

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,  
36TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**KIMBERLIN BROWN PELZER, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

**AGE: 56**

Small Business Owner – Honorary Co-Chair of the Gas Tax Repeal Campaign – Endorsed by the Republican Party of Riverside County

Politicians love to tell us all the great things they'll do for us if we elect them to office. They hope we'll forget their previous promises because they never follow through. We need new, principled leaders who are not afraid to say what they mean, and stick with it.

That's why I'm running for Congress. I have firm, conservative principles. I'm not afraid to be "politically incorrect" and stand up for the Constitution, conservatism and American exceptionalism.

My principles:

I. Put defense first. Congress must keep Americans safe at home and abroad.

II. Build sound finances. Washington must be held fiscally accountable: start to pay off the national debt and no new taxes.

III. Protect the vulnerable. People paid into Social Security and Medicare – we must make sure they are solvent, effective and efficient programs.

IV. Grow the Middle Class. Congress needs to stop working for Special Interests and Lobbyists and start working for the Middle Class.

I'm a proud wife, mother, and successful entrepreneur. I've been blessed with a daytime television career (there are some conservatives in Hollywood!). My husband and I have built several successful businesses, including a sports fishing and marina rental business and a design company. We employ over 100 Californians.

I'm the only candidate for Congress officially endorsed by the Republican Party of Riverside County. I would be honored to have your vote. [www.KimberlinforCongress.com](http://www.KimberlinforCongress.com)

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**DAN BALL, Republican**

**AGE: 43**

**OCCUPATION: Journalist / Realtor**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Congress's approval rating is at the lowest in decades. Many don't trust our elected officials because they've forgotten their mission in Washington, which is to serve the people.

I want to restore the trust by setting an example of service and sacrifice. I served my country in the Air Force, then our community as a journalist.

I've made four pledges that I hope other members of Congress will follow.

1. I'll push for Term Limits. Congress should not be a lifelong career.
2. I'll turn down a pension. I don't believe in paying members of Congress for life after only serving a few years.
3. I'll demand reform at the VA. To fix this broken agency, I'll be turning down the Cadillac health care plan that members of Congress receive. Instead, I'll use the VA to uncover the problems and find solutions.
4. I'll give back. I will donate 10% of my salary to charitable organizations that assist our Veterans, Active Duty Military, Police and First Responders.

I believe in: Smaller government, Lower Taxes, Balancing the Budget, Reducing the Debt, Strong Borders, a Well Funded Military, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and Equality for All.

I'm raising a daughter in the District and know firsthand the struggles that middle class families face. I'll fight for less regulation for business owners, better wages, affordable healthcare, better education and safe neighborhoods.

I'll say no to special interests and put the people first!

I humbly request your support.

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**ROBERT BENTLEY, Republican**

**AGE: 50**

**OCCUPATION: Software Developer**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

#1 Priority = A Coachella Valley VA Medical Center. I WILL DO IT!

Only a veteran can understand. Only a veteran can win for veterans. I am determined!

I support President Trump 100%. Globalists fear a strong America. Reject mainstream media FAKE NEWS scumbags, and Hollywood perverts and pedophiles. American culture is under attack!

#1 Threat to America = The unholy alliance between radical Islam, feminist extremists, and Socialists/Communists. Antifa & BLM are terrorists groups. Support Police!

America is the greatest country that has ever been! America was too strong for direct attack. Our Constitution is not compatible with Islamic law. Our soldiers die fighting Islamic radicals over there, but liberals bring their so-called "refugees" here into our own nest, many military age men... It's a military invasion and a dangerous betrayal. Defeat radical Islam!

Globalists seek to cripple and enslave America with a carbon tax. Lower taxes... Less regulation... America Wins!

Prosecute George Soros, Hillary the Spirit Cooking Witch and the entire Clinton crime organization. Repeal Obamacare!

Gun rights are fundamental, predating the Constitution, and shall not be infringed.

BUILD THE WALL! Require voter ID at the polls. Repeal NAFTA. Sanctuary cities are harboring fugitives, a serious felony!

Disabled U.S. Army Veteran  
Former Police Commissioner  
Cold War Certificate of Recognition  
Global War on Terror Certificate of Appreciation  
NRA Member  
Mensa Member (High IQ)  
President's Volunteer Student Service Award (President George W. Bush)  
Elected Order of the Arrow Chapter Chief – Boy Scout Honor Society

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**RAUL RUIZ, Democratic** **AGE: 45**  
**OCCUPATION: Congressman / Emergency Physician**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Washington is a disaster, filled with career politicians focused on petty partisan politics and their own perks and privileges.

I'm not a career politician, and I never will be. I'm an emergency physician who grew up here and ran for office to serve people in our communities, just like I have my entire adult life.

As a doctor, I'm trained to put people first. That's why I'm working across party lines to find solutions to tough problems:

**I STOOD UP FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE:** I promised that I would never vote to cut Social Security or Medicare, and I've kept my promise. And, I passed a bipartisan bill to help protect Medicare.

**I STOOD UP FOR VETERANS:** I sponsor an annual "Veterans University" to help local vets get health care and assistance, and to connect them with local employers. And, I've helped hundreds of veterans cut through red tape to get the benefits they deserve.

**I OPPOSED PERKS FOR POLITICIANS:** I voted against any pay raises for Congress, and I wrote legislation to prohibit Members of Congress from using taxpayer money to fly first class.

**I FOUGHT TO MAKE SURE FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE.** As a physician, I understand the importance of health care. That's why I voted to prevent insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. And, I'm working to make premiums and prescription drugs more affordable.

Let's fight back against partisan gridlock in Washington. I'd be honored to have your support.

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**DOUGLAS D. HASSETT, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Self Employed**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

DOUG HASSETT FOR YOUR CONGRESS

INTRODUCTION

"America's greatness is built on America's goodness." I'll contribute to governing from a position that focuses on what's good. Speaking for all constituents, I'll place principle over ideology and bring a fair-minded perspective to Congress. As a former Contractor and CEO I understand hard work. I know how to build, fix and solve problems. I'll take my hard-working, solution oriented leadership to Washington, to serve ALL AMERICANS.

STATISTICS

- . 36<sup>th</sup> District Resident 27 years
- . CA State GOP Delegate 36<sup>th</sup> District
- . Riverside County Republican Central Committee,
- . Deputy Vice Chair, Coachella Valley Republican Caucus
- . Riverside County Republican Party, Executive Committee
- . Vice President, Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Trustee Board
- . Southern Region Rep, Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California
- . Entrepreneur, CEO, Contractor, Security Specialist
- . LONG-TIME Community Volunteer
- . Married 28 years, one daughter

PLATFORM

- . National Security, US interests first
- . Secure our borders, "EARNED Citizenship"
- . Tax plan that FAVORS the middle class
- . Competition based health insurance offering affordability and choice
- . Term limits for representatives, ten years

CLOSING

This is the most important election of our time and it's about you, and the future of our families and friends. Never doubt that WE THE PEOPLE are responsible for the stewardship of our great nation, and that our united voices make a difference. With me, please lift your voice and together make clear to all; that our nation is best served by real servants and limited government. That we forever remain strong to be free, and that we have a bright and prosperous future. I respectfully ask for your vote and look forward to serving YOU. [hassettforcongress.com](http://hassettforcongress.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,  
41ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**AJA SMITH, Republican  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Aja Smith (Veteran), dedicated her life to serving The United States of America. In the footsteps of her family from a young age, Aja wanted to preserve the inordinate freedoms our country was founded upon and joined the United States Air Force Reserves, serving from 2002-2012. Growing up in Moreno Valley, California's Congressional 41st District, Aja was raised by her mother and grandmother. They worked long hours as nurses providing Aja opportunities that her peers experienced. Aja's family served in the U.S. Military, her Grandfather was a Veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Her great uncle was a Tuskegee Airman pilot.

Aja Smith's top priorities in California's 41st Congressional District are:

**National Defense:** A Veteran that understands National Security, Aja will assure National Defense and Homeland Security has the tools they require to confront future threats. In Congress, Aja will work with legislators to provide our Nation's Defense the manpower, tools, technology, and training required to keep Americans safe.

**Veterans:** Understanding sacrifices made from our service members, Aja's efforts with legislators is to address needs and concerns Veterans experience along with their families. Their commitment serving in our military, does not end our commitment to them when they retire or separate. Continued care for Veterans remains a top priority as your representative.

**Economic Recovery and Tax Reform:** A stagnant job market prevents small business growth as the backbone of our country. By advancing long-term, pro-growth policies, we will get our economy prospering again.

Website: [www.ajaforcongress.com](http://www.ajaforcongress.com)

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**MARK TAKANO, Democratic  
OCCUPATION: United States Representative / Teacher  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

**AGE: 57**

Dear Neighbor,

Since being elected to Congress, I've worked hard to support the communities of Riverside County and fight for the sensible reforms we need to fix Washington.

As your Representative, I have expanded access to healthcare for our veterans, stood up for the middle class, worked to create high-paying jobs in the Inland Empire, and kept my promise to protect Social Security and Medicare.

My office has secured more than \$2.5 million in benefits owed to veterans and held regular town hall meetings to understand local priorities. I introduced legislation to strengthen our schools, rein in the abuses of the for-profit college industry, make it easier for veterans to transition back into our community, and support the creation of advanced manufacturing jobs in our region.

I will continue to work for our community by promoting investments in local job creators, by supporting comprehensive immigration reform, and by opposing tax cuts for billionaires and corporations who want to ship American jobs overseas.

Prior to being elected to Congress, I dedicated my life to public service as a high school teacher and Riverside Community College Trustee. Those roles prepared me to be an effective advocate for local schools, businesses, veterans, seniors, our military, and middle-class families.

I am proud to have the support of local leaders from throughout Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley, and Perris.

I respectfully ask for your vote so we can continue to grow our economy and fix Congress.

Mark Takano

[www.marktakano.com](http://www.marktakano.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
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42ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**JULIA C PEACOCK, Democratic**  
**OCCUPATION: Public School Teacher**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Julia Peacock: *She's with me*. Endorsed by the California Democratic Party.

Public school teacher; elected delegate to the California Democratic Party and the National Education Association; and your next representative for the 42nd Congressional District.

My husband and I have been married for 23 years and have two amazing children. For 11 years, I've worked as an English teacher, dedicating my career to struggling learners in low-income schools.

As a 14-year resident of South Corona, I have watched our community grow and change, becoming more diverse and inclusive. Unfortunately, we haven't kept up with good jobs, infrastructure, pollution control, or traffic solutions. We have half the number of college graduates than the state average. 20% of our workforce commutes to other counties. We get an F on air quality. Changes to the Affordable Care Act put healthcare, our 4th largest growth sector, in jeopardy. Working families are priced out of the housing market. Tax-paying immigrants and Dreamers are isolated and vilified.

I can and will do better. Here's how: Tuition-free college for a highly-skilled workforce; Medicare for All for comprehensive healthcare; climate action and clean energy jobs to protect our children, our planet, and our future; fully-funded public schools; affordable housing; workers' rights; a path to citizenship; and more.

Throughout my life, I have defended what is right and just. I have advocated for students, parents, foster-youth and the LGBTQ community. As a congresswoman, I will stand with anyone committed to protecting democracy, civil rights, national security, and the American Dream.

We can do this together.

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**NORMAN QUINTERO, Democratic** **AGE: 52**  
**OCCUPATION: Pastor / Psychotherapist / Entrepreneur**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Like you, I'm also fed up. It is frustrating to watch our representative hide behind walls in Washington instead of ensuring vital services and solutions for our district.

My name is Dr. Norman Quintero, and I want to represent you in Washington DC. I will fight for jobs and living wages, economic stability, fiscal solvency, strong public education, reduction in crime, a healthy environment, senior services, affordable housing, and healthcare for all.

I will fight for accessibility to clean water for everyone.

We need to protect Social Security and Medicare. We need to protect Dreamers and provide a path to citizenship.

Our children should always feel safe in their homes and schools. We must do more to reduce gun violence.

I want to elevate your voice, but I need your vote. I hold multiple doctorate degrees and several professional licenses. My education, experience as a successful businessman, service as a pastor, and career as a trained psychotherapist give me a unique perspective in solving problems plaguing our community.

As a proven leader and community advocate, my work has impacted thousands of lives nationally. For the last 20 years, I have created and funded charitable programs that helped veterans, the homeless, children, and low-income families in countless communities in our great nation. Help me elevate the voice of this district to build an America of values, diversity, and inclusiveness and advocate for the benefit of our communities by joining our campaign at [www.dnormanforcongress.com](http://www.dnormanforcongress.com).

Vote for Dr. Norman Quintero

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**MATT WOODY, No Party Preference** **AGE: 43**  
**OCCUPATION: Former Journalist and Small-Business Operator**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

America deserves better. Our elected officials have failed us time and again. Nearly all seem to prioritize partisan conflict above actually working for The People. Worse, they divide Americans to gain or maintain power for themselves. Enough!

Say no to Republican and Democratic leaders peddling extremism and more of the broken status quo. I'm a PRINCIPLED INDEPENDENT promoting honest, transparent democracy as our Founding Fathers intended, and UNIFYING Americans under our bedrock principles of liberty, equality, opportunity and shared responsibility. We only win TOGETHER.

George Washington famously was a political independent, and we can look to our first president for the path forward. Like him, I stand 100% behind the Constitution and our military, and will put the American people first and foremost – above special interests, corrupt lobbyists, and all enemies foreign and domestic.

We must reject the politicians responsible for the unprecedented divisiveness and corruption and our skyrocketing \$21 TRILLION DEBT. Instead, America's government needs INTEGRITY, common sense and compromise.

I'll never stop fighting for Riverside County values – for our civil liberties, fiscal responsibility, smaller government, free markets, taking care of seniors and veterans, and compassion and empathy for ALL American lives. Leave no one behind!

If you're sick of polarized politics or if your party has abandoned your values, then vote for me as the true alternative to the status quo and as a vote for AMERICAN UNITY. Don't choose red or blue in 2018, choose RED-WHITE-AND-BLUE!

Learn more at [woody2018.com](http://woody2018.com). I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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**KEN CALVERT, Republican** **AGE: 64**  
**OCCUPATION: U.S. Representative**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

It's an honor to represent Riverside County in Congress.

As a former small business owner, I know what it's like to sign the front of a paycheck and how much those paychecks mean to hardworking families. I will continue to support policies that create jobs and grow wages.

I supported tax cuts because you deserve to keep more of your hard-earned money. I also voted to eliminate job-killing red-tape so American businesses can better compete in the global economy. These votes resulted in bonuses, higher wages, and investments to expand small businesses.

I created E-Verify through legislation and I'm leading the effort in Congress to make its use mandatory nationwide. The only way to fix our broken immigration system is by restoring the rule of law, securing our border, providing for robust interior enforcement and ending the cycle of amnesties.

We need a healthcare system that gives families more options to find care that fits their needs. We don't need a government-run system that puts medical decisions in the hands of D.C. bureaucrats who would ration care.

I oppose California's gas tax hike and voted to defund the high-speed rail boondoggle.

We must keep Americans safe from all threats. I support eliminating terrorist groups overseas before they threaten us at home. I stand with law enforcement who does an extraordinary job. I am committed to providing for our military and honoring our promises to veterans.

I thank you for the opportunity to represent you.

Ken Calvert  
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**JOSH BUTNER, Democratic**

**OCCUPATION: Governing School Board Member / Retired Navy  
Seal / Manager**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Coming from a long line of men and women who served in uniform dating back to the Civil War, I've always felt a deep obligation to serve my country and my community. I served 23 years as a Navy SEAL, including deployments overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. I'm a father of three, a small businessman, and a local school board member. I worked my way through college and graduated with help from the GI Bill, so I know firsthand the difference a hand up can make for anyone willing to work hard.

I am grateful for the opportunities my country has given me, but the conditions that allow anyone who works hard to succeed are being eroded by a system that benefits corporations and the wealthy. In Congress, I will hold the executive branch accountable, support tax breaks for middle-class families and small businesses rather than the super wealthy and major corporations, help create more good-paying jobs with benefits that can support a family, make housing and healthcare more affordable, and improve education so every kid has a fair shot in life.

The principles I signed up to defend as a Navy SEAL, and that so many of my brothers and sisters died protecting, are vanishing in Washington. I'm running to re-instill the fundamental American values of honesty and hard work. It's time to put people first, not personal profit or special interest politics.

I would be honored to receive your vote. For more information, please visit [www.JoshButnerForCongress.com](http://www.JoshButnerForCongress.com).

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**RICHARD KAHLE, No Party Preference**  
**OCCUPATION: Veteran Military Officer**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

**AGE: 42**

Our Nation is angry and divided. Political parties have broken our trust in government by taking the extreme positions of corporate lobbyists and special interests. But today most voters are independent or moderate, so neither political party represents us. We must elect independent candidates to regain our voice and restore our trust in government.

I recently served as an Army officer in Afghanistan and Korea, and now I am back home asking to serve you in Congress. Our independent campaign is not liberal or conservative. We begin from the center with a calm, reasonable approach to governing, free from the outside influence of lobbyists, corporations, and special interests.

Our focus will be on the national debt, which is larger than any time since World War II. We must make tough choices to cut our trillion-dollar deficits—not in some imaginary 10-year budget plan, but today. It may be difficult for some people to hear about the small, necessary sacrifices, and others will simply be bored by the math. But we must challenge ourselves to face the debt that both political parties have handed us. They will continue to divide and distract us with anger and exaggeration. But we will act responsibly with a detailed, sensible plan to cut the deficit and restore Social Security.

I'm an independent veteran, asking to represent you in Congress. Together, we will restore trust in our government, cut the deficit, and move America in the right direction.

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**BILL WELLS, Republican**

**AGE: 55**

**OCCUPATION: Mayor of El Cajon**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am proud of my public service as a conservative mayor, and of a lifetime dedicated to my family, my fellow Americans and God.

Growing up in an impoverished and broken home in East County, I have worked hard every day to put the American dream within reach for working families by cutting taxes, reducing wasteful government regulations and balancing the city budget.

I am running for Congress because I believe my years of leadership and problem solving make me ideally suited to reduce the national debt, build a wall and secure our border, lower taxes and ensure a strong national defense.

As a principled man of faith, I value honesty, integrity and hard work. I stand firmly with Israel, and believe in the Constitution, the Second Amendment and the sanctity of life.

I am also president of a health care company, with a doctorate in clinical psychology. Having served thousands of behavioral health patients, I am certain the time is now to address America's mental health crisis.

My wife, Bettie, our three adult children and four grandchildren join me in this journey to serve you in the 50th Congressional District. I humbly ask for your vote. [www.wellsforcongress.com](http://www.wellsforcongress.com)

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**SHAMROZE “SHAMUS” SAYED, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

**AGE: 40**

I grew up in the district and have lived in San Diego my entire life. Today, I lead one of the county’s largest privately owned companies and I’m proud to be running to represent you as a small business owner. I know how to cut through red tape to get things done and I will take that fight to Washington. In Congress, my priorities will be:

- Keeping us safe: As former President of FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association and board member of the Captain’s Advisory for San Diego Police Department, I understand what it takes to keep our families safe and it will be my top priority.
- Protecting our borders: I’ll reform our broken immigration system and protect us against extremists looking to terrorize the American way of life.
- Bringing back accountability: Running a local business is similar to serving as an elected official – both must be based on trust. I’ll make sure Washington bureaucrats are held accountable to the people of the 50th District.
- Ending job killing regulations: I’ll slash burdensome regulations and end policies concocted out of DC and Sacramento that hold back small business growth, paving a path to success for owners and workers so our economy can continue to grow.
- Fixing health care: Quality, affordable healthcare for every American family is non-negotiable.
- Improving education: I’ll prioritize funding for our public schools and invest in afterschool programs so every child can reach their God-given potential.

I would be honored to have your vote!

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**AMMAR CAMPA-NAJJAR, Democratic**

**OCCUPATION: Local Business Owner**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

My name is Ammar Campa, the people's candidate. I was born in East County, the son of a working class mother who raised me with help from family and neighbors. From my first job as a church janitor to serving in the White House; advocating for small businesses to fighting for American workers: I've devoted my life to service.

I'm not accepting corporate donations. I'm running to give back to my mother's generation, and to all those seeking to live and retire with dignity.

As a Labor Department official, I served working families. As a business owner, I know the burdens we face. Washington may have lost its way, but I haven't. I'm ready to bring our district's common values and common sense to serve the common good.

I've spent years listening to what keeps people up at night. I don't care about your personal politics — I care about your personal health, safety, and financial future.

We need to restore America's basic bargain: opportunity for all; responsibility from all. That begins with a good job.

In Washington, I worked on the only program both sides could agree on: apprenticeship jobs training. The average apprentice makes \$70,000 a year — double the average American's income.

We need more opportunity. There are 6 million job vacancies in manufacturing, construction, healthcare, finance, IT, clean energy and other sectors. I have the experience needed to bring these jobs home.

If you'll be my voice this election, I'll be yours in Washington. Let's get to work.

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**DUNCAN HUNTER, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: U.S. Representative**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

It is an honor to serve you in the House of Representatives.

Our lives are impacted everyday by the decisions that are made in Washington, DC. My obligation as your representative is to fight for the best interests of our community and nation.

As a Marine Corps veteran, I believe the fundamental role of government is to provide for a national defense and insure the safety of its citizens. I remain an uncompromising defender of our troops, their families and our veterans. I support a strong military force that is fully-equipped and trained. To properly address emerging threats like North Korea and China, we must provide our men and women in uniform all the resources necessary to meet this responsibility.

A \$20 trillion national debt is a serious threat to our future and borrowing from China to mortgage new spending puts our economy and security at risk. I am committed to ending wasteful spending, exercising fiscal restraint and upholding the highest standards of accountability.

As your representative, my priorities are: supporting a strong military; continuing to cut taxes for working families; promoting small business growth; restoring manufacturing; creating education opportunities; securing our borders and keeping the promise of completing the border wall; and reducing the size of government.

I am proud to have been involved in addressing every one of these issues. With your support, I will continue to fight for the values that make America the greatest nation on earth.

Visit [www.HunterforCongress.com](http://www.HunterforCongress.com) to learn more. Thank you.

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**PATRICK MALLOY, Democratic**  
**OCCUPATION: Realtor, Small Business Owner**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

**AGE: 51**

I'm already against the next war. We spend way too much money overseas on other people's problems when we have problems of our own right here at home. I'm focused on the Middle Class, and those who aspire to get into it. Let's invest that money here Stateside instead of wasting it overseas.

Why does Congress waste time and money? Because we let them, and I won't. I'm a results driven small businessperson. My name is Patrick Malloy. As a local Realtor who makes his living working with Buyers and Sellers, I have experience bringing two opposing sides together, towards one common goal. Congress needs a person with this skillset desperately- Throw me the Ball, get me back in Washington D.C., on your behalf, where I've lived and worked, and I'll bring you back, Jobs, Safety, and a Healthier Middle Class.

I'm not in it for the money- I'm in it to bring back Gun Safety, Single Payer Healthcare, Immigration Reform, and Jobs with hiring preference for locals and Veterans first, especially for those of us on Unemployment- It's time we cut back on the welfare state conveyor belt, and jobs are the best way to do it.

We are at each other's throats the World over for Oil. Sunlight is the best disinfectant. Let's make Peace Profitable, by making solar cheaper than oil, and creating jobs in the process. Thank you, Patrick Malloy.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
STATE SENATOR,  
28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**JOY SILVER, Democratic**  
**OCCUPATION: Businesswoman / Housing Advisor**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

“Joy Silver will bring a new perspective to Sacramento and deliver for our communities.” Congressman Raul Ruiz

Joy Silver isn't a career politician. She's an outsider who will bring a fresh approach to getting things done in Sacramento.

Joy will never lose sight of who government should be serving: taxpayers, not special interests.

Joy will put her business experience to work to deliver for our communities, develop practical solutions and make sure our tax dollars are invested wisely.

Joy Silver's agenda for change:

- Better schools and affordable college to give children the opportunity to succeed.
- Tough enforcement to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill and violent offenders.
- Smart transportation investments to keep our economy moving.
- Creating jobs by supporting small businesses and clean energy.
- Access to affordable, quality health care and housing.

Experience to Get Things Done

Daughter of a police detective, Joy Silver grew up in a working-class family and attended public schools. Joy worked her way up to become a top executive of a major medical center.

Joy worked to build senior living communities and became a certified elder care administrator to help seniors retire with dignity and security.

Joy knows what it takes to create jobs, because she's done it in the real world.

Supported by Trusted Leaders

Leaders who support Joy Silver include Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia, Cathedral City Councilmember Shelley Kaplan, La Quinta Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Coachella Valley School Board Member Silvia Paz and Palm Springs Mayor Robert Moon.

[www.voteforjoy.com](http://www.voteforjoy.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
STATE SENATOR,  
28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**JEFF STONE, Republican** **AGE: 62**  
**OCCUPATION: State Senator / Pharmacist**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

It's an honor to represent you in the State Senate, and I'm proud to have served the men, women and families of Riverside County.

Public safety is our top priority, and that's why I've worked to change the law to once again put violent felons who prey upon and harm innocent victims behind bars.

I'm honored to have been endorsed by the Riverside Sheriff's Association.

California's taxes are too high, and that's why I've introduced legislation to eliminate state income taxes for any family making under \$200,000 per year.

I'm proud to have received an "A" rating from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and have been recognized for voting 100% in line with the National Federation of Independent Business.

Our disabled veterans deserve to stay in their homes, and I authored legislation to exempt wounded warriors who lost multiple limbs from property taxes on their principal residence.

If California is going to continue being the "Golden State," we need good paying jobs.

I've led the fight against special interests that file lawsuits against small businesses and make it harder for people to find work.

We need to CREATE jobs, and I'm proud to have received a perfect score from the California Chamber of Commerce.

California has a bright future, and I look forward to having the privilege of representing you in the Senate to work towards lower taxes, safer streets, and a better life for our families and our children.

I'd be honored to receive your vote.

[www.JeffStone2018.com](http://www.JeffStone2018.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**CAROL A. BOULDIN, Green**

**OCCUPATION: Consultant**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

California used to have a great educational system, very affordable housing, and lots of jobs. This was before trickle-down economics, deregulation, corporate welfare, and government austerity began to ruin our great state. I am running because I want to reclaim the State of California for We the People, who need to take back our state for the 99% and make it a friendly, clean, healthy, prosperous place for people, not faceless corporations who pollute, profiteer, and plunder with impunity.

We can create a California that offers universal healthcare, tuition-free state colleges and universities, affordable housing, holds big polluters accountable, end the theft of our precious water, ban the destructive practice of fracking, municipalize our utilities and convert to clean energy, build a rail system that serves the whole state, provide high-speed Internet for every community, and rebuild our infrastructure, creating thousands of jobs in the process.

We can do this by closing the commercial property tax loophole, passing Single Payer healthcare which removes the corporate middlemen from healthcare, incentivizing worker-owned enterprises, creating a state bank to offer low-cost loans, taxing natural resource extraction and use, as well as taxing waste and pollution, creating a carbon tax on fossil fuels, instituting True Cost Pricing (TCP) for goods and services, and by making companies pay royalties for the use of California's natural resources—timber, oil, minerals, and water. This would reverse years of budget shortfalls and replace it with prosperity for the people of the great state of California!

Carol A. Bouldin  
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@carol4ad42

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**GARY JEANDRON, Republican**

**AGE: 63**

**OCCUPATION: Retired Police Chief**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I'm the only candidate to have the endorsement of the California Republican Assembly because of my core conservative values. I'm a lifelong Republican and I'm running to bring those principles to the State Assembly.

My entire life has been about public service. For 34 years I served the public, working my way up from records clerk to Chief of Police. I was awarded the Medal of Courage, Police Officer of the Year, and was shot in the line of duty chasing a violent criminal. I served my Community for 10 years as an elected board member of the Palm Springs Unified School District.

I grew up in the Banning Beaumont Pass, graduated from Hemet High School and live in the Coachella Valley. My roots are firmly planted in the District.

I signed the No New Tax Pledge; I will vote against tax increases and will fight to repeal the gas tax.

As your State Assemblyman, I will work to keep violent criminals off the streets and I will vote to protect the Second Amendment.

Senator Jeff Stone supports me stating, "We need people like Gary Jeandron in the Assembly who will stand up to special interests, protect taxpayers and fight for working families. The people of the 42nd District deserve an Assemblyman who will put the interest of the people ahead of the big money special interest that seems to run Sacramento and Gary Jeandron will make us proud."

I ask for your vote.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**ANDREW F. KOTYUK, Republican**

**OCCUPATION: Veteran / Small Businessman / Councilman**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

U.S. Navy Veteran, successful small businessman, Andrew Kotyuk is a conservative family man with a background in finance and economics through Wharton School of Business. Andrew is running for Assembly to fight higher taxes, onerous regulations, and stop out of control spending.

He's done it before. As Mayor and Councilman, Andrew brought San Jacinto back from near bankruptcy after 4 councilmembers were indicted. He inherited a multi-million deficit and by reforming pensions and cutting waste, balanced the budget without raising taxes. San Jacinto is ranked in the top 9% of California cities for fiscal management with a fully funded budget reserve. He's had similar results as Chairman of Metrolink and the Riverside Transit Agency, saving millions of tax-payer dollars.

Experienced in public-safety, water, transportation, pensions, labor unions and education, Kotyuk is known for fixing organizations. As Charter School President at San Jacinto Valley Academy, he drove graduations rates to 100%.

A life member of the NRA and VFW, American Legion and Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association member, Andrew is committed to protecting our values, oppose any new taxes, and signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

California is broken: homelessness, crumbling infrastructure, bloated government pensions, and out of control taxes. Despite the highest revenues in the nation, we are the highest taxed in the nation. Our tax dollars are being used to fund illegal aliens, High-Speed Rail, and unnecessary government programs and regulations. It's time to reform our budget and cut the spending.

Join Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Senator Joel Anderson, Assemblyman Randy Voepel, and former Senate Republican Leader Dennis Hollingsworth and Make California Golden Again, VOTE FOR ANDREW KOTYUK.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**CHAD MAYES, Republican**

**OCCUPATION: Member of State Assembly**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I'm hopeful and optimistic that our best days are before us.

Standing together, we've risen above the negativity and shouting of today's politics and stayed true to the calling of a public servant and put people first.

I'm proud that we've kept our word and sought to provide people with more freedom, and not less.

Too many in our community don't have a high school education and have limited opportunity to improve their lives. By listening and applying conservative principals, my anti-poverty bill is now law and provides economic incentives to encourage people on welfare to get their education – better prepared to achieve their dreams.

Those dreams will be realized as long as California continues to lead through innovation. We extended - and expanded - the sales and use tax credit, so California companies can now purchase state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment and create tens of thousands of good paying jobs.

Instead of just talking about reducing harmful regulations that kill jobs; we actually rolled back regulations. For that reason as well as my commitment to protect Proposition 13, the California Chamber of Commerce awarded me a perfect 100% rating.

I don't have all the answers, but I've kept my word. I promised to cut taxes, reduce regulations, save California jobs and put people first. As your voice in Sacramento, we've done just that.

There's more work to do. I would be honored to have your continued trust and support.

[ChadMayes.com](http://ChadMayes.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**DENIANTIONETTE MAZINGO Esq., Democratic**

**OCCUPATION: Attorney**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Since moving to Hemet, DeniAntionette Mazingo, has made countless contributions to the community, focusing on improving the lives of those less fortunate. As Third District Commissioner for Women, Deni established a program to educate young people about the dangers of human trafficking.

She is an active member of Soroptimist International, living out the organization's mission aiding women and girls, developing programs leading to social and economic empowerment. By chairing several fundraisers providing educational grants and scholarships and working to host an annual Soroptimist Girl Power Conference for sixth and seventh grade girls providing them opportunities to succeed.

Deni tirelessly petitioned the Hemet Valley Medical Center Board to resume operating the rape crisis center, "reopened in May of 2015".

She is National President of Las Amigas Incorporated, whose mission is to enhance the quality of life and promote the general improvement of the communities. They accomplish this through educational programs, by providing non-perishable food items for those children who do not have access to nourishing food during the weekends and by raising funds for scholarships and the Children's Defense Fund.

Also, she is a member of Rotary International assisting those throughout the world. As President of Ladies of Charity locally, she initiated the street ministry to serve the homeless by providing meals, clothing and referrals.

Deni as a practicing attorney for sixteen years and provides pro bono services to individuals unable to afford. Deni will tell you that she strives to put her faith in the Lord first through earnest prayer.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
56TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**EDUARDO GARCIA, Democratic**

**AGE: 41**

**OCCUPATION: State Assemblymember**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

As your Assemblymember, I am homegrown and proud to be serving you in the State Legislature.

For the past decade as Mayor and now in the State Assembly, I have devoted myself to fighting for good paying jobs, quality schools, safe neighborhoods, access to health care, and a better future for the families and residents of the Coachella Valley.

As your State Assemblymember, I have built upon my experience of fiscal responsibility from when I balanced the City budget during the recession, while delivering high quality services. In the Assembly, I helped balance the state budget each year, strengthened California's finances, and saved taxpayers billions of dollars in budget reserves.

Governor Brown has signed dozens of my bills into law – expanding workforce training, small business loan programs and job creation; making college more affordable and accessible; improving air and water quality in our region; advancing the restoration of the Salton Sea; and ensuring that our communities receive their fair share of state funding for the environment, education, and health care.

The Desert Sun reported that I am “energetic,” “thoughtful,” and “one of the most prolific lawmakers in Sacramento.”

We have made great progress, but there's more work to be done. With your support, I can continue fighting in the State Assembly to address the issues that matter most to Coachella Valley families, children, seniors, and residents.

Please join teachers, nurses, police and firefighters, business and labor, and the Democratic Party in supporting my re-election.

Please visit: [www.voteforgarcia.com](http://www.voteforgarcia.com)

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
56TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**JEFF GONZALEZ, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Retired Marine Officer**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Jeff Gonzalez is uniquely qualified for the position of Assembly Member because of his lifelong history of honor, service, advocacy, commitment, and integrity. Gonzalez served in the United States Marine Corps for over 20 years. While in the Marine Corps, his job was to locate and identify hostile individuals that posed a threat to service members and to our nation and its allies. Gonzalez was awarded several medals and was deployed to combat on four separate occasions to Iraq and Afghanistan. Also while serving in the Marines, he received his Associates degree, as well as his Bachelors degree in Domestic Security Management with a minor in Criminal Justice. After retiring from the Marine Corps, Gonzalez served as an Outreach Pastor within the community and a lead pastor that founded a church within the community. Jeff is a Veterans Advocate and an advocate of those with Post Traumatic Stress and Military Sexual Trauma, through an organization called Integrated Recovery Foundation. Jeff is bilingual (Spanish), a member of Rotary, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Toastmasters, Chairman of the Marine Corps Counterintelligence Association, and a Board Member of Habitat for Humanity in the Coachella Valley. Jeff Gonzalez was recently unanimously endorsed by the Republican Party of Riverside County, La Prensa Hispana Newspaper, and by Senator Jeff Stone. Jeff Gonzalez has been married for 14 years and has four children, with one of his children having severe Cerebral Palsy.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
56TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**JONATHAN REISS, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Business Owner**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am running for Assembly because of the extreme governmental dysfunction in California. My background uniquely equips me to help cure that dysfunction. I hold an honors degree in Government from Dartmouth College and have worked in Washington DC and at the United Nations in Switzerland. I recognize the changes that have to be made and how to go about making them.

We face major problems, from over regulation, to excessive tax burdens, to debilitating bureaucratic bottlenecks - all of which are getting worse with the extreme political imbalance in our State legislature. Spending is at ridiculously wasteful levels, taxes spiral out of control, and our borders are chaotic instead of safe environments. Businesses and jobs are not being properly protected.

Coming directly from the world of business ownership, I understand the challenges that businesses and employees face. Additionally, my career has allowed me to focus much effort in helping non-profit and charitable organizations. The blueprint of what our communities need to prosper must be effectively represented in Sacramento. I can do that for you.

The challenge is to build Real Government for a New Era. One that functions efficiently and in the interests of the people.

We can continue down the same path of aggressive attacks on our businesses, workers and families, imposing higher tax structures on everything from food to gasoline targeting those who can least afford it, OR choose a new way forward toward redemption and a better life. The choice is really that simple. WWW.JONATHANREISS.ORG

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
60TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**BILL ESSAYLI, Republican**

**OCCUPATION: Federal Prosecutor**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I spent my career fighting for you in the courtroom, now I want to fight for you in Sacramento. I served as a Deputy District Attorney in Riverside County, and later as an Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting federal criminal violations.

The dangerous policies of AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57 are jeopardizing the safety of our community. Property crimes and mail theft are on the rise. Sanctuary state policies are protecting criminal illegal immigrants who should otherwise be deported. I will support policies that keep criminals in jail and our communities safe.

Our taxes are too high. California has the highest income tax, sales tax, and gas tax. The \$52 billion gas tax increase is a bad deal for Riverside County commuters. I will support repealing it. And, I will oppose the high-speed rail boondoggle.

I will defend Prop 13 protections and oppose new payroll taxes to pay for a government-run health care system.

I will work with job creators to enact policies to help them grow and be competitive. I want to bring high paying jobs to Riverside County and make California affordable again.

I was raised in Riverside County by parents who legally immigrated from Lebanon to escape a violent civil war. I graduated from Centennial High School and was the first in my family to attend college at Cal Poly Pomona, and eventually law school at Chapman University.

I humbly ask for your support in my effort to win back the 60<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Together we will fight back against the failed policies of Sacramento.

Bill Essayli  
TakeBack60.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
61ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**JOSE MEDINA, Democratic**

**AGE: 64**

**OCCUPATION: Teacher / State Assemblymember**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I ran for State Assembly to give Riverside County a stronger voice, and deliver our fair share of funding for schools, public safety, transportation, and other vital services. With three decades of experience as a classroom teacher, school boardmember, and community college trustee, I knew our communities deserved better.

As your State Assemblymember, I've worked hard to help clean up the state's finances and deliver balanced budgets five years in a row. In addition, we've paid down the state's debt, improved California's credit rating, and created a Rainy Day fund with a projected \$13.5 billion in savings.

California's finances are stronger than ever. Thanks to these fiscally responsible efforts, I've helped spearhead efforts to deliver millions in state investment for Riverside County.

This work includes fully funding the new Medical School at UC Riverside, re-investing in local schools and community colleges, new workforce development programs, fixing our roads and freeways, and expanding access to affordable health care for Riverside families, veterans, and seniors.

We're also leading efforts to build new affordable housing throughout Riverside, expanding renewable energy projects, and fighting for better wages and benefits for workers.

While Washington DC has been filled with dysfunction and partisan fighting, I'm proud of the work we're doing to keep California moving forward...and I won't stop until everyone in Riverside County has an opportunity to succeed.

Please join teachers, firefighters, nurses, small business owners, and the Democratic Party in supporting my campaign.

For more information, please visit [JoseMedinaforAssembly.com](http://JoseMedinaforAssembly.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
67TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**MICHELLE SINGLETON, Democratic**  
**OCCUPATION: American Government Teacher**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

**AGE: 34**

As a teacher, I have served Riverside County for the past 11 years. I am confronted daily with the needs and concerns of my students and charged with the responsibility of seeking out solutions. My years of service have been dedicated to using limited resources to build innovative programs that provide opportunity and security for at-risk populations. Recent events have introduced new vulnerabilities to the community of children, parents and colleagues with whom I work with. These events have propelled me to run for office.

Once elected, I will work towards legislation that addresses the safety and well being of our district by:

- Ensuring every child in our state has access to preschool by closing a corporate tax loophole that every other state in the nation has done
- Working to see that a college education is obtainable and affordable for all
- Developing partnerships with apprenticeship programs to build a skilled labor force that is ready to meet the needs of the 21st century
- Securing state resources to expand services to veterans in our district
- Making health care, housing, and transportation accessible and equitable for all

We must invest in our human capital if we hope to raise the standard of living for all Californians. It's time the 67th Assembly District had an advocate in Sacramento that represents our children and working families. I would be honored to earn your vote and to be your advocate.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.singletonforca.com](http://www.singletonforca.com)  
[www.facebook.com/michellesingletonforca](https://www.facebook.com/michellesingletonforca)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
67TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**MELISSA MELENDEZ, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Business Owner**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

**AGE: 50**

As your representative for the 67<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, I remain honored to represent you in the California State Assembly and I'm proud to have earned your trust.

When I served in the United States Navy, I made a commitment to defend the Constitution. As your State Assemblywoman, I have taken that commitment to Sacramento where I continue to defend the Constitution every single day.

I promised you during my first campaign, I'd be your champion in Sacramento. I promised to fight for lower taxes, relief for small businesses, and to support our veterans – and I keep my promises. I have authored and passed legislation to expand protections to our veterans, provide financial relief for small businesses, and cut taxes.

Unfortunately, California is one of the highest taxed states in the nation and it's time you the taxpayers have a say. I have introduced legislation to require that every single tax increase first be approved by YOU the voters – BEFORE it goes into effect.

Sacramento has a corruption and sexual harassment problem; I lead the effort to fix it. This year, I made it illegal for politicians to retaliate against those who report them for sexual harassment or corruption. Politicians should never be above the law.

I would be honored to earn your vote and continue being your champion in the Legislature. Together, we'll continue the fight to make our golden state a more affordable and prosperous place once again.

For more information visit: [www.MelendezForCA.com](http://www.MelendezForCA.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
71ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**RANDY VOEPEL, Republican**  
**OCCUPATION: Assemblymember**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

As your Assemblymember, I am working hard on behalf of this district to lower taxes, support job growth, protect public safety, support veterans, and reduce the size and scope of state government

Lower Taxes - I voted against every proposed tax increase in the legislature, and I strongly opposed the 53-cent gas tax that represents yet another money-grab from Sacramento. As a result of my voting record, I received an "A" rating from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

Job Creation - I have consistently voted against legislation that would expand unnecessary red tape and costs for businesses, and I received a 100% voting record from the National Federation of Independent Businesses for my record of supporting pro-jobs legislation.

Opposed cap-and-trade - I voted against the expansion of California's cap-and-trade program, which could increase gas prices by up to 73 cents.

Protecting public safety - I voted against SB 54, which made California a "sanctuary state." I have supported legislation to protect crime victims and prevent human trafficking.

Supporting veterans - With two combat tours in Vietnam, I understand the challenges veterans face. I introduced legislation that expands job opportunities for veterans in the private sector, I have supported efforts to reduce the impacts of PTSD, and I was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Vietnam Veterans of America.

If you agree that your next Assemblymember should have a proven record of fighting for conservative policies, then vote Randy Voepel for State Assembly.

[www.RandyVoepel.org](http://www.RandyVoepel.org)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
71ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**JAMES ELIA, Democratic**  
**OCCUPATION: Non-Profit Executive**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

At a time when mass income inequality exists, people can't afford healthcare, senior citizens with fixed incomes are facing rising rents, and our children are facing crippling student loan debts, I propose we invest in our greatest resource; working families and blue-collar American workers.

Being one of 8 children, raised by a single father after my mother passed away young from cancer, leaving us with massive hospital bills, I know all too well about sacrifice and the struggles that families face.

From my time as a roofer, working my way through college, to my financial services career managing portfolios and accounting services, to my current position as president of a well-established non-profit, I've obtained the skills and life experiences to be effective and a responsive representative fighting for your interests in Sacramento.

If elected, I will strongly advocate to establish a public bank in California, where small businesses that need operating capital will receive it, where consumers won't be charged outrageous interest rates, and where homeowners won't be thrown out of their homes with unlawful foreclosures. We must stop rewarding banks billions of dollars to rob our citizens' with fees, then force us to bail them out because they are "too big to fail."

Endorsed by working men and women, teachers, nurses, small businesses and elected leaders. I will invest in your healthcare, your kid's education, and in job creation.

I'd be honored to have your vote and go to work for you!

[EliaForAssembly.com](http://EliaForAssembly.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
75TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**ALAN GERACI, Democratic**

**OCCUPATION: Consumer Attorney / Businessowner / Youth  
Sports Coach**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am a respected consumer attorney, father, coach, community leader, married with six children and two grandchildren.

I've spent my entire career fighting powerful special interests on behalf of everyday citizens and winning to ensure we get a fair deal! I stood up to big banks to protect the homes of 300 families from foreclosure.

He Fights, We Win: (1) I filed a lawsuit to stop Escondido City Council's privatization of our public library; (2) Filed suit against San Diego County Registrar of Voters to make sure every vote is counted, providing greater election transparency; (3) Fought developers to preserve open space creating the 5,800-acre Mission Trails Regional Park when serving as San Diego Deputy City Attorney; (4) Fought against Fallbrook Utility District's proposed water rate hikes.

I Strongly Support: (1) Good Paying Jobs / Strong Local Businesses; (2) Quality, Affordable Healthcare for All (SB 562); (3) Fully Funded Public Education (K-College); (4) Sustainable Renewable Energy Grid by 2030; (5) Comprehensive Immigration Reform; (6) Affordable Housing / Homeless Solutions; (7) Traffic Relief / Sprinter Light Rail From Temecula to Mission Valley.

Volunteer Community Service: Save Our Escondido Library; Coach, San Marcos Youth Baseball and Youth Soccer; PTA; Consumer Attorneys of California; Women's March North County; Citizens Oversight Election Integrity; Temecula Chamber of Commerce.

Endorsed by: Teachers, Nurses, Environmentalists, Women and Neighborhood Leaders.

I'll fight every day at the State Capitol for hard-working families, not the big banks and special interests! With your vote, we can retire a career politician and send a consumer advocate to Sacramento.

I'd be honored to have your vote.

AlanGeraci.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,  
75TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**MARIE WALDRON, Republican**

**OCCUPATION: Businessowner / Assemblymember**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I SUPPORT:

Our hardworking families and businesses with Job Creation by cutting taxes and burdensome regulations

Expanding our roads and freeway infrastructure to relieve traffic congestion.

Strong Education for career technical job training and success.

PROVEN TAXFIGHTER: Californians are over taxed: the highest in the nation! I recognize the struggle to make ends meet. I oppose gas taxes and fees that stifle our poor, underserved and middle class.

I MEAN BUSINESS: As small businessowner for 24 years, I understand the impact of unfair government regulations and fees. Business growth means success, jobs and employment; a pathway from poverty to independence.

Education dollars should be spent in the classroom to help teachers do their job and students succeed – not on bureaucrats. School choice and competition benefit our students.

PROVEN RECORD: As a city councilmember in Escondido for 14 years, I supported a balanced budget, water affordability and protecting individual liberties. Water storage, desalinization and water reclamation are critical for our prosperity as a region. I've continued fighting for you as your State Assemblymember.

As a parent, I'm concerned about our childrens' future and their safety. I stand to protect our traditional family values and our veterans for benefits, housing and healthcare.

Active over 25 years in our community and church, I support many local civic organizations, was a Little League parent and am a member of the YMCA. My husband and I work to create the successful "Cruisin' Grand" hotrod event in downtown Escondido for the past 19 years.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,  
OFFICE NUMBER 2**

**SHAFFER TIMOTHY CORMELL**

**AGE: 55**

**OCCUPATION: Criminal Justice Attorney**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

The people of Riverside County deserve a Judge who is committed to justice, integrity, fairness, and protecting their safety. That's why I'm running to serve you as a Riverside County Superior Court Judge.

I have served as an attorney for over 26 years and have a wide range of legal experience; practicing criminal, civil and family law. I have taught as a professor and am the only candidate who has served as a Judge Pro-Tem.

I am committed to the Constitution of the United States and will faithfully uphold it and all our laws if honored to serve you as a Judge.

My wife of 19 years, Melissa, and I have two children.

I am honored to have the support of Judges Dean Benjamini, Suzanne Cho, Kelly Hansen, Harold Hopp, Charles Koosed, John Monterosso, Burke Strunsky, Otis Sterling, Anthony Villalobos and Sarah Christian, Ret.

I am proud to have the support of Police Chief Jeff Wade, Lieutenant Joshua Coe, Sergeants Kent Krissell, Keith Walnoha, Troy Fabanich, Ed Cavazos, Leland Cormell and the Blythe Police Officer's Association.

Past District Attorney and Assemblyman Rod Pacheco and Mayor Dale Reynolds have also honored me with their support.

Please visit: [www.ShafferCormellforJudge.com](http://www.ShafferCormellforJudge.com)

I would be honored to have your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,  
OFFICE NUMBER 2**

**TIM HOLLENHORST**

**AGE: 41**

**OCCUPATION: Deputy District Attorney**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Throughout my career I have successfully prosecuted murderers, violent gang members, child molesters, robbers, and identity thieves who prey upon Riverside County citizens. As your next Superior Court Judge, every defendant in my courtroom will receive fair and consistent application of the law. I will impose firm and appropriate sentences on convicted criminals. Every victim's voice will be heard.

The law enforcement community, including Riverside County Sheriffs' Association, Banning, Beaumont, Corona, Indio and Riverside Police Associations, Peace Officers' Research Association of California (PORAC) and Riverside County Deputy District Attorneys' Association, endorse my candidacy. I am law enforcement's choice.

Banning Police Chief Alejandro Diaz, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Presiding Judge Becky Dugan, County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, and Mayors Michael Perciful (Hemet), Michael Wilson (Indio), Natasha Johnson (Lake Elsinore), Neil Winter (Menifee), Jonathan Ingram (Murrieta), Michael Vargas (Perris), Karen Speigel (Corona) and Rusty Bailey (Riverside) are elected officials who endorse me.

My wife, a local elementary school teacher, and I are lifelong Riverside County residents who are committed to community service, including mentoring, charity fundraising, and youth sports.

Respectfully, I ask that you vote for Tim Hollenhorst for Riverside County Superior Court Judge.

Please visit [www.hollenhorstforjudge.com](http://www.hollenhorstforjudge.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER,  
TRUSTEE AREA 1**

**JAVED KHAN**

**OCCUPATION: Retired Educator**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

My philosophy: When we educate an individual, we educate a generation. When we educate a generation, we educate a community and educated community is the root of peace and prosperity. As a retired Forensic Scientist/Educator from local college districts of Riverside County, I have participated in educating hundreds and thousands of students during my career. Most of the students were so poor that they struggled to buy textbooks. I founded a textbook club with some of my personal money. Appreciating my efforts, successful students from well-to-do-families -who passed the courses- donated their textbooks to the club for new students. Hundreds of students benefited and the club continuously helped students until the day I retired. In addition, I witnessed many poor brilliant students could not afford higher cost of university education so they dropped out. Many students were denied loan due to lack of credit history. My intention is to go on the other side of the fence as an elected official and find official assistance for our poor brilliant students towards higher education. This effort will create educated community. The educated community has less crimes and is financially stable that will bring peace and good revenue to the Riverside County.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER,  
TRUSTEE AREA 1**

**KIM JOSEPH COUSINS**

**AGE: 59**

**OCCUPATION: Executive**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Having served as a former Board Member and (Board President 2008-9) of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District, I implemented programs that maximized operational efficiency at all 23 school sites. \$1.6 MILLION was saved per year by closing 2 schools, thereby avoiding laying off ANY TEACHERS during the budget crisis.

As President/CEO of the Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber, it has been my passion to develop programs that support job shadowing and job exploration. In addition, I have been actively involved in several non profit organizations such as, Rotary Club Of Lake Elsinore (President 2016-17) Boys/Girls Club, and Cops For Kids Board Member. I administer a program that recognizes 7 high school seniors at a monthly luncheon and then awards over \$2,500 per student for 7 students of the year! Total operating budget for the program is over \$25,000 each year! As a Hospital Board Member with Southwest Healthcare I arranged for Temescal Canyon High School Students to Intern at the Hospital.

I am a progressive thinker looking to develop unique pathways to make sure that every child is developed to their highest potential. I would be honored if you voted for me!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER,  
TRUSTEE AREA 1**

**OLIVER "COACH O" UNAKA**

**AGE: 38**

**OCCUPATION: School District-Level Administrator**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am a passionate advocate for Riverside County schools; I take decision-making seriously. I am deeply humbled to be the only candidate to have the support and endorsement of our esteemed incumbent, Jeanie Corral. My focus is to ensure that our schools remain as safe, and academically competitive, as humanly possible!

I am a product of public school education. Public education has afforded me the opportunity to attend top public universities in California, and to provide comfortably for my family. As an Eastvale resident, my children attend public schools here in Riverside County.

As a current school district-level administrator in a neighboring county, I understand the importance of deep-listening, teacher-collaboration and shared governance.

I will work with all parties to support safe, high-achieving school sites.

I believe schools must be safe spaces for youngsters to be taught by highly skilled and compassionate educators, and to have children's unique talents, abilities and skills enhanced.

I strongly support anti-bullying efforts for all diverse student populations (special needs, race/ethnicities, cultural identities and religion).

I will use my voice to remain focused on what matters most – safe schools and quality instruction for our children!

I humbly ask for your vote.

[www.voteunaka.com](http://www.voteunaka.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER,  
TRUSTEE AREA 2**

**MICAELA "MIKKI" CICHOCKI**

**OCCUPATION: Teacher / Program Specialist**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Education is a family tradition. As the daughter of two public school teachers, it is my life. I bring the perspective of an experienced teacher to the County School Board as I have taught in elementary and secondary schools. I currently coordinate a program for at-risk students designed to move students from the prison pipeline to the college-career pathway. As the former Secretary Treasurer of the California Teachers Association, I have statewide education leadership experience. I am known for my ability to work collaboratively with the community, school boards, administration, teachers and staff. As a parent in Riverside, I served on the PTA boards at my daughter's schools.

My goals when elected are to:

- Create a culture of success for ALL students
- Prepare students for college and career
- Provide access to science, technology and fine arts
- Ensure accountability and fiscal responsibility
- Protect students in all school settings

I see firsthand what does and doesn't work in helping our students succeed. Every student deserves access to the best schools. It is our job to provide them. I am supported by parents, teachers, and educational leaders. I ask for your vote in moving our County and our schools forward.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER,  
TRUSTEE AREA 2**

**WENDEL W. TUCKER**

**OCCUPATION: Member Riverside County Board of Education**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am a teacher at heart. During my 45 years in education, I focused on helping students achieve their goals.

In 2014, when I was first elected as a Trustee to the Riverside County Board of Education, I focused on improving the quality of education, increasing graduation rates and keeping students safe.

When you set higher standards, students produce amazing results.

The graduation rate the year prior to my election was 84%. During my term on the board, data shows 2016-17 graduation rates have steadily increased to 89.4%. That is now the third highest graduation rate in California! My goal is for Riverside County to be number one.

The County Board of Education is not only entrusted with the education of students, it is responsible for their safety. That is why I created an Ad-Hoc Taskforce to study school safety throughout the county. We will protect our children and keep them safe.

There is more work to be done. That is why I am seeking re-election. I am proud of our prior achievements, and I am excited for our future. Thank you for your support and I ask for your vote.

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR RECALL  
FILED BY PROPONENTS SEEKING THE RECALL OF  
JOSE J. BARRAGAN  
FROM THE OFFICE OF  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, ALVORD UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

Mr. Barragan made public comments that are hateful and divisive. Some of which were through Facebook and Twitter posts supporting a wall on the Mexican border and barring Muslims and undocumented immigrants from our communities.

In response to parents' and community outcry over his views, Mr. Barragan has arrogantly dismissed this criticism provided through public comment and attendance at school board meetings.

During a February 5, 2017, radio interview on The Elise Richmond Show, Mr. Barragan stated that, "They're out to get me and everything I'm for," referring to parents and community members who have criticized his statements.

He publicly supports discriminatory policies and highly partisan political attacks on public education and the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Barragan has antagonized the local teachers' association, including violating Board Policy 4140 prohibiting trustees from dominating or interfering with the association.

Superintendent Sid Salazar on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, issued a statement from himself and Board President Art Kaspereen condemning "the inflammatory and offensive individual personal comments made by Mr. Barragan through his public use of social media."

Due to Mr. Barragan's refusal to resign, he must be removed from office through recall.

**PROPONENTS:**

- Cynthia Alcantar
- Arturo Vieyra
- Karina Ambriz
- Saul Viayra
- Esmeralda Carrera
- Maria Rosario Alcantar
- Javier Alcantar
- Isaura Hernandez
- Elizabeth Hernandez
- Roberto Corona

**ANSWER TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR RECALL OF  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, JOSE J. BARRAGAN**

**NO ANSWER WAS FILED**

**STATEMENT OF OFFICER BEING RECALLED**

**NO STATEMENT WAS FILED**

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,  
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 2**

**LIZETH VEGA**

**OCCUPATION: Full-Time Student / Volunteer**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

My family and I have lived in the area for more than 20 years and have a deep connection to the area. I was born and raised in Riverside. I attended Foothill Elementary, Wells Middle School, and I graduated from Norte Vista High School. I have been involved civically through voter registration drives, parent workshops, and traveled to Sacramento to advocate for public policy.

My motivation for running is inspired by my family members that currently attend Alvord schools and I want to ensure that they and all Alvord students are receiving the best education possible. In addition, I have helped my parents build their business, which is why I am currently working towards my degree in Business Administration at the University of California, Riverside. My goal is to use the skills that I have learned from my parents and my coursework to improve student learning and ensure that the district is fiscally sound.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 2**

**ERIC LINDER**

**OCCUPATION: Business Owner**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I grew up and went to school here, graduating from Norco Intermediate and Norco High. This is my home, my family's home and where my children and grandchildren now live. I opened my business, right here, in Corona.

I love our community and I am dedicated to keeping it a great, safe place to live and raise a family. When local officials wanted to raise taxes and fees, making our city unaffordable to live in, I helped establish the Corona Taxpayers Association.

Six years ago, when you entrusted me to serve you in the State Assembly, I worked to honor your trust.

I opposed every tax that came before me and even stopped the original proposal to raise the gas tax. I fought against Sacramento's soft on crime policies, passed legislation increasing penalties on sex offenders and was named Legislator of the Year by Crime Victims United. I even passed legislation to protect Norco's volunteer police horses.

As your County Supervisor, I will demand fiscal responsibility and cut taxes. We will clean up our streets and deal with the homeless problem plaguing our neighborhoods. Our county will get tough on crime again, to protect families, not criminals.

[www.EricLinder.com](http://www.EricLinder.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 2**

**MIKE GARDNER**

**OCCUPATION: City Council Member**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Riverside has been my home for over 4 decades. I look forward to taking the successes we have had in the City of Riverside and implementing some of them at the county.

Riverside County is going through some very tough times and we have some very difficult decisions to make. The budget is not in good shape. Our elected leaders need to get creative when searching for solutions. I will do that.

In 2017, Time Magazine ranked Riverside as the number one city where millennials are moving. I have helped bring good paying jobs to the area which helps make the city attractive to all. I will do the same for our County.

I opposed the gas tax that has been forced upon us by Sacramento and am opposed to unnecessary regulations. We need to address our traffic issues with the resources we have.

Homelessness has become more visible everywhere in our community. We need to work with the faith community to move forward to help the people and protect our neighborhoods.

Leadership and results matter – I have a record of delivering on both. Join me in reforming Riverside County.

Please call with questions (951) 897-8660

Mike Gardner  
City Councilmember

[www.mikegardnerforsupervisor.com](http://www.mikegardnerforsupervisor.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 2**

**KAREN SPIEGEL**

**OCCUPATION: Mayor / Riverside County Business Owner**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I've proudly called Riverside County home for over three decades. My husband, Bobby, and I raised our five children here and started our own small business here.

As Mayor of my city and as a City Council Member, I've delivered results. We were named one of the safest cities in America. I helped provide \$3 billion in transportation improvements for Riverside County.

If you elect me as your Riverside County Supervisor, I will use my experience in business and local government to deliver results for you by:

- Ensuring public safety have the resources they need to keep our families safe
- Attracting high-paying jobs to Riverside County
- Investing in transportation and infrastructure
- Enhancing transparency and fiscal responsibility

My record and experience have earned me the endorsements of our Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione, Congressman Ken Calvert, Riverside County Treasurer Jon Christensen, the entire Norco City Council, the majority of the Corona City Council, members of the Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, and Riverside City Councils, and the entire Corona Norco Unified School Board.

Please join my supporters in Corona, Riverside, Jurupa Valley, Eastvale, Norco, Coronita, El Cerrito, Highgrove, and Home Gardens in voting for Karen Spiegel for Riverside County Supervisor to fight for stronger public safety, more jobs, better infrastructure, and greater fiscal responsibility.

[www.KarenSpiegelForSupervisor.com](http://www.KarenSpiegelForSupervisor.com)

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 2**

**WILL MARTINEZ** **AGE: 45**  
**OCCUPATION: Construction Project Manager / Community College Instructor**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Married 26 years to my high school sweet heart Leticia and have one adult son. B.S. degree in Workforce Education Development with experience developing curriculum and job placement.

As your Riverside County Supervisor, my commitment will be to tackle and solve the HOMELESS CRISIS that has been neglected for decades and bridge the gap among the BLIGHTED communities of El Cerrito and Home Gardens, while fighting to INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING and SOLVE the SERIOUS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS that are affecting the quality of life in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District where I was born and raised.

Over the span of 20 years, I have REPRESENTED ELECTED OFFICIALS on legislative issues at the local, state, and federal levels and volunteered for various organizations:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CA SENATE, CA ASSEMBLY  
CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSIONER  
RESERVE DEPUTY SHERIFF, FIRE PREVENTION VOLUNTEER  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
SHERIFF'S ACADEMY "CHOICES" YOUTH PROGRAM FACILITATOR FOR AT-RISK YOUTH  
RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, TRANSPORTATION NOW ADVOCACY GROUP, EASTVALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT – Helped secure over \$100M in local and federal funding for AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING projects built throughout the Inland Empire.

VOTE for WILL to GET THINGS DONE!  
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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 2**

**PENNY NEWMAN**  
**OCCUPATION: Educator / Nonprofit Director**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I've lived in Riverside County most of my life. Over the last 40 years that I've been Executive Director of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, I've had the privilege of working with families all over Riverside County to build healthy and safe neighborhoods.

I'm running for Riverside County Supervisor to answer a question - "Where are we going?"

Where is our long-term plan for development, transportation, and the future of Riverside County? Our county is experiencing poorly planned, rapid urbanization without investing in the necessary economic and physical infrastructure to maintain a high quality of life for our residents.

Did anyone ever ask you if this is the direction you wanted our community to go in? Are they listening to us, or campaign donors?

Power is out of balance in Riverside County. Outside developers and corporations have more influence on our leaders than we do, yet we are the ones who will have to live with the results of those decisions. I've been a teacher, community organizer, director of a successful nonprofit, and now I'm asking for your vote to become your Riverside County Supervisor from District 2. The residents of Riverside County deserve better, we can do better, and together, we will do better.

Join the team at [VotePennyNewman.com](http://VotePennyNewman.com).

Penny Newman

Resident of Jurupa Valley

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 4**

**MANUEL “MANNY” PEREZ**  
**OCCUPATION: Riverside County Supervisor**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Manuel “Manny” Perez learned the value of hard work and education from his parents, who were both immigrant farm workers. After graduating from the University of California, Riverside and Harvard University, Manny came home to the Coachella Valley to make a difference as a teacher, as a healthcare director and now as a public servant.

As a local School Board Member, State Assemblymember, City Councilmember, and now as our County Supervisor, Manny has an impressive record of creating jobs and opportunity for local residents and investing in our schools and health care.

- As our County Supervisor for the past year, Manny has already worked to:
- Keep neighborhoods safe and improve emergency response times.
  - Fully fund services and job training for our veterans.
  - Reduce homelessness by tackling the root causes of the crisis
  - Eliminate wasteful spending and responsibly manage our tax dollars.
  - Introduce a plan to revitalize the Salton Sea.
  - Help local small businesses succeed and create jobs.

“I work hard every day to deliver results for our neighborhoods and protect the things that make the Coachella and Palo Verde Valleys such a special place to live. I would be honored to earn your vote.”

Manuel “Manny” Perez  
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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 4**

**JAN C. HARNIK** **AGE: 62**  
**OCCUPATION: City Councilmember / Businesswoman**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

On city council, I've balanced every budget and built a \$66 million reserve while prioritizing public safety. I held politicians accountable by televising meetings and stopping their junkets to foreign countries.

I worked to give regional access to education by securing land for our California State University campus.

I brought jobs by supporting infrastructure projects that reduce traffic and I'll continue to create better-paying jobs by supporting our current businesses and recruiting new employers.

As your Supervisor, I pledge:

- **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY** - I will oppose foolish expenditures like the recent waste of \$42 million on consultants hired to find ways to save tax dollars;
- **PUBLIC SAFETY** - we must address crime and gang violence. Spending tax dollars wisely will ensure that sheriffs, firefighters, paramedics and prosecutors have the tools to protect us all;
- **HEALTHCARE ACCESS** - I will emphasize preventive medicine, increase healthcare access and privacy, cut bureaucratic red tape, and ensure dollars are spent on patients, not high-priced administrators;
- **TO GROW JOBS AND OUR ECONOMY;**
- **TO SUPPORT EDUCATION.**

I'll work to protect our families and our future.

I ask for your vote.  
[www.janharnik.org](http://www.janharnik.org)  
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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 5**

**RUSS BOGH**

**AGE: 48**

**OCCUPATION: Small Businessman  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Riverside County isn't working for you.

County services must improve, public safety strengthened, and freeways upgraded. Taxpayer money has been squandered on overpaid administrators and useless consultants.

It's time for a change in Riverside County.

I bring a unique background of public and private sector experience. As an Assemblyman I've managed complex budgets without raising taxes. I passed legislation that improved the lives of veterans, protected victim's rights and strengthened public safety. My two decades in the private sector, earned me valuable experience balancing budgets and navigating through regulations. All issues that Riverside County government needs to improve.

It's time to get back to basics.

I'll restore funding to law enforcement, refocus our transportation dollars to improve the 215 and 60 freeways, and bring county services into the 21<sup>st</sup> century; by cutting the waste in county government by employing modern technologies.

I'll tackle issues of homelessness, which has roots in mental illness, drug abuse, lack of affordable housing and health care.

I was raised in Riverside County and its where I've raised my children. I look forward to continuously advocate for our strong, vibrant communities. I hope you'll join me.

Russ Bogh  
[www.RussBogh.com](http://www.RussBogh.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 5**

**JEFF HEWITT**

**AGE: 64**

**OCCUPATION: Small Businessman / Mayor  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Isn't Riverside County a great place to live? I've been a resident and a businessman here most of my life. I married here and I raised six children here. Like you, I am completely invested and I am concerned about our future. Economic uncertainty and wasteful politics have had us kicking budgetary problems down the road.

Procrastination, waste, and a long series of poor decisions that our County has made have left us with few choices but to dramatically raise taxes and slash services like schools and safety. This is unacceptable! As the Mayor of Calimesa I demonstrated that with teamwork and thinking outside of the big-government box, we can avoid the coming disaster.

Public services in California are so bloated that when Calimesa was directed to spend \$650,000 to add only a single firefighter to their station, we found we could instead kick out the bureaucratic middlemen, add another engine and a whole crew for the same money we had overspent for decades on a "business as usual" political money machine. Riverside County needs this kind of thinking and experience.

Vote for Principle. Vote for Prosperity. Vote for Jeff Hewitt.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 5**

**ALTIE T. HOLCOMB**

**AGE: 46**

**OCCUPATION: Legislative District Representative  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

As a retired Marine Corps officer, I understand the need for effective leadership.

Years of doing business as usual has led the county into a financial crisis. Taxpayers are paying the price while health and public safety services are being threatened and sheriff's patrols are decreased. I will always stand up for our residents and challenge the Good Old Boys mentality that continues to shut out ordinary people.

As a Legislative Representative and chairman of several veterans programs, I gained extensive knowledge of Riverside County which has helped me understand residents' needs and concerns. My 20 years in the military and my leadership in various community groups have taught me the importance of investing in people. Creating more living wage jobs in our county will provide families more economic freedom and improve their quality of life.

I will be an active voice for our district—including our unincorporated areas—and not allow overdevelopment to ruin the rural atmosphere in those parts of the county. I am not a career politician and am not bankrolled by wealthy donors. I will never forget that I represent you, not special interests.

Please join me in taking back our county on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

[www.holcomb4supervisor.com](http://www.holcomb4supervisor.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR,  
DISTRICT 5**

**JAIME C. HURTADO**

**AGE: 52**

**OCCUPATION: County Supervisor's Chief of Staff  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Growing up in Riverside County as the son of immigrants, my parents taught me the value of education and giving back to the community. I attended local public schools and graduated from La Sierra University. For the past 15 years, I have served as Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley's Legislative Assistant, Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff.

Now, I am running to continue Supervisor Ashley's legacy of accessible, responsive and effective leadership.

As your Supervisor, I will work hard every day to:

- Fully fund law enforcement, fire protection and emergency services.
- Help local businesses grow and create good jobs.
- Expand programs that keep our kids safe and help them succeed.
- Protect funding for the services our veterans and seniors rely on.

My 38 years of community involvement includes serving on the boards of the Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Riverside Housing Development Corporation and Riverside Parks Commission. I was appointed by Democratic and Republican Governors to serve on the Southern California Fair Board.

I am proud to have earned endorsements from Riverside County's firefighters, Inland Empire Taxpayers Association, Supervisors Marion Ashley and John Tavaglione, and local leaders throughout Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Menifee, Moreno Valley and Perris.

I am honored to earn your vote.

Jaime Hurtado  
[www.JaimeHurtadoforSupervisor.com](http://www.JaimeHurtadoforSupervisor.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
AUDITOR / CONTROLLER**

**PAUL ANGULO**

**AGE: 65**

**OCCUPATION: Auditor-Controller**

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

In 2010 I won office with the stated goal of increasing operational capacity, fiscal oversight and accountability. I asked to be judged on results. I am delighted to report that I have met that promise. Under my leadership, we have driven performance to more effectively meet the challenges of a fast growing county. We have been highly innovative, implementing new workflow system(s), improved or eliminated outdated processes and implemented a \$95 million revamp of the property tax revenue system – a complex process apportioning \$4 billion tax revenue to taxing agencies. I am most proud of our innovative Monitoring Report System that provides management and the Board of Supervisors relevant, real-time, actionable data bringing heightened urgency to cost control – an innovation that has already saved the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Qualifications:

- 7-years: Riverside County Auditor Controller
- 25-years: Private Industry Experience
- Certified Public Accountant
- UC Berkeley, Bachelors Degree
- University of Redlands, Masters Degree
- Harvard University, Senior Government Executive Program
- Harvard Law School, Advanced Negotiation Program
- US ARMY Veteran 1971-1977
- Married. One son aged 14.

I respectfully request your Vote because your support is needed in our drive to improve the way government serves the people. Thank you.

More: [www.PaulAngulo.com](http://www.PaulAngulo.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**LARA GRESSLEY**

**AGE: 41**

**OCCUPATION: Appellate Attorney  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Lara graduated from Santa Clara University Law School, where she earned national awards, and studied International Law at Oxford University, England. She served both the Riverside County Counsel and Riverside Public Defender. As a court-appointed attorney, she tried serious and violent felony cases to verdict. Lara has worked on cases before the United States Supreme Court.

A fiscal conservative, Lara will reform our DA's office to make it more efficient, ethical and effective. She will fight to deliver true justice.

Efficiency. Every DA expenditure must achieve commonsense results. Prosecutions will be evaluated before launching into expensive trials. Lara will not sacrifice tough justice. She will punish violent offenders without wasting your tax dollars.

Ethics. A Harvard Law School study cited multiple counts of prosecutorial misconduct inside the Riverside County DA's office. She'll appoint an independent Ethics Officer to ensure the highest ethical standards.

Reform. Lara wants to end the criminalization of the mentally ill homeless and veterans, which is both costly and cruel. She'll lead a countywide effort to refocus resources toward proven programs, reclaiming our communities and assisting troubled veterans.

We deserve a tough and fair DA willing to lead. Vote Lara Gressley for District Attorney.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**MICHAEL A. HESTRIN**

**OCCUPATION: District Attorney  
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Since becoming Riverside County District Attorney, I have kept the promises I made to voters and residents. The District Attorney's Office has waged a tough, aggressive fight against gangs, sex offenders and violent criminals. Under my leadership, we have:

- Revived our Gang Impact Task Force
- Enhanced cooperation with local and federal law enforcement
- Prioritized our Sexual Assault Task Force
- Effectively prosecuted identity theft, fraud and "white collar" crime
- Pursued public corruption and convicted corrupt politicians
- Vigorously prosecuted elder abuse and medical provider fraud

Preventing crime before it occurs is a key component to protecting *you*. The efforts of our Crime Prevention Unit have contributed to a 20% reduction in juvenile cases by implementing:

- Gang Awareness and Drug Interdiction Programs
- Student Attendance Review Boards
- Youth Accountability Teams

I am not just protecting your safety – I am protecting your tax dollars. We have effectively erased the \$20 million deficit I inherited by improving efficiency and cutting costs.

I vow to continue to protect our residents. I am honored to have the overwhelming support of my colleagues at the DA's office, Police Chiefs, Police Officers' Associations, law enforcement groups and our justice partners. I would be honored to have your vote!

[www.facebook.com/mike.hestrin](http://www.facebook.com/mike.hestrin)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
SHERIFF / CORONER / PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

**CHAD BIANCO** **AGE: 50**  
**OCCUPATION:** Lieutenant, Sheriffs Department  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Lieutenant Sheriff Chad Bianco has spent his 25-year career keeping the people of Riverside County safe. That's why he is law enforcement's choice for Sheriff.

Chad Bianco graduated from the Sheriff's Academy at the top of his class and his vast experience includes Patrol, Corrections, Internal Affairs and Supervision. As Sheriff, Bianco will cut waste in the budget and use the savings to fight gangs and increase neighborhood patrols.

The Deputies and Officers who patrol our neighborhoods overwhelmingly endorse Lt. Chad Bianco for Sheriff, including: Riverside Sheriffs Association, Riverside Police Officers Association, Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement, representing over 37,000 law enforcement officers in Southern California; California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations (CCLEA), representing more than 80,000 law enforcement professionals.

"Lt. Chad Bianco's unyielding commitment to Law Enforcement and Public Safety, respect for taxpayers and proven experience makes him the best choice to lead the department and protect the citizens of Riverside County." – RIVERSIDE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

Lieutenant Sheriff Chad Bianco believes the sheriff's department should be about service and safety, not politics. As Sheriff, Bianco will work to bring the entire public safety community together to make our county a safe place to live and work once again.

Learn more at [www.ChadBiancoForSheriff.com](http://www.ChadBiancoForSheriff.com).

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
SHERIFF / CORONER / PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

**DAVE BROWN** **AGE: 51**  
**OCCUPATION:** Chief of Police  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

With 30 years of law enforcement experience, gang and drug task force leadership and distinguished service as a Police Chief, I am the only candidate with the qualifications, independence and professional reputation to restore the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

Failed Leadership in the Sheriff's Department has created a Public Safety Crisis!

- 40,000 prisoners have been released early from county jails
- Emergency response times are dangerously high
- Deputy staffing is at an all-time low
- Corruption, scandals, waste and abuses in the department threaten public trust

We desperately need independent, proven leadership in the Sheriff's Department!

As your Sheriff, I will:

- Reduce emergency response times.
- Stop early release of dangerous criminals.
- Stretch tax dollars to improve public safety.
- Prioritize school safety.
- Protect senior communities.
- Restore integrity, professionalism and accountability.

I have a long track record of success working with Federal, State and Local law enforcement, including the FBI, Homeland Security, Department of Justice and the District Attorney to keep guns, drugs and violent criminals off the streets!

That's why Riverside County's most respected law enforcement leaders including the former Sheriff, District Attorney and Police Chiefs have **ENDORSED** Dave Brown for Sheriff.

Please contact me anytime at [sheriffbrown@gmail.com](mailto:sheriffbrown@gmail.com) or 951-595-3213 [www.BrownForSHERIFF.org](http://www.BrownForSHERIFF.org)

I would be honored to have your vote!

Chief Dave Brown

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
SHERIFF / CORONER / PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

**MIGUEL GARCIA IV**  
**OCCUPATION:** Deputy Sheriff  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am a Riverside County Deputy Sherriff with over a decade of experience. My upbringing has made me the respectful, trustworthy, humble, driven deputy sheriff I am.

As a small child, I knew my calling in life was to work in law enforcement. I wanted to work for Riverside County as the department had a positive reputation and good staff morale.

I spent multiple years at Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning; where, I gained the practical skills to be a successful deputy.

Over the past five years, I have been on patrol in the city of Moreno Valley while simultaneously earning my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. I have gotten to know many citizens and enjoy the positive interactions. I treat all people with dignity and respect.

Across the county, there has been a huge disparity among the employees of the department. Due to the lack of supportive leadership, budgeting constraints, and minimal staffing morale has hit an all-time low. This infiltrates onto the citizens in our county. I have a sincere vested interest in changing the culture of our department to positively impact the citizens and ultimately lower crime rate.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
SHERIFF / CORONER / PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

**STAN SNIFF** **AGE: 68**  
**OCCUPATION:** Riverside County Sheriff  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Independence, experience and results matter.

Despite budget constraints and state-mandated changes resulting in release of hundreds of state prison felons, I have maintained the safety and security of county residents, reducing the County's violent crime rate by 8.8% in 2017. That's why retired Sheriff Cois Byrd, retired District Attorney Grover Trask, and hundreds of our County's community and business leaders support my re-election.

I bring over 40 years of law enforcement experience across all facets of our operations, including patrol service across Riverside County, overseeing our jails, court and coroner operations, and working collaboratively with county government and our allied law enforcement agencies. I've served as Riverside County Sheriff since 2007, rising through the ranks over decades of service.

A retired Colonel in the Army Reserve, I served 30 years in military staff and command assignments, was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame, and was awarded the Army's Meritorious Service Medal four times.

I graduated from UC Riverside, was the recipient of the UCR Alumni Association's Distinguished Public Service Award and have served as an adjunct instructor for Riverside Community College in the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and taught Leadership, Ethics and Management. I hold an M.A. degree in management and am a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute.

[www.ReElectSheriffSniff.com](http://www.ReElectSheriffSniff.com)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
TREASURER / TAX COLLECTOR**

**JON CHRISTENSEN** **AGE: 51**  
**OCCUPATION: Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector**  
**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

The last 16 years of my career has been dedicated to faithfully serving Riverside County. Our county deserves a public servant who is entirely committed. My time in the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office has been a testament to that by integrating our mission statement, "The Sound Investment of Public Funds, Fair and Efficient Tax Collection and Exceptional Public Service" into everything I do.

I am proud of the accomplishments we have made in the treasurer's office. Our 100 employees in four offices transact over \$14 billion in receipts and disbursements annually. I actively manage our \$7 billion dollar investment pool made up of county, school and special district operating funds attaining the highest possible rating of Triple A by Fitch and Moody's.

As an Army and National Guard veteran and fifth generation Riverside County resident who grew up and attended school in Riverside, I want to leave a legacy that future generations can build on for years to come. I have 26 years of both private and public sector professional money management experience. My goal as your county fiduciary is keeping Riverside County finances safe.

Please visit [www.jonchristensen.org](http://www.jonchristensen.org)

Jon Christensen  
Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector