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## I. Introduction

Hello!

Welcome to the ballot guide. I try to include as much information as possible without directly recreating the ballot guide. The information is sourced from the ballotguide, calmmatters, ballotpedia, LA Times, voter's edge, and Mercury News. I have included links to the campaign website or wherever most of the information came from.

I have done my best to keep my views out of it.

I started this to help my two aunts. They would ask me to tell them about ballots and candidates, so I made them a guide. Democracy relies on an informed and participatory citizenry, but it's not always easy. This is meant to alleviate some of the burden to make voting easier. Hopefully this guide helps.

If you notice any errors or feel like I've missed something, you can email me at [lizmuehlmann@gmail.com](mailto:lizmuehlmann@gmail.com).

### Helpful Resources:

1. Register to vote (Deadline May 23): <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
2. Check your registration status: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>
3. Access the official voter guide: <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>
4. Early voting & ballot drop off locations: <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>
5. Track your ballot: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>
6. If you are in the Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange County area and need help getting to your polling place I will either find you resources or help you get there. I also offer to go with you to vote (and I will bring my two large German Shepherds) if you feel unsafe going to vote alone.

## II. Who's on the ballot?

Below is a list of the offices included in this guide. Additional guides can be found here: [https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election\\_Guides](https://github.com/liz-muehlmann/Election_Guides). If you can't find the guide for your city, town, or district feel free to email with your information and I'll create one for you.

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### III. National Candidates

National candidates split their time between their district and Washington D.C. Their job is to represent their constituents in Washington DC by securing federal funds for their area.

#### a. United States Senator [Full-Term]

Job Description: Represent constituents at the national level, inform the public about important issues the senator's state faces, and introduce legislation.

California is in a weird position because we'll vote for US Senator twice this year since Kamala Harris vacated her seat to become Vice President. When Harris became VP, Gavin Newsom appointed Alex Padilla. Typically, appointees can't serve in elected positions. So, we're going to see who will fill the seat for the remainder of Harris' term which ends January 3, 2023. The winner of the *Short-Term Senator Election* will advance to the November election. The winner of the November election will serve the remainder of the term.

If Padilla loses the short-term senator race in November but wins the full-term senator race, then he'll vacate the office until January 3<sup>rd</sup> when he'll return.

#### *Full Term Senator (6 Years)*

The person you select for this will advance to the November election. If elected, they'll serve a full 6-year term as a US Senator.

#### *Short Term Senator (Unexpired term ending January 3)*

The person you vote for here (if they win) will advance to the November election. If elected in November, they'll fill the Senator position until January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If they win both the short term and Full-term senator positions, they'll be California's new senator for 6 years and a few months

Candidates that are listed for *both* Full- and Short-Term Senator are denoted by \*\*

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Name	Party Preference	Job (If known)	Notable Positions	Other information
<a href="#">Pamela Elizondo</a>	Green	Marijuana Plastic Entrepreneur / Environmental Healing Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legalize marijuana</li> <li>• Stop global warming</li> <li>• Restoring Earth</li> <li>• Stop war</li> <li>• Limit the judiciary, prisons, and jails</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Dan O'Dowd</a> **	Democratic	Tech Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Make computers safe for humanity”</li> <li>• Ban Tesla’s fully autonomous driving software</li> </ul>	O'Dowd says he does not expect to win, he just wants to get out a warning about the threat tech companies pose to humans.
<a href="#">Cordie Williams</a>	Republican	Chiropractor / Business Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent the erosion of personal freedom, limited government, reduce taxes</li> <li>• Medical freedom, end mandates</li> <li>• School Choice</li> <li>• Ban Critical Race Theory</li> <li>• Prevent Voter Fraud (Forensic Audits of all elections, clean voter rolls, prohibit ballot harvesting, enact voter ID)</li> <li>• America first foreign policy</li> <li>• Prevent “Conservative censorship on social media”</li> <li>• Pro-Life</li> <li>• Increased police funding</li> <li>• Build a physical barrier on the border</li> <li>• Only confirm “strict constitutionalists” for the Supreme Court</li> <li>• Task force to study homelessness</li> </ul>	Williams says that he thinks California is being turned into a “third world” nation and he would like to prevent it.

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<a href="#">Deon D. Jenkins</a>	None	Grassroots Hip Hop Organizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reparations for Black people descended from people enslaved in America (\$3.1 million per person)</li> <li>• Special military, law enforcement, and court systems for Black people</li> </ul>	Jenkins believes the only way Black Americans will be safe in the United States is if they are able to set up their own sub-nations, like Native American Tribal Lands
<a href="#">Carlos Guillermo Tapia</a>	Republican	Business Owner / Relator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase Baja California and make it the 51<sup>st</sup> state or unite it with CA</li> <li>• Create USA manufacturing industry along the Bible belt or Rust Belt</li> <li>• “Free” community college.</li> <li>• Introduce a law that makes banks and financial institutions provide low interest student loans.</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Mark P. Meuser</a> **	Republican	Constitutional Attorney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase domestic oil production</li> <li>• Combat rising California crime</li> <li>• Border security</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Chuck Smith</a>	Republican	Retired Law Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make America Great Again, God and Country first</li> <li>• Individual Freedom</li> <li>• Gun Rights, strong military</li> <li>• Pro-life</li> <li>• School choice, ban Critical Race Theory</li> <li>• Secure borders</li> <li>• Energy independence</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">John Thompson Parker</a>	Peace & Freedom Socialist Unity Party	Social Justice Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smash white supremacy</li> <li>• End political brutality and gender oppression</li> <li>• Fund healthcare, not war</li> <li>• No war on Russia (Ukraine was the aggressor)</li> </ul>	Endorsed by the Green Party & the Peace and Freedom Party

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<a href="#">Alex Padilla</a> **	Democratic	Appointed US Senator (after Kamala Harris became VP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fight climate change &amp; protect the environment</li> <li>• Expand educational opportunity</li> <li>• Universal health care</li> <li>• Combat the diabetes &amp; obesity</li> <li>• Increased gun safety</li> <li>• Ethical advancement of science &amp; tech</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Obaidul Huq Pirjada</a>	Democratic	Attorney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce inflation &amp; raise the minimum wage (\$20), expand child credits</li> <li>• Increase homeless shelters</li> <li>• Protect and enhance Social Security and Medicare benefits for seniors</li> <li>• More infrastructure investment</li> <li>• World-class education</li> <li>• Uninterrupted water to the central valley</li> <li>• Protect women's and civil rights</li> <li>• Disrupt domestic and international terrorism, end racial discrimination</li> <li>• Protect voter rights &amp; declare voting day a public holiday</li> <li>• Strengthen unions</li> <li>• Fix campaign finance</li> <li>• Pragmatically address climate change</li> <li>• Adaptable immigration</li> </ul>	US “not only the superpower but also super most in respect of human rights, freedom moral decency and dignity”
<a href="#">Douglas Howard Pierce</a>	Democratic	Missing Children's Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Patriot</li> <li>• Centrist, social equity and some social hierarchy</li> <li>• No significant shift in society</li> </ul>	Pierce wants to maintain the status quo.

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<a href="#">Myron L. Hall</a> **	Republican	Podiatric Physician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Re-engage the fossil fuel energy sector &amp; re-energize the agriculture and manufacturing industries</li><li>• Rebuild and fund the image and authority of police</li><li>• Smaller government, individual freedoms, America First</li><li>• Lower taxes for people &amp; corporations</li><li>• Pro-life, pro-second amendment</li><li>• End Covid 19 protections</li><li>• Close southern border</li></ul>	
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<a href="#">Timothy J. Ursich</a> **	Democratic	Doctor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End the bullet train fund redistribution</li> <li>• Reintroduce trade classes in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Global, American, and Local history</li> <li>• Reduce gas taxes in CA</li> <li>• New police training protocols &amp; refund to improve training</li> <li>• Guaranteed funding for no-kill shelters and rescues</li> <li>• Regulate cryptocurrency</li> <li>• No auto-refilling of opioids</li> <li>• Term limits (4 year/2 term limit on all offices, including the Supreme Court)</li> <li>• Transform malls and abandoned property into homeless shelters</li> <li>• Trade school vouchers</li> <li>• Allow properties to extend people's mortgages so they can offer rent relief now</li> <li>• End Covid-19 mandates</li> <li>• “end the smoke and mirrors as it relates to social media” (He advocates for free speech here but also kind of that it needs to be regulated)</li> <li>• All votes in the senate must have an explanation of why they voted for or against it</li> <li>• California minimum wage continues to increase, but federal minimum wage doesn't so we should incentivize people to pursue federal work</li> </ul>	<p>Allow children to “develop without outside pressure that is presented sociologically”</p> <p>NOTE: Ursich's positions were difficult to untangle. I would say he wants to do small progressive change, but mostly keep the status quo.</p>
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<a href="#"><u>James “Henk” Conn</u></a>	Green	Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace &amp; social justice</li> <li>• Ecology &amp; renewable energy</li> <li>• Living Wage</li> <li>• Publicly financed elections</li> <li>• Open candidates’ debates</li> </ul>	
<a href="#"><u>Don J. Grundmann</u></a>	None	Chiropractor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heterosexual pride (“Straight pride”)</li> <li>• Promote and defend “Western Civilization”, “Caucasians”, heterosexuality, and a “God ordained natural nuclear family.</li> <li>• Nationalist</li> </ul>	
<a href="#"><u>Eleanor Garcia</u></a>	None, Socialist Worker’s Party	Industrial Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public works program at union wages</li> <li>• End to the embargo against Cuba</li> <li>• US out of Guantanamo &amp; the Middle East</li> <li>• Replace Capitalism with Workers and Farmers Government</li> </ul>	
<a href="#"><u>Robert George Lucero, Jr.</u></a>	Republican	Executive Business Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent nuclear war by aligning with Russia &amp; China</li> <li>• Solve homelessness, more police, and economic justice</li> <li>• Create Jobs with our historic allies (China &amp; Russia).</li> <li>• Start steel production again</li> </ul>	

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<a href="#">Sarah Sun Liew</a>	Republican	Entrepreneur / Non-Profit Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rebuild broken businesses</li><li>• K-12 STEM &amp; support charter schools and job placement internship programs</li><li>• Support landlords and tenants by enforcing ethical laws</li><li>• Affordable housing for the elderly</li><li>• Fill in the gaps by promoting non-profit organizations, businesses, churches</li><li>• Reduce health care costs</li><li>• Special tax breaks for health care workers</li><li>• Legal immigration</li></ul>	
<a href="#">Daphne Bradford</a> **	None	Education Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affordable housing &amp; healthcare</li><li>• Safe neighborhoods</li><li>• Law enforcement reforms</li><li>• Equal and affordable education</li><li>• Pro Choice</li></ul>	

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<a href="#">Akinyemi Agbede</a>	Democratic	Mathematician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonable limits on campaign contributions</li> <li>• Protect intellectual property</li> <li>• Reform the criminal justice system</li> <li>• Bring down the costs of higher education</li> <li>• Invest in renewable energy</li> <li>• Low-cost health care for low-income children and families, seniors, pregnant women, and people with disabilities</li> <li>• Housing reform</li> <li>• Comprehensive and nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQIA+</li> <li>• Stronger privacy protections</li> <li>• Maintain social security</li> <li>• Reduce traffic</li> <li>• Fair compensation and support for veterans</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Jon Elist</a> **	Republican	Small Business Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend gas taxes</li> <li>• Hire more police and increase their pay</li> <li>• Secure federal resources to address homelessness and increase public-private partnerships</li> <li>• Border security</li> <li>• Increase voter ID laws</li> <li>• Energy independence to secure National Security</li> <li>• Direct relationship between doctors and patients</li> <li>• Environmental protections</li> </ul>	Elist believes parents should oversee what their children are taught at school. He believes that when parents aren't given the opportunity to participate in the education of their children then the "teachers' unions win." This means parents decide if their child is taught Critical Race Theory or sex ed.

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### b. United States Senator [Short-Term]

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See above note: Alex Padilla, Myron L. Hall, Timothy Ursich Jr., Daphne Bradford, Jon Elist, Dan O'Dowd, Mark P. Meuser are all listed under long- and short-term senator. In addition, James P. Bradley (information below) is also running for US Senator [Short-Term]

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other Information
<a href="#">James P. Bradley</a>	Republican	CEO / Business Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeal AB-5</li> <li>• Stimulate startups &amp; tax incentives for small businesses</li> <li>• Limit government regulations &amp; free Market</li> <li>• Increase water storage &amp; revive farming</li> <li>• Reduce regulations, end inflation</li> <li>• No Critical Race Theory</li> <li>• Healthcare price controls</li> <li>• Protect and defend tribal sovereignty</li> <li>• Bolster US-Israel relations</li> <li>• Travel ban on terrorists</li> <li>• Pro voter ID</li> <li>• Strict originalist constitutionalists to the Supreme Court</li> <li>• Pro second amendment</li> <li>• America First</li> </ul>	AB-5 extended labor protections to all workers (the burden of proof will no longer be on the employer to prove their employees are independent contractors, it will shift to employees if AB-5 is repealed)

## IV. State Candidates

Job description: Represent constituents at the state level, inform the public about important issues the senator's constituent's faces, and introduce legislation.

### a. State Senator – 22<sup>nd</sup> District

Includes: Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, South El Monte, Temple City and West Covina as well as the unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights, Charter Oak, Citrus, East Pasadena, East San Gabriel, Mayflower Village, North El Monte, South Monrovia Island, South San Gabriel, South San Jose Hills, Valinda, Vincent and West Puente Valley.

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other Information
<a href="#">Vincent Tsai</a>	Republican	Deputy Sheriff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical Freedom – vaccinate choice</li><li>• Ban any Chinese-US relationships</li><li>• Pro-second amendment</li><li>• Raise funding for police officers</li></ul>	
<a href="#">Susan Rubio</a>	Democratic	State Senator / Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expand eligibility for youth child tax credit</li><li>• Mandatory kindergarten</li><li>• Assist low-income households to become energy independent</li><li>• Pause visitation if there's signs of violence</li><li>• Protect Women's Rights</li><li>• Urban Renewal</li><li>• Environmental Protection</li></ul>	
<a href="#">Kimo Mateo</a>	Republican	Father / Operations Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pro-God</li><li>• Pro-Life</li><li>• Pro-Second Amendment</li><li>• Pro-First Amendment</li><li>• Pro-Police</li><li>• Pro-Border Patrol &amp; closed borders</li><li>• Reopen churches</li><li>• Stop the attack on the constitution</li><li>• Stop the indoctrination of students</li></ul>	

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**b. Member of the State Assembly – 41<sup>st</sup> District**

There's only one candidate for this position

Includes: Altadena, Claremont, East Pasadena, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Rancho Cucamonga, San Antonio Heights, Upland

Name	Party Preference	Job (if known)	Notable Positions	Other Information
<a href="#">Chris Holden</a>	Democratic	Assemblymember	Job creation Improve transportation Preserve natural resources Quality education Duty to intervene Force training	

**c. United States Representative – 31<sup>st</sup> District**

Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, San Dimas, West Covina, Avocado Heights, Bassett, Valinda

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<a href="#">Grace F. Napolitano</a>	Democratic	US Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect clean water</li> <li>• Increase mental health services</li> </ul>	Secured \$412 million for revitalizing Whittier Narrows
<a href="#">Rocco Anthony De Luca</a>	Democratic	Construction Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make housing &amp; healthcare more affordable</li> <li>• Stop oil companies from taking advantage &amp; end foreign dependence on oil by drilling domestically</li> <li>• End qualified immunity for police officers, but do not defund them</li> <li>• Strong borders, but make it easier to qualify for citizenship</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">Daniel Bocic Martinez</a>	Republican	Attorney/Entrepreneur /Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End the bullet train</li> <li>• Change federal tax codes to make it easier to build homes.</li> <li>• End the Ukraine conflict</li> <li>• No citizenship for undocumented individuals</li> <li>• Open primaries, Ranked Choice Voting, and Voter ID</li> </ul>	<p>Fast track FDA trials to prevent veteran suicides</p> <p>NGOs and Community groups need to be empowered to help people with mental health, not the government</p>