

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)
- California Secretary of State Voter Information (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/>)
- Car and Gas Tax Repeal Campaign (www.reformcalifornia.org)

STATE CANDIDATES (California)

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 Hidalgo

US Congress - District 52: Omar Qudrat

US Congress - District 53: Morgan Murtaugh

State Legislature

State Senate 36th District: Pat Bates

State Senate 38th District: Brian Jones

State Senate 40th District: Luis Vargas

State Assembly 71st District: Randy Voepel

State Assembly 75th District: Marie Waldron

State Assembly 76th District: No endorsement.

State Assembly 77th District: No endorsement.

State Assembly 78th District: Maggie Campbell

State Assembly 79th District: John Moore

State Assembly 80th District: Lincoln Pickard

California Associate Justice Candidates

There are numerous California Associate Justice candidate races in the 2018 General Election on November 6. You need to vote YES to retain the judge or NO to remove the judge.

Carl DeMaio and the team at The DeMaio Report have thoroughly researched and vetted the Associate Justice candidates.

Vote YES to Retain the Following Associate Justices:

Richard Huffman YES

Patricia Benke YES

Art McKinster YES

Raymond Ikola YES

Vote NO to Remove the Following Associate Justices:

William S. Dato NO

Thomas Goethals NO

Marsha Slough NO

Cynthia Aaron NO

David Thompson NO

Richard Fields NO

Douglas Miller NO

CANDIDATES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

County Board of Supervisors – District 5: Jim Desmond

County Board of Supervisors – District 2: Bonnie Dumanis

Superior Court Judge – Office No 37: No endorsement

CANDIDATES IN SAN DIEGO CITITES

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

San Diego

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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

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)

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.

Measure Z – Vista Medical Marijuana Initiative **NO**

A tax hike with no guarantee the funds will be used for enforcement.

Measure AA – Vista City Council Marijuana Tax **NO**

A tax hike with no guarantee the funds will be used for enforcement.

Measure BB – Vista City Council Marijuana Land Use Rules **NO**

Better than Measure Z, but still not adequate to protect neighborhoods.

Measure CC – Term Limits for Southwest Community College District **YES**

Term limits are good!

Measure DD – Sweetwater Union High School Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight.

Measure EE – Bonsall Unified School District Bonds **NO**

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.

Measure GG – Borrego Springs Unified School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure HH – Carlsbad Unified School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure JJ – Mountain Empire Unified School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure YY – San Diego Unified School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure LL – Vista Unified School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure MM – Del Mar Union School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure NN – South Bay Union School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure VV – Chula Vista Elementary School District Bonds **NO**

More costly bonds with little accountability or oversight

Measure S – Santee School District Bonds **NO**

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)

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

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.