THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MERCED COUNTY'S
COMMON SENSE VOTER GUIDE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

STATEWIDE

Governor	**STEVE HILTON**
Lt. Governor	**GLORIA ROMERO**
Secretary of State	**DONALD P. (DON) WAGNER**
Controller	**HERB MORGAN**
Treasurer	**JENNIFER HAWKS**
Attorney General	**MICHAEL E. GATES**
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	**SONJA SHAW**

FEDERAL & STATE DISTRICTS

U.S. Congress – District 13	**KEVIN LINCOLN**
State Board of Equalization – District 1	**SHANNON GROVE**
State Senate – District 4	**ALEXANDRA DUARTE**
State Senate – District 14	**DARIN S. DUPONT**
State Assembly – District 22	**JUAN ALANIS**
State Assembly – District 27	**MIKE MURPHY**

LOCAL RACES

Merced County Superintendent of Schools	**ANA BOYENGA**
Merced City Council – District 6	**JOHN BLISS**

Don't Let Deceptive Titles and Descriptions Trick You into voting for more taxes and government control!

STATE PROPOSITIONS

1	NO	**$17B Bond Debt for Rental Housing** Despite the deceptive title, this bond only backs $1.25B in Veteran Home Loans (the rest is debt to build rentals)
2	NO	**Guts the State Budget Cap** Creates a Slush Fund for Politicians; ignores mandatory rebate thresholds
3	NO	**Makes (2) Tax Hikes Permanent** Affects income earners over $370K
4	NO	**Taxpayer-Funded Campaigns** Pay for candidates, like it or not!
5	NO	**Changes Recall; No Successor** Weakens voter control in elections!
37	NO	**$25B for Risky 2nd Mortgages** More debt on risky borrowers
38	NO	**$12B in Bond Debt; Research** This prop was funded by the medical investor set to gain $4.2B
39	YES	**Require Voter ID; and Free ID** It's common sense! Improve Election Integrity.
40	NO	**Billionaire Tax - Punish Success** Ultimately, an "everybody" tax.
41	YES	**Audit Special Taxes** Require audits; & subject those taxes to all budget rules & limits.
42	YES	**Stop the Savings Tax; No New Back Taxes** Bans new state taxes on retirement / savings accounts
43	YES	**Need 2/3 vote on Special Taxes** Closes the loophole created by ACA 1 in 2023 (**SAVE PROP 13**)
44	NO	**Costly Mandates on Clinics** Govt overreach into salary dispute
45	YES	**Cut Red Tape on Housing Projects; reducing costs** Standardize the CEQA processes

Visit www.emma.msrb.org to view the Official Statements for all school bonds passed by school boards.

LOCAL MEASURES

A	NO	**$9.1M School Bond/Tax for Le Grand Union High School Dist.** Could cost $21M on top of their $16.1M in current school bond debt
B	NO	**1% City Sales Tax; Cuts $18M in local buying power – say NO!** This tax is on top of the half-cent sales tax of 2005 and 2018 Measure Y sales tax
C	NO	**$99M School Bond/Tax for Los Banos Unified School District** Could cost $177M on top of their $164M in current bond debt
T	NO	**Changes Livingston City Clerk to an Appointed Position** Voters lose the ability to elect and recall this vital position
U	NO	**Changes Livingston Treasurer to an Appointed Position** Voters lose the ability to elect & recall this vital position
V	NO	**Changes Los Banos Treasurer to an Appointed Position** Voters lose the ability to elect & recall this vital position
W	NO	**$33.8M School Bond/Tax for Merced Union High School District** Could cost $112.5M on top of their current bond debt of $283M
X	NO	**$59.1M School Bond/Tax for Merced Union High School District** Could cost $196.6M on top of their current bond debt of $283M
Z	NO	**$129M School Bond/Tax for Merced Union High School District** Could cost $429.6M on top of their current bond debt of $283M

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JUDICIAL RACES – CA SUPREME COURT

Retain Associate Justice of the Supreme Court? **JOSHUA GROBAN** *(appointed by Gov Brown)*	NO
Retain Associate Justice of the Supreme Court? **KELLI M. EVANS** *(appointed by Gov Newsom)*	NO

JUDICIAL RACES – CA COURT OF APPEAL

Retain Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Fifth District? **ARLAN L. HARRELL** *(appointed by Gov Newsom)*	NO
Retain Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Fifth District? **THOMAS DESANTOS** *(appointed by Gov Brown)*	NO
Retain Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Fifth District? **SONNY S. SANDHU** *(appointed by Gov Newsom)*	NO
Retain Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Fifth District? **MARK W. SNAUFFER** *(appointed by Gov Brown)*	NO
Retain Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Fifth District? **AMY K. GUERRA** *(appointed by Gov Newsom)*	NO
Retain Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Fifth District? **KATHLEEN A. MEEHAN** *(appointed by Gov Brown)*	NO

Let's clean house of democrat-aappointed judges. They must get a majority YES vote to stay on the bench.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RACES

Conservative candidates on the ballot.

Candidate names provided for your info.
No candidate has requested endorsement.

Atwater Elementary School District, Area 1 **BARBARA DUTRA**
Dos Palos-Oro Loma Joint Unified, Area 5 **DAVID LANGLEY**
El Nido Elementary School District **BARBARA JEAN GRENINGER** **CONNOR ERICKSON**
Gustine Unified School District, Area 1 **EVELIN GIMLETT**
Hilmar Unified School District, Area 1 **CAMY HONORE** **TALENA PERRY**
Hilmar Unified School District, Area 2 **KELLY VINCENT**
Le Grand Union High School District **MONICA AVILA INIGUEZ**
Le Grand Union High School District **MOSES MIX**
Los Banos Unified School District, Area 1 **GENE LIEB**
Los Banos Unified School District, Area 3 **MIGUEL ANGEL ALEJANDRE**
McSwain Union Elementary School District **BROCK PISACCO** **SCOTT RODUNER**
Merced River Union Elementary School District **BABETTE PAREIRA**
Winton School District **CORINE DUSIN**

No party label is printed on the ballot for Judicial seats, city offices, school boards, or special-districts.

SPECIAL DISTRICT RACES

Conservative candidates on the ballot.

Candidate names provided for your info.
No candidate has requested endorsement.

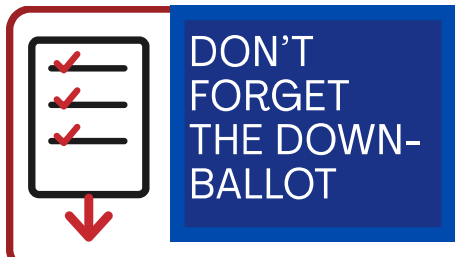
Bloss Healthcare, Zone 1 **GARY BACOM**
Winton Water & Sanitary **FERNANDO HURTADO**

OTHER CITY RACES

Conservative candidates on the ballot.

Candidate names provided for your info.
No candidate has requested endorsement.

Atwater, City Council - District 4 **SHAWN CONNOR**
Los Banos, City Council - District 2 **REFUGIO LLAMAS** *(Incumbent)*
Mayor, Los Banos **MICHAEL S. AMABILE** *(Incumbent)*



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