' concerns and their priorities, then led needed, positive change for Vallejo's finances, including turning red ink into a \$24 million surplus this year.

I bring passionate advocacy for social progress. I've spent the past two-plus decades fighting for women's reproductive health, LGBTQ+ rights, environmental justice, diversity in hiring in my county mental health team, in our schools, and at my city, and securing mental health services for students in our schools.

This is why I'm the officially endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party, California Professional Firefighters, and California Teachers Association.

Locally, I would be Solano's first Senator in generations, someone coming home here every day, engaging with our community, fighting for us. That local focus is part of the reason Congressman John Garamendi, Senator Bill Dodd, Assemblywoman Lori Wilson, community leaders and majorities of Solano County Board and city councils endorse me.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Please visit Rozzana4Senate.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 3**

JACKIE ELWARD

Occupation: Public Servant

Education and Qualifications: I'm a proud progressive Democrat, educator, Councilwoman, labor organizer, and mother. I'm also a first-generation immigrant from the Democratic Republic of Congo a country destabilized by corruption, authoritarianism, and environmental devastation. I've seen what happens when governments fail, and I want California to thrive.

I'm running for State Senate, because you deserve a Senator who will do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

The ONLY candidate endorsed by California Environmental Voters: they know I'll fight to protect the Delta and stop out-of-town billionaires from destroying our precious open space and jeopardizing Solano County's cherished partnership with Travis Air Force Base.

The ONLY candidate endorsed by the California Nurses Association: they know I'll champion health care for all, mental health care, and affordable prescription drugs for everyone in our community.

The ONLY candidate endorsed by the California School Employees Association: they know I'll prioritize quality, safe public schools.

I'm a practical progressive who gets things done. When I was Mayor of my city, I brought divergent voices together and oversaw a drastic reduction in homelessness by demanding accountability and results. Today, I serve on the Board of my County's Continuum of Care, which ensures that overlapping homelessness programs are working together to achieve common goals. Breaking through red tape to help people is what I do best.

In the State Senate, I will continue being a champion for housing that Solano County families can afford, climate leadership, abortion rights, equal rights for all, and fair wages and benefits for all workers. I ask for your vote.

<https://www.jackie4senate.com>

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 3**

CHRISTOPHER CABALDON

Occupation: Educator/State Commissioner/Retired Mayor

Education and Qualifications: Like so many of us, the opportunity for a good education changed my life. I was honored when President Obama appointed me to work with Dr. Jill Biden to create over 400 initiatives across the country to guarantee a tuition-free college education for graduating local high school seniors.

As Vice-Chancellor of California Community Colleges and university professor, I've worked to strengthen California's education system. In the Senate, I'll deliver resources to help students succeed and prepare them for modern careers.

As West Sacramento mayor, I turned our forgotten industrial town into a place that was named "America's Most Livable City" with good jobs, safe neighborhoods, and quality housing that's affordable. I'm running for Senate to expand prosperity and economic opportunity to families everywhere.

During my tenure as mayor, we lowered unsheltered homelessness by 58%. I'll focus on building more housing, expanding mental health and job training services, and keeping us safe. I know we can make communities more secure because I've done it, cutting burglary and assault rates by more than half.

A proven champion for the environment and agriculture, I've cracked down on polluters and protected thousands of acres of habitat, farmland, and open space. I'll protect our water supplies and communities threatened by wildfires and floods. As your Senator, I'll bring home our fair share of state and federal dollars, using my experience as an appointee of five California governors.

It's about lifting up the right values—and delivering the right results. I hope to earn your vote.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 3**

THOM BOGUE

No Candidate Statement provided.

JIMIH JONES

No Candidate Statement provided.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 11**

JEFFREY FLACK

Occupation: Data and Policy Analyst

Education and Qualifications: The cost of living, and quality of life have made California a hard sell. Hundreds of thousands of people make the painful decision to leave every year. I was nearly one of them. But this is my birthplace, and I think it is worth fighting for.

I am running for Assembly focused on reducing the cost of living, improving education, and reforming the mental health and criminal justice systems.

In the 2022-23 school year, only 47% of students met standards for English, and only 35% of students met standards in Math. Education needs new ideas and deep change. We are failing our students and robbing a generation.

Anyone who has opened their electricity bill or filled up their car understands that the cost of energy in California is incredibly high and getting higher. It is time to bring accountability and reform to the public utilities and their regulators.

Californians are compassionate, but that compassion isn't endless. We have experienced an experiment in criminal justice and mental health that has failed. It is time to take a different approach that recognizes not only the dignity of the individual, but also that of the community.

I have been a data and policy analyst my entire career. It is time to bring data-driven, common-sense solutions to California's problems. I hope you will join me as we take on the challenge together.

Jeff4CA.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 11**

WANDA M. WALLIS

Occupation: Realtor/Businesswoman/Mom

Education and Qualifications: My name is Wanda Wallis, I am a Solano County and Suisun City resident for 20 years. I am a mother to one adult son, and I have been happily married for 20 years. As a businesswoman, I am running a grassroots campaign in my election for CA State Assembly District 11. It's time to bring back common sense, integrity and transparency.

My platform is simple:

Families are the foundation of society. Children are our future. Parents are the best advocates of their children's education and wellbeing. I stand with parents and their rights to oversee and direct their children's learning. I will fight to protect parental rights, children belong to the parents not the government.

The people demand safer streets and neighborhoods. Laws that incentivize crime and reduce funding for law enforcement have emboldened criminals. Criminals must be held responsible. I will fight to hold criminals accountable.

High taxes, overburdensome regulations, and crime are driving businesses out of California. As a businesswoman, I am well acquainted with the loss of economic opportunities for small businesses. I will fight to reduce business taxes, repeal burdensome regulations, and work to create a sustainable economic environment for all Californians.

It is time for a new voice in the California Legislature that represents ALL people. I am the new voice of the people to restore Accountability and Integrity by working together to make communities safe, and promote policies for economic prosperity. I'm Wanda Wallis, vote for me.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, DISTRITO 11**

WANDA M. WALLIS

Ocupación: Corredora de Bienes Raíces/Mujer de Negocios/Mamá

Educación y Competencia: Me llamo Wanda Wallis, resido en el Condado de Solano y en Suisun City desde hace 20 años. Soy madre de un hijo adulto y estoy felizmente casada desde hace 20 años. Como mujer de negocios, estoy llevando a cabo una campaña de base en mi elección para el Distrito 11 de la Asamblea Estatal de CA. Es hora de recuperar el sentido común, la integridad y la transparencia.

Mi plataforma es sencilla:

Las familias son el cimiento de la sociedad. Los niños son nuestro futuro. Los padres son los mejores defensores de la educación y el bienestar de sus hijos. Apoyo a los padres y su derecho a supervisar y dirigir el aprendizaje de sus hijos. Lucharé para proteger los derechos de los padres, los niños pertenecen a los padres, no al gobierno.

La gente exige calles y vecindarios más seguros. Las leyes que incentivan el crimen y reducen el financiamiento de las fuerzas del orden público han envalentonado a los criminales. Los delincuentes deben ser considerados responsables. Lucharé para que los delincuentes sean considerados responsables.

Los elevados impuestos, la excesiva regulación y el crimen están expulsando a los comercios de California. Como mujer de negocios, conozco bien la pérdida de oportunidades económicas para las pequeñas empresas. Lucharé por reducir los impuestos a los comercios, abrogar las regulaciones gravosas y trabajar para crear un entorno económico sostenible para todos los californianos.

Es tiempo de que haya una nueva voz en la Legislatura de California que represente a TODA la gente. Soy la nueva voz de la gente para restaurar la Responsabilidad y la Integridad trabajando juntos para hacer que las comunidades sean seguras, y promover políticas para la prosperidad económica. Soy Wanda Wallis, vote por mí.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 11**

LORI D WILSON

Occupation: Assemblymember, 11th District

Education and Qualifications: Integrity. Resilience. Strength. Compassion. Focus. Quality traits that define my life and what led me to success as your representative for Assembly District 11.

Delivering over \$20 million in state resources directly to our District for public safety, local housing, electric vehicle infrastructure, flood resiliency, and transportation projects that will improve the quality of life in Solano, Contra Costa, and Sacramento Counties.

Passing landmark legislation supporting manufacturing, people with disabilities, flood control projects, habitat restoration, and the needs of farmers.

Being elected Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus and appointed Chair of the Transportation Committee.

2023 was a defining year not only as your Assemblymember but for me personally. With the support of family, friends, staff, and so many of you, we accomplished all of this while I battled breast cancer and recovered from multiple surgeries, chemotherapy, and radiation. I am now cancer-free and ya'll haven't seen nothing yet!

The work is far from over! I'm focused on the long-term solutions we need to support businesses, build housing across all income levels, expedite services that transition people off the streets and into permanent housing, address public safety, and improve the quality of life for us all. Really, it is about building a California for everyone!

I made a promise to you in early 2022, I would hit the ground running fighting for the issues you care about. I've kept that promise! I would be honored to have your continued support as well as your vote. Learn more at ElectLoriWilson.com

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, DISTRITO 11**

LORI D WILSON

Ocupación: Miembro de la Asamblea, Distrito 11

Educación y Currículum Vitae: Integridad. Resiliencia. Fortaleza. Compasión. Enfoque. Atributos de calidad que definen mi vida y lo que me llevó al éxito como su representante para el Distrito 11 de la Asamblea.

Obtención de más de \$20 millones en recursos estatales directamente para nuestro Distrito destinados a seguridad pública, viviendas locales, infraestructura para vehículos eléctricos, protección contra inundaciones y proyectos de transporte que mejorarán la calidad de vida en los Condados de Solano, Contra Costa y Sacramento.

Aprobación de legislación histórica en apoyo de la manufactura, las personas con discapacidad, los proyectos de control de inundaciones, la restauración del hábitat y las necesidades de los agricultores.

Haber sido elegida Presidenta del Caucus Negro Legislativo de California y nombrada Presidenta del Comité de Transporte.

El año 2023 fue un año decisivo no solo como asambleísta, sino para mí personalmente. Con el apoyo de mi familia, amigos, personal y muchos de ustedes, logramos todo esto mientras luchaba contra el cáncer de seno y me recuperaba de múltiples cirugías, quimioterapia y radiación. ¡Ahora ya no tengo cáncer y todavía no han visto nada!

¡El trabajo está lejos de haber terminado! Estoy centrada en las soluciones a largo plazo que necesitamos para apoyar a las empresas, construir viviendas para todos los niveles de ingresos, agilizar los servicios que permitan a las personas dejar las calles y acceder a viviendas permanentes, abordar la seguridad pública y mejorar la calidad de vida de todos nosotros. ¡Realmente, se trata de construir una California para todos!

A principios de 2022 les prometí que empezaría a luchar por los temas que les preocupan. ¡He cumplido esa promesa! Sería un honor contar con su apoyo continuo y también con su voto.

Más información en ElectLoriWilson.com

**PAHAYAG NG KANDIDATO PARA SA
MIYEMBRO NG ASEMBLEYA NG ESTADO, DISTRITO 11**

LORI D WILSON

Trabaho: Miyembro ng Asembleya, Ika-11 Distrito

Edukasyon at Kuwalipikasyon: Integridad. Katatagan. Lakas. Malasakit. Pagtuon. Mga katangiang naglalarawan sa aking buhay at sa kung ano ang naghatid sa akin sa tagumpay bilang inyong kinatawan para sa Asembleya sa Distrito 11.

Direktang paghahatid ng mahigit sa \$20 milyon sa mga mapagkukunan ng estado patungo sa ating Distrito para sa pampublikong kaligtasan, lokal na pabahay, imprastruktura para sa de-kuryenteng sasakyan, katatagan sa baha, at mga proyektong pantransportasyon na magpapabuti sa kalidad ng buhay sa mga County ng Solano, Contra Costa, at Sacramento.

Pagpasa ng makasaysayang lehislasyon na sumusuporta sa pagmamanupaktura, mga taong may kapansanan, mga proyektong kumokontrol sa pagbaha, pagpapanumbalik ng tahanan ng mailap na hayop at halaman, at mga pangangailangan ng mga magsasaka.

Pagkaluklok bilang Tagapangulo ng California Legislative Black Caucus at hinirang na Tagapangulo ng Komite para sa Transportasyon.

Ang 2023 ay ang makabuluhang taon hindi lamang bilang miyembro ng inyong Asembleya ngunit para sa akin mismo. Sa suporta ng pamilya, mga kaibigan, mga tauhan, at ng nakararami sa inyo, naisakatuparan natin ang lahat ng ito habang nilalabanan ko ang kanser sa suso at gumaling mula sa maraming operasyon, kemoterapiya, at radyasyon. Malaya na ako ngayon sa kanser at higit pa ryan ang hindi niyo pa nakikita!

Matagal pa bago matapos ang gawain! Nakatuon ako sa mga pangmatagalang solusyon na kailangan natin upang masuportahan ang mga negosyo, magpatayo ng pabahay sa lahat ng antas ng kita, mapabilis ang mga serbisyo na nagtatransisyon sa mga tao paalis sa paninirahan sa mga kalye at patungo sa permanenteng pabahay, matugunan ang pampublikong kaligtasan, at mapabuti ang kalidad ng buhay para sa ating lahat. Tunay na ito ay tungkol sa pagbuo ng isang California na para sa lahat!

Nangako ako sa inyo sa sunang bahagi ng 2022, na sisimulan ko ang pakikipaglaban para sa mga isyung may malasakit kayo. Tinupad ko ang pangakong iyon! Ikararangal kong makuha ang patuloy na suporta ninyo pati na rin ang inyong boto. Alamin pa sa ElectLoriWilson.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 11**

DAVID A ENNIS

Occupation: Civil Engineer, MBA

Education and Qualifications: I am running for AD-11. I will galvanize California State level support for development of updated County affordable housing plans. I am a professional civil engineer licensed in California since 1994 (Duke BSE).

I spent 2 years on the San Leandro Planning Commission and 4 years as President of the United Parents for San Leandro High School. Most recently I spent 5 years funding FEMA projects involving the improvement of aging civil infrastructure in water, waste-water, and stormwater capacity, and mitigation funding for better resilience to wildfires, floods, global warming and hurricanes.

I support regional project planning and Federal funding of projects improving resilience to natural disasters. I believe regional infrastructure cooperation among the existing long term planning teams in AD-11 can better support economic development, low cost housing, and support for the homeless population.,

I support school choice, and a back to basics approach to education and government.

I'm a professional engineer who spent decades of senior management in the aerospace and defense industry on programs we depend on to be reliable and resilient, including the 787, 737, Patriot, Blackhawk, F-16, M-1, AEGIS, and Chinook.

I believe in building things right the first time and building aging Infrastructure better the second time.

I am a fiscal conservative and a moderate on social issues.

Working together, we can achieve common progress on our biggest issues: housing and homeless, on our terms, for our District. I need your vote!

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, DEPARTMENT 15**

MIKE THOMPSON

No Candidate Statement submitted.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, DEPARTMENT 15**

BRYAN J KIM **AGE: 48**
Occupation: Commissioner of the Superior Court, County of Solano

Education and Qualifications: I am Bryan Kim, and for the past nineteen years I've been proud to serve Solano County as a judicial officer and as a prosecutor.

As a Solano County Deputy District Attorney, I protected our community by prosecuting countless felony cases including murders, gang crimes and robberies.

In 2019, the Judges of the Solano County Superior Court elected me to serve as a Superior Court Commissioner. As a Commissioner I have presided over thousands of cases and dozens of jury trials. I ensure everyone has a fair trial, that guilty defendants are held accountable for their crimes, and that justice is served. It is precisely this brand of proven justice that I will continue to bring to the citizens of Solano County as your next Judge.

I am committed to this community, and you deserve a hardworking, fair, respected person to serve you as judge in Solano County. I am that person, and I have the experience to back this up.

Twenty current or retired Solano County Superior Court judges agree and have endorsed me.

I hope to earn your vote for Superior Court Judge, Department 15. For more information, please see my website at www.BryanKimForJudge.com.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
JUEZ DE LA CORTE SUPERIOR, DEPARTAMENTO 15**

BRYAN J KIM **EDAD: 48**
Ocupación: Comisionado de la Corte Superior, Condado de Solano

Educación y Curriculum Vitae: Soy Bryan Kim, y durante los últimos diecinueve años he estado orgulloso de servir al Condado de Solano como funcionario judicial y como fiscal.

Como Fiscal de Distrito Adjunto del Condado de Solano, protegí a nuestra comunidad procesando innumerables casos de delitos graves, incluidos asesinatos, crímenes de pandillas y robos.

En 2019, los Jueces de la Corte Superior del Condado de Solano me eligieron para servir como Comisionado de la Corte Superior. Como Comisionado he presidido miles de casos y docenas de juicios por jurado. Me aseguro de que todos tengan un juicio justo, que los acusados culpables rindan cuentas por sus crímenes y que se haga justicia. Es precisamente esta marca de justicia comprobada la que continuaré brindando a los ciudadanos del Condado de Solano como su próximo Juez.

Estoy comprometido con esta comunidad y usted merece una persona trabajadora, justa y respetada para servirle como juez en el Condado de Solano. Yo soy esa persona y tengo la experiencia para respaldar esto.

Veinte jueces actuales o jubilados de la Corte Superior del Condado de Solano están de acuerdo y me han respaldado.

Espero ganarme su voto para Juez de la Corte Superior, Departamento 15. Para obtener más información, por favor visite mi sitio web en www.BryanKimForJudge.com.

**PAHAYAG NG KANDIDATO PARA SA
HUKOM NG SUPERYOR NA HUKUMAN, DEPARTAMENTO 15**

BRYAN J KIM **EDAD: 48**
Trabaho: Komisyonado ng Superyor na Hukuman, County ng Solano

Edukasyon at Kuwalipikasyon: Ako si Bryan Kim, at sa nagdaang labing-siyam na taon, ipinagmamalaki ko ang mapaglingkuran ang County ng Solano bilang hudisyal na opisyal at bilang tagausig.

Bilang Deputadong Abogado ng Distrito ng County ng Solano, prinotektahan ko ang ating komunidad sa pamamagitan ng pag-usig sa napakaraming kaso ng malaking pagkakasala kabilang ang mga pagpatay, krimen ng gang at pagnanakaw.

Noong 2019, inihalal ako ng mga Hukom ng Superyor ng Hukuman ng County ng Solano para maglingkod bilang Komisyonado ng Superyor na Hukuman. Bilang Komisyonado, pinangasiwaan ko ang libu-libong kaso at dose-dosenang paglilitis na may mga hurado. Tinitiyak ko ang patas na paglilitis para sa lahat, na ang mga nagkasalang nasasakdal ay pinananagot sa kanilang mga krimen, at na nailalapat ang katarungan. Ang mismong tatak ng napatunayang katarungan na ito ang patuloy kong ihahatid sa mga mamamayan ng County ng Solano bilang inyong susunod na Hukom.

Nakatuon ako sa komunidad na ito, at nararapat kayo sa isang masipag, patas, iginagalang na indibidwal na maglilingkod sa inyo bilang hukom ng County ng Solano. Ako ang taong iyon, at may karanasan ako para mapatunayan ito.

Dalawampung kasalukuyan at retiradong hukom ng Superyor na Hukuman ng County ng Solano ang sumasang-ayon at nag-endorso sa akin.

Umaasa akong makuha ang inyong boto para sa Hukom ng Superyor na Hukuman, Departamento 15 Para sa higit pang impormasyon, mangyaring tingnan ang aking website sa www.BryanKimForJudge.com.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 2**

MONICA BROWN

Occupation: Incumbent Supervisor

Education and Qualifications: I have been honored to represent District 2 for the past seven years. I care deeply about my district and am asking for your vote to continue the progress I've made over the past two terms.

In my time on the Board, I have served as Chair of the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging to revitalize the program, growing its funding from \$1.8 million to \$9.6 million over the course of five years to ensure our county's seniors maintain a good quality of life. I have also represented the Mental Health Advisory Board, working to expand services such as mental healthcare facilities as well as the mental health mobile crisis unit that offers support to safeguard families and individuals alike.

With your vote, I can continue to work on programs to aid my constituents such as the Master Plan on Aging, In-Home Support Services to help keep families together, and handling crises in a timely manner to protect the safety of residents.

I stay active in my community to continue to engage with my constituents. I have my finger on the pulse of what is happening county-wide to proudly represent District 2.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA PARA
JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES, DISTRITO 2**

MONICA BROWN

Ocupación: Supervisora Titular

Educación y Competencia: He tenido el honor de representar al Distrito 2 durante los últimos siete años. Me importa profundamente mi distrito y le pido su voto para continuar los progresos que he realizado en los últimos dos periodos.

Durante mi mandato en la Junta, he sido Presidenta de la Agencia para la Tercera Edad del Área de Napa/Solano para renovar el programa, aumentando su financiamiento de \$1.8 millones a \$9.6 millones en el transcurso de cinco años para asegurar que las personas mayores de nuestro condado mantengan una buena calidad de vida. También he representado a la Junta Asesora de Salud Mental trabajando para ampliar servicios como los centros de cuidados de la salud mental, así como la unidad móvil de crisis de salud mental que ofrece apoyo para salvaguardar a familias e individuos por igual.

Con su voto, puedo seguir trabajando en programas para ayudar a mis electores, como el Plan Maestro para la Tercera Edad, los Servicios de Apoyo en el Hogar para ayudar a mantener unidas a las familias, y la gestión oportuna de las crisis para proteger la seguridad de los residentes.

Me mantengo activa en mi comunidad para seguir comprometida con mis electores. Me mantengo al tanto de lo que está sucediendo en todo el condado para representar con orgullo al Distrito 2.

**PAHAYAG NG KANDIDATO PARA SA
LUPON NG MGA SUPERBISOR, DISTRITO 2**

MONICA BROWN

Trabaho: Kasalukuyang Nanunungkulang Superbisor

Edukasyon at mga Kuwalipikasyon: Naging karangalan ko ang kumatawan sa Distrito 2 sa nakaraang pitong taon. Lubos akong nagmamalasakit sa aking distrito at hinihingi ko ang inyong boto upang maipagpatuloy ang pag-unlad na naisakatuparan ko sa nakaraang dalawang termino.

Sa aking panahon sa Lupon, nakapaglingkod ako bilang Tagapangulo ng Ahensya sa Pagtanda sa Lugar ng Napa/Solano upang muling mabigyang-buhay ang programa, mapalago ang pagpopondo nito mula \$1.8 milyon hanggang \$9.6 milyon sa loob ng limang taon upang matiyak na napapanatili ng mga nakakatanda ang magandang kalidad ng buhay. Kumatawan din ako sa Lupon ng Pagpapayo para sa Kalusugan ng Pag-iisip, nagsusumikap upang mapalawak ang mga serbisyo tulad ng mga pasilidad sa pangangalaga ng kalusugan ng pag-iisip, pati na rin ang mobile unit para sa krisis sa kalusugan ng pag-iisip na naghahandog ng suporta upang mapangalagaan ang mga pamilya at indibidwal.

Sa inyong boto, maipagpapatuloy ko ang gawain sa mga programa upang matulungan ang aking mga nasasakupan tulad ng Pangunahing Plano sa Pagtanda, Mga Serbisyon Pansuporta sa Tahanan upang mapanatiling magkakasama ang mga pamilya, at mapangasiwaan ang mga krisis nang nasa oras upang maprotektahan ang kaligtasan ng mga residente.

Nananatili akong aktibo sa aking komunidad upang patuloy na makibahagi kasama ang aking mga nasasakupan. Alam ko ang pulso ng nangyayari sa buong county para maipagmalaki ang pagkatawan sa Distrito 2.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 2**

ROCHELLE SHERLOCK

Occupation: Leadership Strategist/Executive Coach

Education and Qualifications: I have heard your concerns about crime, homelessness, housing, the cost of living, and the need for actionable solutions and fresh, effective leadership. That is why I am running to represent Benicia, south Vallejo, Mare Island, Cordelia, Green Valley, and parts of Fairfield on the Board of Supervisors.

With 30 years' service as a grassroots volunteer, community leader, board member on various commissions, founder of community initiatives, and small business owner, I have a proven track record of working with others to make a positive impact.

Honored as Solano County Woman of the Year by Senator Bill Dodd, I have worked tirelessly to benefit children, women, seniors, low-income residents, and promote public health, wildfire preparedness, economic development, fiscal responsibility, and inclusivity.

I understand the challenges our community faces and will leverage my experience and relationships to make government more effective for everyone.

My focus includes making our neighborhoods and communities safe, homelessness, affordable housing, and improving quality of life while supporting championing economic vitality, and aggressively pursuing grant funding to address critical needs.

Together, we can Create a Better Future.

Visit SherlockforSupervisor.com or call: (707) 718-5637.

Sherlock has her doctorate from George Washington University.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES, DISTRITO 2**

ROCHELLE SHERLOCK

Ocupación: Estratega de Liderazgo/Entrenadora Ejecutiva

Educación y Currículum Vitae: He escuchado sus preocupaciones sobre la delincuencia, la indigencia, la vivienda, el costo de vida, la necesidad de soluciones prácticas, y liderazgo nuevo y eficaz. Por eso me estoy postulando para representar a Benicia, el sur de Vallejo, Mare Island, Cordelia, Green Valley y partes de Fairfield en la Junta de Supervisores.

Con 30 años de servicio como voluntaria de base, líder de la comunidad, miembro de varias comisiones, fundadora de iniciativas comunitarias y propietaria de una pequeña empresa, tengo un historial comprobado de trabajo mancomunado para lograr un impacto positivo.

Honrada como Mujer del Año del Condado de Solano por el Senador Bill Dodd, he trabajado incansablemente para beneficiar a los niños, las mujeres, las personas mayores, los residentes de bajos ingresos, y promover la salud pública, la preparación contra incendios forestales, el desarrollo económico, la responsabilidad fiscal y la inclusión.

Entiendo los desafíos a los que se enfrenta nuestra comunidad y aprovecharé mi experiencia y mis relaciones para hacer que el gobierno sea más eficaz para todos.

Mi enfoque incluye hacer que nuestros vecindarios y comunidades sean seguros, la falta de vivienda, viviendas asequibles, y una mejor calidad de vida, apoyando al mismo tiempo la defensa de la vitalidad económica y la búsqueda agresiva de fondos de subvención para hacer frente a las necesidades críticas.

Juntos, podemos Crear un Futuro Mejor.

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Sherlock tiene su doctorado de la Universidad George Washington.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 2**

NORA DIZON

Occupation: Real Estate Broker

Education and Qualifications: I have a college degree with majors in Accounting and Business Management and a California DRE Broker's license (since 1992). I run my own successful private business (over 30 years). I understand finances, budgets, economics, proper infrastructure, regulations, etc.

After years of engagement with government, it is clear that only an elected official can create positive change. That is why I am running for supervisor. I am not the typical candidate. I am fully funding my own campaign and seek no endorsement. I have a clear record of standing for positions that are good for the community. No deep pockets influence me.

Please vote for me. I will look out for you. I don't bow to deep pockets. I am funding my own campaign. I say "no" to those seeking to influence via endorsements.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES, DISTRITO 2**

NORA DIZON

Ocupación: Corredora de Bienes Raíces

Educación y Currículum Vitae: Poseo un título universitario con especialización en Contabilidad y Administración de Empresas y una licencia de Agente de DRE de California (desde 1992). Dirijo mi propio negocio privado exitoso (más de 30 años). Entiendo de finanzas, presupuestos, economía, infraestructura adecuada, regulaciones, etc.

Después de años de compromiso con el gobierno, está claro que solo un funcionario electo puede crear un cambio positivo. Por este motivo me postulo para supervisora. No soy la típica candidata. Financio completamente mi propia campaña y no busco ningún aval. Tengo un historial claro de defender posiciones que son buenas para la comunidad. No hay intereses especiales que me influyan.

Por favor, vote por mí. Yo cuidaré de usted. No me inclino ante los intereses especiales. Financio mi propia campaña. Digo "no" a quienes buscan influir a través de avales.

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**PAHAYAG NG KANDIDATO PARA SA
LUPON NG MGA SUPERBISOR, DISTRITO 2**

NORA DIZON

Trabaho: Broker ng Tunay na Ari-arian

Edukasyon at Kuwalipikasyon: Mayroon akong digri sa kolehiyo na may pangunahing kurso sa Pagtutuos at Pamamahala ng Negosyo at lisensya ng Broker ng DRE sa California (mula pa noong 1992). Nagpapatakbo ako ng sarili kong matagumpay na pribadong negosyo (mahigit 30 taon). Nauunawaan ko ang pananalapi, mga badyet, ekonomiks, tamang imprastruktura, mga regulasyon, atbp.

Pagkatapos ng maraming taon ng pakikibahagi sa pamahalaan, malinaw na ang inihalal na opisyal lamang ang makakalikha ng positibong pagbabago. Kaya't ako ay tumatakbo para sa superbisor. Ako ay hindi karaniwang kandidato. Ganap kong pinopondohan ang sarili kong kampanya at hindi humihingi ng pag-eendorso. Mayroon akong malinaw na rekord ng pakikipaglaban para sa mga posisyong mabuti para sa komunidad. Walang malaking pera ang nakakaimpluwensya sa akin.

Mangyaring iboto ako. Pangangalagaan ko kayo. Hindi ako yumuyuko sa malaking pera. Pinopondohan ko ang sarili kong kampanya. Hinihindian ko ang mga humihingi ng impluwensya sa pamamagitan ng mga pag-eendorso.

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MEASURE A

**CITY OF BENICIA
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE**

Benicia Hotel Tax

Shall the City of Benicia enact a measure protecting essential Benicia services, including:

- maintaining police services
- protecting 911 response times
- maintaining local parks and library services
- promoting economic development

YES

by adopting an ordinance increasing the transient occupancy tax, paid by hotels and vacation rentals, from 9% to 13%, paid only by guests and tourists, providing approximately \$250,000 annually for general governmental purposes, sunseting in twelve years, subject to accountability by annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee?

NO

**CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE
A
CITY OF BENICIA TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX
MEASURE**

The City Council has placed on the ballot the question of whether to approve an ordinance increasing the City's existing transient occupancy tax (TOT) within the City of Benicia. The ordinance would increase the TOT from 9% to 13%, for 12 years unless extended by the voters of the City.

The TOT, commonly referred to as the "hotel tax," is a tax imposed on individuals staying in hotels, short term rentals, or other lodging for a period of 29 consecutive calendar days or less. The TOT is imposed on the rate charged by the operator of the lodging.

Because this measure does not legally restrict the use of tax revenue to any specific purposes, it is classified as a "general tax," not a "special tax." As a general tax, the funds would go to the City's general fund, and be used for any valid municipal government purpose. As a full service City, these services could include maintaining police services and local parks, protecting emergency response times, and preserving recreation and library services, among other things.

The measure provides for citizens' oversight of the tax. An annual audit by an independent auditor is also required.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of the tax. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. This measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

December 1, 2023
/s/ Benjamin Stock
City Attorney
City of Benicia

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure A. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's office at 707-746-4200 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

**MEASURE A
FULL TEXT
RESOLUTION NO. 23- 141**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENICIA CALLING AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BENICIA A BALLOT MEASURE TO INCREASE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) RATE BY FOUR PERCENT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

WHEREAS, unlike many cities of similar size in the Bay Area, Benicia is a full service city, equipped with its own City-run police, fire, park, library and water and wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all residents in the City of Benicia (“the City”) is the City’s top priority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benicia faces a structural budget deficit that it is trying to solve; and

WHEREAS, as part of the City’s effort to meet the service needs of the community, maintain the status as a full-service city, and address millions of dollars in unfunded capital infrastructure the City is looking to move forward with adding a Transient Occupancy Tax measure to the March 5, 2024, election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the general fund pays for important City services such as police, fire, and paramedic services; 911 emergency response; emergency street repairs and maintenance; neighborhood park and recreation services; and general municipal services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes an increase in the amount of four percent to the existing Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) as directed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the proposed, locally enacted, Transient Occupancy Tax measure is projected to generate general fund revenue of approximately \$250,000 annually for a four percent rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revenue measure has a sunset date of 12 years and Council will review the measure again in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, a Transient Occupancy Tax is paid by hotels, motels, guests, and tourists; and

WHEREAS, local, voter-approved funding for essential services will provide a guaranteed source of funding for the City of Benicia that cannot be taken by Sacramento or Washington D.C. as all funds will be legally required to be spent in Benicia; and

WHEREAS, the proposed measure will include strict accountability requirements such as public disclosure of all spending; annual independent financial audits that ensure funds are used effectively and as promised and only to benefit the Benicia community; and an Independent Citizen’s Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7280 the City of Benicia (“City”) has the authority to levy a Transient Occupancy Tax for general purposes, and subject to voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the general rule is that a Transient Occupancy Tax must be placed on a regularly scheduled general election for members of the City Council, unless the City Council adopts a resolution proclaiming a fiscal emergency; and

WHEREAS, at the November 7, 2023 Council meeting, by unanimous vote, Council declared a fiscal emergency; and

WHEREAS, if Benicia’s measure passes, then the Transient Occupancy Tax rate will be 13 percent; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the ballot, 2/3 of the City Council (4 members) are required to vote affirmatively for the Transient Occupancy Tax ordinance. If a council member is absent from the meeting, 4 City Council Members are still required to vote affirmatively for the item to qualify for the ballot; and

WHEREAS, if so approved by the Council, and then passed by the voters on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 with a majority of voters (50% plus 1) supporting the measure, it would go into effect on October 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Benicia does resolve, declare, determine and order as follows, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council pursuant to its right and authority, does order to be submitted to the voters at the Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024, the following question:

THE BENICIA TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) MEASURE

Benicia Hotel Tax

Shall the City of Benicia enact a measure protecting essential Benicia services, including:

- maintaining police services
- protecting 911 response times
- maintaining local parks and library services
- promoting economic development

by adopting an ordinance increasing the transient occupancy tax, paid by hotels and vacation rentals, from 9% to 13%, paid only by guests and tourists, providing approximately \$250,000 annually for general governmental purposes, sunseting in twelve years, subject to accountability by annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee?

YES

NO

SECTION 2. The proposed measure submitted to the voters is as attached in Exhibit A to this Resolution, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 3. The City will reimburse the county for the actual cost incurred in conducting the election upon receipt of a bill stating the amount due as determined by the elections official.

SECTION 4. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 5. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Arguments for or against this measure shall be submitted not later than 5 p.m. on December 15, 2023 to the City Clerk.

SECTION 8. The City Council adopts the provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 9285 of the Elections Code to permit rebuttal arguments if arguments have been filed in favor of and against the measure which is being submitted to the voters of the City at this special election. Rebuttal arguments shall be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2023.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Solano County Registrar of Voters.

On motion of Council Member **Young**, seconded by Council Member **Macenski**, the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Benicia at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of November 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes: **Council Members Birdseye, Campbell, Macenski, Scott, and Mayor Young**
 Noes: **None**
 Absent: **None**
 Abstain: **None**

 Steve Young, Mayor

Attest:

 Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk

 Date

Exhibit A
Proposed Transient Occupancy Tax Measure Submitted to the Voters

THE BENICIA TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) MEASURE

Benicia Hotel Tax

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- maintaining police services
- protecting 911 response times
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- promoting economic development

by adopting an ordinance increasing the transient occupancy tax, paid by hotels and vacation rentals, from 9% to 13%, paid only by guests and tourists, providing approximately \$250,000 annually for general governmental purposes, sunseting in twelve years, subject to accountability by annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee?

YES

NO

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Measure A is part of the plan to protect Benicia's public safety and vital City services.

Measure A raises the local hotel and motel tax that is paid by visitors and guests to Benicia.

Measure A protects and strengthens Benicia's most essential services. It protects your property values.

In an emergency, every second counts. That's why Measure A is so important.

Measure A will:

- Protect Benicia's 911 emergency response times,
- Support Benicia's police patrols,
- Maintain Benicia's Parks, Recreation, Library,
- Investment in local infrastructure, and
- Invest in economic growth programs.

By supporting Measure A, we can maintain the services that matter most to us and set ourselves in a position to enhance Benicia's key programs in the future.

Measure A is the safe, reliable funding Benicia needs and includes the following taxpayer protections:

- All funds must be spent in accordance with the authorized purposes.
- Annual audits of all expenditures will be published publicly.
- All revenue will be kept in our local communities and can't be taken by the State.
- It expires in 12 years.

By law, Yes on Measure A requires strict fiscal accountability provisions, ensuring that every cent of our money is used effectively, efficiently, and as promised by law to voters.

An independent Oversight Committee will conduct annual audits to ensure Measure A is being used wisely.

Sacramento can't touch a dime of Measure A. By law, ALL funds are required to remain local for Benicia's benefit.

Join us in supporting Measure A for Benicia's future.

Together, we can maintain our public safety and vital services – preserving the high quality of life we all cherish in Benicia. Our shared commitment reflects the cooperative spirit that defines our Benicia.

Vote YES on Measure A to protect Benicia's public safety and vital city services.

/s/ Mark Hughes, Former Benicia City Council Member
/s/ Norma Morales, Economic Development Board Chair
/s/ Andre J. Stewart, Insurance Executive
/s/ Jamie Blomdal, Former BUSD School Board Trustee
/s/ Lindsay Wray, Chair, Sustainability Commission

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Why when politicians want more of YOUR money its always for "public safety and vital City services?"

The City Council's proposed ballot Measure A, to increase the city's transient occupancy tax (hotel tax) from 9% to 13% will not help Benicia's public safety or vital City services. While the council claims that this tax hike will add \$250,000 to the city's general fund annually, it is important to consider the potential negative impact on the local economy.

A higher hotel tax rate could discourage tourism and lead to a decline in hotel bookings, which would ultimately hurt local businesses and the city's economy.

The council's decision to impose this tax increase during a time of economic uncertainty is questionable. The city is already facing a deficit, and the proposed tax increase could further burden residents and businesses. Instead of increasing taxes, the council should focus on finding ways to reduce expenses and improve efficiency.

While the Benicia City Council's proposal to increase the transient occupancy tax may seem like a quick fix to the city's financial woes, it could have long-term negative consequences for the local economy. The council should consider alternative solutions that do not place an undue burden on residents and businesses.

The measure boasts for a so called "independent citizen oversight," but the measure contains no spending guaranties that the oversight committee could enforce.

Vote NO on Measure A. You alone are the best "Oversight" on how your money is spent, not their Appointees.

/s/ Michael Nolan
Solano County Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A
Vote NO on Measure A

Are there any more taxes Benicia city council will try to collect? Is their chaunt to “tax this, tax that, tax everything?” When enough is enough?

But don’t worry, only guests and tourists visiting Benicia will pay this tax that will help to protect “essential services, including maintaining police services; protecting 911 response times; maintaining local parks and library services.”

Oh, and don’t forget we will have annual audits and an independent citizens’ oversight committee to ensure accountability.

Don’t they understand that increasing hotel taxes could lead to a decrease in tourism, which would ultimately result in a decrease in revenue for the local economy? Additionally, the hotel industry is already overtaxed, and further increases could lead to a decrease in hotel occupancy rates and a reduction in the number of jobs in the industry.

A hotel lodging tax is a tax placed on each night’s stay at a hotel and may also be called a tourist tax, room tax, bed tax, or sales tax. Because most lodging taxes are characterized as “ad valorem”—meaning they are charged as a percentage of the room rate rather than as a flat fee—they generate substantial revenue.

Vote NO on Measure A.

/s/ Michael Nolan

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A
Vote YES on Measure A

Measure A was placed on the ballot at the urging of Benicia’s leaders from small businesses, schools, non-profits, faith-based groups, homeowner associations, both political parties, and local neighborhood leaders.

Measure A is a hotel tax – paid by visitors to Benicia.

Benicia is fixing a structural budget deficit. If we don’t fix it – major cuts will come to Benicia shortly. Benicia’s police, fire, and emergency services are threatened.

These are not scare tactics. They’re warnings. In 18 months, Benicia could look very different than today.

In an emergency, every second counts. That’s why Measure A is so important.

Measure A protects and strengthens Benicia’s most essential services. It protects your property values.

To cut taxpayers’ dollars, Benicia’s leaders have eliminated 10 positions at the City (5% of the City’s General Fund Workforce) saving over \$1.5 million annually.

They cut programs and services with ongoing savings of over \$3 million and adopted new rules to spark smart development to broaden our tax base.

By law, Yes on Measure A requires strict fiscal accountability provisions, ensuring that every cent of our money is used effectively, efficiently, and as promised by law to voters.

An independent Oversight Committee will conduct annual audits to ensure Measure A is being used wisely.

Together, we can maintain our public safety and vital services – preserving the high quality of life we all cherish in Benicia. Our shared commitment reflects the cooperative spirit that defines our Benicia. Vote YES on Measure A.

/s/ Mark Hughes, Former Benicia City Council Member
/s/ Norma Morales, Economic Development Board Chair
/s/ Andre J. Stewart, Insurance Executive
/s/ Jamie Blomdal, Former BUSD School Board Trustee

MEASURE B

**CITY OF BENICIA
SALES TAX MEASURE**

Benicia Public Safety and Essential Services Measure

To protect Benicia’s essential public safety, city services, and facilities including:

- maintaining police services,
- protecting 911 and fire emergency response times,
- maintaining local parks
- preserving recreation and library services,
- sustaining other vital city programs,

YES

shall the City of Benicia enact a measure, by adopting a 3/4 cent sales tax, for general government purposes, providing approximately \$5,400,000 annually, under local control, with citizens’ oversight and annual audits, with a sunset date of twelve years?

NO

**CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE B
CITY OF BENICIA SALES TAX MEASURE**

The City Council has placed on the ballot the question of whether to approve an ordinance adopting a transaction and use tax within the City of Benicia. The ordinance would add a transaction and use tax at the rate of three-quarter cent (0.75%) of the retail sales price, for 12 years unless extended by the voters of the City.

State law authorizes the City to levy a local transactions and use tax, more commonly known as a sales tax on retail sales. Currently, the tax on retail sales in the City of Benicia is 8.375% of the purchase price. Of this amount, 7.25% goes to the State, .125% to Solano County and 1% to the City of Benicia. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the State Board of Equalization, which administers the tax and sends the City its amount. This measure would authorize a three-quarter cent increase which would bring the rate to 9.125%. The three-quarter cent tax increase would go to the City of Benicia and not to the State or County. This tax only applies to retail sales. Consistent with state law, the tax would not apply to prescription medications and food purchased as groceries. Because this measure does not legally restrict the use of tax revenue to any specific purposes, it is classified as a “general tax,” not a “special tax.” As a general tax, the funds would go to the City’s general fund, and be used for any valid municipal government purpose. As a full service City, these services could include maintaining police services and local parks, protecting emergency response times, and preserving recreation and library services, among other things.

The measure provides for citizens’ oversight of the tax. An annual audit by an independent auditor is also required.

A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of the tax. A “No” vote is a vote against the tax. This measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of “Yes” votes.

December 1, 2023
/s/ Benjamin Stock
City Attorney
City of Benicia

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk’s office at 746-4200 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

**MEASURE B
FULL TEXT
RESOLUTION NO. 23- 140**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENICIA CALLING AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BENICIA A BALLOT MEASURE TO INCREASE THE GENERAL PURPOSE TRANSACTION AND USE (“SALES”) TAX BY THREE FOURTHS OF ONE CENT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

WHEREAS, unlike many cities of similar size in the Bay Area, Benicia is a full service city, equipped with its own City-run police, fire, park, library and water and wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all residents in the City of Benicia (“the City”) is the City’s top priority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benicia faces a structural budget deficit that it is trying to solve; and

WHEREAS, as part of the City’s effort to meet the service needs of the community, maintain the status as a full-service city, and address millions of dollars in unfunded capital infrastructure the City is looking to move forward with adding a General Sales Tax measure to the March 5, 2024, election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the general fund pays for important City services such as police, fire, and paramedic services; 911 emergency response; emergency street repairs and maintenance; neighborhood park and recreation services; and general municipal services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes an increase in the amount of three-fourths of one cent to the existing Transaction and Use Tax (Sales Tax) as directed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the proposed, locally enacted, Sales Tax measure is projected to generate general fund revenue of approximately \$5.4 million annually for a three-fourths of one cent increase; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revenue measure has a sunset date of 12 years and Council will review the measure again in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, a three-fourths of one cent increase in sales tax would cost the average resident \$10/month; and

WHEREAS, local, voter-approved funding for essential services will provide a guaranteed source of funding for the City of Benicia that cannot be taken by Sacramento or Washington D.C. as all funds will be legally required to be spent in Benicia; and

WHEREAS, the proposed measure will include strict accountability requirements such as public disclosure of all spending; annual independent financial audits that ensure funds are used effectively and as promised and only to benefit the Benicia community; and an Independent Citizen’s Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9 the City of Benicia (“City”) has the authority to levy a Transactions and Use (“Sales”) Tax for general purposes, and subject to voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the general rule is that a general tax must be placed on a regularly scheduled general election for members of the City Council, unless the City Council adopts a resolution proclaiming a fiscal emergency; and

WHEREAS, at the November 7, 2023 Council meeting, by unanimous vote, Council declared a fiscal emergency; and

WHEREAS, if Benicia’s measure passes, then the City of Benicia’s sales tax rate will be 9.125% which is similar to many jurisdictions to the south; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the ballot, 2/3 of the City Council (4 members) are required to vote affirmatively for the sales tax ordinance. If a council member is absent from the meeting, 4 City Council Members are still required to vote affirmatively for the item to qualify for the ballot; and

WHEREAS, if so approved by the Council, and then passed by the voters on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 with a majority of voters (50% plus 1) supporting the measure, it would go into effect on October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also desires, on its own motion, to submit to the voters at the March 5, 2024 Statewide Primary Election a question relating to the imposition of a three-quarter of one cent transactions and use (“sales”) tax for general purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Benicia does resolve, declare, determine and order as follows, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council pursuant to its right and authority, does order to be submitted to the voters at a Primary Election the following question:

THE BENICIA SALES TAX MEASURE	
<p>Benicia Public Safety and Essential Services Measure</p> <p>To protect Benicia’s essential public safety, city services, and facilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintaining police services, • protecting 911 and fire emergency response times, • maintaining local parks • preserving recreation and library services, • sustaining other vital city programs, <p>shall the City of Benicia enact a measure, by adopting a 3/4 cent sales tax, for general government purposes, providing approximately \$5,400,000 annually, under local control, with citizens’ oversight and annual audits, with a sunset date of twelve years?</p>	YES
	NO

SECTION 2. The proposed measure submitted to the voters is as attached in Exhibit A to this Resolution, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 3. The City will reimburse the county for the actual cost incurred in conducting the election upon receipt of a bill stating the amount due as determined by the elections official.

SECTION 4. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 5. Notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Arguments for or against this measure shall be submitted not later than 5 p.m. on December 15, 2023 to the City Clerk.

SECTION 8. The City Council adopts the provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 9285 of the Elections Code to permit rebuttal arguments if arguments have been filed in favor of and against the measure which is being submitted to the voters of the City at this special election. Rebuttal arguments shall be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2023.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Solano County Registrar of Voters.

On motion of Council Member **Birdseye**, seconded by Council Member **Scott**, the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Benicia at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of November 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes: **Council Members Birdseye, Campbell, Macenski, Scott, and Mayor Young**
 Noes: **None**
 Absent: **None**
 Abstain: **None**

 Steve Young, Mayor

Attest:

 Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk

 Date

Exhibit A
Proposed Sales Tax Measure Submitted to the Voters

THE BENICIA SALES TAX MEASURE	
Benicia Public Safety and Essential Services Measure	
To protect Benicia's essential public safety, city services, and facilities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintaining police services,• protecting 911 and fire emergency response times,• maintaining local parks• preserving recreation and library services,• sustaining other vital city programs,	YES
shall the City of Benicia enact a measure, by adopting a 3/4 cent sales tax, for general government purposes, providing approximately \$5,400,000 annually, under local control, with citizens' oversight and annual audits, with a sunset date of twelve years?	NO

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

What will Benicia look like in the future? You can help decide.

Vote YES on Measure B to protect Benicia's Public Safety and Essential City Services.

Benicia's population is stagnant, with limited locations to build commercial and industrial businesses, resulting in a local economy that cannot support the level of City services that make Benicia a safe, unique, and vibrant community.

City leaders have already eliminated 10 positions (5% of the City's General Fund Workforce) saving over \$1.5 million annually.

They cut programs and services with one-time and ongoing savings of over \$3 million and adopted new rules to facilitate smart development to broaden our tax base.

As we've tightened our belts through fiscal reforms and cut costs, we need Measure B to keep our vital city services.

It's now up to us to invest in ourselves to protect the services we care so deeply about.

Measure B will:

- Protect Benicia's 911 emergency response times,
- Support Benicia's police patrols,
- Maintain Benicia's Parks, Recreation, Library and
- Investment in local infrastructure.

These programs and services are the backbone of a healthy and prosperous Benicia. Measure B protects them and sets the foundation for our City to make improvements and enhance our services in the future.

Measure B sunsets in 12 years – meaning it ends in 12 years unless residents vote to renew this measure.

Measure B will cost the average person in Benicia \$10/month. Measure B was built with taxpayer accountability and transparency. An independent Oversight Committee will conduct annual audits to ensure it is being used as promised.

And every penny of Measure B stays right here in Benicia – the State can't take it.

Join Benicia's public safety, faith, business, environmental, neighborhood, and civic leaders in supporting Measure B to protect Benicia's residents and our exceptional quality of life.

/s/ Mark Hughes, Former Benicia City Council Member
/s/ Norma Morales, Economic Development Board Chair
/s/ Andre J. Stewart, Insurance Executive
/s/ Jamie Blomdal, Former BUSD School Board Trustee
/s/ Lindsay Wray, Chair, Sustainability Commission

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Here we go again. Vote NO on Measure B. We are tired of local politicians who don't listen to their residents. They didn't get your message in 2022 when you voted down Measure R.

This year is Measure B. What do you think will happen if Measure B passes? This Measure is a "GENERAL FUND TAX." It goes directly into the GENERAL FUND and allows any three members of the City Council to spend it for any purpose.

The city council has warned that the city could face dire financial consequences if the measure is not approved. Supposedly they have already eliminated 10 positions, saving the city over \$1.5 million annually. Maybe they would need to lay off more staff and open city hall to the citizens, instead of having you make an appointment to see the people you are paying their salary.

Benicia should be proud that currently the City's sales tax rate is lower than other cities nearby such as Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Martinez. It gives Benicia's businesses and local workers a needed competitive advantage over other cities. Raising the sales tax will hurt local business that provide local jobs.

If Measure B passes Benicia's sales tax rate would be the highest in Solano County.

More taxes don't mean better services. Increasing sales taxes is not the solution. City officials must do more to cut costs. Stop overspending and cut waste. This Measure totally disregards your personal daily struggles.

Vote NO on Measure B.

/s/ Michael Nolan
Solano County Taxpayers Association

**ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B
VOTE NO on Measure B!**

Here they come again. After the failure of Measure R in 2022 Benicia city government is trying to fool you again. Under our state constitution, “protection of essential public safety is the first responsibility of local government.” When budgeting, “local officials have an obligation to give priority to the provision of providing essential services to their citizens.

Why do they always threaten essential public safety services when the budget contains plenty of unnecessary fat that could be cut instead? It’s dishonest to say this tax will protect public safety when the measure leaves out any guarantee that the funds will go to public safety. Why is there no guarantee? Because the funds will probably go elsewhere!

The biggest unnecessary drain on the City’s budget is overly generous salaries, pensions, and retiree health benefits. While taxpayers witness their own retirement investments destroyed by stock market losses and runaway inflation, Benicia would make matters worse by raising taxes to fund guaranteed retirement benefits for public employees.

Of greatest concern, however, is how higher sales taxes will hurt local businesses. Local businesses already struggle as shoppers increasingly opt for the convenience of Amazon and other online retailers. Many struggling businesses may not survive a sales tax hike that drives even more shoppers away from buying locally. The measure boasts “independent citizen oversight,” but the measure contains no spending guarantees that an oversight committee could enforce.

Benicians don’t need another committee. **Your oversight will be by voting NO on Measure B!**

Don’t be fooled by their argument that “opponents don’t live in Benicia.” We are the Solano County Taxpayers Association representing the Taxpayers of Solano County.

/s/ Michael Nolan

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B
Vote YES on Measure B**

Only one person filed an argument against Measure B.

And that person lives in Dixon.

Measure B is a Benicia solution to a Benicia challenge. We face a structural budget deficit that must be fixed – or Benicia will look very different in 18 months.

As Benicia tightened its belts through fiscal reforms and cut costs, we need Measure B to keep our vital city services.

It’s now up to us to invest in ourselves to protect the services we care so deeply about.

Measure B will:

- Protect Benicia’s 911 emergency response times.
- Support Benicia’s police patrols.
- Maintain Benicia’s Parks, Recreation and Libraries.
- Invest in local infrastructure

These programs and services are the backbone of a healthy and prosperous Benicia. Measure B protects them and sets the foundation for our City to make improvements and enhance our services in the future.

Benicia’s financial statements are transparent and open to everyone. They tell the true story.

Benicia must do 3 things to reach financial health:

- Cut expenses.
- Grow smartly.
- Find additional sources of revenue.

By law, Yes on Measure B requires strict fiscal accountability provisions, ensuring that every cent of our money is used effectively, efficiently, and as promised by law to voters.

Measure B will be subject to annual audits of all expenditures and will be published publicly.

Join Benicia’s public safety, faith, business, environmental, neighborhood, and civic leaders in supporting Measure B to protect Benicia’s residents and our exceptional quality of life.

/s/ Mark Hughes, Former Benicia City Council Member
/s/ Norma Morales, Economic Development Board Chair
/s/ Andre J. Stewart, Insurance Executive
/s/ Jamie Blomdal, Former BUSD School Board Trustee

MEASURE C

**BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE**

To improve the quality of education, upgrade, renovate, and modernize classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; repair/replace leaky roofs; renovate/construct science and career technical classrooms/labs; and replace outdated HVAC systems; shall Benicia Unified School District's measure authorizing \$122,500,000 of bonds be adopted at legal rates, generating on average \$7,500,000 per year while bonds are outstanding, at approximately \$60 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent oversight, NO money for salaries, and all money staying local?

BONDS - YES

BONDS - NO

**COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE C
BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE**

Measure C would authorize the sale of general obligation bonds of the Benicia Unified School District ("District") in series in the aggregate amount of up to \$122,500,000. Measure C will not amend any existing laws. The District's governing board ("Board") placed Measure C on the ballot.

The California Constitution limits the use of proceeds from such bonds to construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.

Bond proceeds must be used to repair, modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of the District's existing schools, new school sites, and other District-owned facilities as identified in the Bond Project List (reprinted completely in the sample ballot pamphlet). These bond funds cannot be used for salaries or other school operating expenses.

The District cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all the Bond Projects. Certain projects may require State matching funds for their completion.

Independent performance and financial audits must be conducted annually. By law, the District is required to have an independent citizens' oversight committee to help ensure that bond funds are spent only for projects included in the Bond Project List.

If Measure C is approved, the District may issue bonds either under the Government or Education Code which would be repaid through a property tax levied and collected by the County each year on all taxable property within the District in an amount sufficient to pay the interest and principal coming due prior to the next year's tax levy. The District's Tax Rate Statement printed in this pamphlet contains the District's best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would need to be levied to fund the proposed bonds is \$55 per \$100,000 of assessed value of taxable property within the District and the stated best estimate of the highest tax rate would be \$60 per \$100,000. The taxes are scheduled to be collected through 2057-58. The District estimates the total debt service during the life of the bonds, including principal and interest, would be \$264,800,000.

The procedures required for the approval and issuance of the general

obligation bonds, including the process of submitting Measure C to the vote of the District's electors, were satisfied.

Measure C requires approval by 55 percent of the voters of the district voting on it.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to authorize the issuance of bonds totaling up to \$122,500,000 to fund specified.

school facilities projects secured by the levy of ad valorem taxes on property located within the District.

A "No" vote is a vote to not authorize the issuance of the bonds.

/s/ Bernadette Curry
Solano County Counsel
ELEC § 9500

MEASURE C

FULL TEXT

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$122,500,000 in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List included below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

The Bonds may be issued under the provisions of the California Education Code (starting at Section 15100), under the provisions of the California Government Code (starting at Section 53506), or under any other provision of law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by community college districts. The Bonds may be issued in series by the District, from time to time, and each series of Bonds shall mature within the legal limitations set forth in the applicable law under which the Bonds are issued.

Evaluation of Needs. The Governing Board of the District has identified detailed facilities needs of the District, and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The Governing Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List described below.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Following approval of this measure, the Governing Board will establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Governing Board.

Performance Audits. The Governing Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

Financial Audits. The Governing Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

Government Code Accountability Requirements. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Solano County Treasurer, as required by the Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Governing Board of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3), specifically the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, including relating to estimated tax rates, the duration of issued bonds and related tax levies and collections are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change

over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters which is subject to a word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

The District has examined the debt service requirements due on its outstanding bonds, the scheduled amortization of such bonds, and the 2023-24 tax rate. Due to the scheduled amortization of outstanding bonds, which will occur prior to the time that the first levy is expected to for bonds issued pursuant to this measure, the District expects that when the initial levy occurs pursuant to this bond measure, it will not exceed the 2023-24 tax rate levied for bonds outstanding in said fiscal year. Notwithstanding this expectation, general obligation bonds authorized by this measure are secured by an *ad valorem* tax unlimited as to rate or amount, and although the expectation is that tax rates will not increase, voters are informed that this expectation does not result in a cap or limit on the tax levies required to amortize bonds authorized by this measure.

BOND PROJECT LIST

Scope of Projects. Bond proceeds will be expended on the modernization, renovation, expansion, acquisition, construction/reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of school facilities of the District, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, at all current and future sites and properties.

School Facility Project List. The items presented on the following list provide the types of school facilities projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The following types of projects are authorized at all current and future sites of the District, including those located at the following locations:

- Joe Henderson Elementary - Built 1987
- Mary Farmer Elementary - Built 1959
- Matthew Turner Elementary - Built 1993
- Robert Semple Elementary - Built 1955
- Benicia Middle - Built 1976
- Benicia High - Built 1969
- Liberty High - Built 1930's

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- Repair, upgrade or replace roofs.
 - Expand and renovate career technical classrooms and labs to better prepare students for employment after high school.
 - Provide ventilation and air-conditioning systems to classrooms where none exist and replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.
 - Renovate and construct science and technology labs.
 - Improve student access to computers and modern technology.
 - Upgrade inadequate electrical systems.
 - Make health, safety and security improvements, including fire alarms.
 - Upgrade playgrounds and playfields for school and community use.
 - Modernize classrooms to meet 21st century teaching and learning standards and renovate, upgrade, and modernize restrooms and school facilities.
 - Upgrade performing arts center at Benicia High School.
 - Improve student safety at drop-off and pick-up areas.
 - Construct/upgrade learning spaces, including multi-purpose and food service facilities.
 - Replace outdated temporary portable classrooms with permanent classrooms and/or construct new classrooms to replace temporary portable classrooms.
 - Provide new Kindergarten classrooms at each school site for four year olds as is now required.

preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

Alternations to Scope; New Construction. The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for or otherwise determined by the Board to be in the best interests of the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction including land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities.

Interim Financing Included; Joint Use Projects Authorized. Authorized projects include paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the Bond Project List, such as bond anticipation notes, and includes prepayment of lease payments to acquire title to facilities and/or equipment previously financed. Projects may also be undertaken on a joint use basis with other public entities.

Bond Project List Not in Order of Priority; Board Determines Prioritization. Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The District's capital needs currently exceed the amount of bonds the voters are being asked to authorize. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to suggest priority for funding or completion, and itemization of projects in the list above does not guarantee that all such projects will be undertaken. Project priorities will be determined by the Governing Board. The ability of the District to undertake and complete the listed projects is subject to numerous variables including the adequacy and availability of sufficient funding sources. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1 (b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Words used in the Bond Project List such as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used to describe school facilities projects in plain English but are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond what is authorized by law. As such, in accordance with legal requirements, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition for current maintenance, operation or repairs.

Severability. The District Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the District Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

- Make energy-efficient upgrades including “green” building projects and sustainable building practices to promote energy-efficiency (e.g., windows, lighting, electrical systems panel, HVAC etc.).
- Renovate existing multi-purpose rooms/cafeterias and construct multi-purpose rooms/cafeterias at schools where none exist.
- Repair/replace deteriorating plumbing systems, including drainage, irrigation and sewer systems.
- Upgrade fire alarm, emergency exit lighting, and security systems.
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces including parking, turf, and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards and improve outside instructional areas.
- Upgrade athletic fields and facilities for school and community use.
- Modernize, renovate, repair, expand and/or upgrade the interior and/or exterior of existing classrooms and school facilities (including but not limited to doors, windows, casework, fencing, painting, signage, and railings).
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (such as plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.).
- Remove, repair, and refinish building and site areas damaged by dry rot, water, termites, etc.
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior or during construction.
- Other improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act, and handicapped access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Necessary preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines (such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, sewer lines, and communication lines), trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.
- Rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel, and interim classrooms (including relocatables) for students and school functions or other storage for classroom materials displaced during construction.
- Acquisition of any of the facilities on the Bond Project List through temporary lease or lease-purchase arrangements, or execute purchase option under leases for any of these authorized facilities.
- For any project involving rehabilitation or renovation of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new construction instead, if the Board of Trustees determines that replacement and new construction is more economically practical than rehabilitation and renovation, considering the building’s age, condition, expected remaining life, and other relevant factors.
- All work necessary and incidental to specific projects described above, including demolition of existing structures.

Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, bond project construction management, administration and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

Furnishing and Equipping. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, fixtures, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the list; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Benicia Unified School District (the "District") on March 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$122,500,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$55 per \$100,000. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2057-58.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply until fiscal year 2052-53.

3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$264.8 million.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

/s/ _____
Superintendent
Benicia Unified School District

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Our schools are essential assets to our community. The Benicia Unified School District fosters achievement, prepares students for the labor market, enhances neighborhood safety, and improves property values. By voting yes on **Measure C**, the District can maintain the quality of our local schools by renovating, upgrading, and modernizing outdated classrooms and school facilities **WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES**. Rather than letting previously old bonds expire, Measure C will extend the 1997 bond program.

Our students need your vote on Measure C! While BUSD has successfully maintained its facilities over the years, they require upgrades and improvement. The average age of our schools is over 55 years old, with our oldest school built in the 1930's! Voting YES on Measure C will provide the necessary repairs and renovations to our aging facilities and help our schools meet today's safety, technological, and educational standards.

If passed, Measure C will provide funding to make critical facility improvements to Benicia schools, including:

- Repairing/replacing leaky roofs
- Expanding and renovating career technical classrooms and labs to better prepare students for employment after high school
- Replacing outdated heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems
- Renovating/constructing science and technology labs
- Improving student access to computers and technology

Measure C makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.

- Measure C will not increase the tax rate property owners are currently paying
- By law, spending must be annually audited and reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee
- All bond funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State
- Funds are required to be spent only on schools, not for administrator or teacher salaries

Measure C upgrades and renovates old and inadequate classrooms, improves local students' education, and maintains our community's quality without increasing taxes. That's something we can all support. Please join us and **VOTE YES ON MEASURE C!**

/s/ Sheri Zada
President Benicia Unified School District Governing Board
/s/ Darrell Doi
President, Invesdid
/s/ Janice Adams
Retired Superintendent
/s/ Fary Koh
Brickspace Owner
/s/ Kristopher R. Altman
BMS Teacher

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Look at your property tax bill for a list of the current school general obligation bonds that you are still paying with interest for the next 25 plus years.

Much of the work described in Measure C is deferred maintenance of school properties for which the Education Code requires school districts to pay for from a deferred maintenance fund. Now the District tells us that the schools require replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, repairing/replacing leaky roofs, urgent repairs and critical student access to computers and modem technology.

If the District had been a good steward, repairs and replacements would have been completed as needed rather than waiting for a new bond.

Passage of Measure C will result in an estimated tax rate increase of \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. For a homeowner with a property assessed at \$500,000, this would mean an annual tax increase of \$300. Just remember that over fifty percent (50%) of your property taxes go to schools. As property values are increasing schools will receive more of your money!

Even the promise of "citizen oversight" is hollow. We know how "oversight committee appointees selected by the school district" work.

NO MORE TAXES! -- Taxpayers are facing high costs of food, energy, utilities, and automobile fuel. And let's not even mention the looming recession.
Join overtaxed property owners - **VOTE NO on MEASURE C.**

/s/ Michael Nolan

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C

Oppose this bond and VOTE NO ON MEASURE C. A bond works like a government credit card -- paying off that credit card requires the government to raise your taxes. The increased taxes you will be forced to pay would be IN ADDITION TO ALL THE OTHER TAXES RESIDENTS ALREADY PAY, including: Property Taxes; Existing Community College School Bond Taxes; Income Taxes; Sales Taxes; Utility Taxes; Gasoline Taxes. Aren't you taxed enough already? What would this property tax increase likely mean for you?

Property Owners: will be forced to pay increased property taxes. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2057-58

Oh, but don't worry the "best estimate of the average annual tax rate will be \$55 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of your home. Just think about the quality of education your children will get in modernized schools!

Many Renters: will suffer rent increases as landlords pass on the costs of higher taxes.

Customers: will see higher prices as businesses pass on the cost of higher taxes.

This measure boasts an "independent citizen bond oversight committee." A committee handpicked by the School District that has no teeth!

NO MORE TAXES -- tell education bureaucrats they need to live within their means (instead of relying upon over-burdened taxpayers to pay ever increasing taxes)! VOTE NO ON MEASURE C

/s/ Michael Nolan

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C

Please don't let the argument against Measure C mislead you. It doesn't state the facts and the author has submitted nearly identical arguments against other Solano County school districts. One **VERY IMPORTANT FACT** was misrepresented: **Measure C will NOT increase taxes.**

Many of Benicia's most respected community members support Measure C. Let's trust them and not listen to incorrect, cookie cutter statements.

Consider the FACTS, and vote Yes on C.

FACT: Measure C does not increase taxes. Measure C extends the bond program approved by local voters in 1997 and will actually have a lower tax rate than what we are currently paying. Everything said in the rebuttal about increasing taxes simply isn't true.

FACT: Benicia schools were built up to 80 years ago and need renovations. Measure C replaces leaky roofs and updates classrooms, science labs, job training facilities, and technology.

FACT: Every penny from Measure C must be spent on neighborhood schools. The project list in your voter pamphlet details the allowed use of funds. By law, no monies can be taken away by the State or used for administrator salaries or benefits.

FACT: Measure C requires an independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits to ensure transparency and accountability. The oversight committee of Benicia residents reviews the use of funds and reports their findings to the community.

Our students deserve a quality education. **Study the FACTS, and join us in voting YES on C for quality Benicia schools - without increasing taxes.**

/s/ Sheri Zada

President Benicia Unified School District Governing Board

/s/ Darrell Doi

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/s/ Kristopher R. Altman

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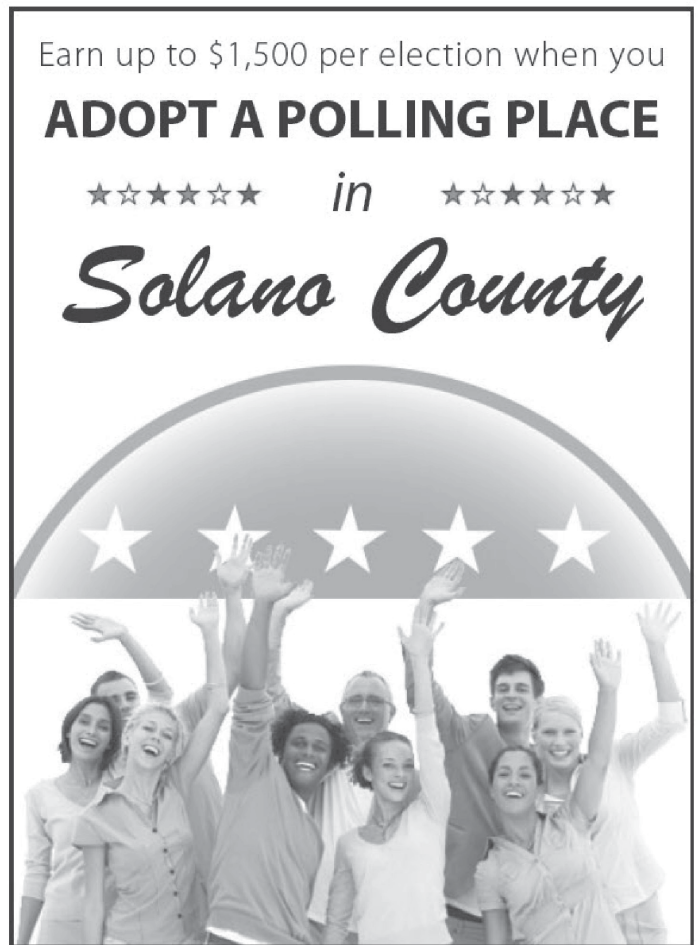
Retired Superintendent

ADOPT-A-POLL

By adopting a polling place, you will earn money that can be donated to your organization, church, or school.

Other Benefits:

- Your organization can display the name of your group outside the polling place.
- You will be added to the community partners list, highlighted on the County website and mentioned during a County Board of Supervisors meeting.
- You will receive Election Day shirts for your team to wear on Election Day.



To qualify, you must:

- Speak, read, and write English;
- Complete the training program; and
- Serve all day *

*Your group has the option to split up the day's shifts, adding flexibility to everyone's schedule!

We especially encourage Spanish and Tagalog speaking poll workers to apply!



Text Solano to 2VOTE (28683)
(Message and data rates may apply)



Fill out the form at solanocounty.com/adopt_a_poll



Contact via email at: pollworker@solanocounty.com

UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

Have you moved?

Do you need to update your voter information?

Register to Vote Online!

What will I need?

- ★ California Drivers License Number or Identification Card Number
- ★ Last 4 of Social Security Number
- ★ Date of Birth

What do I do?

- ★ Go to RegisterToVote.Ca.Gov
- ★ Click on the “Register to Vote Now” button
- ★ Follow the prompts on the screen

MY VOICE. MY CHOICE.
MYVOTE
RegisterToVote.ca.gov



Solano County Registrar of Voters
(707) 784-6675
elections@solanocounty.com
www.solanocounty.com/elections

VOTER BILL *of* RIGHTS



YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS



1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:

- ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
- ★ at least 18 years old
- ★ registered where you currently live
- ★ not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- ★ not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**

You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

3. **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**

4. **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

5. **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot,
Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
Vote using a provisional ballot.

6. **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

7. **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.

8. **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.


9. **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.

10. **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

SPECIAL NOTICE

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted county Voter Information Guide.
- Specific instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, can be obtained from a poll worker or by reading the information mailed to you by your local elections official.
- If you are a newly registered voter, you may be asked to provide appropriate identification or other documentation according to federal law. But please note that every individual has the right to cast a provisional ballot even if he or she does not provide the documentation.
- It is against the law to represent yourself as being eligible to vote unless you meet all of the requirements to vote under federal and state law.
- It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

 On the web at www.sos.ca.gov

 By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

 By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

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pre-register at sixteen. vote at eighteen.

Online pre-registration is now available for eligible 16 and 17 year olds at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.* California youth who pre-register to vote will have their registration become active once they turn 18 years old.

1. VISIT



2. PRE-REGISTER



Click the "Pre-Register to Vote" button.

3. TURN 18



Become automatically registered on your 18th Birthday.

4. VOTE



Cast your ballot on Election Day!

*Pre-registration is also available on paper voter registration forms



TIME OFF TO VOTE

**POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M.
TO 8:00 P.M. EACH ELECTION DAY**

If you are scheduled to be at work during that time and you do not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote at a statewide election, California law allows you to take up to two hours off to vote, without losing any pay.

You may take as much time as you need to vote, but only two hours of that time will be paid.

Your time off for voting can be only at the beginning or end of your regular work shift, whichever allows the most free time for voting and the least time off from your regular working shift, unless you make another arrangement with your employer.

If three working days before the election you think you will need time off to vote, you must notify your employer at least two working days prior to the election.



ATTENTION VOTERS



Solano County is required to provide a translated copy of the official ballots to voters in both Spanish and Tagalog. Any voter in Solano County can request a copy of this ballot for any precinct in the election. Requests can be made at any time. Translated ballots will be delivered at least 10 days before Election Day.

To request a copy of a translated ballot in Spanish or Tagalog, please use one of the following methods:



By Phone – Call (707) 784-6675 during office hours Monday through Friday 8a.m. to 5p.m.



By E-mail – elections@solanocounty.com; place the words “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” in the subject line for faster processing;



On our website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - click the link for “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST”



All polling places in Solano County provide copies of ballots translated in Spanish and Tagalog. For a complete list of polling places, please visit www.solanocounty.com/elections.

ATENCIÓN VOTANTES



Se requiere que el Condado de Solano provea a los votantes una copia de la traducción de la boleta electoral oficial en español y Tagalog. Cualquier votante en el condado de Solano puede pedir una copia de esta boleta electoral en cualquier distrito electoral durante las elecciones. Puede solicitarla en cualquier momento. Las boletas traducidas se entregarán al menos 10 días antes del día de las elecciones.

Para pedir su copia de una boleta electoral traducida al español o a Tagalog, por favor hágalo de alguna de las siguientes maneras:



Por teléfono – Llame al 707-784-6675 en horario de oficina, de lunes a viernes de 8a.m. a 5p.m.



Por correo electrónico – elections@solanocounty.com; para que procesen su solicitud más rápidamente, indique “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” en la línea de Asunto;



En nuestro sitio web: www.solanocounty.com/elections - haga click en el enlace “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST”



En nuestro sitio web: www.solanocounty.com/elections - haga click en el enlace “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” En todos los locales de votación en el condado de Solano, se ofrecen copias de la boleta electoral traducida a español y Tagalog. Para ver la lista completa de los locales de votación, por favor visite www.solanocounty.com/elections.

TINATAWAG ANG PANSIN NG MGA BOTANTE



Ang Solano County ay inatang magbigay sa mga botante ng mga opisyal na kopya ng balota na isinalin sa mga wikang Kastila / Espanyol at Tagalog / Filipino (Spanish and Tagalog). Ang sinumang botante sa Solano County ay maaaring humiling ng kopya ng balotang ito para sa alinmang presinto / lugar ng botohan sa eleksyon. Maaaring gawin ang mga paghiling sa anumang oras. Ang isinaling mga balota sa naturang mga wika ay ihahatid nang hindi bababa sa 10 araw bago ang Araw ng Eleksyon. Para humiling ng kopya ng isinaling balota sa wikang Kastila o Tagalog, mangyaring gamitin ang isa sa mga sumusunod na pamamaraan:



Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono – Tumawag sa 707-784-6675 sa oras ng trabaho / opisina Lunes hanggang Biyernes, simula 8a.m. hanggang 5p.m.



Sa pamamagitan ng E-mail – ipadala sa elections@solanocounty.com; ilagay ang mga salitang “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST” sa linya ng paksa para sa mas mabilis na pagproseso;



Sa aming website: www.solanocounty.com/elections - i-click ang link para sa “TRANSLATED BALLOT REQUEST”



Ang lahat ng lugar ng botohan sa Solano County ay nagbibigay ng mga kopya ng mga balotang isinalin sa mga wikang Kastila / Espanyol at Tagalog / Filipino. Para sa kumpletong listahan ng mga lugar ng botohan, mangyaring bumisita sa www.solanocounty.com/elections.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DATES

- ◆ Early voting starts **Monday, February 5, 2024**. Visit us at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600, Fairfield to pick up a ballot. Our office is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed to you is **Tuesday, February 27, 2024**.
- ◆ Any changes to your registration must be received by **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**. Visit registertovote.ca.gov or call (707) 784-6675 to have a form mailed to you.

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 In-person Vote by Mail period begins. Ballot drop boxes available for next 29 days.	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Holiday - County Offices Closed.	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Holiday - County Offices Closed.	20 Last day to register or update registration for this election.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Last day to request a Vote by Mail Ballot to be mailed to you.	28	29 Curbside voting begins.		
				Curbside Ballot Drop-Off Locations Available: Benicia • Dixon • Cordelia • Fairfield • Rio Vista Suisun City • Vacaville • Vallejo		

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Solano County ROV open 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
				Curbside Ballot Drop-Off Locations Available: Benicia • Dixon • Cordelia • Fairfield • Rio Vista Suisun City • Vacaville • Vallejo		
3	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7	8	9
Curbside Ballot Drop-Off Locations Available: Benicia • Dixon • Cordelia • Fairfield Rio Vista • Suisun City • Vacaville • Vallejo						