

US Senator: [Kevin De Leon](#)

We consider De Leon to be an establishment pay-to-play politician, with lots of skeletons in his closet, from potential [me-too allegations](#), to involvement in shady and even [corrupt political dealings](#). As a Senator, he took lots of [telecom money](#) which he paid back by killing a bill that would prohibit telecoms from sharing customers' data. Moreover, he is completely ignorant of foreign policy. However, he is running against [Dianne Feinstein](#), one of the most [warmongering](#), [self-dealing](#), [anti-human rights](#) Senators. Feinstein has supported every war we've ever been engaged in. She supports [droning](#) and opposes [single payer healthcare](#). Moreover, she has total contempt for voters and has barely held any town halls or agreed to [debate her opponent](#). She does not deserve to be in the Senate.

Governor: [Gavin Newsom](#)

There is much to dislike about Gavin Newsom. He has no moral compass, he is dishonest, he is opportunistic, he makes promises (like supporting single payer) that he has no intentions to fulfill, he is an elitist which little concern for the common man, he is willing to sell out immigrants and children for political points. The list goes on and on. Still, he is better than his Trump-endorsed Republican opponent John Cox. Please hold your nose and vote for Gavin.

Lieutenant Governor: Undecided

In this election we have a choice between a rich white woman with no qualifications and a history of supporting corrupt politicians or a corrupt politician. We spoke with [Eleni Kounalakis](#) at length and she is a nice woman, with a measure of noblesse oblige that would have her support social justice issues, but only as long as these don't interfere with the real financial interests of the oligarchy. She was born with a silver spoon in her mouth, she [bought herself](#) an ambassadorship and if she's elected now, it'll be [on the basis of her wealth](#) and connections (made by her wealth). Her opponent, [Ed Hernandez](#), is a Latino optometrist-turned-politician who has risen by playing the old pay-to-play game (what you do when you can't resort to a family fortune to fund your campaigns). He earned the support of the California Nurses Association by supporting SB 562, the single payer bill, and letting it passed through committee – but it's not clear he'd have done this if he wasn't running for Lt Governor and wanted the nurses on his side. In all, we're not sure which one is the worse choice.

Secretary of State: [Alex Padilla](#)

There are no good candidates in this race. Incumbent Alex Padilla made a mockery of the office, one which requires integrity and a perception of neutrality, by openly [campaigning for Hillary Clinton](#) during the primary. Then, when thousands of voters throughout the state complained about [voter irregularities](#), from having their party registration changed to having their names disappear altogether from the voter rolls, Padilla did nothing to investigate and fix whatever the problem was. He definitely needs to go. Unfortunately, his opponent, Republican

[Mark Meuser](#), is an [alt-right conspiracy theorist](#) who should not be elected to dog catcher. As unlikely as it may seem that he could win, we can't risk it and we must vote for Padilla.

Controller: [Betty Yee](#)

While Betty Yee has been abandoning her progressive roots, she is a far better choice than her Republican opponent, who is running in anti-tax platform.

Treasurer: [Fiona Ma](#)

Ma is far more of a establishment politician than we'd like, but she she is a solid choice against a Republican opponent. [This editorial](#) from the LA Times discusses their relative strengths.

Attorney General: [Xavier Becerra](#)

Xavier Becerra is not as progressive as we'd like but his opponent, Republican [Steven Bailey](#), is both [corrupt](#) and a proud [supporter of mass incarceration](#).

Insurance Commissioner: [Ricardo Lara](#)

Ricardo Lara is a problematic candidate. While he was one of the authors of the single payer bill introduced in the State Senate last year, he did little to make sure that the bill was actually passed. His [seemingly corrupt past activities](#) and his reliance on corporate donations also worry us. Moreover, he does not seem to have any relevant experience that would prepare him for this job. However, his opponent is [Steve Poizner](#), a former Republican now running as No Party Preference, who was Insurance Commissioner from 2008-2012. Poizner quit the job to run for governor in a far-right platform that denounced immigration (which he now, conveniently, [claims he regrets](#)). He is now running on a platform of opposing single-payer healthcare.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction: [Tony Thurmond](#)

[Marshal Tuck](#) is a charter school executive, seemingly aiming to privatize our educational system even more. Tony Thurmond seems more interested in political climbing that he is in on the well being of students. Alas, we can't risk having Tuck be elected and he's running a very strong campaign, so don't skip this race and vote for Thurmond.

Board of Equalization District 1: Tom Hallinan

Tom Hallinan correctly states that the Board of Equalization is no longer necessary and he'll work to shut it down.