

OCEA VOTER GUIDE



TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 2020



REMEMBER—Voting for Orange County residents will be different this year.

ALL registered voters will be mailed an official ballot. You may drop your ballot in the mail, return your ballot to various drop-off locations in the County, or vote in-person at regional vote centers.

The OCEA Board of Directors has an obligation to evaluate political candidates based on their support for working families. That means candidates who support safety on the job, security in fair wages, health care and retirement benefits, and stability by protecting jobs and fighting outsourcing. We understand if you have different factors that contribute to your decision making. This guide is intended to share recommendations based on issues that impact your economic and job security.



NO ON PROP. 22

Uber, Lyft, Instacart and Doordash wrote Proposition 22 to exempt themselves from state law requiring that app-based companies provide basic worker protections. Now they're spending more than \$180 million on Prop. 22, the most expensive ballot measure in US history, to boost their profits by denying their drivers a minimum wage, paid sick leave and safety protections. Vote No on Prop. 22. It's time to put the safety of drivers and their passengers over corporate greed.



YES ON PROP. 15

While the wealthiest corporations avoid paying their fair share, our schools have the most crowded classrooms in the nation and our local communities are struggling to respond to the impact of COVID-19. Prop. 15 does not impact any of the protections offered homeowners under historic Prop. 13. Don't believe the lies and propaganda that says it does. Prop. 15 is about fairness to ALL taxpayers and providing the education resources our children need.



JOSH NEWMAN FOR STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 29

Josh is running for re-election and has stood with working families whenever we needed him. Community leaders and Labor representatives across California are stepping up to support Josh in his 29th District race. In his previous term as Senator, Josh helped pass bills that created thousands of new jobs repairing California's infrastructure. We need legislators like Josh who are willing to make the tough decisions needed to secure the future of our state for our children and grandchildren.



DAVE MIN FOR STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 37

Dave is running for State Senate to create a better California for the children of Orange County—one that reflects our core values of diversity, tolerance, and opportunity. Those are the values that drew his parents and millions of others like them to this country in search of a better life. Dave will stand with working people to create an economy that works for everyone so all Orange County families can prosper. Let's send David Min to Sacramento.



DIEDRE THU-HA NGUYEN FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 72

Diedre has proven herself a friend to working people during her term as a Garden Grove City Council member. The oncology laboratory supervisor and mom is running for State Assembly because working people are finding it increasingly difficult to reach the middle class security California once offered. Diedre believes in policies that bring fairness to working families squeezed by health care costs, college tuition, elder care and lack of retirement savings.

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MELISSA FOX **FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 68**

Irvine Councilmember Melissa Fox is a proud advocate for union members. She has been a consistent supporter of public workers in her city and beyond. Melissa has helped lead Irvine to become one of the most desirable places to live in America. During her time on the Council, she has always picked up the phone when OCEA members call. Melissa is running for State Assembly in the 68th District and needs your vote so she can continue to stand with us in Sacramento.



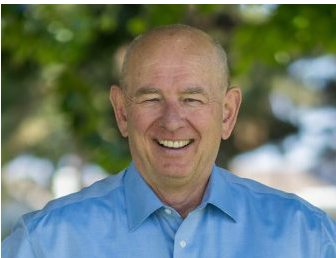
ANDREW RODRIGUEZ **FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 55**

Walnut Mayor Andrew Rodriguez is our endorsed candidate for the 55th Assembly District. Mayor Rodriguez is a firm believer in public service and strong local governments. After attending public schools in Walnut, he went on to Rutgers University where he graduated Cum Laude studying Planning and Public Policy. His experience will be an asset in Sacramento where he will be a voice for local government. Mayor Rodriguez will get the job done!



AVELINO VALENCIA **FOR ANAHEIM CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

Avelino Valencia is a proud son of Anaheim who has devoted his career to public service. He is prepared to contribute his commitment and experience in the most effective and impactful way that he can. Avelino has chaired the city's Budget, Investment, and Technology Commission. He currently serves as a Field Representative for Assemblyman Tom Daly. His background and career are rooted in Anaheim and believes these experiences have equipped him to serve Anaheim residents as a council member.



STEVE FAESSEL **FOR ANAHEIM CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5**

Steve Faessel is running for re-election after winning his first term in 2016. He is a retired from the Hardware industry and is a local historian. He served as chairman of Anaheim's city-owned power utility during the 2000 energy crisis in California. Steve has stood with Anaheim workers seeking long-deserved wage increases in the last contract. He believes Anaheim is heading in the right direction with strong modernization plans and is asking for your vote to continue that work.



KATRINA FOLEY **FOR MAYOR OF COSTA MESA**

Mayor Katrina Foley has been an elected public servant in Costa Mesa for 10-years. Mayor Foley proudly stood with City workers in 2011 when the Council majority attempted to outsource union jobs. Katrina led the fight to defeat anti-union charter measures and the politicians who attacked working families. Mayor Foley is a champion for OCEA, and we are proud to stand with her.



LOREN GAMEROS **FOR COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL**

Loren Gameros is a card-carrying Union member. As a proud member of the Operating Engineers Local 12, Loren understands what working families are going through. Loren will put his decades of experience to work helping secure an economic comeback for local businesses, investing in infrastructure and promoting projects that bring good-paying jobs to Costa Mesa. OCEA and the rest of Labor stands with Loren!

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JEFF HARLAN **FOR COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL**

Jeff Harlan is an attorney and urban planner by trade, Jeff knows what it takes to make cities and neighborhoods thrive. He brings a unique perspective to planning and governing communities. Jeff is currently a City Planning Commissioner and a board member of the Costa Mesa Foundation. Jeff's decades of community involvement and community action make him the candidate for OCEA.



JOHN STEPHENS **FOR COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Pro Tem John Stephens is an OCEA Champion. When the City of Costa Mesa attempted to outsource OCEA jobs, resident John Stephens stepped up and was part of the coalition of residents and workers that stopped their outsourcing scheme. Since being elected on the City Council, John has been a proud champion for Union workers. He stood with us. We stand with him!



AARUNI THAKUR **FOR FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

Aaruni Thakur is a lifelong Fullerton resident, husband, attorney, and elected School Board member. He and his wife Pamela are high school sweethearts who attended prom together. They now have two sons. Aaruni has a plan to address homelessness and the city's damaged roads and sidewalks. In stark contrast with his opponents, Aaruni wants to join with city workers and the community to complete this important work.



FRED JUNG **FOR FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

Fred Jung's vision for a better Fullerton for all of the city's residents includes encouraging clean energy, good jobs and better housing options for working families. Fred applies the strong work ethic he learned from his immigrant parents to his business directing a large non-profit youth sports organization. Fred values the dedication city workers bring to their jobs and wants to partner with them to serve the community.



LAUREN JOHNSON-NORRIS **FOR IRVINE CITY COUNCIL**

Lauren Johnson-Norris is running a people-powered, grassroots campaign fighting to bring the voice of Irvine residents to the City Council! Her commitment is to put Irvine families first, protect their quality of life, and continue to ensure Irvine is an excellent place to call home. Lauren is a small-business owner, attorney, Irvine Community Services Commissioner, and mother. Throughout her life, she has devoted herself to fighting for working families. We need Lauren Johnson-Norris on the Irvine City Council.



MIKE CARROLL **FOR IRVINE CITY COUNCIL**

Mike Carroll believes in Irvine. He kids attend Irvine school and he owns a small business in the City. You can say Mike is "all-in" when it comes to Irvine. Since joining the Council in 2019, Mike has delivered results. He stopped the development of high-density homes on a recreational site and saved the funds for a mobility needs program for seniors. He passed a two-year balanced budget and found time to save the Great Park Balloon from demise. Mike Carroll for Irvine City Council!

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TYLER DIEP **FOR MIDWAY SANITATION DISTRICT**

Tyler Diep has dedicated his career to serving the people of his community. He is a former Westminster City Council member and honorably served in the California State Assembly representing the 72nd Assembly District. In 2019, Assemblyman Diep stood with working families on several pieces of legislation. Tyler is now running to bring his talents and experience to the Midway Sanitation District. Tyler knows the importance of local government and we are proud to endorse him in this race.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS

GIL CISNEROS | U.S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 39

KATIE PORTER | U.S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 45

LOU CORREA | U.S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 46

HARLEY ROUDA | U.S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 48

MIKE LEVIN | U.S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 49

TOM DALY | ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 69

COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS | ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 74

JOSE PAOLO MAGCALAS | ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FRANCES MARQUEZ | CYPRESS CITY COUNCIL

YES ON MEASURE S | CITY OF FULLERTON

KIM BERNICE NGUYEN | GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

WALTER MUNETON | GARDEN GROVE SCHOOL BOARD

DAN KALMICK | HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

NATALIE MOSER | HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

BILLY O'CONNELL | HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

OSCAR RODRIGUEZ | HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

BETH KOSER-SCHWARTZ | RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA CITY COUNCIL

ALFONSO ALVAREZ | SANTA ANA SCHOOL BOARD

LEE FINK | TUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

LETITIA CLARK | TUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

BECKIE GOMEZ | TUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

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