

# Carl DeMaio's San Diego County Election Guide

## (General Election 2018)



The 2018 California General Election is November 6, 2018 and the ballot is incredibly long! With several confusing ballot measures and hundreds of candidates running for office, voters can feel overwhelmed. Fortunately, Carl DeMaio and the team at the DeMaio Report have thoroughly researched and vetted measures and candidates. Carl has issued an endorsement in almost every race.

Among the factors that Carl DeMaio applies in issuing endorsements:

- Opposition to tax hikes (like the dreaded Car and Gas Tax Hikes);
- respect for the Constitution and personal freedoms; and
- support for small businesses and job creation against excessive regulation.

Several candidates have appeared on the DeMaio Report and we have included their interview in the voter guide for you to listen to – and of course tune into the DeMaio Report each day 3-6pm to hear candidates make their final pitches to voters.

Because there are so many items on the ballot, the voter guide is separated into sections. Click on each section to see all the items on the ballot.

### Voter Resources

- San Diego County Registrar of Voters ([www.sdvote.com](http://www.sdvote.com))
- California Secretary of State Voter Information (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/>)
- Car and Gas Tax Repeal Campaign ([www.reformcalifornia.org](http://www.reformcalifornia.org))

## STATE CANDIDATES (California)

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**Governor:** John Cox

**Lt. Governor:** No endorsement

**Treasurer:** Greg Conlon

**Attorney General:** Stephen Bailey

**Secretary of State:** Mark Meuser

**Insurance Commissioner:** Steve Poizner

**State Superintendent of Schools:** Marshall Tuck

**US Senate:** James Bradley

**Comptroller:** Konstantinos Roditis

**Board of Equalization:** *No endorsement – the position should be abolished.*

**US Senate:** Definitely not Kevin DeLeon – author of the outrageous Sanctuary State law

## US Congress

US Congress - District 49: Diane Harkey

US Congress - District 50: *No endorsement.*

US Congress - District 51: Juan Hildalgo

US Congress - District 52: Omar Qudrat

US Congress - District 53: Morgan Murtaugh

## State Legislature

State Senate 36<sup>th</sup> District: Pat Bates

State Senate 38<sup>th</sup> District: Brian Jones

State Senate 40<sup>th</sup> District: Luis Vargas

State Assembly 71<sup>st</sup> District: Randy Voepel

State Assembly 75<sup>th</sup> District: Marie Waldron

State Assembly 76<sup>th</sup> District: No endorsement.

State Assembly 77<sup>th</sup> District: No endorsement.

State Assembly 78<sup>th</sup> District: Maggie Campbell

State Assembly 79<sup>th</sup> District: John Moore

State Assembly 80<sup>th</sup> District: Lincoln Pickard

## CANDIDATES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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County Board of Supervisors – District 5: Jim Desmond

County Board of Supervisors – District 2: Bonnie Dumanis

Superior Court Judge – Office No 37: Steve Miller

## CANDIDATES IN SAN DIEGO CITIES

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### City of San Diego

City Council District 2: Lorie Zapf

City Council District 4: No endorsement. Incumbent Myrle Cole has been terrible.

City Council District 6: No endorsement. Incumbent Chris Cate has been a big disappointment.

City Council District 8: No Endorsement – What's the point: you are doomed.

### Carlsbad

Mayor: Matt Hall

City Council District 4: Corrine Busta

City Council District: Tracy Carmichael

### **Chula Vista**

**Mayor:** Hector Gastelum

**City Attorney:** Glen Googins

**City Council District 1:** John McCann

**City Council District 2:** Steve Stenberg

### **Coronado**

**City Council:** Marvin Heinze and Peter Jensen

### **El Cajon**

**Mayor:** Joel Scalzitti

**City Council:** Gary Kendrick

### **Encinitas**

**City Council:** Mark Muir

### **Escondido**

**Mayor:** Sam Abed

**District 1:** Ed Gallo

**District 2:** John Masson

### **Imperial Beach**

**Mayor:** Valerie Acevez

**City Council:** Darnisha Hunter, Dane Crosby

### **La Mesa**

**City Council:** Bill Baber and Guy McWhirter

### **Lemon Grove**

**City Council:** Jerry Jones and Teresa Rosiak

### **Oceanside**

**City Council, District 1:** Susan Custer

**City Council, District 2:** Christopher Rodriguez

### **Poway**

**Mayor:** Steve Vaus

**City Council District 1:** Dave Grosch

**City Council District 2:** Caylin Frank

**City Council District 3:** John Mullin

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### **San Marcos**

**Mayor:** Rebecca Jones

**City Council, District 1:** Craig Garcia

**City Council, District 2:** Mike Sannella

## **Santee**

**City Council, District 1:** Rob McNelis

**City Council, District 2:** Ronn Hall

**City Council, District 3:** Laura Koval

## **Vista**

**Mayor:** Judy Ritter

**City Council, District 1:** John J. Aguilera

**City Council District 4:** John Franklin

# **SCHOOL CANDIDATES**

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## **Schools Districts (K-12)**

### **Alpine Union School District**

Glenn Dickie, Eric Wray, Al Guerra

### **Bonsall Unified School District**

Lou Riddle, Jr., Roger Merchat

### **Cajon Valley Unified School District**

**District 2:** Jill Barto

### **Carlsbad Unified School District**

**Area 1:** Melanie Burkholder

### **Chula Vista Elementary School District**

**Area 3:** Famela Ramos

### **Coronado Unified School District**

Esther Ruth Valdes, Lee Pontes, Kyle Tupas

### **Del Mar Union School District**

Scott Wooden, Libby Hellmann

### **Escondido Union School District**

**District 4:** Zesty Harper

**District 5:** Dr. Gary Altenburg

### **Grossmont Union High School District**

**District 3:** Gary Woods

### **La Mesa-Spring Valley School District**

Steve Babbitt, Brianna Garza, Megan Epperson

### **Oceanside Unified School District**

**District 1:** Daniel Iman

### **Poway Unified School District**

**Area B:** Ginger Couvrette

**Area C:** TJ Zane

**Area D:** Stan Rodkin

### **Ramona Unified School District**

Rodger Dohm and Bob Stoodly

### **Rancho Santa Fe School District**

Jee Manghani

Kali Kim

Dan Dufresne

### **San Diego Unified School District**

**District B:** Tom Keliinoi

**District C:** Marcia Nordstrom

### **San Dieguito Union High School District**

**District 1:** Maureen "Mo" Muir

**District 3:** Melissa C. Mossy

**District 5:** Cheryl James-Ward

### **Valley Center/Pauma Unified**

Gina Roberts

## **Community College Districts**

### **Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College**

**Area 1:** John Olsen

**Area 2:** Bill Exeter

**Area 5:** Teresa Rosiak

### **Mira Costa Community College**

**Area 2:** Harold Fairman

**Area 7:** Steve Hasty

### **Palomar Community College**

Rose Marie Dishan and Aimee Keith

### **San Diego Community College District**

**District A:** Diane Hickman

**District C:** Loren Casuto

**District E:** Allan Candelore

### **Southwestern Community College**

**Seat 4:** Tamara Rodriguez

## **LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES (San Diego)**

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### **Measure A – County of San Diego Technical Clean Ups to Charter**

**YES**

Every once-in-a-while technical amendments are required when federal and state law changes and a conflict arises. This initiative does that housekeeping by modifying our County Charter to reflect new law.

### **Measure B – County of San Diego Redistricting Changes**

**YES**

San Diego county has some areas where services are provided by cities and other areas are unincorporated and services are provided by the county. This amendment would require that the county redistricting commission take this into account when drawing up districts for board elections – thus ensuring that the unincorporated areas have a clearer voice on the County Board of Supervisors.

### **Measure C – County Government Fiscal Reform Practices**

**YES**

San Diego county has made fiscal management reforms in the past 25 years that have resulted in sound management of fiscal reserves. As new less-fiscally responsible board members are elected, it is vital that these safeguards continue.

### **Measure D – Mandatory General Election Runoffs for County Races**

**NO**

San Diego Democrats are upset they can't win elections so they now want a second shot at each elected office by mandating that even if someone wins a county race during the Primary Election they would still be required to run in another race for the same seat in the General Election.

### **Measure E – Mission Valley Stadium: Soccer City**

**NO**

While the Soccer City proposal is better than SDSU West, it still is being offered outside of an open, public process and without a competitive bid to ensure that taxpayers get the best value for this land.

### **Measure G – Mission Valley Stadium: SDSU West**

**NO**

SDSU West is the result of a backroom deal involving some of San Diego's most powerful special interest groups and lobbyists. This development would eliminate local control of land use decisions in Mission Valley, robs taxpayers of fair market value to the land, and will result in years of delay in the redevelopment of the old stadium.

### **Measure H – Term Limits for San Diego Unified School District**

**NO**

Term limits should be applied to every political office, but this is phony measure designed to prevent real reform at the school board.

### **Measure J – Disclosure of Business Interests**

**YES**

This measure would require the disclosure of ownership stakes in any company doing business with the City of San Diego so we know who really benefits and profits from public contracts. More transparency is never a bad thing.

### **Measure K – Term Limits for San Diego City Council**

**YES**

This measure corrects a flaw in the existing term limits language in the City Charter that stipulated that an individual was limited to two terms per council district rather than two terms period. Some Councilmembers have served longer than two terms by switching districts.

- Measure L – Massive Pay Hike for San Diego City Council** **NO**  
 This measure would more than DOUBLE the pay for the Mayor and City Council – with an 85% salary increase enacted in 2020 and a more than 100% salary increase in 2022. As it is right now, the Mayor and City Council already earn more than the average salary for the constituents they represent. Specifically this flawed and deceptive measure would increase the pay for both the Mayor and City Councilmembers to the level of state judges – with those salaries automatically increasing each year!
- Measure M – Audit Committee Membership** **NO**  
 This measure would allow the City Council to reappoint a member to its audit committee without a competitive process of other candidates being considered. The audit committee needs to be independent and the City Council should do a better job of promoting this committee appointment.
- Measure N – Pension Benefit Increase** **NO**  
 While providing for industrial disability pension benefits is something we all support, this measure fails to protect taxpayers against abuse where disability benefits are granted to individuals that do not truly qualify for them. In addition the City’s pension system already faces billions in debt and no off-setting cost savings from other benefits are proposed to pay for this enhancement.
- Measure O – Otay Mesa Infrastructure Financing District Bonds** **NO**  
 More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight – and a poor infrastructure plan overall.
- Measure Q – City of Chula Vista Business License Tax Hike** **NO**  
 Chula Vista is mismanaged and does not need yet another blank-check tax hike.
- Measure P – Del Mar Zoning Changes** **NO**  
 These changes will only make housing more costly.
- Measure R – Del Mar Shoreline Protection Area Zoning Calculation Changes** **NO**  
 These changes will only make housing more costly.
- Measure T – Del Mar Housing Project Rescission** **YES**
- Measure U – Encinitas Housing Plan Update** **YES**  
 Reasonable land use changes to facilitate better housing.
- Measure V – La Mesa Marijuana Tax and Regulations** **NO**  
 A tax hike with no guarantee the funds will be used for enforcement.
- Measure W – National City Rent Control** **NO**  
 Rent control will only increase the cost of housing and hurt working families that rely on rental units.
- Measure X – Oceanside Sales Tax Hike** **NO**  
 Instead of raising taxes, cut the wasteful spending.
- Measure Y – Oceanside Land Use Amendments** **NO**  
 This measure would restrict what private property owners can do with their land and is an overly restrictive taking of property rights – particularly for those in the farming business.

<b>Measure Z – Vista Medical Marijuana Initiative</b>	<b>NO</b>
A tax hike with no guarantee the funds will be used for enforcement.	
<b>Measure AA – Vista City Council Marijuana Tax</b>	<b>NO</b>
A tax hike with no guarantee the funds will be used for enforcement.	
<b>Measure BB – Vista City Council Marijuana Land Use Rules</b>	<b>NO</b>
Better than Measure Z, but still not adequate to protect neighborhoods.	
<b>Measure CC – Term Limits for Southwest Community College District</b>	<b>YES</b>
Term limits are good!	
<b>Measure DD – Sweetwater Union High School Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight.	
<b>Measure EE – Bonsall Unified School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight. This bond is particularly bad in that voters have repeatedly voted NO but the politicians keep putting the bond back on the ballot hoping to fool voters.	
<b>Measure GG – Borrego Springs Unified School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure HH – Carlsbad Unified School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure JJ – Mountain Empire Unified School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure YY – San Diego Unified School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure LL – Vista Unified School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure MM – Del Mar Union School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure NN – South Bay Union School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure VV – Chula Vista Elementary School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	
<b>Measure S – Santee School District Bonds</b>	<b>NO</b>
More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight	



**Measure PP – Borrego Springs Fire Protection District Tax** **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

**Measure QQ – Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District Benefit Fee** **NO**

A tax increase with little accountability.

**Measure RR – Rincon Ranch Community Service District Tax** **NO**

A tax increase with little accountability.

**Measure SS – Valley Center Fire District Tax** **NO**

A tax increase with little accountability.

## **STATE BALLOT MEASURES (California)**

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**Prop 1: State Housing Bonds** **NO**

Californians already owe billions in debt for bonds, but have seen little accountability for the funds. Throwing money at the problem will not solve our affordable housing crisis. Moreover, this bond supports government-subsidized housing projects that come with costly strings attached.

**Prop 2: State Housing Bonds** **NO**

More housing bonds – this time with different window dressing added by sneaky politicians.

**Prop 3: Water Bonds** **NO**

What happened to the last multi-billion dollar worth of water bonds? None of the money was actually used for water projects to improve delivery of water for human consumption. Want a water fix? Don't borrow, just change the crazy regulations that the environmentalists have imposed that has cut the water supply off.

**Prop 4: Hospital Bonds** **NO**

More borrowing, more debt when we can't afford the existing state debt service. Plus these bonds come with costly strings attached – government mandated union wages.

**Prop 5: Allow Property Owners to Transfer their Lower Property Tax Rates YES**

A common-sense way to expand the benefits of Prop 13 protections – resulting in more affordable housing!

**Prop 6: Gas Tax Repeal** **YES YES YES!**

There are two simple reasons why we should vote Yes on Prop 6 to repeal the gas and car tax hikes: **these unfair taxes cost you a lot more than you think!** The car and gas tax hikes will cost the typical family of four \$779.28 more per year in taxes and 2) **it won't fix our roads** – this is a blank check tax hike that has already been diverted away from road repairs. Learn more at [www.gastaxrepeal.org](http://www.gastaxrepeal.org)

**Prop 7: Potential Change to Daylight Savings Time** **YES**

While this measure won't officially end daylight savings time, it allows a public process to do it in the future.

**Prop 8: Kidney Dialysis Charges****NO**

A shameful union ploy to force healthcare workers into union membership they don't want and can't afford.

**Prop 10: Rent Control****NO**

Rent control has a good sounding name, but this initiative will result in higher housing prices for all – particularly the low-income families who rent versus buy. Perfect example: San Francisco has some of the toughest rent control mandates on the books, but the highest housing prices. Rent control does the opposite of what proponents claim they are seeking. Want more affordable rents? Cut government regulation and build, build, build!

**Prop 11: Ambulance Employee Compensation Reforms****YES**

Unions are trying to impose costly mandates and fees on our ambulance system at a time when patients can barely afford health coverage. Why should an ambulance ride cost \$800 to \$1000? Let's enact some common-sense reforms with this initiative.

**Prop 12: Restrictive Regulations on Farms Over Animal Confinement****NO**

We all love animals, but some groups are just too extreme and crazy on this topic. They hate any human consumption of meat. This initiative would impose overly-restrictive and costly mandates that YOU will end up paying for with your grocery bill.