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Updated 2/12/2020 – I will update from time to time

Many people ask for recommendations for voting because of my involvement in politics. I am not trying to tell people how to vote I am merely sharing my opinion which is generally based on my Christian worldview, first-hand knowledge of the candidates or the issues.

I invite you to use this as one of your resources for your own research before voting.

Turnout is everything

Remember, California has a "Top 2" primary system and the top 2 vote getters from June move on to November. In some of these races we end up with 2 Republicans in November (or 2 Democrats). This really could depend on turn out. If Republicans are excited about letting everyone know that they don't like the whole impeachment thing, like has already happened in Iowa and New Hampshire. Did you know that more people voted for Trump, in New Hampshire than voted for Reagan, Bush 41 and Bush 43!

This turnout can defeat bond measures here in OC, help win in school board races and perhaps catch a Dem sleeping and have 2 Republicans on the ballot in November rather than a Dem and a Rep. **BTW, Don't tell your Dem friends about this....**

Don't Forget Me

One other thing. I am on the ballot for Republican Central Committee in the 74th Assembly District. I would appreciate your support if you live in the 74th.

Other Links

The County has a new [voting system](#) this year. NO MORE NEIGHBORHOOD PRECINCT VOTING.

[Robyn Nordell's site](#)

[Craig Huey's Election Forum](#)

[This site takes you to the county Registrar site and when you put in your info you can see your sample ballot](#)

PRESIDENT

This will be an interesting primary. Trump will be the Republican Nominee without question. The only question will be who the Democrat challenger will be. Some people say Tweedle Dee and others Tweedle Dum.

In all seriousness, it was not a good week for Democrats last week. First the Russians must have interfered with the Democratic Caucuses in Iowa, Then Trump's state of the union speech was fantastic and uplifting and she was seen throwing a temper tantrum tearing up Trump's speech. Then to cap it all off, surprise surprise, Trump was exonerated.

Now Bernie and Mayor Pete are leading the race for Democratic nomination. Looks like it will be fun time for Democrats. Who knows they may all stay home in March and that will benefit Republicans as well as other issues on the ballot.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Republican Central Committee (These go Assembly Districts, so pick your district)

55th District

GENE HERNANDEZ
CRAIG YOUNG
TIM SHAW
BRETT R. BARBRE

65th District

DEWAYNE ALLEN NORMAND
BARON NIGHT
STEVE SARKIS
LEROY MILLS

68th District

FRED M. WHITAKER
AUSTIN LUMBARD
SCOTT VOIGTS
MARK WILLIAM BUCHER

69th District

ALBERTA CHRISTY
GISELA CONTRERAS
BRIAN HARRINGTON
TIMOTHY RYAN WHITACRE
John Paul White

72th District

PETER AMUNDSON
PATRICK HARPER
AMY PHAN WEST
KERMIT MARSH
JEFFREY BARKE

73rd District

Ed Sachs
Greg Rath
NICK WILSON
LAURIE DAVIES
MIKE MUNZING
ELAINE GENNAWEY

74nd District

ERIK K. WEIGAND
BETH JOHNS HOLDER
THOMAS A. "T.J." FUENTES
WILL O'NEILL
EMILY SANFORD
SCOTT PEOTTER

US REPRESENTATIVE

38th District: No Republicans on the ballot

39th District: **Young Kim.** This is the Royce seat that was lost in 2018

45th District: **Greg Raths.** This is the Mimi Walters seat that was lost in 2018. There are many good candidates and any one of these is so much better than Bernie Sanders endorsed congresswoman Katie Porter. I like Greg, a retired Marine Colonel and mayor of Mission Viejo. He would give Katie Porter the best fight.

46th District: **James Waters** This is a Dem seat filled by Lou Correa.

47th District: **John Briscoe,** this is currently occupied by Democrat Alan Lowenthal and we have an unlikely candidate in Republican School Board Trustee John Briscoe, who I have known for over 12 years. John is conservative, pro-life and evidently a gluten for punishment, running in a very Democratic District against an incumbent. It is his job to sneak up behind Lowenthal and try to unseat him...

48th District: **Michelle Steel.** Our current Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. She is virtually unchallenged during the primary and has a really good chance in unseating Harley Rouda (who defeated long term incumbent Dana Rohrabacher in 2018).

49th District: **Brian Maryott,** Daryll Issa's old seat that he retired from in 2018.

STATE SENATE

29th District: **Ling Ling Cheng,** This is the seat where Josh Newman was recalled. Ling Ling is running for the 3rd time, this time as the incumbent.

37nd District: **John Moorlach** of county bankruptcy prediction fame. After 3 terms as county treasurer and 2 terms as county Supervisor. You couldn't have a much more experienced representative for us in Sacramento.

STATE ASSEMBLY

55th District **Phillip Chen,** Second Term Republican and already proving himself a conservative leader

65th District **CYNTHIA THACKER,**

68th District **Steven Choi** Pro-Life Conservative going for his third term and a target of the Democrats this time around

72th District **Janet Nguyen.** Janet is a republican running against an incumbent Republican (that I endorsed in 2018) Tyler Diep has voted with Democrats on many key issues in his first term and the county party took the unusual step of "un-endorsing" Tyler. Janet is not a very conservative alternative, but she has been a reliable Republican vote.

73rd District **Laurie Davies** This is another tough race since the incumbent, Bill Brough, has been accused of sexual harassment and is in the middle of an investigation. Bill has been a reliable conservative vote, but because of the investigation, the party actually asked Bill to step aside until the investigation was completed. He refused. So there are several alternatives running against bill. Ed Sachs is who I think would be the best Assemblyman should he get elected. But I believe that Laurie, who is a strong pro-life conservative councilwoman from Laguna Niguel has the best chance of beating Brough in March. Or perhaps it will be Brough and Davies in November since there are multiple Dems on the ballot as well.

74nd District **Kelly Ernby.** Kelly is a Deputy District Attorney and a real fighter. I think she has the best chance of beating the Democrat that beat Matt Harper in 2018 and take this seat back. Kelly is pro-life, pro-family and is strong on Illegal immigration (eliminate the sanctuary State, and free healthcare for Illegals), fixing our homeless problem, and has signed the no new tax pledge.

Judge of the Superior Court Tony Ferrentino (no challengers)

County Superintendent of Schools No Choice, only one candidate and he is bad

County Board of Education

District 1: Jim Palmer Rock solid conservative, pro-life, former Tustin City Councilman that will fight against the bureaucracy

District 3: Ken Williams. Ken has been on the BOE a long time and much of the time on the minority side. He has been standing up for Charter schools and is being targeted by a rich, pro-union guy that has put \$1M of his own money into the race to defeat Ken. We must stand strong with Ken.

District 4: Tim Shaw. Tim is a City Councilman of Los Alimitos, father of 6 and die hard conservative.

County Supervisor

District 1: Andrew Do. Andrew is running for his second term. He is in a very heavy Dem district and is very popular in his district. But the Dems look at this as a place to pick up another seat. It is being targeted and it will be a tough race.

District 3: Don Wagner. Don won this seat in a special election last year to finish the term of Todd Spitzer when Todd left to become the County DA. Don is running for re-election and is being targeted by the Dem party who believe that their candidate is the anointed candidate. Don is a former Assemblyman and is used to fighting Dems in Sacramento, so he is ready for the challenge, but he needs our help. I have known Don for 30 years and he is a rock solid pro-life conservative.

Measures

Proposition 13 NO

Not to be confused with the real Prop 13 that limited taxes this is a statewide **bond** that is to benefit the school bureaucracy (oops it is for the children...not) Bonds, more borrowing=more debt=less money in our pockets

A – County of Orange - YES A Charter amendment that requires a 2/3rds majority (instead of a simple majority) of the Board of Supervisors to put a tax increase on the ballot.

B - Anaheim Union School District – NO on BONDS

G - Brea Olinda Unified School District – NO on BONDS

H - Capistrano Unified School District – NO on BONDS

I - Capistrano Unified School District – NO on BONDS

J - Fullerton Elementary School District – NO on BONDS

K - Fullerton Joint Union High School District – NO on BONDS

L - Rancho Santiago Community College District – NO on BONDS

M - Saddleback Valley Unified School District – NO on BONDS

N - Tustin Unified School District – NO on BONDS

O - Lowell Joint School District – NO on BONDS