

# COUNTY OF MARIN

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## Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot

# GENERAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

### *NEW SINCE THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION*

All active registered voters will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot, starting October 7<sup>th</sup>

- Return it by mail, into an Official Drop Box, or to a Vote Center, see next pages

You may vote in person at any one of 21 Marin Vote Centers

- Vote Centers replaced polling places in 2022
- Vote Centers are open for more days, see next page for times and locations

**Marin County Elections Department**  
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[www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org)



# IN-PERSON VOTING

Vote at a Vote Center if you need a replacement ballot, did not register by October 21 deadline, prefer to vote in person or on an accessible ballot marking device. Voting is accessible at all locations.

## Vote Centers will be open as listed below

- You may vote at any location, Drop Boxes at all locations
- November 5, 2024, all 21 Vote Centers open 7 am to 8 pm

**AVOID  
LINES**  
Vote early or  
by mail

26-Day: Weekdays, Oct 7 to Nov 5; Weekends, Oct 26 - 27 and Nov 2 - 3			Pre-Election Day Hours
<b>SAN RAFAEL</b>	Marin County Elections Dept	3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 121	Weekdays: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Weekends: 9 am - 5 pm (Election Day: open 7 am to 8 pm)
11-Day: Oct 26 to Nov 5		November 5 (Election Day) open 7 am to 8 pm	Pre-Election Day Hours
<b>MARIN CITY</b>	Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center	640 Drake Ave	9 am - 5 pm
<b>NOVATO</b>	United Methodist Church	1473 S Novato Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
<b>SAN GERONIMO</b>	San Geronimo Valley Community Center	6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
4-Day: Nov 2 to Nov 5		November 5 (Election Day) open 7 am to 8 pm	Pre-Election Day Hours
<b>FAIRFAX</b>	Women's Club	46 Park Road	9 am - 5 pm
<b>KENTFIELD</b>	Saint Sebastian's Catholic Church	373 Bon Air Road	10 am - 6 pm
<b>LARKSPUR</b>	Redwoods Presbyterian Church	110 Magnolia Ave	November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: noon - 8 pm
<b>MILL VALLEY</b>	Homestead Valley Community Center	315 Montford Ave	9 am - 5 pm
<b>MILL VALLEY</b>	Tam Valley Community Center	203 Marin Ave	8 am - 4 pm
<b>NOVATO</b>	City Hall	901 Sherman Ave	9 am - 5 pm
<b>NOVATO</b>	Hamilton Community Center	503 South Palm Drive	9 am - 5 pm
<b>NOVATO</b>	Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church	1110 Highland Drive	November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: 11 am - 7 pm
<b>NOVATO</b>	School District Offices	1015 7th Street	9 am - 5 pm
<b>PT. REYES STATION</b>	West Marin Health & Human Services Center	1 Sixth Street	9 am - 5 pm
<b>SAN ANSELMO</b>	American Legion Hall	120 Veterans Place	9 am - 5 pm
<b>SAN RAFAEL</b>	Health & Human Services Wellness Center	3240 Kerner Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
<b>SAN RAFAEL</b>	First Presbyterian Church	1510 5th Ave	November 2 & 4: 9 am - 5 pm November 3: noon - 8 pm
<b>SAUSALITO</b>	City Hall	420 Litho Street	9 am - 5 pm
<b>TIBURON</b>	Westminster Presbyterian Church	240 Tiburon Blvd	9 am - 5 pm
2-Day: <b>BOLINAS</b>		Community Center	14 Wharf Road
			November 4th: 9 am - 5 pm Election Day, November 5: 7 am - 8 pm
1-Day: <b>SAN RAFAEL</b>		Albert J. Boro Community Center	50 Canal Street
			open Election Day only November 5: 7 am - 8 pm

# Vote by Mail

## Ballots mailed starting October 7

All active registered voters will get a ballot in the mail.

Allow 7-10 days for delivery.

## Ballot Packet

Includes ballot, instructions and postage-paid return envelope. Date and sign your return envelope.

## Return ballot using one of these options:

1. Into an Official Drop Box - see below
2. Mail your ballot - must be postmarked on or before November 5 and received by November 12.  
A voter can ensure that a postmark is applied to their return ballot envelope by visiting a Postal Service retail office and requesting a postmark from a retail associate.  
Also: Informed delivery is a great tool – it's free! Sign up online: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>
3. At a Vote Center - see bottom of page

## Official Ballot Drop Box Locations

Open October 8 to Election Day November 5

On Election Day Drop Boxes close precisely at 8:00 pm as required by law

### Exterior sites available, 24 hour drop off

Belvedere City Hall	450 San Rafael Ave (lower level)
Bolinas Community Center	14 Wharf Rd
Corte Madera Recreation Center	498 Tamalpais Dr
Kentfield - College of Marin, Diamond Physical Education Center	700 College Ave
Marin City Library	164 Donahue St
Mill Valley City Hall	26 Corte Madera Ave
Mill Valley Community Center	180 Camino Alto (parking lot)
Novato City Hall	901 Sherman Ave
Point Reyes Station - West Marin Health & Human Services Center	1 Sixth St
San Anselmo Town Hall	525 San Anselmo Ave
San Rafael - Albert J. Boro Community Center	50 Canal St
San Rafael - Marin County Civic Center North Archway drive-up South Archway walk-up	3501 Civic Center Dr (on Vera Schultz Dr) (on Peter Behr Dr)
Sausalito City Hall	420 Litho St (parking lot off Bee St)

### Interior sites available during regular business hours, 8 am to 5 pm

San Rafael - Marin County Civic Center Middle Archway lobby	3501 Civic Center Dr (Judge Haley Dr)
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## Vote Center Drop Boxes

Each Vote Center will have a vote-by-mail Drop Box. See Vote Center page for open days and hours, or check [marinvotes.org](http://marinvotes.org).



# INFORMATION

## Candidate Endorsements by Qualified Political Parties

Political Party Endorsements are published pursuant to California Elections Code Sec. 13302(b). Parties may endorse candidates for voter-nominated offices.

Party/Offices	Candidates
<b>Republican Party</b> U.S. Representative District 2 State Assembly District 12	Chris Coulombe Andy Podshadley
<b>Democratic Party</b> U.S. Senate (Full Term) U.S. Senate (Partial/Unexpired Term) U.S. Representative District 2 State Assembly District 12	Adam Schiff Adam Schiff Jared Huffman Damon Connolly
<b>American Independent Party</b> State Assembly District 12	Damon Connolly

*No other parties submitted endorsements.*

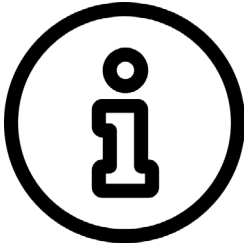
Source: State political party central committee notification letters to Registrar of Voters as of August 14, 2024. Parties are listed in order according to the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by Marin County on August 15, 2024.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE PLEDGE

The following candidates for California State Assembly District 12 have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in California Government Code Sec. 85400 and may publish a 250-word statement of qualifications in this voter guide. Candidates are listed in order according to the randomized alphabet drawing conducted by Marin County on August 15, 2024.

Andy Podshadley, REP  
Damon Connolly, DEM

**Office of United States Senate**



There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot.

The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031.

The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025.

You may vote for both contests.

**Information on Electioneering and the Voting Process**

**WARNING:**

**ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!**

**Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.**

“Electioneering” is defined as “the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot” and is prohibited within 100 feet of the entrance to the building that contains a polling place or vote center and within 100 feet of an outside location, such as a ballot drop box. (Elections Code section 319.5) For additional information on the prohibitions of electioneering, please visit our website at [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org)

**WARNING:**

**CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!**

**Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.**

For additional information on what constitutes corruption of the voting process, please visit our website at [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org)



**Don't be late!**

Did you know that a top reason why we can't count a ballot is because of a late postmark? Return your ballot before Election Day.

**Voting Options**



- Vote by Mail using the ballot sent to you
- In Person at any Vote Center
- Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

Refer to pages printed in this guide for more information.

# SAMPLE BALLOT

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## SAMPLE BALLOT November 5, 2024, General Election Marin County, 2nd Congressional, 2nd Senate, 12th Assembly

**Instructions to Voters:** At vote center, use pen provided. By mail, use a ball point pen with blue or black ink. NO RED INK. NO PENCIL.

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the candidate's name, like this .
- To vote for only the number of candidates allowed for each office.
- To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the blank line for that office and write the name of the person on the line. (Qualified means a person who has filed to be a write-in candidate.)
- To vote on a proposition or measure, fill in the oval to the left of YES or NO, like this .
- If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, ask an election worker for another ballot. Vote by mail voters call the Elections Office at 415-473-6456 for instructions.
- Keep your vote secret. Do not sign or initial your ballot. Do not mark your ballot outside of the ovals.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES	MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY	City of San Rafael Clerk and Assessor
Candidates for these offices are the official nominee of the party displayed with their name.	<b>District Twelve Candidates to the Assembly</b>	Vote for One (1)
<b>PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Vote for One (1) Party Preference:	<input type="radio"/> LINDSAY LARA Incumbent
Nominees of the qualified political parties and independent nominees for President and Vice President	<input type="radio"/> ANDY PODSHADLEY REP Winemaker / Business Owner	<input type="radio"/>
Vote for One (1) Party:	<input type="radio"/> DAMON CONNOLLY DEM California State Assemblymember	
<input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN GRN RUDOLPH WARE	<b>NONPARTISAN OFFICES</b>	
<input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP REP JD VANCE	<b>SCHOOL</b>	
<input type="radio"/> CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ PF KARINA GARCIA	<b>Marin Community College District Governing Board Member, Trustee Area Two</b>	
<input type="radio"/> KAMALA D. HARRIS DEM TIM WALZ	Vote for One (1)	
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. AI NICOLE SHANAHAN	<input type="radio"/> CRYSTAL MARTINEZ Appointed Trustee, Marin Community College District	
<input type="radio"/> CHASE OLIVER LIB MIKE TER MAAT	<input type="radio"/> MILA SCHECHTER Retired Ecologist Fellow	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<b>VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES</b>	<b>Miller Creek Elementary School District Governing Board Member</b>	
	Vote for no more than Two (2)	
	<input type="radio"/> FRANCO RUGGERI Appointed Incumbent	

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<p>Candidates display a party preference (or None) for the information of voters. This is not a party endorsement or approval. The party preference of nonpartisan office candidates does not appear on the ballot.</p>	<input type="radio"/> <b>ALISSA A. CHACKO</b> Incumbent
	<input type="radio"/> <b>SIVAN OYSERMAN</b> Director, Marinwood Community Services District
	<input type="radio"/> _____
<b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b>	
<p>There are two U.S. Senate contests on this ballot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One for the regular 6-year term ending January 3, 2031</li> <li>• One for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025</li> </ul> <p>You may vote for both contests.</p>	
<b>CITY/TOWN</b>	
<b>City of San Rafael Councilmember - District Four</b>	
Vote for One (1)	
<input type="radio"/> <b>MARK GALPERIN</b> Housing Advisory Boardmember	<input type="radio"/> <b>RACHEL KERTZ</b> San Rafael Councilmember
<input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> _____
<b>City of San Rafael Mayor</b>	
Vote for One (1)	
<input type="radio"/> <b>KATE COLIN</b> Mayor, City of San Rafael	<input type="radio"/> <b>MAHMOUD A. SHIRAZI</b> Businessman
<input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> _____
<b>UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
<b>District Two Candidates to the United States House of Representatives</b>	
Vote for One (1) Party Preference:	
<input type="radio"/> <b>ADAM B. SCHIFF</b> United States Representative	<input type="radio"/> <b>CHRIS COULOMBE</b> Small Business Owner
<input type="radio"/> <b>STEVE GARVEY</b> Professional Baseball Representative	<input type="radio"/> <b>JARED HUFFMAN</b> U. S. Representative
<input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> _____

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**VOTE ON BOTH SIDES** 

# SAMPLE BALLOT

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
STATE	CITY/TOWN
<p><b>PROPOSITION 2</b></p> <p><b>AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.</b></p> <p>Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges, and career technical education programs, including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades. Requires annual audits. <b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bond. <b>Supporters:</b> California Teachers Association; California School Nurses Organization; Community College League of California <b>Opponents:</b> Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p><b>PROPOSITION 32</b></p> <p><b>RAISES MINIMUM WAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> Raises minimum wage as follows: For employers with 26 or more employees, to \$17 immediately, \$18 on January 1, 2025. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, to \$17 on January 1, 2025, \$18 on January 1, 2026. <b>Fiscal Impact:</b> State and local government costs could increase or decrease by up to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State and local revenues likely would decrease by no more than a few hundred million dollars annually. <b>Supporters:</b> None submitted <b>Opponents:</b> California Chamber of Commerce; California Restaurant Association; California Grocers Association</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 3</b></p> <p><b>CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MARRIAGE. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b></p> <p>Amends California Constitution to recognize fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes language in California Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman. <b>Fiscal Impact:</b> No change in revenues or costs for state and local governments. <b>Supporters:</b> Sierra Pacific Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Dolores Huerta Foundation; Equality California <b>Opponents:</b> Jonathan Keller, California Family Council; Rev. Tanner DiBella</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p><b>PROPOSITION 33</b></p> <p><b>EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting initial residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in certain residential properties. <b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities. <b>Supporters:</b> CA Nurses Assoc.; CA Alliance for Retired Americans; Mental Health Advocacy; Coalition for Economic Survival; Tenants Together <b>Opponents:</b> California Council for Affordable Housing; Women Veterans Alliance; California Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p><b>PROPOSITION 4</b></p> <p><b>AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL LANDS FROM CLIMATE RISKS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.</b> Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire prevention, and protection of communities and lands. Requires annual audits. <b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Increased state costs of about</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p><b>PROPOSITION 34</b></p> <p><b>RESTRICTS SPENDING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REVENUES BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices. <b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Increased state costs, likely in the millions of dollars annually, to enforce new</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>

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\$400 million annually for 40 years to repay the bond. **Supporters:** Clean Water Action; CALIFIRE Firefighters; National Wildlife Federation; The Nature Conservancy  
**Opponents:** Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

YES  NO

### PROPOSITION 5

**ALLOWS LOCAL BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WITH 55% VOTER APPROVAL. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Allows approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low- and middle-income Californians with 55% vote. Accountability requirements. **Fiscal Impact:** Increased local borrowing to fund affordable housing, supportive housing, and public infrastructure. The amount would depend on decisions by local governments and voters. Borrowing would be repaid with higher property taxes. **Supporters:** California Professional Firefighters; League of Women Voters of California; Habitat for Humanity California **Opponents:** California Taxpayers Association; California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; Women Veterans Alliance

YES  NO

### PROPOSITION 6

**ELIMINATES CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION ALLOWING INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Amends the California Constitution to remove current provision that allows jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude to punish crime (*i.e.*, forcing incarcerated persons to work). **Fiscal Impact:** Potential increase or decrease in state and local costs, depending on how work for people in state prison and county jail changes. Any effect likely would not exceed the tens of millions of dollars annually. **Supporters:** Assemblymember Lori Wilson **Opponents:** None submitted

YES  NO

rules on certain health care entities. Affected entities would pay fees to cover these costs. **Supporters:** The ALS Association; California Chronic Care Coalition; Latino Heritage Los Angeles **Opponents:** National Org. for Women; Consumer Watchdog; Coalition for Economic Survival; AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Dolores Huerta

YES  NO

### PROPOSITION 35

**PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, which, if approved by the federal government, provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care services. **Fiscal Impact:** Short-term state costs between roughly \$1 billion and \$2 billion annually to increase funding for certain health programs. Total funding increase between roughly \$2 billion to \$5 billion annually. Unknown long-term fiscal effects. **Supporters:** Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists; American Academy of Pediatrics, CA **Opponents:** None submitted

YES  NO

### PROPOSITION 36

**ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950, if defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions. **Fiscal Impact:** State criminal justice costs likely ranging from several tens of millions of dollars to the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Local criminal justice costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually. **Supporters:** Crime Victims United of California; California District Attorneys Association; Family Business Association of California **Opponents:** Diana Becton, District Attorney Contra Costa County; Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice

YES  NO

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# VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

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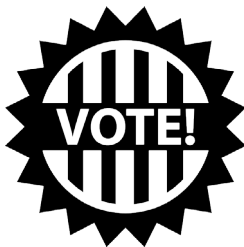
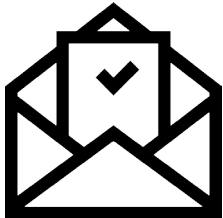
## **CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS**

The names of all candidates for an office are listed on the Sample Ballot. Submitting a candidate statement is optional, so this guide may not contain statements for all candidates. The statement is printed as submitted, and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

## **MEASURE INFORMATION**

Arguments in “support of” or in “opposition to” the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

Rebuttals to arguments are the opinions of the authors.



## **VOTER REGISTRATION** HELP KEEP VOTER ROLLS UP TO DATE

- **Is your residence address current?**
- **Is your party affiliation accurate?**

Check the Voter Status page on the Secretary of State's website  
[voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov)

Email: [elections@marincounty.org](mailto:elections@marincounty.org) or Call: 415-473-6456

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
United States Representative, District 2**

**CHRIS COULOMBE**

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education and Qualifications:** We clearly cannot continue down our present political path. We can and must choose a better future.

Partisan politics is destroying our environment, our economy, and our children's future. This is our country; it is time for all of us to stand.

It is no longer about party lines. It is about addressing our reality and our future as a country instead of seeking partisan gain.

We need clear-eyed leaders with well-rounded experience and vision ready to address those challenges and stay focused on the big picture... focused on moving America forward.

I was born and raised in Sonoma County. After earning my Eagle Scout, I enlisted in the military at 18 and returned home as an infantry captain 16-years later. I earned my BA in politics from the University of San Francisco and my MA in Diplomacy from Norwich University.

With 24-years of military, business, and policy experience to represent our 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and your help, we can protect the environment, rebuild small businesses and the middle class to better our children's future.

This is our home and we must protect it. Together, we can lead that change.

It is my honor to ask for your vote to serve our country again.

ChrisToCongress.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
United States Representative, District 2**

**JARED HUFFMAN**

**Occupation:** U.S. Representative

**Education and Qualifications:** I'm getting things done despite political chaos in Washington. By putting people over politics, I've delivered results – the \$400M Golden Gate Bridge seismic retrofit, crucial funding for water supply improvements, zero-emission busses and charging infrastructure, public housing improvements, veterans housing, bike and pedestrian pathways, kelp forest restoration and more.

The prescription drug pricing reform I championed – the first in decades – caps insulin costs for seniors at \$35/month and starting next year total drug costs for seniors will never exceed \$2,000/year.

I spearheaded laws to modernize America's infrastructure – improving roads and bridges, connecting underserved communities with high-speed broadband, modernizing electrical grids, expanding renewable energy and building a national EV charging network.

We're finally taking bold action on the climate crisis and I'm leading the charge to do much more.

I work across the aisle whenever possible, as with my bipartisan initiative that raised IDEA special education funding by \$2.5 billion and my rural hospital bill.

But when democracy, the rule of law, or our fundamental freedoms are threatened, I fight back. That's why I founded the Stop Project 2025 Task Force - to confront the dangerous authoritarian scheme pushed by Donald Trump and his allies to eliminate checks and balances, impose a nationwide abortion ban, rollback civil rights and end Medicare as we know it. Not on my watch.

As a senior member of committees on Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure, you can count on me to keep delivering results.

I would be honored by your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito 2**

**CHRIS COULOMBE**

**Ocupación:** Propietario de un negocio pequeño

**Educación y calificaciones:** Está claro que no podemos seguir por el camino político actual. Podemos y debemos elegir un futuro mejor.

La política partidista está destruyendo nuestro medio ambiente, nuestra economía y el futuro de nuestros hijos. Este es nuestro país; es hora de que nos pongamos de pie.

Ya no se trata de los partidos. Sino que se trata de aceptar nuestra realidad y nuestro futuro como país, en lugar de buscar que gane un partido u otro.

Necesitamos líderes lúcidos con experiencia y visión integrales, listos para enfrentarse a esos desafíos y mantenerse enfocados en el panorama general... enfocados en hacer avanzar a los Estados Unidos.

Nací y me crié en el condado de Sonoma. Después de obtener mi Eagle Scout, me alisté en el ejército a los 18 años y regresé a casa como capitán de infantería 16 años después. Obtuve mi licenciatura en Política en la Universidad de San Francisco y mi maestría en Diplomacia en la Universidad de Norwich.

Con mis 24 años de experiencia militar, empresarial y política para representar a nuestro 2° distrito, y su ayuda, podemos proteger el medio ambiente, reconstruir las pequeñas empresas y la clase media, y mejorar el futuro de nuestros hijos.

Esta es nuestra casa, y debemos protegerla. Juntos podemos ser líderes de ese cambio.

Para mí es un honor pedir su voto para volver a servir a nuestro país.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito 2**

**JARED HUFFMAN**

**Ocupación:** Departamento Representante

**Educación y calificaciones:** Estoy haciendo mi trabajo a pesar del caos político en Washington. Al poner a las personas por encima de la política, he obtenido resultados: la rehabilitación sísmica del puente Golden Gate por valor de \$400 millones, el financiamiento crucial para mejoras en el suministro de agua, autobuses de cero emisiones e infraestructura de recarga, mejoras en viviendas públicas, viviendas para veteranos de guerra, senderos para bicicletas y peatones, restauración de bosques de algas marinas y mucho más.

La reforma de precios de medicamentos que requieren receta que defendí, la primera en décadas, limita los costos de la insulina para adultos mayores a \$35 al mes y, a partir del próximo año, el costo total de medicamentos para los adultos mayores no superarán los \$2,000 al año.

Impulsé leyes para modernizar la infraestructura de los Estados Unidos: mejora de carreteras y puentes, conexión con banda ancha de alta velocidad a comunidades desatendidas, modernización de las redes eléctricas, expansión de las energías renovables y edificación de una red nacional de recarga de vehículos eléctricos.

Finalmente estamos tomando medidas audaces para combatir la crisis climática y estoy liderando la lucha para hacer mucho más.

Colaboro con la oposición siempre que puedo, como ocurre con mi iniciativa bipartidista que aumentó los fondos de educación especial de IDEA en \$2.5 mil millones y mi proyecto de ley para hospitales rurales.

Sin embargo, cuando la democracia, la ley y nuestras libertades fundamentales se ven amenazadas, doy pelea. Es por ello que fundé el grupo de trabajo destinado a detener el Proyecto 2025, para hacer frente al peligroso plan autoritario impulsado por Donald Trump y sus aliados, que busca eliminar los controles y balances, imponer una prohibición al aborto en toda la nación, reducir los derechos civiles y poner fin a Medicare tal como lo conocemos. Esto no sucederá mientras yo esté a cargo.

En mi calidad de miembro principal de los comités de Recursos Naturales y de Transporte e Infraestructura, prometo seguir obteniendo resultados.

Para mí será un honor contar con su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
Member State Assembly, District 12**

**DAMON CONNOLLY**

**Occupation:** California State Assemblymember

**Education and Qualifications:** It is my privilege to serve as your State Assemblymember, ensuring that an experienced local voice represents Marin and Sonoma counties in Sacramento.

Endorsed by the Sierra Club, California Professional Firefighters, California Teachers Association, local Labor Unions, and Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, I'm a principled progressive and consensus builder who gets things done.

In just one term in office, I've delivered real results, successfully getting five bills signed into law that will keep body armor out of the hands of mass shooters, ensure addictive tobacco products are not sold to teenagers, protect renters living in mobile home parks, reduce teen suicides, and cap the fees charged for residential solar projects. I also continue to build support for legislation to prevent toxic pesticide spraying along our highways.

On top of these legislative wins, I also secured \$5 million in state funding for projects throughout the North Bay for parks, firefighting equipment, affordable housing, and science education.

I have been fighting for our communities for 18 years, including service as a Marin County Supervisor, Vice-Mayor of San Rafael, School Board President, California Deputy Attorney General and now, as your State Assemblymember and local voice in Sacramento.

My values are North Bay values, forged by living here for more than 25 years. As your State Assemblymember, I will continue to fight for our priorities in Sacramento: wildfire prevention and home insurance, clean energy, environmental protection, protecting women's healthcare, equal rights, and more.

I hope to earn your vote to continue this important work together.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Miembro de la Asamblea Estatal, Distrito 12**

**DAMON CONNOLLY**

**Ocupación:** Asambleísta del Estado de California

**Educación y calificaciones:** Es un privilegio para mí servir como asambleísta estatal, asegurando que una voz local experimentada represente a los condados de Marin y Sonoma en Sacramento.

Respaldado por el Sierra Club, los Bomberos Profesionales de California, la Asociación de Maestros de California, los sindicatos locales y el Fondo de Acción del Norte de California de Planificación Familiar, soy un progresista de principios y un creador de consenso que sabe obtener resultados.

En apenas un mandato, he logrado resultados reales: logré que se promulguen cinco proyectos de ley que mantendrán los chalecos antibalas fuera del alcance de los tiradores en masa, que se garantice que no se vendan productos de tabaco adictivos a los adolescentes, que se proteja a los inquilinos que viven en parques de casas móviles, que se reduzcan los suicidios de adolescentes y que se limiten los cargos que se cobran por proyectos solares residenciales. Además, sigo ganando apoyo para que se implementen leyes que eviten que se rocíen pesticidas tóxicos en los márgenes de nuestras autopistas.

Además de estas victorias legislativas, también obtuve \$5 millones en fondos estatales destinados a proyectos en todo el Norte de la Bahía para parques, equipos contra incendios, viviendas de precio accesible y educación en ciencias.

Llevo 18 años luchando por nuestras comunidades, incluido el servicio como supervisor del Condado de Marin, Vicealcalde de San Rafael, Presidente de la Junta Escolar, Fiscal General adjunto de California y ahora, como su Asambleísta Estatal y voz local en Sacramento.

Mis valores son los valores del Norte de la Bahía, forjados en los más de 25 años que llevo viviendo en ese lugar. Como su Asambleísta Estatal, continuaré luchando por nuestras prioridades en Sacramento: prevención de incendios forestales y seguros para el hogar, energía limpia, protección ambiental, protección de la atención médica de las mujeres, igualdad de derechos y más.

Espero ganar su voto para seguir trabajando juntos.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
Marin Community College District  
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2**

**CRYSTAL MARTINEZ**

**Occupation:** Appointed Trustee

**Education and Qualifications:** It has been an honor to serve as a Trustee on the Marin Community College District Board. Since my appointment in July 2023, I've prioritized student needs in every decision. As a former community college student, I know firsthand how education shapes futures and enables individuals to balance family, work, and learning. This drives my commitment to enhancing access to quality education, offering market-relevant courses, and removing barriers to student success.

For over two decades, I've proudly called San Rafael home. As a mother and public servant, I am deeply invested in our community's well-being and future. My extensive community engagement and advocacy work—including having served on the Marin Women's Commission, board of Marin Court Appointed Special Advocates, and as a volunteer with Jr. Giants—provided me with valuable insights into the diverse needs of our County. These experiences honed my skills in collaboration, problem-solving, and navigating government systems to achieve positive outcomes.

I am committed to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed and that Marin County continues to be a place where learning flourishes and paves the way for future success. Together, we can build on nearly a century of College of Marin's legacy, solidifying its place as the top community college in California.

Thank you,

Crystal Martinez CrystalforCOM.com

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
Marin Community College District  
Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 2**

**MILA SCHECHTER**

**Occupation:** Retired Environmentalist Fellow

**Education and Qualifications:** I was born in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, earned M.Sc in Physical Chemistry at Rostov University.

I had been lecturing General & Physical Chemistry in Russia's Far East Polytechnic Institute, I am familiar with supporting students in achieving their educational goals.

I dedicated my career to water pollution environmental studies. Upon graduation I worked in Rostov University and Azov Sea Research Institute (Rostov-on-Don, Russia).

In 1990 we moved to Israel where I continued to work in Water Resources Research Center at Ben-Gurion University's Institute for Desert Research, Israel, in numerous hydrochemistry and desertification projects.

In 2006 I moved to California, in San Rafael since 2007.

I have passion for teaching and run public classes as educator at Jewish Family & Children Services in San Francisco and a community advocate at Jewish Community Center, Palo Alto.

I believe my experience would be useful in overseeing and managing the Marin Community College's affairs.

As a trustee I could design and implement efforts in a supportive, innovative learning environment that promotes social, racial, and environmental justice.

I'm now running for Marin Community College District, Trustee Area 2, and would be honored to receive your vote and support.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Distrito de Marin Community College  
Miembro de la Junta Directiva, Área Fiduciaria 2**

**CRYSTAL MARTINEZ**

**Ocupación:** Fideicomisaria designada

**Educación y calificaciones:** Ha sido un honor servir como fideicomisaria en la Junta Directiva del Distrito de Marin Community College. Desde mi nombramiento en julio de 2023, he dado prioridad a las necesidades de los estudiantes en cada decisión. Como exalumna de un instituto universitario comunitario, conozco de primera mano la forma en que la educación moldea el futuro y permite a las personas encontrar el equilibrio entre familia, trabajo y aprendizaje. Esto impulsa mi compromiso de mejorar el acceso a una educación de calidad, ofrecer cursos relevantes para el mercado y eliminar los obstáculos para el éxito de los estudiantes.

Con orgullo puedo decir que hace más de dos décadas que San Rafael es mi hogar. Como madre y servidora pública, estoy profundamente comprometida con el bienestar y el futuro de nuestra comunidad. Mi extenso trabajo de participación y defensoría en la comunidad, que incluye haber trabajado en la Comisión de Mujeres de Marin, la junta de Defensores Especiales Designados por el Tribunal de Marin y como voluntaria en Jr. Giants, me proporcionó información valiosa sobre las diversas necesidades de nuestro condado. Estas experiencias perfeccionaron mis habilidades de colaboración, resolución de problemas y navegación en los sistemas gubernamentales para lograr resultados positivos.

Me comprometo a garantizar que cada estudiante tenga la oportunidad de alcanzar el éxito y que el condado de Marin siga siendo un lugar donde el aprendizaje florezca y allane el camino para el éxito futuro. Juntos, podemos aprovechar casi un siglo de legado del College of Marin, consolidando su lugar como el mejor instituto universitario comunitario de California.

Gracias,

Crystal Martinez CrystalforCOM.com

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
Miller Creek Elementary School District  
Governing Board Member**

**FRANCO RUGGERI**

**Occupation:** Professional technology leader, Parent, Coach

**Education and Qualifications:** My name is Franco Ruggeri, and as a dedicated member of the Miller Creek School District Board of Trustees for the past 2.5 years, I have proudly served our community by prioritizing the educational success of every student.

As a resident of the Miller Creek School District for over 13 years, I am deeply committed to our community's well-being and success. My involvement extends beyond the boardroom—I coach youth soccer, actively participate in local school & community events, and have a vested interest as a parent of two children (8 & 11) currently attending district schools.

During my tenure on the board, I've played a key role in initiatives aimed at enhancing student outcomes, supporting our committed educators, and ensuring the financial stability of our district. As Vice President of the Board, I have been a strong advocate for transparency, collaboration, and community involvement, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued.

If elected, I will remain a strong advocate for educational excellence and equity, staying dedicated to upholding our district's high standards while adapting to the changing needs of our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue this important work.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
Miller Creek Elementary School District  
Governing Board Member**

**ALISSA A. CHACKO**

**Occupation:** Incumbent, Parent, Attorney

**Education and Qualifications:** Our schools should be places where every child has the opportunity to find the love of learning, and to experience the strong educational, social and civic foundations involved.

We have great schools, and we need to work creatively to keep them that way. The decisions we make, as a community, in the next few years will set the course for our schools for the next decade.

We face many challenging issues: budget constraints, anticipated increased enrollment, upgrading and possible expansion of our facilities, a tight educational labor market, and most importantly, ensuring the continued well-being of our students while providing a quality education in a safe environment. Collaboration and clear communication will be essential as we work through these issues.

I care deeply about our schools, and have served eight years on the School Board: three terms as President and as a member of the budget, real property, negotiations and policy committees. I want to continue to apply my board experience, knowledge of the District as well as my professional training as an attorney to continue improving the educational experience in our schools. I would be honored to earn your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Distrito Escolar Primario de Miller Creek  
Miembro de la Junta Directiva**

**FRANCO RUGGERI**

**Ocupación:** Líder tecnológico profesional, padre, entrenador

**Educación y calificaciones:** Soy Franco Ruggeri. Como miembro dedicado de la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar de Miller Creek durante los últimos dos años y medio, he servido con orgullo a nuestra comunidad priorizando el éxito educativo de cada estudiante.

Como residente del Distrito Escolar de Miller Creek desde hace más de 13 años, estoy profundamente comprometido con el bienestar y el éxito de nuestra comunidad. Mi participación se extiende más allá de la sala de reuniones: soy entrenador de fútbol juvenil, participo activamente en eventos escolares y comunitarios en nuestra localidad y tengo un interés personal como padre de dos niños (de 8 y 11 años), que actualmente asisten a las escuelas del distrito.

Durante mi mandato en la junta, he desempeñado un papel clave en iniciativas destinadas a mejorar los resultados de los estudiantes, apoyar a nuestros educadores comprometidos y garantizar la estabilidad financiera de nuestro distrito. Como Vicepresidente de la Junta, he sido un firme defensor de la transparencia, la colaboración y la participación de la comunidad, garantizando que se escuche y se valore a cada voz.

Si soy electo, seguiré defendiendo con firmeza la excelencia y la equidad educativa, dedicándome a mantener los altos estándares de nuestro distrito y adaptándome a la evolución de las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

Solicito respetuosamente su voto para continuar con esta importante labor.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Distrito Escolar Primario de Miller Creek  
Miembro de la Junta Directiva**

**ALISSA A. CHACKO**

**Ocupación:** Titular, madre y abogada

**Educación y calificaciones:** Nuestras escuelas deberían ser lugares donde cada niño tenga la oportunidad de descubrir el amor por el aprendizaje y experimentar los sólidos fundamentos educativos, sociales y cívicos que ello implica.

Tenemos excelentes escuelas y debemos trabajar creativamente para que siga siendo así. Las decisiones que tomemos como comunidad en los próximos años marcarán el rumbo de nuestras escuelas durante la próxima década.

Nos enfrentamos a múltiples desafíos: limitaciones presupuestarias, aumento previsto de las inscripciones, mejora y posible expansión de nuestras instalaciones, un mercado laboral educativo ajustado y, lo más importante, garantizar el bienestar continuo de nuestros estudiantes mientras les brindamos una educación de calidad en un entorno seguro. La colaboración y la comunicación clara serán esenciales para solucionar estos problemas.

Nuestras escuelas son algo importantísimo para mí y he servido durante ocho años en el la Junta Escolar: tres mandatos como presidenta, y también como miembro de los comités de presupuesto, bienes raíces, negociaciones y políticas. Quiero seguir aplicando mi experiencia en la junta, mi conocimiento del Distrito y mi formación profesional como abogada para seguir mejorando la experiencia educativa en nuestras escuelas. Será un honor para mí contar con su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
City of San Rafael  
Councilmember, District 4**

**MARK GALPERIN**

**Age: 74**

**Occupation:** Retired Nuclear Physicist

**Education and Qualifications:** I was born in Odessa, Ukraine, USSR and graduated from Odessa University in 1972 with a Masters Degree in theoretical physics.

Upon graduation, from 1972 to 1995, I worked in the Institute for Nuclear Research, Moscow, Russia and authored multiple publications in leading physics journals in the field of cosmic rays, neutrino astrophysics and cosmology.

In 1995, I relocated with my family to Marin County, California and have lived in San Rafael since 1996. In 1998, I founded a business development company, Expanding Edge LLC, and head it for the last 26 years, even after retiring in 2020.

Upon retirement, I became interested in public service and local politics, especially providing alternative housing solutions for low- and below-medium-income families. In April 2023, I was appointed as a Member of Marin Housing Authority's Residential Advisory Board. Last June, I presented my suggestions to the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

I'm now running for San Rafael District 4 Councilmember to help resolve our Mission City's significant housing problems, and would be honored to receive your vote and support.

Let's do the job together!

Thanks,  
Mark

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
City of San Rafael  
Councilmember, District 4**

**RACHEL KERTZ**

**Age: 57**

**Occupation:** San Rafael Councilmember, President of Marin Wildfire, Community Volunteer, Advocate & Parent.

**Education and Qualifications:** Four years ago, I was honored to be elected to the City Council. When I came into office, our community was dealing with the uncertainty of the pandemic.

San Rafael united and overcame unprecedented challenges. Now we can refocus on revitalizing and strengthening our city.

As your representative in San Rafael City Hall, I have advocated for our neighborhoods and the city as a whole. During my time in office, San Rafael has developed a plan to build homes that working families can afford. As a member of Marin Wildfire, I helped equip our city for emergencies and natural disasters. On the San Rafael Age-Friendly Task Force, I championed the security and safety of our older residents.

I am asking for your vote so we can build on these achievements. We still need to further invest in wildfire preparedness & prevention, continue to focus on increasing affordable housing and look after our most vulnerable residents. We must explore compassionate responses to homelessness that balances the needs of the community and provides support for our unhoused neighbors.

I am grateful to be endorsed by Congressman Jared Huffman, Assemblymember Damon Connolly, and San Rafael Mayor Kate Colin. I hope to earn your support as well, together we can continue to make San Rafael more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Ciudad de San Rafael  
Concejal, Distrito 4**

**MARK GALPERIN**

**Egad: 74**

**Ocupación:** Físico nuclear jubilado

**Educación y calificaciones:** Nací en Odessa, Ucrania, Unión de Repúblicas Soviéticas Socialistas, y me gradué en la Universidad de Odessa en 1972 con una maestría en física teórica.

Después de graduarme, de 1972 a 1995, trabajé en el Instituto de Investigación Nuclear de Moscú en Rusia y fui autor de múltiples publicaciones en destacadas revistas de física en el campo de los rayos cósmicos, la astrofísica de neutrinos y la cosmología.

En 1995, me mudé con mi familia al Condado de Marin, California, y vivo en San Rafael desde 1996. En 1998 fundé una compañía de desarrollo empresarial, Expanding Edge LLC, y he fungido como su director durante los últimos 26 años, incluso después de jubilarme en 2020.

Tras mi jubilación, empecé a interesarme por el servicio público y la política local, especialmente por ofrecer soluciones alternativas de vivienda a familias de ingresos bajos y medios-bajos. En abril de 2023, fui designado miembro de la Junta Asesora Residencial de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Marin. El pasado mes de junio, presenté mis sugerencias ante la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Marin.

Y ahora me estoy postulando para Concejal del Distrito 4 de San Rafael con el objetivo de ayudar a resolver los importantes problemas de vivienda de nuestra Mission City, y me sentiría honrado de recibir su voto y su apoyo.

¡Trabajemos juntos para alcanzar ese objetivo!

Muchas gracias,  
Mark

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Ciudad de San Rafael  
Concejal, Distrito 4**

**RACHEL KERTZ**

**Egad: 57**

**Ocupación:** Miembro del Concejo de San Rafael, Presidenta de Marin Wildfire, voluntaria en la comunidad, defensora y madre.

**Educación y calificaciones:** Hace cuatro años, tuve el honor de ser elegida para el Concejo Municipal. Cuando asumí el cargo, nuestra comunidad estaba afrontando la incertidumbre de la pandemia.

Los habitantes de San Rafael nos unimos y superamos retos sin precedentes. Ahora podemos volver a concentrarnos en revitalizar y fortalecer a nuestra ciudad.

Como su representante en el Ayuntamiento de San Rafael, he defendido nuestras comunidades y a la ciudad en su conjunto. Durante mi permanencia en el cargo, San Rafael ha desarrollado un plan para construir viviendas que las familias trabajadoras puedan pagar. Como miembro de Marin Wildfire, ayudé a equipar a nuestra ciudad para hacer frente a emergencias y desastres naturales. En el Grupo de Trabajo de Apoyo a Adultos Mayores de San Rafael, defendí la seguridad y protección de nuestros habitantes de mayor edad.

Les pido su voto para que podamos continuar fortaleciendo y expandiendo estos logros. Tenemos que seguir invirtiendo en estar preparados para combatir incendios forestales y en prevenirlos, concentrarnos en que continúe aumentando la vivienda de precio accesible y el cuidado de nuestros habitantes más vulnerables. Debemos explorar cómo responder de forma compasiva a la falta de vivienda, equilibrando las necesidades de la comunidad y brindando apoyo a nuestros vecinos sin hogar.

Agradezco el respaldo del congresista Jared Huffman, el asambleísta Damon Connolly y la alcaldesa de San Rafael, Kate Colin. Espero también hacerme merecedora su apoyo. Juntos podemos seguir haciendo que San Rafael sea un lugar más vibrante, inclusivo y resiliente.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
City of San Rafael  
Mayor**

**KATE COLIN**

**Age:** 59

**Occupation:** Mayor, City of San Rafael

**Education and Qualifications:** It is an honor to serve as San Rafael's first woman Mayor. I'm excited to have the support of many local business owners, elected officials, and residents just like you. I respectfully ask for your vote for re-election and the privilege of serving our community for another term.

The pandemic contributed to an increase in homeless encampments and empty San Rafael storefronts. Newly elected as your Mayor, I worked to create a successful foundation for helping people off of the streets - using pathways to housing and legal tools. Now we are moving into full implementation of these initiatives, and because we already have a proven track record, we will be successful.

I will continue to focus on strengthening our local economy, thoughtful growth planning, and addressing the impacts of climate change. I'm determined to take well-considered and meaningful steps to address these big issues, using our city funds wisely and efficiently.

I'm proud that our city has a balanced budget of over \$211 million, and in this year alone, we've brought in approximately \$50 million—in direct and indirect grant dollars.

As I look ahead, I know that our engaged community can meet any challenge. Let's keep moving.

Thank you.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
City of San Rafael  
Mayor**

**MAHMOUD A. SHIRAZI**

**Age:** 75

**Occupation:** Businessman

**Education and Qualifications:** Let's make San Rafael a beautiful place to grow. There are many important issues facing our community now. With the right leadership in place, we can overcome any adversity. Together we can bring the change this town deserves and needs to make it a better, safer place to live, raise family and grow a business. This is a pivotal moment for change. Let your voice be heard, It would be an honor and joy to serve the town I have called home for the last 46 years as a place of residence and business.

Currently the growing vacancy rate is causing the city of San Rafael to lose revenue and drain city finances to continue short fall. I will focus on working with business leaders in the community to bring businesses back to San Rafael and help to turn around the decay that is attacking the city finances.

As your Mayor I will be seeking to bring together a consensus to implement solutions and my priorities are: balancing the budget, affordable housing, homelessness, storefront vacancy and creating a solid income base with integration, collaboration, cooperation of ideas in action. I respectfully ask for your vote for Mayor. Thank you

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Ciudad de San Rafael  
Alcaldesa**

**KATE COLIN**

**Egad:** 59

**Ocupación:** Alcaldesa, Ciudad de San Rafael

**Educación y calificaciones:** Es un honor ser la primera Alcaldesa de San Rafael. Me complace contar con el apoyo de muchos empresarios locales, funcionarios electos y habitantes como usted. Pido respetuosamente su voto para la reelección y el privilegio de servir a nuestra comunidad durante otro mandato.

La pandemia contribuyó al aumento de campamentos de personas sin hogar y de locales comerciales vacantes en San Rafael. Recién elegida como Alcaldesa, trabajé para sentar los cimientos del éxito con el fin de ayudar a la gente a dejar de vivir en la calle, utilizando vías de acceso a la vivienda y herramientas legales. Ahora estamos pasando a la implementación total de estas iniciativas, y como ya contamos con un historial comprobado, tendremos éxito.

Seguiré concentrándome en fortalecer nuestra economía local, en planificar el crecimiento de manera reflexiva y en hacer frente a los efectos del cambio climático. Estoy decidida a tomar medidas bien pensadas y significativas para afrontar estos grandes problemas, utilizando los fondos municipales con sensatez y eficacia.

Estoy orgullosa de que nuestra ciudad tenga un presupuesto equilibrado de más de \$211 millones y de que, tan solo este año, hayamos recibido aproximadamente \$50 millones en subvenciones directas e indirectas.

Al contemplar el futuro, sé que nuestra comunidad participativa puede hacer frente a cualquier desafío. Sigamos avanzando.

Muchas gracias.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA PARA  
Ciudad de San Rafael  
Alcaldesa**

**MAHMOUD A. SHIRAZI**

**Egad:** 75

**Ocupación:** Empresario

**Educación y calificaciones:** Hagamos de San Rafael un hermoso lugar donde crecer. Nuestra comunidad actualmente se enfrenta a numerosos problemas importantes. Con un liderazgo adecuado, podemos superar cualquier adversidad. Juntos podemos lograr el cambio que esta ciudad merece y necesita, transformándola en un lugar más seguro y mejor para vivir, criar una familia y hacer prosperar un negocio. Estamos en un momento crucial para el cambio. Deje que su voz sea escuchada. Sería para mí un honor y un placer servir a la ciudad que he llamado hogar durante los últimos 46 años como lugar de residencia y de negocios.

En la actualidad, la creciente tasa de locales comerciales vacantes está ocasionando que la Ciudad de San Rafael pierda ingresos y que las finanzas de la Ciudad sigan siendo deficitarias. Me concentraré en trabajar con los líderes empresariales de la comunidad para que los negocios vuelvan a San Rafael y para ayudar a revertir la decadencia que está afectando negativamente a las finanzas de la ciudad.

Como Alcalde, trataré de lograr un consenso para implementar soluciones y mis prioridades son: equilibrar el presupuesto, la vivienda de precio accesible, la falta de vivienda, los locales comerciales vacantes y la creación de una base sólida de ingresos con la integración, la colaboración y la cooperación de ideas en acción. Con todo respeto, les pido su voto para Alcalde. Gracias

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<b>MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL</b>
<b>CITY OF SAN RAFAEL</b>
<b>MEASURE P</b>
<p>Shall the measure, to levy an annual special parcel tax in the City of San Rafael to fund the construction of a new Albert Park main library and community center, at the rate of \$0.145 per square foot of improved building area and \$75.00 per vacant parcel, estimated to generate \$6,370,000 annually, and continuing for thirty years or until construction bonds are satisfied, be adopted?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> YES      <input type="radio"/> NO </p>

Measure P authorizes any person aged 65 years or older to apply for and receive a “Senior Citizen Exemption” for their principal place of residence.

A “yes” vote means the voter supports the parcel tax summarized herein.

A “no” vote means the voter opposes the parcel tax summarized herein.

s/ROBERT EPSTEIN  
San Rafael City Attorney

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY**  
**CITY OF SAN RAFAEL**  
**MEASURE P**

Measure P was placed on the ballot by a petition from the required number of voters, proposing that the City establish a parcel tax to fund the construction of a new main library and community center, and corresponding improvements to existing branch libraries.

Measure P proposes a “special tax” which means that proceeds from the tax must be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by the measure. If Measure P is approved by the voters, tax proceeds will be placed in a special fund subject to annual audit and review by an oversight committee comprised of San Rafael residents. Tax proceeds will be used exclusively for permissible expenditures specified in Measure P which include the planning, constructing, equipping, furnishing, and bond financing costs of: (a) a new main library and community center at Albert Park located near 1st Street and B Street in Downtown San Rafael, with associated parking lots; and, (b) if there is sufficient funding remaining, upgrading or expanding existing facilities at the Pickleweed and Terra Linda branch libraries. Tax proceeds must not be spent on administrator salaries or other operating expenses.

The new library building shall be sized to meet square footage requirements appropriate for the City, which is approximately 0.70 to 0.75 square feet per capita. The design of the new main library and community center must include the preservation or relocation of the Lonatese Gardens at Albert Park. The Measure also requires the City to initiate a public planning process to guide the development of a proposal to preserve and reuse the historic downtown Carnegie Library building.

If approved by the voters, Measure P would impose a tax on owners of each parcel of taxable real property in the City at the rate of: (i) \$0.145 per square foot of improved building area; and (ii) \$75.00 per vacant parcel. The tax would commence on July 1, 2025 and would continue for thirty years or as long as bonds for the planning and construction of the facilities remain outstanding, whichever is longer. The Measure P parcel tax would be collected by the Marin County Tax Collector at the same time and manner as other property taxes, and real property that is exempt from other property taxes would also be exempt from the parcel tax. Additionally,

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE P**

Vote Yes on P for a safe and up-to-date main library and community center in San Rafael. Measure P also preserves the historic Carnegie Library for ongoing community use.

San Rafael's Downtown Main Library was built in 1909 when the population was 6,000. San Rafael's population now exceeds 60,000 and the Main Library is too small and outdated.

With library use rising, the 115-year-old facility is cramped and dilapidated — far too small to serve as a modern library. It does not meet current earthquake, fire, and safety standards. Options for expansion are impractical — a new vision is required.

San Rafael students rely on libraries for quiet and safe spaces to read, study, complete homework, and receive tutoring. Young children benefit from literacy programs and story time. Older adults access computers, technology, and quiet reading spaces.

Community centers provide safe spaces for afterschool, summer learning and recreation programs for children and teens, gathering spaces for the community, and programs that help seniors remain active and independent.

Voting Yes on P builds a modern main library and community center in San Rafael with space for:

- Afterschool homework assistance, tutoring and summer reading programs
- A dedicated children's area for story time and programs
- Art and literacy programs
- Programs for older adults
- Expanded book collections and other media
- Improved access for seniors and residents with disabilities
- Updated technology infrastructure and public computers
- Emergency operations and shelter in case of fires, earthquakes, floods, or emergencies

Measure P requires fiscal accountability and local control:

- Every penny must stay local and no funds can be taken by the State
- No funds can be used for administrator salaries
- Independent oversight and annual audits are required
- Seniors are eligible for an optional exemption

Please join San Rafael educators, parents, longtime residents, small business owners, and trusted leaders in voting Yes on P.

**KATE COLIN**

Mayor of San Rafael

**SAN RAFAEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

Gary Ragghianti, President, and former San Rafael City Attorney

**CANAL ALLIANCE**

Omar Carrera, Chief Executive Officer

**DAMON CONNOLLY**

California State Assemblymember, and former San Rafael Councilmember

**MARY SACKETT**

Marin County Supervisor District 1

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE P**

No argument against Measure P was filed.

## FULL TEXT OF MEASURE P

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Title.** This measure shall be known and may be cited as the San Rafael Library and Community Center Revitalization Initiative (the “Initiative”).

### **SECTION 2. Findings and Purpose.**

A. Findings. The people of the City of San Rafael (“City”) find and declare the following:

1. San Rafael’s Downtown Main Library was built over 100 years ago in 1909 when San Rafael’s population was only 6,000. Currently San Rafael’s population exceeds 60,000 residents and the library is far too small and outdated to serve the needs of children, teens, families and older adults in the community.
2. With library use on the rise, the 115-year-old facility is in poor condition with cramped, dilapidated space, poor lighting, and lack of adequate seating, book collections, computer stations, quiet reading areas, and group study or meeting areas. The building does not meet current safety and accessibility standards for libraries built today. Options for expansion are limited and expensive.
3. San Rafael students of all ages and income levels rely on local libraries for a modern, well equipped, quiet and safe space to read, study, complete homework, and receive tutoring. Families with young children rely on literacy and reading programs. Older adults utilize the library for access to computers, technology and quiet reading space.
4. Community centers provide safe spaces for afterschool, summer learning and recreation programs that allow children and teens a safe place to engage in programs intended to spark their imagination and support their educational experience. Community centers also provide recreational and social programs that help older adults remain active and independent.
5. The City of San Rafael commissioned a study in 2021 for the construction of a new Main Library and Community Center on City-owned property at Albert Park, located near 1st Street and B Street in Downtown San Rafael to verify the feasibility of a project at this location and determine a project scope and budget.
6. A new library and community center at this location would be constructed to comply with current building and environmental codes and to support modern technologies essential in today’s libraries. A new library and community center would provide space, furnishings and equipment for community services and amenities such as: afterschool homework assistance; tutoring and summer reading programs for school-age children; a dedicated children’s area for story time and other programs; art and literacy programs for all ages; programs for older adults; expanded book collections and other media; improved access for older adults and residents with disabilities; updated technology infrastructure, WIFI, and public computing; public meetings and community gatherings; and emergency

operations and shelter in case of fires, earthquakes, floods, or other emergencies.

7. This Initiative authorizes and funds, via a special *non-ad valorem* parcel tax on taxable real property within the City, the planning and construction of a modern library and community center at Albert Park to serve the needs of current and future residents. Funds from the Initiative may also be used to upgrade San Rafael’s neighborhood branch libraries to achieve an appropriate amount of total library facility space for a city of San Rafael’s size.
  8. This Initiative includes and requires strict fiscal accountability protections to ensure all funds are used as promised, including: the new revenues must stay in San Rafael to fund the planning and construction of a new library, community center, and upgrades to neighborhood branch libraries; no funds may be taken away by the State or diverted for other purposes; no funds may be used for administrator salaries or benefits; and required public disclosure of all spending, including requirements for an independent oversight committee and annual audits.
  9. To ensure the cost of this Initiative is not a burden to residents on limited fixed incomes, homeowners age 65 and over shall be eligible for an optional exemption.
  10. This Initiative also requires the City of San Rafael to develop a proposal to present to the community for the preservation and reuse of the historic Carnegie Library in Downtown San Rafael after the library vacates the building.
  11. Adoption and implementation of this Initiative will protect and serve the public health, safety, and welfare, and the quality of life for the people of the City of San Rafael.
- B. **Purpose.** The people of the City of San Rafael declare that our purpose and intent in enacting this Initiative is to authorize and adopt a special *non-ad valorem* parcel tax of fourteen and one-half cents (\$0.145) per square foot of improved building area per year and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per vacant parcel per year on taxable real property within the City, the proceeds of which shall be specifically limited and shall be used solely as set forth in this Initiative, to fund the planning and construction of a modern library and community center at Albert Park to serve the needs of current and future residents, as well as the costs to upgrade San Rafael’s neighborhood branch libraries to achieve an appropriate amount of total library facility space for a city of San Rafael’s size.

### **SECTION 3. Amendments to City of San Rafael Municipal Code.**

The City of San Rafael Municipal Code is hereby amended to add a new Chapter (Parcel Tax for Planning and Construction of a New Albert Park Main Library and Community Center), to read as follows:

#### **Chapter \_\_\_ – PARCEL TAX FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ALBERT PARK MAIN LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Section \_\_ - Title.**

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as “Parcel Tax for Planning and Construction of a New Albert Park Main Library and Community Center.”

**Section \_\_ - Imposition.**

- A. A special *non-ad valorem* parcel tax (hereinafter the “Parcel Tax”) is hereby established and shall be levied annually on the owner of each parcel of taxable real property located within the City of San Rafael (the “City”), unless the owner is by law exempt from taxation, in which case, the Parcel Tax shall be assessed to the holder of the possessory interest in such parcel, unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation. The Parcel Tax is an excise tax on the use of property within the City.
- B. The Parcel Tax shall hereby be established and levied each year, commencing July 1st after the Effective Date, on each parcel of taxable real property, improved or unimproved, within the boundaries of the City at the rate of fourteen and one-half cents (\$0.145) per square foot of improved building area and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per vacant parcel.
- C. The collection of the Parcel Tax shall commence on July 1st after the Effective Date and continue for thirty (30) years thereafter or so long as bonds for the planning and construction of a new library and community center remain outstanding requiring debt service payments, whichever is longer.
- D. The Parcel Tax shall be collected by the Marin County Tax Collector (the “Tax Collector”) at the same time and in the same manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Tax Collector. The collection of the Parcel Tax hereunder shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the City in any period from the Effective Date hereof.
- E. For the purposes of this Chapter, a “parcel of taxable real property” shall be defined as any unit of real property located in the City which receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Tax Collector. “Building” is defined as any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and designed for the shelter or housing of any person or property of any kind. The word “building” includes the word “structure” and encompasses, without limitation, all residential, commercial and industrial structures. “Improved parcel” is defined as a parcel on which there exists any building. “Vacant parcel” is defined as a parcel on which no building exists.
- F. The City shall be authorized to incur bonded indebtedness for eligible capital costs related to the planning and construction of a new library and community center as well as upgrades to San Rafael’s branch libraries, utilizing the proceeds from the Parcel Tax to make principal and interest payments to service such debt.
- G. All property that the Tax Collector has determined to be otherwise exempt from property taxes, or on which

no *ad valorem* property taxes have been levied, in any year shall also be exempt from the Parcel Tax in such year. The Tax Collector’s determination of exemption or relief for any reason of any parcel from taxation, other than the Senior Citizen Exemption (defined below), shall be final on the taxpayer for purposes of this Chapter. Taxpayers desiring to challenge the Tax Collector’s determination should do so under the procedures established by the Tax Collector’s Office, applicable provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or other applicable law. Taxpayers seeking any refund of taxes paid pursuant to this Chapter shall follow the procedures applicable to tax refunds pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code and any other generally applicable law.

- H. An optional exemption (heretofore the “Senior Citizen Exemption”) from the Parcel Tax will be made available annually to each individual in the City who attains 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the tax year, and who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, and who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence, and who applies for such exemption to the City on or before June 1st of each tax year, or during the first year of the tax at a date to be determined by the Tax Collector. Any application for such exemption must be submitted to the Tax Collector, pursuant to any rules and regulations of the Tax Collector.

**Section \_\_ - Levy, Collection, Purpose.**

- A. The proceeds of the Parcel Tax shall be deposited into a special fund, maintained by the City, which proceeds, together with any interest and any penalties thereon, collected each fiscal year shall be used solely for the purposes set forth in this Section. The proceeds from the Parcel Tax shall be expended only for these purposes.
- B. The proceeds collected by the levy of the Parcel Tax shall be used as follows:
  - 1. The City shall be authorized to fund the planning, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new main library and community center, with associated parking lots, on City-owned property at Albert Park, located near 1st Street and B Street in Downtown San Rafael (the “Albert Park Main Library and Community Center”), and issue and sell bonds to provide financing for the specific capital projects listed below, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein (hereinafter referred to as “Project” or “Projects”).
  - 2. The Albert Park Main Library and Community Center Project shall be sized to meet total citywide library square footage requirements appropriate for a city the size of San Rafael (~0.70 - 0.75 square feet per capita) not including associated parking, outdoor spaces, and landscaping. The majority of the building square footage needed to achieve the total required citywide square footage of library space shall be provided by the Albert Park Main Library and Community Center

Project, but this Initiative shall not preclude adding additional library square footage to the branch libraries as part of the effort to achieve the aforementioned total citywide library square footage requirements of ~0.70 - 0.75 SF per capita. The community center Project component at Albert Park should be sized, at minimum, to meet the current community center uses in that location at the time the Project is planned for construction.

3. All designs and planning for the Albert Park Main Library and Community Center shall include the preservation or relocation of the existing Lonatase Gardens at Albert Park.
4. Provided that sufficient funding is available from the proceeds of the Parcel Tax to fund the planning and construction of a new Albert Park Main Library and Community Center, additional funding from the Parcel Tax may also be used to fund upgrades, renovations, remodeling, technology improvements, and furnishing/equipment improvements at Pickleweed Branch Library and Terra Linda Branch Library.
5. Each Project described herein is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal and similar planning costs; litigation costs; construction management; Project bond consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all Projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and Project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by Projects are permissible expenditures.
6. The final cost of each Project will be determined as plans are finalized and Projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each Project, certain of the Projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with new construction, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.
7. Proceeds from the Parcel Tax shall be used only for the planning, construction, equipping and furnishing of the facilities and grounds

identified in this section, and not for any other purpose, including administrator salaries and other operating expenses, in accordance with applicable law.

8. Where feasible, Projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using Parcel Tax proceeds or related bonded indebtedness, subject to federal tax rules and regulations.

- C. The purposes set forth in this Section shall constitute the specific purposes of this Chapter, which are specific and legally binding limitations on how the proceeds of the Parcel Tax may be spent. The proceeds of the Parcel Tax shall be used only for such purposes and shall not fund any purpose other than those set forth herein.

#### **Section \_\_ - City Annual Report.**

The City shall prepare a report on at least an annual basis which shows the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any Project required or authorized to be funded, by the Parcel Tax. The City shall file each report with the Mayor, City Council and the oversight committee referenced in this Chapter.

#### **Section \_\_ - Parcel Tax Funds Shall Not Replace Existing Funding.**

- A. The People of the City of San Rafael find and declare that, absent the Parcel Tax funds, the City would require more resources than are currently provided to plan, construct, equip and furnish a new library and community center. In adopting this Parcel Tax, the People of the City are providing new, additional City resources to complement, but not to replace or supplant, any or all pre-existing City, State, Federal or other funding for the planning, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new library.
- B. Consistent with subsection (A), the People of the City of San Rafael specifically find and declare that their contributions to and disbursements from the special Parcel Tax fund authorized by this Chapter are discretionary expenditures by the City for the direct benefit of the residents of the City. In the event that the State attempts, directly or indirectly, to redistribute these expenditures to other jurisdictions or to offset or reduce State or Federal funding to the City because of the contributions to and disbursements from the special Parcel Tax fund authorized by this Chapter, the City shall transfer said monies that would otherwise be distributed each year from the special Parcel Tax fund to such other fund as the City Council may designate, to be spent for purposes which are substantially equivalent to the purposes set forth in this Chapter.

#### **Section \_\_ - Increase in Appropriations Limit.**

To the extent that the revenue from the Parcel Tax is in excess of the spending limit for the City, as provided for in applicable provisions of the California Constitution and State law, the approval of the Parcel Tax by the voters shall constitute approval to increase the City's spending limit in an amount equal to the revenue derived from the Parcel Tax for

the maximum period of time as allowed by law.

**Section \_\_ - Fiscal Accountability Protections and Oversight.**

Starting with the first operative year of this Chapter, the City shall establish an oversight committee comprised of San Rafael residents to submit a report on at least an annual basis to the Mayor and City Council evaluating whether the proceeds from the Parcel Tax are being properly expended for the purposes set forth in this Chapter. Proceeds from the Parcel Tax shall be subject to the City's generally applicable independent annual audit procedures and requirements.

**Section \_\_ - Preservation of Historic Carnegie Library.**

The People of the City of San Rafael specifically find and declare that the historic Carnegie Library building constructed in 1909 in Downtown San Rafael is an essential element of the City's history, architecture and character and shall be preserved for future use. Within two (2) years of the Effective Date of this Measure, the San Rafael City Council shall initiate a public planning process related to the preservation of the historic San Rafael Carnegie Library building for ongoing civic, community or community-serving commercial uses. The planning process shall guide the development of a proposal, to be presented to the community, for the preservation and reuse of the historic Carnegie Library in Downtown San Rafael after the library vacates the building.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date and Implementation.**

- A. This Initiative shall be effective upon the earliest date legally possible after the elections official certifies the vote on the Initiative by the voters of the City of San Rafael pursuant to the California Elections Code (the "Effective Date").
- B. Upon the Effective Date of this Initiative, the City is directed to promptly take all appropriate actions needed to implement this Initiative, including but not limited to taking any administrative steps necessary to administer and collect the Parcel Tax authorized herein or to update any City codes or any other documents maintained by the City so they conform to the legislative policies set forth in this Initiative.
- C. The City may reorganize, renumber, and/or reformat the Municipal Code provisions included in Section 3 of this Initiative, provided that the full text is inserted into the Code without alteration.

**SECTION 5. Interpretation and Severability.**

- A. This Initiative must be broadly construed to achieve the purpose stated above. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this Initiative be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purpose set forth in this Initiative.
- B. This Initiative and the special tax authorized herein are adopted pursuant to the provisions and authority contained California Constitution, including Article II, § 11. The People of the City declare their intent that this citizen Initiative, if approved by a simple majority of voters pursuant to controlling California case law, shall be enacted, and the parcel tax be collected, for the entire uninterrupted period described herein. To

the extent that the California Constitution or other applicable state law is amended, either at the same election or any time after this Initiative is adopted by San Rafael's voters, to create additional or different voting requirements necessary to implement or to continue to implement this Initiative, the People of the City of San Rafael declare their intent that any such amendments should, to the greatest extent allowed by law, be applied prospectively only and not apply to, or in any way affect, this Initiative.

- C. This Initiative must be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion of this Initiative is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Initiative. The voters declare that this Initiative, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, would have been adopted or passed irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, part, or portion is found to be invalid. If any provision of this Initiative is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity does not affect any application of this Initiative that can be given effect without the invalid application.
- D. If any portion of this Initiative is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, we the People of the City of San Rafael indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and re-enact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Initiative by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Initiative, including adopting or reenacting any such portion in a manner consistent with this Initiative.

**SECTION 6. Municipal Affairs.** The People of the City hereby declare that providing funding for the planning, construction, equipping and furnishing of a library and community center through a parcel tax for the purposes set forth in this Initiative constitutes a municipal affair. The People of the City hereby further declare their desire for this Initiative to coexist with any similar tax measures adopted at the city, county, or state levels.

**SECTION 7. Conflicting Measures.** To ensure that the intent of the voters is not frustrated, this Initiative is presented to the voters as an alternative to, and with the express intent that it will compete with or take precedence over, any and all voter initiatives or City-sponsored measures placed on the same ballot as this Initiative and which, if approved, would adopt a special tax to authorize and/or fund the planning and construction of a library and community center at Albert Park which would frustrate the purpose and intent of this Initiative (each, a "Conflicting Measure"). In the event that this Initiative and one or more Conflicting Measures are adopted by the voters at the same election, then it is the voters' intent that only the measure which receives the greatest number of affirmative votes shall control in its entirety and said other

measure or measures shall be rendered void and without any legal effect with respect to such matters. If this Initiative is prevented from going into effect by a Conflicting Measure approved by the voters at the same election, and such Conflicting Measure is later held invalid, this Initiative shall be self-executing and given full force of law. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, in the event that both this Initiative and another measure(s) are adopted by the voters at the same election, but the two measures can be harmonized in a manner that permits this Initiative to be implemented upon its adoption without imposing any inconsistent requirement(s), then it is the voters' intent that both the other measure and this Initiative shall be given full force and effect regardless of which measure receives the greatest number of affirmative votes.

**SECTION 8. Amendment.** This Initiative may be amended or repealed only by the voters of the City of San Rafael voting in an election held in accordance with state law.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## All active registered voters will get a vote-by-mail ballot in the mail

- Put voted ballot in return envelope provided
- Date and sign your return envelope
- Return by mail, at a Vote Center, or an Official Drop Box
- If returning by mail, envelope must be postmarked on or before November 5, received by November 12

## Requesting a translated copy of the sample ballot

The sample ballot has been translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese for required precincts. To request a copy, contact the Elections Department no later than seven days before the election:

- Call 415-473-6456 or Email: [elections@marincounty.org](mailto:elections@marincounty.org)
- Mail a written request to PO Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Must arrive seven days before Election Day.

## Secretary of State's Voter Hotline (800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English

For information about language services offered at Vote Centers, go to [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org). Click on link to November 5, 2024 General Election.

## Accessible ballot

Any voter may request an accessible ballot to mark at home by emailing (RAVBM in subject line) to [votebymail@marincounty.org](mailto:votebymail@marincounty.org) or by calling (415) 473-6456 or toll free (833) 644-2061.

## Accessible voting

A voter with a disability may vote a regular ballot outside a Vote Center. If you are unable to mark your ballot, you may bring up to two individuals to the polls to assist you. These individuals cannot be your employer or union representative.

The sample ballot is for information only. You must vote on the official ballot that will be mailed to you.



# AVISO IMPORTANTE

## Todos los votantes activos que estén registrados recibirán en el correo una boleta de voto por correo

- Ponga la boleta marcada en el sobre de retorno provisto
- Ponga la fecha y firme su sobre de retorno
- Devuélvalo por correo, en un centro de votación o en un buzón oficial
- Si lo devuelve por correo, el sobre debe tener el sello postal fechado el o antes del 5 de noviembre, recibido antes del 12 de noviembre

## Cómo solicitar una copia traducida de la boleta de muestra

La boleta de muestra ha sido traducida al español para los recintos requeridos. Para solicitar una copia, comuníquese con el Departamento de Elecciones a más tardar siete días antes de la elección.

- Llame al 415-473-6456 o envíe un email a [elections@marincounty.org](mailto:elections@marincounty.org)
- Envíe una solicitud escrita a P.O. Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Tiene que llegar siete días antes del día de la elección.

## Línea directa para votantes del Secretario de Estado (800) 232-VOTA (8682) - Español / Spanish

## Para obtener más información sobre los servicios lingüísticos que se ofrecen en los centros de votación,

diríjase a [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org). Haga clic en el enlace a las Elecciones Generales del 5 de noviembre de 2024.

## Boleta accesible

Cualquier votante puede solicitar una boleta accesible para llenar en casa, enviando un email a [votebymail@marincounty.org](mailto:votebymail@marincounty.org) (escriba RAVBM en la línea del asunto) o llamando al (415) 473-6456 o a la línea gratuita (833) 644-2061.

## Votación accesible

Un votante con discapacidad puede votar con una boleta regular fuera de un centro de votación. Si usted no puede marcar su boleta electoral, puede traer hasta dos personas al lugar de votación para que le ayuden. Estas personas no pueden ser ni su empleador (patrón) ni tampoco su representante sindical (de la unión).

La boleta de muestra es solo para fines informativos. Tiene que votar con la boleta oficial enviada por correo.





# VOTING BY MAIL

**DON'T  
BE LATE**  
Mail your  
ballot before  
Election Day



**When will my ballot arrive in the mail?**  
Ballots will be mailed beginning October 7, 2024.  
Expect delivery within 7 - 10 days.



**How do I update my registration?**  
Online at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov) OR by paper registration form, postmarked no later than October 21, 2024.



**Will the post office forward my ballot?**  
No. Forwarding a ballot is not allowed.



**I will be out of town. How can I vote?**  
Call and give us your temporary mailing address. We will mail the ballot one time to that address. Call 415-473-6456.



**Can someone else pick up a ballot for me?**  
Yes, using the application available at [marinvotes.org](https://marinvotes.org). If you have questions, call 415-473-6456.



**What if I lose my ballot or make a mistake?**  
You may go to any Vote Center and receive a replacement ballot. If you make a mistake, call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456.



**What if I forgot to sign my envelope?**  
Only you (not someone else) must sign your envelope for your ballot to be counted. If your signature is missing OR does not compare with your voter registration, you will get a letter telling you how to correct the problem.



**How do I return my vote-by-mail ballot?**  
Mail it in your signed envelope, postmarked on or before Election Day, November 5. **A voter can ensure that a postmark is applied to their return ballot envelope by visiting a Postal Service retail office and requesting a postmark from a retail associate.**  
OR hand deliver to any Vote Center or Official Ballot Drop Box. Locations and schedules for Vote Centers and Official Ballot Drop Boxes are listed in this Voter Information Guide or at [marinvotes.org](https://marinvotes.org).



**How do I know you received my ballot?**  
Sign up at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov), check the Voter Status page on the Secretary of State's website [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov), OR call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456. **Also: Informed delivery is a great tool – it's free!**  
Sign up online: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>

# ACCESS OR LANGUAGE NEEDS



## Where can I vote in person?

Vote at any of the 21 Vote Centers in Marin County. Addresses are listed in this guide or go to [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org).



## Is my nearest Vote Center accessible?

All Vote Centers are accessible or have been mitigated to meet accessibility requirements. Call 415-473-6456 for details.



## Sign language interpreter.

Schedule an appointment at the Elections Office, call at least 1 week in advance. TTY 415-473-6899 or CA Relay Service 711



## Need support at a Vote Center?

- Each Vote Center has accessible marking devices to help you mark your ballot independently and privately. A sip/puff device can be provided by calling in advance.
- A wheelchair-accessible voting booth, magnifiers, pens with easy to hold grips and signature guides are available.
- **Curbside voting** A voter with a disability may vote a regular ballot outside a Vote Center. Call when you are outside. An election worker will bring you a ballot and then put your voted ballot into the ballot box.



## Where is an accessible voting machine?

An accessible ballot marking device is at each Vote Center.

More information about voter accessibility and specific accommodations is online at [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org) or contact the manager of Vote Centers at [polls@marincounty.org](mailto:polls@marincounty.org) **415-473-6456** or toll free: **833-644-2061**



## What if I do not speak English well?

The Vote Center worker will:

- Point out instructions in voting booth.
- Demonstrate how to mark the ballot.

Translated sample ballots for required precincts are posted at Vote Centers. Some Vote Centers have a bilingual worker; tell us if you need bilingual service.



## Can I get a ride to a Vote Center?

**Marin Access** 415-454-0902 provides services for older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income residents. You may need to register. Call immediately to find out how they can help you. Check the voter accessibility link on our website at [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org).



## Alternative formats upon request.

Large print of some ballot materials may be available and a CD may be available for local measure information. Call 415-473-6456 (voice), 415-473-6899 (TTY), toll free 833-644-2061, or email [elections@marincounty.org](mailto:elections@marincounty.org).

An Online Accessible Voter Information Guide is available upon request. Call 415-473-6456 for details.



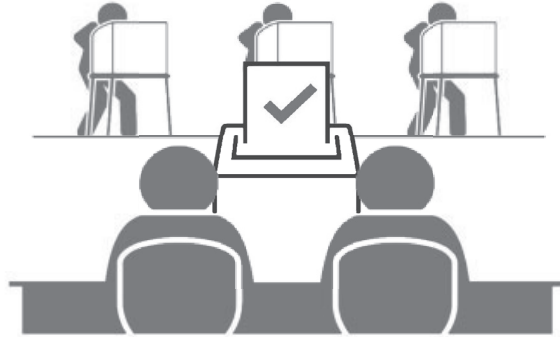
## Voting by mail?

All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot. Ballots will be mailed starting October 7. Allow 7-10 days for delivery.

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**Disability Rights California operates a Statewide Voting Hotline** 7<sup>AM</sup> to 8<sup>PM</sup> on Election Day, November 5, 2024 and answers calls prior to and following the election.  
**1-888-569-7955**

# Election officials are your reliable sources for election information



**Voting period is October 7 to November 5, 2024**

Make sure you've got the correct election information.

Don't know where to start? Nonpartisan election information is available at:

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

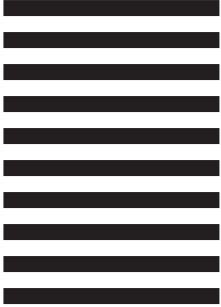
FROM:

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DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION



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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
PO BOX E  
SAN RAFAEL CA 94913-9801**

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COUNTY OF MARIN



**Curbside voting available for voters who cannot physically get into the Vote Center. Question? Call 415-473-6456**

**For Vote Center Information  
See [marinvotes.org](http://marinvotes.org)**

**POSTMASTER  
DELIVER TO:**

- All active registered voters will get a ballot in the mail.
- Lost or damaged your ballot? You may go to any Vote Center for a replacement.

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**For November 5, 2024**

**Do not use this application for a vote-by-mail ballot. All voters will be mailed a ballot for this election.**

Need a replacement vote-by-mail ballot or have questions about the forms below you can call 415-473-6456.

**Request a Translated Copy of Sample Ballot**

Sample ballots are NOT translated in all languages for all ballot types.  
Las boletas electorales de muestra NO ESTÁN traducidas en todos los idiomas para todos los tipos de boletas electorales.  
Tất cả các loại lá phiếu mẫu không được dịch sang nhiều ngôn ngữ.  
樣本選票的選票類型並未翻譯成所有語言。

Estoy solicitando una copia traducida de la boleta de muestra.  
 Tôi đang yêu cầu một bản dịch của phiếu bầu mẫu.  
 我要求提供选票样本的翻译副本。

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Request must be received at least 7 days before the election.**

**Request a Remote Accessible Ballot (RAVBM)**

A Remote Accessible Ballot is accessed online. You must print the ballot and mail it back. RAVBM ballots cannot be returned by fax or email. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by mail within 7 days after the election.

I am requesting a Remote Accessible Ballot.

My email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_