

2026 PRIMARY

Endorsements presented at IOV Meeting 5/20

GOVERNOR

Xavier Bacerra

- Becerra has taken Chevron donations and has zero environmental endorsements

Tom Steyer - ENDORSED by CA INDIVISIBLES

- PG&E hates him and Newsom “whiffed his opportunity to take them apart” after 90 felonies were filed against them
- Democratic Socialists, Bernie Sanders, Bill McKibben and Rebecca Solnit have all endorsed him

LT. GOVERNOR

Josh Fryday

- Heads Newsom’s Volunteer Office which has become the largest service corps in the nation
- former mayor of Novato
- former naval officer
- has tons of endorsements, including Buttigieg, Barbara Boxer Newsom, and Sacramento Bee

Fiona Ma

- tons of government experience, including current State Treasurer
- tons of endorsements from education, health care and labor unions, environmental groups, LGBTQ, Asian, women, Housing

Michael Tubbs- ENDORSED

- grew up poor in Stockton to a single mom
- graduated from Stanford
- returned to Stockton, became mayor at 26 (youngest mayor of any major city in American history)
- made the city more fiscally healthy
- 1st city in CA to experiment with a Guaranteed basic income program with no-strings-attached payments
- reduced the unemployment rate
- became Special Adviser to Newsom for Economic Mobility
- Founder of End Poverty in CA

SECRETARY OF STATE

Shirley Weber- ENDORSED

- current Secretary of State and has done a good job so far

CONTROLLER

Malia Cohen- ENDORSED

- current Controller

TREASURER

Eleni Kounalakis

- current Lt. Governor
- has tons of endorsements, including Newsom, Hillary Clinton, Schiff, Padilla, Buttigieg, Bonta, clearly has backing of Democratic establishment
- “has a weak plan and doesn’t do a great job of selling herself”

Anna Caballero- ENDORSED THOUGH BOTH CANDIDATES ARE GOOD

- has a good, detailed plan- specifically, to address the problem of Trump attacking immigrants in CA as well as Trump’s abuse of power of ICE.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rob Bonta- ENDORSED

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER:

This office is crucially important as CA homeowners are discovering their insurance policies are getting cancelled and hundreds of thousands of others are stuck with a pricey option of last resort. The Insurance Commissioner has extraordinary power in influencing forestry policies as part of dealing with the wildfire threat that’s sending insurance prices soaring.

They sent a questionnaire to the candidates, asking how they would help drive down risk from climate-fueled disasters and then shared their answers with Dr. Chad Hanson of the John Muir Project. Allen, Bradford and Wolff all promote home hardening and defensible space pruning, which is the wisest way to go rather than logging.

This job also requires a legal background as well as ability to deal with numbers. And someone who is NOT CLOSE to the insurance industry. Given these criteria, Indivisible eliminated all but 3 candidates:

Ben Allen- ENDORSED

- termed-out legislator
- has ability to work in Sacramento with legislature
- knowledge of how the insurance industry works
- funding comes from lots of PACs, unions, teachers, nurses, also FanDuel and gambling organizations

Patrick Wolff- ALSO CONSIDERED A GOOD CHOICE

- worked as a financial analyst, analyzing insurance markets and companies
- has pledged not to take money from insurance companies
- proposes insurer performance reports
- clearer info for homeowners about what mitigation steps could reduce premiums
- funding comes mostly from individuals but accepted thousands of dollars from insurance brokers who mostly align with consumers instead of broader insurance industry.

Steven Bradford

- eliminated because does not know as much about insurance world and its regulation
- funding from construction and gaming PACs and a top contributor is RJ Reynolds Tobacco

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEMBER, DISTRICT 2:

What does it do? Oversees 3 main taxes: property, alcohol, and insurance and aims to keep property taxes equal across the state

Sally Lieber- ENDORSED

- most experienced candidate (already served 1 term)
- spearheading a legislative smackdown on PG&E (the company has refused to pay the taxes they owe on Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant)
- has huge number of endorsements

26TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Jacqui Irwin-

- ton of endorsements from Democratic establishment: Brownley, Padilla, Schiff, Newsom, Monique Limon, and corporations
- BUT, she has an “F” rating from Courage Score. In 11 years she’s only scored above 50- out of 100- three times. She has supported few progressive bills. Failed to vote on bills on consumer protections, support for survivors of violence, worker’s rights, economic justice and public safety.
- In 2025 she DID NOT vote for bills to unmask ICE agents. In her tenure she’s been a recipient of significant contributions from real estate and law enforcement donors.

Chris Espinosa- ENDORSED

- raised in Santa Paula in a working-class family
- top funders are individuals
- “served in senior leadership roles in the US House of Representatives and national advocacy organizations”
- co-founder of environmental justice organization Green Latinos
- supports universal childcare, stronger tenant protections,
- Medicare for All, an end to corporate price gouging and the abolition of ICE

STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 38

Steve Bennett - ENDORSED

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, #15

How to judge judges? Indivisible looks at whether they are coming from the prosecutor or defense world, who endorses them.

Mike Malak - ENDORSED

- for being a defense attorney and getting Democratic endorsements

Amy Van Sickle

- GOP endorses her

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Richard Barrera- ENDORSED

- he has a HUGE recommendation from the current superintendent, Tony Thurmond
- extensive list of endorsements, including loads of elected and public officials, school administrators, Democratic clubs and a number of unions, including the CA Teachers Assoc.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Cesar Morales-

- just admitted to spiking portions of his pay by more than \$15,000 in taxpayer funds w/o lawful authorization
- multiple alleged shenanigans, including getting engaged to Misty Key, his VCOE Deputy Superintendent of Fiscal Services
- top education endorsers are withdrawing support

Karen Sher- ENDORSED

- governing board member of Oxnard Union High School
- endorsed by teachers and the Democratic party

Maggie Marschner

- endorsed by right-wing extremists

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Keith Taylor - ENDORSED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

Michelle Yamaguchi - ENDORSED

TREASURE-TAX COLLECTOR

Marilou Tan - ENDORSED

COUNTRY CLERK & RECORDER

Michelle Ascension - ENDORSED

Paul Harold Johnson - ELECTION DENIER!!!