2021 CA Governor Recall Candidate Review

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Dear Colleagues,

The California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA) represents mental health and substance use disorder nonprofit community-based organizations that provide behavioral health services to over 775,000 Californians. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shocked our country and threatened the sustainability of our member agencies to provide services to the most vulnerable populations in the state. The stress on our communities is overwhelming, but our member agencies have stepped up and responded to the increasing behavioral health needs of children, youth, young adults, adults, older adults, and communities.

Behavioral health is the promotion of mental health, resilience, and wellbeing; the treatment of mental and substance use disorders; and the support of those who experience and/or are in recovery from these conditions, along with their families and communities. Behavioral health is a critical public health issue that affects us all. In California, nearly one in six adults experience a mental health challenge, but only one-third who need mental health services receive them. A person's mental health and wellbeing are influenced by many factors, including the social, economic, and physical conditions under which people live. In particular, studies show that poverty, unemployment, levels of supportive networks, housing, and education may impact one's mental health.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, is the 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election. This election could substantially affect California's response to growing mental health and substance use treatment needs and long-term policies for addressing this public health issue. In the hopes of educating the community and driving voter engagement, CBHA decided it was critical to examine each candidate's platform from both behavioral health and social equity lens.

This 2021 Recall Candidate Review provides an overview of the 2021 recall candidates' positions, as well as Governor Newsom's, on behavioral healthcare and social determinants of health. We identified 18 candidates who have shown a commitment to these important issues by gathering information directly from campaign platforms. The names of the remaining candidates are listed on page 32 because they either have no campaign information, very limited campaign information, or have not made any written or public statements that we could locate related to behavioral health issues or the social determinants of health. We believe that civic engagement is an important aspect of pursuing social equity and offer this review as an educational resource to the community.

This document also includes a section that explains the ability of non-profits to engage in advocacy and lobbying.
Recall Election Information:
The 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election is an upcoming special election where voters will decide whether to recall Governor Gavin Newsom or not. The recall has been part of California’s political system since 1911 and provides a mechanism for the public to attempt to remove elected public officials from office before the end of their term of office. Several factors have caused organizers to petition a recall of Governor Newsom, and over 1.7 million signatures have been gathered, prompting the special election.

Every active registered voter will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot for the recall election. The recall ballot includes two questions:
- Shall Governor Newsom be recalled (removed) from the Office of Governor?
- If recalled, which candidate should succeed Governor Newsom as Governor?

For more information about the recall election, please visit the California Secretary of State’s website.

Key Observations:
- The political affiliation of the recall candidates highlighted is as follows:
  - 4 Democrats
  - 12 Republicans
  - 4 No Party Preference candidates
- Of the 18 recall candidates highlighted, nine candidates made statements about behavioral health care and 12 candidates stated homelessness is a key issue.
- Nine candidates made statements about the social determinants of health but did not mention behavioral health.

We thank the members of the Race and Social Equity Taskforce (RSET), CBHA staff, and our wonderful summer interns for dedicating their volunteer time to assist with the creation of this document. We encourage all of our members and colleagues in the behavioral health arena to VOTE. Voting is a right that many fought for, and a critical part of civic engagement.

On behalf of CBHA, its Board of Directors, and the RSET,

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Chief Executive Officer
To What Extent Can Non-Profits Engage in Advocacy and Lobbying?

Education, Advocacy and Lobbying as a 501(c)(3) Organization

Many organizations are being asked to consider taking formal positions on candidates ahead of the September 14, 2021 recall election. We recognize that some non-profit organizations and their boards may be reluctant to take a formal position on a candidate for a number of reasons, one of them being a fear of running afoul of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations pertaining to their tax-exempt status. The following is hoped to clarify how a 501(c)(3) organization can legally participate in advocacy and education and take a position on an initiative, bill, or candidate and share that position with others.

First, a 501 (c)(3) can engage in all the education it desires, even if that education is focused on elected or appointed officials. Just because you, a board member, or a member of your staff meets with, speaks to, or corresponds with those who influence policy does not mean your organization is engaging in lobbying. For example, organizations may conduct educational meetings, prepare and distribute educational materials, or otherwise consider public policy issues in an educational manner without jeopardizing their tax-exempt status. For many non-profit organizations, educating others about what they do, the needs of those they serve, and how they might improve conditions on their behalf is a fundamental part of its mission!

While it is true that a public charity operating under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) is not allowed to take part in a political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, there are no such restrictions on cause-related advocacy. In fact, even lobbying can be undertaken by a public charity without any risk to its tax exemption so long as these efforts are not a substantial part of its activities.

Lobbying is defined as the attempt to influence legislation. Legislation includes actions by Congress, any state legislature, any local council, or similar governing body, with respect to acts, bills, resolutions, or similar items (such as legislative confirmation of appointive office), or by the public in a referendum, ballot initiative, constitutional amendment, or similar procedure. It does not include actions by executive, judicial, or administrative bodies.

Organizations are regarded to have attempted to influence legislation if they contact or urge the public to contact members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation.

To be clear, your organization taking a formal position on a California initiative does count as lobbying. The important question is whether or not the time and effort expended by your organization on lobbying activities, including taking a position on some or all of the initiatives, constitutes a substantial part of the organization's activities.
“Great!” you say, “but how would I (and the IRS) go about determining if our lobbying activities might cross into the substantiality zone?” The IRS considers a variety of factors, including the time devoted (by both compensated and volunteer workers) and the expenditures devoted by the organization to the activity, when determining whether the lobbying activity is substantial. Many can do a simple calculation in your head of how much your lobbying efforts represent of your organization's overall budget and quickly conclude that it would not meet any rational definition of the word “substantial.”

In recognition that this may not satisfy you or concerned members of your board, we would love to provide you with the IRS's specific definition of what constitutes substantiality. Unfortunately, such a definition does not exist. As a result, the amount of lobbying activity permitted to be undertaken by a given organization may ultimately depend on the extent and nature of its other activities.

It has been suggested that less than five percent of an organization's time and effort involved in legislative activities is not “substantial.” However, this may be misleading in that several cases have established that the political activities of an organization must be assessed in the context of its objectives and circumstances to determine whether a substantial part of its activities was to influence or attempt to influence legislation.

To be certain, it is important to remember that your education efforts, voter registration efforts, and much of your advocacy efforts would not be considered in determining whether your lobbying efforts are substantial because they are not lobbying.

Now, we can imagine a board member asking what would happen if the IRS determined an organization had conducted too much lobbying. The short answer is that the organization risks the loss of its tax-exempt status – the longer answer is below.

Some may be wondering if their organization, which may have been and is involved in a voter registration effort, is barred from taking a position on ballot initiatives or bills. First, thank you to your organization and your staff for helping those they serve to participate in the election. Active participation in the community is a key element of recovery, and voting is key to participation. Hopefully, you have been instructing staff involved in these efforts to not attempt to influence those they are assisting in terms of who and what to vote for. The fact that the organization has taken a position on an initiative or bill should not change what staff is doing in terms of their registration efforts. In short, you are not responsible for what people might think, only what you (or your staff) do.

Some might wonder if there are other avenues for 501(c)(3) organizations to take that would allow them to undertake lobbying efforts and not jeopardize their tax-exempt status. The organization could make an “H Election” by filing Federal Form 5768 “Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation” and tracking their lobbying activities. The organization could also choose to establish a 501(c)(4) organization, which would allow the newly formed organization to develop a significant political agenda. We suggest consulting with an attorney should either of these options appeal to you.

\[1\] Measuring Lobbying: Substantial Part Test. Under the substantial part test, an organization that conducts excessive lobbying in any taxable year may lose its tax-exempt status, resulting in all of its income being subject to tax. In addition, section 501(c)(3) organizations that lose their tax-exempt status due to excessive lobbying, other than churches and private foundations, are subject to an excise tax equal to five percent of their lobbying expenditures for the year in which they cease to qualify for exemption.
What are the Social Determinants of Health?

1. Economic Stability
   In the United States, 1 in 10 people live in poverty, and many people can’t afford things like healthy foods, health care, and housing. People with steady employment are less likely to live in poverty and are more likely to be healthy, but many people have trouble finding and keeping a job. People with disabilities, injuries, or conditions like arthritis may be especially limited in their ability to work. In addition, many people with steady work still don’t earn enough to afford the things they need to stay healthy. Employment programs, career counseling, and high-quality childcare opportunities can help more people find and keep jobs. In addition, policies to help people pay for food, housing, health care, and education can reduce poverty and improve health and well-being.

2. Education Access and Quality
   People with higher levels of education are more likely to be healthier and live longer. Children from low-income families, children with disabilities, and children who routinely experience forms of social discrimination — like bullying — are more likely to struggle with math and reading. They’re also less likely to graduate from high school or go to college. This means they’re less likely to get safe, high-paying jobs and more likely to have health problems like heart disease, diabetes, and depression.

3. Health Care Access and Quality
   Many people in the United States don’t get the health care services they need. About 1 in 10 people in the United States don’t have health insurance. People without insurance are less likely to have a primary care provider, and they may not be able to afford the health care services and medications they need. Strategies to increase insurance coverage rates are critical for making sure more people get important health care services, like preventive care and treatment for chronic illnesses.

4. Neighborhood and Built Environment
   The neighborhoods people live in have a major impact on their health and well-being. Many people in the United States live in neighborhoods with high rates of violence, unsafe air or water, and other health and safety risks. Racial/ethnic minorities and people with low incomes are more likely to live in places with these risks. In addition, some people are exposed to things at work that can harm their health, like secondhand smoke or loud noises. Interventions and policy changes at the local, state, and federal level can help reduce these health and safety risks and promote health.

5. Social and Community Context
   People’s relationships and interactions with family, friends, co-workers, and community members can have a major impact on their health and well-being. Many people face challenges and dangers they can’t control — like unsafe neighborhoods, discrimination, or trouble affording the things they need. This can have a negative impact on health and safety throughout life. Positive relationships at home, at work, and in the community can help reduce these negative impacts.

Gavin Newsom, Democrat
https://www.gavinnewsom.com

**Background**

Gavin Newsom is the current Governor of California. He assumed office in 2019, and his current term ends on January 2, 2023. Newsom was born in San Francisco, California. Newsom received a bachelor's degree in political science from Santa Clara University in 1989. He founded and ran PlumpJack, a wine shop that grew into a network of businesses. He also worked in sales and real estate.

In 1996, Mayor Willie Brown appointed Newsom to the San Francisco Parking and Traffic Commission and then to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1997. Newsom then won the election to remain on the board until being elected as the city's mayor. Newsom went on to win elections for statewide office—Lieutenant Governor in both 2010 and 2014, and later Governor in 2018.

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement**

Governor Gavin Newsom formed a Behavioral Health Task Force to address the urgent mental health and substance use disorder needs across California. The panel advises the Administration's efforts to advance statewide behavioral health services, prevention, and early intervention to stabilize conditions before they become severe. The mission of the task force is to develop recommendations for the Governor about how California can provide timely access to high-quality behavioral health care for all of its residents.

On September 25, 2020, Newsom signed a package of bills that will improve access to quality mental health and substance use disorder services for all Californians, as well as measures that help homeless Californians suffering from behavioral health challenges access the help they need. These bills include:

- **SB 855 (Wiener)**: Requires commercial health plans and insurers to provide full coverage for the treatment of all mental health conditions and substance use disorders. Establishes specific standards for what constitutes medically necessary treatment and criteria for the use of clinical guidelines.
- **SB 803 (Beall)**: Supports statewide standards for behavioral health Peer Support Specialists and adds these services as an option in Medi-Cal.
- **AB 2265 (Quirk-Silva)**: Clarifies that specified MHSA funds can be used for the treatment of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

**Homelessness and Housing**

- As a part of his $100 billion California Comeback Plan, Newsom's $12 billion plan will tackle the issue of homelessness.
- This investment will provide 65,000 people with housing placements, more than 300,000 people with housing stability and create 46,000 new housing units.
- Proposing an additional $1.5 billion investment to clean public spaces near highways and transform public spaces through arts and cultural projects. The initiative is expected to create an estimated 15,000 jobs, including for people experiencing or exiting homelessness, at-risk youth, veterans, and formerly incarcerated individuals.

**Tax Relief and Grants**

- Under the Governor's Plan, California offers the largest renter assistance package of any state in America with a total of $5.2 billion to help low-income renters and landlords, covering 100 percent of back-rent and all prospective rent for several months into the future.
- Creating the largest small business relief program in the nation, the plan invests an additional $1.5 billion for a total of $4 billion in direct grants to California's small businesses – on top of $6.2 billion in tax relief.
- In addition, $500 million in new grants will be used to create opportunities for workers who lost their jobs during the pandemic.

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Education Access and Quality

College Affordability

- Signed AB 132, which implements the California Comeback Plan's expansion of the Cal Grant program for community college students by eliminating age and time-out-of-high-school requirements, with awards that follow students to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) upon transfer.
  - Starting in 2022-23, the bill also revises the Middle Class Scholarship program to provide scholarships intended to cover up to the difference between a student's total cost of attendance and other sources of aid, including student and family contributions, depending upon available resources each year.

Health Care Access and Quality

Improving Access to Care

- Signed AB 133, which makes changes toward a more equitable and prevention-focused approach to health care through expanded behavioral health initiatives supporting California youth and people with severe behavioral health challenges, including those experiencing homelessness.
  - Extends Medi-Cal eligibility for postpartum individuals; supporting continued telehealth flexibilities; and advancing the state’s innovative California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative.
  - Approximately 235,000 Californians aged 50 years and older are newly eligible for Medi-Cal, including preventive services, long-term care, and In-Home Supportive Services.

Neighborhood and Built Environment

Fire Prevention

- Signed a $536 million wildfire package enabling the state to take urgent action on projects that support wildfire suppression, improve forest health, and build resilience in communities to help protect residents and property from catastrophic wildfires in diverse landscapes across the state.

Social and Community Context

Gun Violence Protection

- Governor Newsom is investing a historic $200 million to expand the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program, which provides matching grants to community-based violence intervention efforts in communities impacted by group-related shootings and homicides. These programs have become a national model and were most recently lifted up by President Biden's gun violence prevention plan.
- Governor Newsom continues to support California's ban on assault weapons, as well as investing in programs with proven success rates to make sure guns stay out of the hands of violent people like the Armed and Prohibited Persons Systems (APPS) database.
Larry Elder, Republican

https://www.electelder.com

**Background**

Larry Elder was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, CA. His father was born in Athens, Georgia, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and moved to California and opened his own restaurant -- Elder's Snack Bar. Elder's Mother, originally from Huntsville, Alabama, was a clerical worker for the U.S. Department of War (now the U.S. Department of Defense) and raised three boys as a stay-at-home-mom.

Elder says: "I am running for Governor because the decline of California isn't the fault of its people. Our government is what's ruining the Golden State. Our schools are closed to both students and their parents. Our Streets aren't safe from rising violent crime or the disaster of rising homelessness. And the scandals of Sacramento aren't going to stop on their own. It's time to tell the truth. We've got a state to save."

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement**

At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to behavioral health issues.

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

**Economic Stability**

- Elder disagrees with Newsom's COVID relief policies, as it leaves people comfortable at home rather than working.
- If elected Governor, Elder will repeal regulations that benefit a select few, and therefore, increase housing prices.
- He wants more disposable income for the middle-class by reducing taxes and alleviating regulations on entrepreneurs.

**Education Access and Quality**

- Elder believes in school choice because "positive competition improves the product."
- He supports in-person school attendance, and would have sent youth back to school as soon as it was revealed that children are at low risk for COVID infections.

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on his official campaign platform related to the following categories:

- Healthcare Access and Quality
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Social and Community Context
Kevin Paffrath, Democrat

https://www.meetkevin.com

**Background**
Kevin Paffrath was born in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. He earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA in 2014. His career experience includes working as a real estate broker, entrepreneur, investor, and YouTube content creator.

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment/Involvement**
On his official campaign website, Paffrath supports “centralized medical & substance, mental-health, and education support” as soon as possible.

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

**Homelessness and Housing**
- According to Paffrath's platform, there will be no homelessness in California within 60 days of Paffrath's term.
  - This would be accomplished by making a centralized medical & substance, mental-health, and educational support system immediately available.
  - Partnership with corporations, non-profits, and the public, coordinated by the Governor's Office, to end homelessness and to provide support, clothing, and additional resources.
  - Modern Emergency Facilities will also include mental-health facilities, detox facilities, educational facilities, canteens, and medical support for all Californians without housing.
- Housing will become more affordable:
  - The State will control all building and safety rather than local building departments (new jobs added & existing jobs maintained).
  - Local building designs will remain intact, and the goal is to streamline the development process with better, and greener standards.

**Income Taxes**
- Paffrath plans to remove the CA State Income Tax on the first $250,000 earned.
- An approximately 5-7% flat tax will be applied to those who have incomes over $250,000.
- No California tax return is required.

**Education Access and Quality**

**Future Schools**
- Future Schools would combine college, trade school, high school, & financial education.
- Students at 16 years old will have the choice to graduate debt free, for free, at 18 years old, ready for career placement.
- At 16 years old, students will have a choice to attend a Future School. Students will learn communication skills, business skills, financial education, basic accounting, and life-prep skills. In addition, students will study and intern for a career. Some days of the week may be set aside specifically for interning with businesses, non-profits, government offices, and unions.
- For enrollees over 18 years old, students will receive $2,000 per month for attending Future Schools.
- All Californians are eligible. If a student does not have a taxpayer identification number (TIN), Future Schools will work with the Federal government to provide students a path to legal citizenship.
Health Care Access and Quality

Better Access to Affordable Healthcare
- Centralized medical & substance, mental-health, and educational support immediately available.
- Primarily available for those experiencing issues with housing and homelessness.

Neighborhood and Built Environment

Fire Prevention
- Paffrath wants to invest in proper wildfire prevention with "the most technologically advanced wildfire detection, response, and prevention efforts."
- In 2020, California worked to prevent forest fires on approximately 44,000 acres, and now California has to prevent forest fires on approximately 1-2 million acres per year. Paffrath plans to make this a priority because preventing wildfires costs approximately $32 per acre and fighting a wildfire costs approximately $1,600 per acre.

Social and Community Context

Reducing Crime Rates
- Paffrath wants to focus on community policing and reintegrating trust with law enforcement and communities by funding better training and social work.
- Police and fire departments will be fully funded to ensure the safety of California citizens. This means better training, more training, and more jobs.
- Additionally, non-violent inmates in jails/prisons will have the option, if qualified, to work community service in neighborhoods they committed crimes in, under police supervision.
- Prisoners will contribute to society; inmates will clean streets, roads, towns/cities, and remove graffiti.
Brandon M. Ross, Democrat
https://ross4gov.com

Background
Brandon Ross is a native Californian born and raised in San Diego. He attended UC Davis and graduated with Highest Honors with a degree in Genetics. He eventually attended medical school to become a doctor, while simultaneously obtaining his Masters in Public Health and Masters in Business Administration. Next, Ross established a successful cosmetic surgery center. After a back injury, he developed an opiate addiction after taking narcotics and decided to enter a recovery program several years ago. He then graduated from law school and rebuilt his medical practice. He currently runs a charity that offers free cosmetic surgery to children following trauma and radiation treatments for brain tumors.

Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement
According to his campaign website, Ross hopes to “be an inspiration to addicts and their families that addiction can be overcome” as someone recovering from an opiate addiction. He believes that many have their lives ruined from the social impacts of opiate addiction. He specifically calls out how California has over $70 billion in surplus this year and many more billions coming soon as part of big pharma opiate lawsuit settlements. Because of this, Ross supports California fighting the opioid epidemic by spending money on education and outreach and making free rehabilitative services available to everyone suffering from the scourge of addiction.

Social Determinants of Health Issues

Economic Stability

Homelessness and Housing
- Ross believes that “every human being should be entitled to food, shelter and healthcare.” In addition to drastically increasing the development of public housing, he supports California developing more state-funded homeless shelters, and homeless people should have a safe place to go to stay off the streets, be well-fed and cared for.
- Ross claims that there are not enough homes in California to meet demand.
- This lack of housing options has caused home prices to soar and price out many who could otherwise afford to own a home.
- As a solution, Ross recommends increasing public housing. In doing so, he says it will increase the number of homes available and decrease the homeless population by moving them into safe, modest homes owned by the government so they can get back on their feet and turn their lives around.
- Public housing can be developed on state-owned land or with inexpensive private purchases, and this may be developed by private contractors through a competitive bidding process.

Taxes
- Ross claims that housing prices have doubled and caused county-level property tax revenues to be a "bonanza for local municipalities."
- This, in turn, has lessened the burden at the state level to direct revenue downstream.
- Proposes elimination of state tax on anyone making less than $150,000 per year.
- This will help both the lower and middle classes get a leg up.
- He proposes cutting gasoline taxes significantly, which would help all Californians across the board.
Neighborhood and Built Environment

Wildfire Prevention and Response

- Ross identifies the need to have state-funded, dedicated teams to go to homes and advise homeowners what can be done to lessen the risk of fires on an individual property basis.
- He wants the state to fund the building of firebreaks to lessen the number of fires and their magnitude.
- More firefighters should be hired, and increased funding should be secured to improve aerial support, including the night-vision helicopters capable of fighting fires in the dark.
- According to Ross, California currently only possesses a handful of these vehicles and essentially shuts down firefighting efforts during the night.

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on his official campaign platform related to the following categories:

- Education Access and Quality
- Health Care Access and Quality
- Social and Community Context
Nickolas Wildstar, Republican
https://wildstar2022.com

Background
Nickolas Wildstar was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At the age of 17, Wildstar moved to California where he has lived for over 20 years. Until recently, Wildstar lived in Orange County, where he worked as a digital marketing specialist. His wife Crystal and he moved to Fresno to settle down and raise a family. He has been a candidate for City Council, Mayor, and Governor. In 2018, he ran for Governor with specific emphasis on addressing homelessness, high crime rate, and tax burdens.

Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement
According to this campaign website, Wildstar supports policies that improve the livelihood of those experiencing mental health crises and substance use disorders (SUDs). To accomplish these goals, he believes that reforms in criminal justice and addressing homelessness would aid those experiencing behavioral health emergencies and the public.

Social Determinants of Health Issues

Economic Revitalization
- According to Wildstar’s platform, Californian businesses are closing and poor people are getting poorer as the prices of goods and services become unaffordable.
- To fix this issue, Wildstar plans to work towards eliminating business licensing fees, the need for occupational licenses, and alleviate tax burdens to create more jobs to bring businesses back.
- This would help everyone from mom-and-pop businesses to corporations that employ 100+ plus people.

Homelessness
- Wildstar identifies homelessness as a serious issue for working-class people, veterans, and people with mental illnesses.
- To reverse the rising rate of poverty and homelessness, Wildstar proposes several policies:
  - Build tiny houses to shelter those in need and help clean up our communities.
  - Individuals and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will receive assistance to operate efficiently to help address the homelessness problem faced by the people of California.
  - A designated mental health response team will also be created to aid those having a mental health crisis, and substance abuse assistance programs will also be increased.

Transportation
- Wildstar wants to ensure that we invest in our infrastructure, and "ensure that taxpayers get the best deal possible" while still getting the best quality products like high-speed rails, hyperloops, and other highly advanced technology for public transportation.
- He guarantees high quality and affordable public transit by expanding bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Barriers will also be removed for more community bike programs, and scooter programs will be developed.

Neighborhood and Built Environment

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Community Violence

- Wildstar identifies gang violence as a problem in Californian communities, and as a major contributor to the state's high crime rate.
- In order to alleviate this issue, Wildstar calls for a need to promote gun safety, teach people how to properly use their firearms, encourage them to register their guns, and remind them that while all people have a constitutional right to own and carry firearms, that personal responsibility is part of exercising that freedom.
- According to his platform, solutions like these can "help build relationships in the community, protect Constitutional rights for everyone living in the state, reduce harm to an individual's ability to find jobs due to possession charges, and quell violence while promoting safety."

Criminal Justice Reform

- To improve the criminal justice system, Wildstar advocates for better training for officers, an end to policing for profit, and the creation of community policing organizations.
- Wildstar wants to create a non-police affiliated unit that is designated to respond to mental health emergencies, as well as help people that are homeless.
- There will also be better accountability by requiring insurance, judiciary reformation, and an end to the police bill of rights as soon as Wildstar takes office.

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on their official campaign platform related to the following categories:

Education Access and Quality

Health Care Access and Quality
John Cox, Republican
https://johncox.com

**Background**

According to his campaign website, John Cox was born with nothing and raised by a single mother. He worked his way through college and earned a CPA and law degree. He has since built a successful business. Cox believes that, because of his background, he is unlike the politicians that have failed California. He holds the position that he does not "owe the establishment anything," and will be able to make the "big, beastly" changes our state needs.

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement**

At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to behavioral health issues.

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

The only issue Cox discusses on his website is homelessness. The following social determinants are in the context of solving the homelessness issue.

**Economic Stability**

According to Cox's campaign website, historically, Californian cities have wasted millions and millions of dollars on housing-first solutions. Cox believes that shifting funding to Treatment-First programs is a solution with a proven track record and a massive cost savings. The main goal of this effort is to put an end to "throwing good money after bad."

**Health Care Access and Quality**

At this time, information regarding Healthcare Access and Quality is not available on the campaign website. However, regarding homelessness, Cox believes that mental health treatment should be mandatory for the state's homeless population. This would be done by using the power of the courts to force all homeless people into mental health treatment facilities before they are eligible for housing.

*At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific policy positions on the following topics:*

- Education Access and Quality
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Social and Community Context
Kevin Kiley, Republican

https://kileyforcalifornia.com

**Background**

Kevin Kiley was elected to the California State Assembly in 2016 and has twice been reelected by substantial margins. In the 2020 election, he received more votes than any Republican in California history. Kevin is the only 100 percent citizen-backed California elected official, refusing all funding from the Special Interests that have spent tens of millions electing Gavin Newsom.

The son of a Special Education teacher, Kiley began his career as a high school teacher in inner-city Los Angeles, where he chaired the English Department and led his students to significant academic gains. Later as an attorney, Kiley defended the U.S. Constitution in California courts and helped prosecute the civil case against China's Huawei Technologies for intellectual property theft. He left private practice to become a prosecutor and Deputy Attorney General, representing the People of California in cases against violent felons. In November of 2020, Kiley and fellow legislator James Gallagher used their legal training by winning a trial against Governor Newsom for violating the separation of powers.

In five years in the Legislature, Kiley has authored laws on freedom of speech, artificial intelligence, privacy, criminal justice reform, and protections for sexual assault victims, along with introducing the most significant school choice legislation in recent years. Each year in the Legislature, Kiley has declined the per diem allowance, giving up $40,000 in income annually. He also declined a pay raise granted to the Governor and Legislature in 2021, and he has introduced legislation to end special perks like a private DMV office that is available exclusively to state lawmakers and their staff.

Kiley holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard, a law degree from Yale, and a master's in secondary education from Loyola Marymount. He has also served as an adjunct professor at McGeorge School of Law.

Former Congressman Doug Ose endorsed Kevin Kiley on August 24, 2021, after suspending his own campaign for Governor.

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement**

In terms of homelessness, Kiley says offering shelter is not enough and the state must provide mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, and job training. He desires to conduct an audit of all state funding and programs.

**Health Care Access and Quality**

Kiley would reverse expansion of Medi-Cal benefits to undocumented people.

**Education Access and Quality**

Kiley would support school vouchers to allow funding to follow the student, and break up the Los Angeles Unified School District into smaller districts.

Kiley would end the state of emergency for the pandemic on his first day in office and opposes mask mandates for students and teachers.

**At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on his official campaign platform related to the following categories:**

- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Social and Community Context
Patrick Kilpatrick, Democrat

https://www.kilpatrickforgovernor.com

Background

Patrick Kilpatrick is a veteran of 200+ films and hit TV shows, an accomplished actor, writer, and producer. Kilpatrick is CEO of Uncommon Dialogue Films and a proud father of 2 grown sons. He is a world-recognized entertainment speaker, consultant, and teacher responsible for elevating hundreds of entertainment and media professionals.

Kilpatrick is a Democrat, an advocate for solutions, devoted to empathy and uplifting of all people.

Social Determinants of Health Issues

Economic Stability

- Kilpatrick would lower taxes, because more money in the hands of Californians to increase choices for all.
- He would also introduce a 70% tax credit for revitalization and renovation of historic buildings – driving homeownership for the middle class and young families.
- He would introduce private sector initiatives for design-worthy affordable housing.

Education Access and Quality

- Kilpatrick would elevate our schools by ensuring that funding reaches children's programs and teachers. Our pre-K to community colleges should be the finest in the country.

Neighborhood and Built Environment

- He would improve the environment for a better tomorrow. Federal/State subsidy for eco solar and wind power retrofitting, including:
  - Landlord installation subsidies
  - Statewide compliance of single use biodegradable utensils/packaging
  - Severe fines for industrial polluters
  - Drought tolerant plant mandates
  - Preferential water rates for organic agriculture and humane animal food production
- He would create a large-scale workforce for fire forestry maintenance, recycling programs, beach cleanup, ocean preservation, school, open space, and highway beautification.

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on their official campaign platform related to the following categories:

  Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement
Jenny Rae Le Roux, Republican

https://jennyraeca.com

Background

Jenny Rae Le Roux is a business owner, author, and strategic advisor with a B.A. in Economics from the University of Virginia and an MBA from Columbia Business School. After launching her career advising companies and government organizations at Bain, she co-built tech companies in the energy and financial services industries before purchasing Management Consulted, a private tech-enabled services company.

Le Roux is a seasoned traveler who loves learning, having visited 57 countries globally with her husband and 3 sons. Her children attend a Spanish language immersion school, and the family operates a hobby ranch. She is a frequent presenter at Harvard Business School, the Wharton School of Business, and over 60 other top institutions. She has been quoted in Forbes, Business Insider, and other business publications.

One year ago, she said, “Someone should do something.” She modeled her own COVID plan using publicly available data, and hosted conversations about the future of public policy. After meeting with groups around California, she recognized major gaps in both policy and process. Jenny Rae is a Republican, pro-business fiscal conservative.

Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement

At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to behavioral health issues.

Social Determinants of Health Issues

Le Roux has a three-part platform that summarizes her vision for California. These three issues are outlined below.

- **Live.** To ensure families will build for the future, we need a world-class education system, sufficient housing, and strong public safety.

- **Work.** To celebrate businesses, we need reduced fees, taxes aligned with competitive states, and regulation to protect - not to punish - operating enterprises.

- **Breathe.** Wildfires, water right seizures, and brown-outs are Newsom's "new normal" - but not under my leadership. Forests, water, and power must be managed with a long-term view.
Steven Chavez Lodge, Republican

http://lodgeforgovernor.com

Background

Steven Chavez Lodge was a military veteran, police detective and has had both blue-collar and white-collar careers. Lodge has dedicated most of his adult life to public service. As a Board Director to the Santa Ana Police Officers Association and its Public Relations Director, Lodge was able to blend tough negotiations with building strong relationships between government agencies.

Lodge is also a former police commissioner, budget commissioner, waste management commissioner and is currently on the board of directors to an orange county hospital. He enjoyed his time as a former board member to Kidsinger's Children's Charity and volunteered for eight years as a special needs Sunday school teacher at his church.

His campaign website notes that he is proven to be a trusted liaison between the public, unions, law enforcement, and government officials. According to Lodge, he is one of the top Homicide Detectives in California, and his reputation within the law enforcement community is beyond reproach. His areas of expertise include public safety, security and emergency preparedness, threat assessment, counterterrorism, project/case management, contract negotiations, arbitration, interview techniques, background investigation, relationship building, public and media relations, community outreach, safety compliance, health and safety code, project security, logistics coordination, expert testimony, strategic council, and public policy. His number one priority is to protect the People of California.

Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement

Lodge believes the only way to solve the homeless crisis in California is to recognize the reasons and what is really causing this crisis. Retrofitting portions of the jails and prisons to safely and securely accommodate the drug-addicted and alcoholics is a priority. Getting the mandatory treatment that they need is absolute. Any other plan without secure detox and rehabilitation is just political grandstanding and a complete waste of time and money. Housing does not work without treatment for the cause of their homelessness.

He states on his website: "The mentally ill need our help in getting back to treatment and back on needed medications. Reopening some of the Mental Facilities is a must. It is time to show true compassion for the homeless, but with realistic expectations. They must own their rehabilitation along with the responsibility to themselves and to society. Much will be given, and much will be asked. If the individual fails to cooperate within their rehabilitation. Then the rule of law will be enforced, and like everyone, they will be expected to follow the law."

Social Determinants of Health Issues

Economic Stability

- Lodge would fix the high cost of living, which he states has been caused by the government.
- He would protect Proposition 13 to keep property taxes low.

Neighborhood and Built Environment

- Lodge would fix California’s water supply, so our cities and our farmers have access to water.
- He would address California’s wildfires by managing our forest areas to prevent fire spreading.
- Lodge would end sanctuary cities, as he states, criminals should suffer the legal consequences.
Michael Loebs, No Party Preference

https://www.loebsforca.com

**Background**

Michael Loebs is a child of two Alameda County natives and has lived in California his entire life. At the age of fifteen, Loebs began over a decade of work in the computer industry as a programmer before leaving to pursue graduate studies in political science. After receiving his M.A., he began teaching as a lecturer at San Francisco State University in 2013. He joined the California National Party in 2016 and was first elected its chairperson in 2019.

According to his campaign, as a political organizer, Loebs has developed and demonstrated the skills necessary to bring people with different viewpoints together to accomplish shared goals. He has spent his entire adult life as a student and educator of the political world. With his background in the tech industry, he has seen both the potential and problems that have accompanied California's economic changes over the last several decades. As an entrepreneur seeking to open a small business in this post-pandemic environment, he knows all too well how government behavior can help or harm the growth of local, community-based commerce. Living for over two decades as a renter, Loebs understands how the insecurity of our current housing crisis impacts our lives. And as an everyday Californian, he has watched in the last year as some friends and family have been unemployed for months, while others have worked and traveled in hazardous conditions with little to no support from our government.

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

**Economic Stability**

Universal Basic Income and tax reform, with a negative income tax. A California public bank with accounts for all residents, overseeing an Office of Innovation to spur future technologies and Equity Fund for investment in community-owned businesses. Net neutrality, copyright reform, worker protections, regulation, and protection of the legal cannabis industry. Oil extraction tax, with a reduced state gas tax.

**Education Access and Quality**

Free preschool, smaller class sizes for K-12, programs to ensure college accessibility to all students, a California History requirement, and bilingual education for all. Guaranteed transfers from high schools and community colleges for good students, and reduction in the cost of postgraduate degrees. Funding for the arts, increased support for educators, as well as paid family leave.

**Neighborhood and Built Environment**

Expanding access to housing and improving housing affordability, with an emphasis on mixed-use development near transit corridors. Improving public transportation, including high-speed rail. Transition to a post-carbon energy generation. Break up PG&E, with California owned transmission grid and locally controlled distribution grids. Building desalination capacity to generate freshwater.

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David Lozano, Republican

https://lozanoforcalifornia.com

**Background**

David Lozano’s spans over four decades and ranges from currently being an attorney in both State and Federal Court to advising and instructing other attorneys and law firms throughout the country. Lozano has owned, managed, and operated his own law firm and several other law firms as a senior law partner for over 28 years; and in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, Lozano volunteered as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Monterey Park, then worked full time as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff.

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement**

The main reason David Lozano is running for Governor is to put an end to homelessness. David holds the solution to this incredible problem, but it takes great courage, fortitude, creativity, and unyielding determination – which David has – both as a leader and as the future Governor of California. From his first day in office, David will immediately begin the journey of providing temporary then permanent housing, food, clothing, and soon thereafter jobs – so that these people can once again re-enter society with honor and dignity. Along with this solution, those homeless that suffer from mental illness, alcohol and drug addiction will be provided medical and psychological support so that they too can return to society to join their family and friends in seeking a better tomorrow.

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

As Governor, Lozano would push for the following policies:
- Reduce housing costs and increase housing unavailability by negotiating directly with mortgage lenders
- Increase job opportunities
- Implement police reform and community involvement so the people of California begin to trust the police
- Introduce 100% full health care coverage for all Californians
- Eliminate high taxes, including the gas tax
- New water management systems immediately, as California’s water supply issue needs to be addressed immediately.
Diego Martinez, Republican

https://www.diegomartinezforgovernor.com

Background

Diego Martinez was born in Uruguay in 1975. His family immigrated to the United States when he was 6 years old. They settled in Stockton, California. From the time Martinez stepped foot on American soil at age 6, he never stopped working toward achieving his dream to become an American Citizen. To this day, nothing has been more important than that day in 2008 when he raised his right hand and took the oath to protect and defend. In his own words Martinez says:

“I’m proud to have become an American Citizen and proud to call California my home. This is why I have decided to run for Governor of California. I have watched career politicians make laws, over tax and overregulate our State. I have watched our State go from a small business friendly environment to an almost punitive attitude toward small business forcing many to leave the State.

I care for our State and our future. I worry that if we the people don’t take back our State soon, there won’t be a State to take back or to fight for. It’s time we put a real Californian in office. A Blue-collar person who will stand and fight for the California people not the Special interests who are intertwined with the elite chosen few.

I’m not a career politician nor do I ever want to be. However, I feel now is the time that we the people need to come together to defend our God given rights afforded to us under the US Constitution as well as the California State Constitution. I am running for Governor so I can give voice to the real California people, not just the elite class. I stand for real solutions for real California problems.”

According to statements from his campaign, Martinez exemplifies the American Dream of equal opportunity, merit-based achievement, and the pursuit of happiness, all hallmarks of the American experience. He has stamped his name into the fabric of this Country and sealed it with his gratitude.

Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement

According to Martinez's website, "Under Gavin Newsom, homelessness has soared every year. Every time we drive across town or walk through our communities, it’s hard not to see the suffering caused by substance abuse and mental health. The homeless could be a brother, sister, son, or daughter. They could even be one of your parents. Whoever they are, they are still part of our humanity, and we will need to eventually help them help themselves. We must recognize this reality, sign SB640 and open up the mental health facilities if we are going to able to deal with homeless."

Social Determinants of Health Issues

- Martinez supports legal immigration but knows we need to reform and update our immigration laws. His solution to immigration consists of:
  - Finish the wall and add additional Hi-Tech innovations that would assist the Border Patrol with the drug and child trafficking at the Border
  - Stop Illegal immigration
  - Stop providing incentives to undocumented immigrants i.e., free medical, housing, and benefits
  - Deport all illegal criminals
  - Deport all illegal immigrants that have broken the law while they have been in this Country
  - Eliminate sanctuary cities

- Martinez would introduce a water conservation plan to build a water infrastructure program.
- Regarding public safety, Martinez will make sure that law breakers are prosecuted, and require bail when appropriate. In addition, he will eliminate sanctuary cities and he will not defund the police.
Jacqueline McGowan, Democrat

[https://www.jackie4gov.org](https://www.jackie4gov.org)

**Background**

Jacqueline "Jackie" McGowan is a California native and 18-year Wall Street veteran with seven years of experience as a cannabis consultant and lobbyist. She is intimately familiar with how the Newsom Administration has botched the rollout of an industry with the potential to stabilize all our small businesses and communities. She is running to facilitate a fair cannabis market that results in net economic benefits for all Californians and solidifies the state's legacy role as the epicenter of this rapidly growing multi-billion dollar global industry. The skills and resources she cultivated from 18 years of experience as an Institutional Equity Derivatives Broker on Wall Street and as "the most connected person in the California cannabis industry," according to her clients, have made her uniquely qualified for both my consulting and matchmaking roles.

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on her official campaign platform related to the following categories:

- Economic Stability
- Education Access and Quality
- Health Care Access and Quality
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Social and Community Context
Background

Daniel Mercuri, born on July 30th, 1976, is a Southern California native and a resident of Simi Valley. He has degrees in Film and Television as well as Speech and Communication. Mercuri is a former Congressional Candidate of California's 25th District 2020 Special Election. Mercuri is currently co-CEO of his independent production company, CFO and co-partner with his private investment company, an Advertising Marketing Professional, and a United States Naval Veteran, former HS-4 Black Knight.

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on their official campaign platform related to the following categories:

- Economic Stability
- Education Access and Quality
- Health Care Access and Quality
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Social and Community Context
David Moore, No Party Preference

Background

David Moore is currently a special education teacher. Moore has B.A. in Mathematics from UC Santa Cruz and a M.A. in Liberal Arts from St. John's College.

Moore is a writer for the World Socialist Web Site (WSWS) and an organizer for the Socialist Equality Party (SEP). He has fought in the BART strike, oil strike, a variety of health care strikes, and most recently the teachers strikes, always trying to unite workers and push beyond the immediate wage and safety demands to a political struggle for full funding of education, health care and other social services.

Moore is standing to advance the independent interests of the working class in the U.S. and internationally in the elections. He advocates for emergency measures to stop the coronavirus pandemic by protecting lives, not profit; a massive transfer of wealth from the rich to meet social needs; the transformation of the giant corporations into public utilities; full rights for all immigrants; an end to imperialist war; and a global program to stop climate change. According to his statement on the WSWS, his campaign is based on the understanding that fascism and authoritarianism requires the unification of workers of all races, genders, and nationalities against the capitalist system.

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific initiatives on his official campaign platform related to the following categories:

- Economic Stability
- Education Access and Quality
- Health Care Access and Quality
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Social and Community Context
Kevin Faulconer, Republican

https://www.kevinfaulconer.com

Background

According to his campaign materials, the 36th mayor of San Diego, Kevin Faulconer is running for Governor to restore California's promise of liberty, equality, and opportunity. He has earned a reputation for returning ethics and integrity to public service and putting people above politics by focusing on the issues that matter to Californians.

A proven leader with a record of winning in California, Kevin Faulconer has been elected twice in a city with just 24 percent Republican voter registration – a mirror of the state as a whole – by uniting people of all parties and backgrounds.

Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement

At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to behavioral health issues.

Social Determinants of Health Issues

Economic Stability

- Faulconer would introduce a tax cut plan that benefits the middle class, and tax cuts specifically for veterans.
- He would create housing affordability without raising taxes.

Education Access and Quality

- Faulconer would introduce an education quality plan that includes increased teacher's wages, funding for schools, and increased mental health counseling in schools.
- He supports sending our youth back to in-person school.
- He would introduce policy reforms to increase quality of California public schools.

Health Care Access and Quality

- He would create a homelessness reduction plan, including expanding access to mental health and addiction treatment.

Neighborhood and Built Environment

- Affordable housing and robust transportation system are a priority for Faulconer's campaign.
- He would increase police budgets to keep cities safe.

Social and Community Context

At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to social and community context issues.
Ted Gaines, Republican

https://www.tedgaines.com

**Background**

Currently, Ted Gaines represents ten million Californians as the First District Member of the State Board of Equalization, where he has continued his pro-business, pro-family taxpayer advocacy, working to ensure fairness for those property owners affected by COVID. In addition, Ted was a vital force in defeating Proposition 15 in 2020, saving property owners from more than $12 billion in new taxes each year.

In addition to his work as a Board Member and Senator, Gaines served in the State Assembly from 2006 to 2011. He began his public service in local government as a member of the City of Roseville's Planning Commission from 1997 to 1999. He was then elected to the Placer County Board of Supervisors in 2000 and re-elected in 2004.

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement**

At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to behavioral health issues.

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

**Economic Stability**

- Gaines would defend Proposition 13 to eliminate attempts to increase property taxes.
- He would also eliminate the gas tax.

**Education Access and Quality**

At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to education access and quality issues.

**Health Care Access and Quality**

- Gaines supports humane, mandatory treatment for homeless population. This includes treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance use disorders.

**Neighborhood and Built Environment**

- Gaines would increase police funding and overturn Proposition 47 "to make our cities, neighborhoods, and businesses safer."
- He would build more affordable housing units but do so using supply and demand.
- He supports the construction of a high-speed rail in California.

**Social and Community Context**

- He would invest in reintegration and rehabilitation programs for released inmates.
Background
Sam Gallucci is the senior pastor at Embrace! Church in Oxnard, CA. He is also Founder and CEO of The Kingdom Center, which provides emergency shelter and transitional living assistance for at-risk women and children, and Embrace! Ministries, which helps migrant field workers and their families.

Through his pastoral work Gallucci saw how homelessness ruins lives and how government programs often make the problem worse. The creative business executive wanted to bring a revolutionary new approach to the crisis. To this day Sam remains the CEO of The Kingdom Center, continuing to battle homelessness by encouraging, equipping, and empowering Ventura County women and children caught in this struggle.

Behavioral Healthcare Commitment & Involvement
At this time, we have not identified any public statements reflecting this candidate's commitment to behavioral health issues.

Social Determinants of Health Issues

Economic Stability

• Gallucci would eliminate government overreach and reduce taxes for small business owners.

Education Access and Quality

• He would provide teachers the tools necessary to do their job effectively.

Health Care Access and Quality

• He would provide opportunities for medical and mental health treatment for homeless population.

Neighborhood and Built Environment

• Gallucci would address wildfires with strategic deforestation, below ground power lines, and modern artificial intelligence based surveillance to stop root causes.
• He would eliminate power shortages by holding power companies accountable.
• He would also eliminate water shortages using desalination.

Social and Community Context

• Gallucci would push for criminal justice reform with new rehabilitation practices that have been proven across the country.
• He would provide creative solutions to address immigration challenges with undocumented migrant farm workers.
Doug Ose, Republican
https://oseforcalifornia.com/

**Background**

Doug Ose was born and raised in Sacramento, California. He graduated from Rio Americano High School and in 1977, earned a B.S. in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley. After graduating from college, Ose began his career as a real estate developer. During his 3 terms in Congress, Ose was named a "Hero of the Taxpayers" by Americans for Tax Reform, a "Guardian of Small Business" by the National Federation of Independent Business and earned a "Tax Fighter" award from the National Tax Limitation Committee. In 2001, Ose voted for one of the largest tax cuts in American history, a $1.35 trillion tax reform package that ended the marriage penalty tax, lowered the estate tax and increased child tax credits.

**Behavioral Healthcare Commitment/Involvement**

Ose has addressed behavioral health on several occasions, including on his official campaign website. According to his platform, he specifically sees issues with mental health and substance use disorders (SUDs) as closely correlated to California's large and growing homeless population. Before 2021, he also identified behavioral healthcare as a priority in his Rebuild California Foundation. Through a press release, Ose remarked that he is critical towards elected officials who believe in the efficacy of "providing $700,000 apartments to mentally ill persons or drug addicts without first providing treatment".

**Social Determinants of Health Issues**

**Homelessness**

- On his platform, Ose believes that although services are being provided, "the homeless population just keeps growing".
- To address California's homelessness issue, Ose suggests changing current state law to establish that:
  - Individuals suffering from drug addiction and/or mental illness can be taken into protective custody if a court determines that said individual does not possess sufficient reasoning capacity to resist further drug use or suffers from mental illness to such a degree as to compromise the individual's ability to make sound decisions.
  - Sufficient community care centers to provide residential treatment for drug addiction and/or mental illness. In lieu of placing an individual into a treatment facility operated by the state, said individual can be placed into a privately operated treatment facility. Individuals taken into protective custody for treatment shall remain wards of the Court until such time as treatment is completed to the satisfaction of the Court.
  - Sobriety from all individuals receiving services from facilities operated in whole or in part through funding provided by the state is mandatory.

**K-12 Education Policies**

- Ose's goal is for every child to graduate from high school with the basic tools to compete in the marketplace. His initiatives to accomplish this include but are not limited to:
  - Parents decide which K-12 school their child attends.
  - State funding "goes in the student's backpack" and follows the student to whatever school the student attends.
  - There shall be no legislated cap on state-reimbursed enrollment in public charter schools.
  - Home schooling opportunities shall be significantly increased.
  - New legislative mandates on education shall be put on hold for twelve months.
  - Local school boards shall make the final determination about what curriculum content shall be, including being authorized to add or remove content from state-mandated curriculum content packages.
Health Care Access and Quality

Better Access To Affordable Healthcare
- To improve access to affordable healthcare, Ose recommends creating choices for people to access Medicaid/MediCal who otherwise are unable to obtain healthcare.
- Providers will be able to determine prices for their services to fit their business plans.
- The only mandate is that pre-existing conditions are covered.
- Insurers are allowed to incentivize behavior and be flexible in implementation.

Public Safety Policy Solutions
- Immediately return the 20,000 plus convicted felons that Newsom let out of prison early to finish out their sentences.
- Immediately end the arbitrary moratorium on the death penalty.
- Change criminal law to ensure it has consequences and prosecute all petty theft.
- Recall any District Attorney who puts the rights of criminals ahead of victims.

Modernize Our Water System
- Ose calls for improvements to the current water system in the state, especially in relation to meeting the demands of a growing population.
- To offset the effects of droughts, Ose suggests building reservoirs north of the Sacramento River Delta, as well as reservoirs south of the Sacramento River Delta.
- Conveyance facilities would also be expanded, and regulations hindering water delivery will be changed.

Social and Community Context

At this time, the candidate has not indicated any specific social and community context initiatives on his official campaign platform.
Other Candidates

The following candidates will also be listed on the ballot. These candidates either have no campaign information, very limited campaign information, or we were unable to locate any written or public statements about behavioral health issues or the social determinants of health.

- Angelyne, No Party Preference
- David Alexander Bramante, Republican
- Heather Collins, Green Party
- John R. Drake, Democrat
- James G. Hanink, No Party Preference
- Jeff Hewitt, Libertarian
- David Hillberg, Republican
- Caitlyn Jenner, Republican
- Dan Kapelovitz, Green Party
- Chauncey “Slim” Killens, Republican
- Denis Lucey, No Party Preference
- Jeremiah “Jeremy” Marciniak, No Party Preference
- Robert C. Newman II, Republican
- Adam Papagan, No Party Preference
- Dennis Richter, No Party Preference
- Major Singh, No Party Preference
- Sarah Stephens, Republican
- Denver Stoner, Republican
- Anthony Trimino, Republican
- Joel Ventresca, Democrat
- Daniel Watts, Democrat
- Leo S. Zacky, Republican
Additional Resources

1. **Check Your Voter Status**
   https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/

2. **Find Your Polling Place**
   https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place

3. **California Gubernatorial Recall Election FAQ**

4. **Recalling a California Governor, Explained**
   https://calmatters.org/explainers/recalling-california-governor-explained/