

ENDORSEMENTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL RACES

U.S. President/Vice President—Joe Biden/Kamala Harris

A no-brainer. Look at the opposition.

U.S. Congress District 4—Brynne Kennedy

Brynne Kennedy is running to unseat longtime Republican incumbent Tom McClintock in California’s sprawling 4th Congressional District, which stretches from Lake Tahoe to the Sequoia National Forest and includes high-elevation eastern Fresno County. She received 40% of the vote compared to McClintock’s 50% in the March open primary.

McClintock has long lost touch with his district and doesn’t even live in it. He has long been an obstructionist in elective government.

Kennedy brings a business background, a Yale and London Business School education, and a more inclusive approach to representative government. If elected, Kennedy, a resident of Roseville (the district’s largest city), wants to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, fight Republican efforts to raise the retirement age for Social Security, invest in clean energy and improve federal forest management, in light of our recent devastating fires and climate change.

U.S. Congress District 16—Rep. Jim Costa

Jim Costa has served in the U.S. House since January 2005. Prior to the U.S. House, he had a 24-year-long career serving in both the California Assembly and Senate. When district lines were redrawn after the 2010 Census, he ran for, and won, election to the new 16th Congressional district in 2012, and has served in that district since January 2013, defeating a variety of Republican challengers.

Costa is probably the most knowledgeable member of Congress regarding the complexity of water issues in California. He currently serves on the House Natural Resources, Agriculture and Foreign Affairs committees. If reelected, Costa says he will continue to fight for a reliable and stable water supply for Valley agriculture, to strengthen the Affordable Care Act and to ensure benefits for area veterans.

U.S. Congress District 21—Rep. T.J. Cox

Two years ago, TJ Cox defeated Republican incumbent David Valadao by a mere 862 votes. This was one of the last House races to be called for Democrats in the November 2018 General Election, when 40 seats were gained by Democrats in the House. In the current election, Valadao is challenging Cox.

Depending on the “race tracker,” this race has been rated as either a toss-up or leaning/tilting Democratic. Critical to a Cox victory will be the GOTV effort in the remaining days and hours.

The preeminent issue in this race seems to be healthcare. Cox cites Valadao’s record while in office: voting with Trump 99% of the time, including numerous votes to get rid of the Affordable Care Act. Cox will continue to work for affordable healthcare, protecting Medicare and Social Security, and immigration reform. Cox cites his support in his term in office for federal funds to repair and enhance water conveyance and storage systems in the Valley.

U.S. Congress District 22—Phil Arballo

Phil Arballo is a small business owner/financial adviser, who came out on top of a crowded field of Democratic hopefuls in the March open primary but behind the incumbent he is opposing in the November General Election: Republican Devin Nunes.

Nunes is, by any measure, an embarrassment to his constituents, as he continues to be an acolyte for Trump, refuses to meet with his constituents and shows up regularly on right-wing media.

Arballo asserts that he is not a politician and is willing to work across the aisle on the critical issues facing our region and nation. If elected, Arballo intends to fight against immigration policies that separate families and malign the Dreamers, to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, to deal with the student loan debt crisis and to improve the Valley’s air quality.

State Assembly District 31—Assembly Member Joaquin Arambula
Dr. Joaquin Arambula was the first Latino physician to be elected to the California State Assembly. He was first elected in a special election in April 2016 and was reelected in the general elections of 2016 and 2018.

He currently serves on many key State Assembly committees, including Budget, Business and Professions, Toxic Materials, Higher Education and Human Services. He was the clear winner in the March open primary, defeating his Republican challenger, Fernando Banuelos, 62% to 38%.

In its endorsement, the *Fresno Bee* noted: “It is good to have Arambula in the statehouse at the time of the coronavirus pandemic, as he is an emergency room physician, and offers valuable perspective to fellow lawmakers.”

Endorsements for Local Races

- Fresno County Board of Education Trustee Area 3: Dr. Daren Miller**
- State Center Community College District Trustee Area 2: Nasreen Johnson**
- State Center Community College District Trustee Area 3: Dary Rezvani.**
- State Center Community College District Trustee Area 7: Abena Cruise**
- Mayor of Kerman: Espi Sandoval**
- Mayor of Selma: Louie Franco**
- Fowler City Council: Alex Grimaldi**
- Fowler City Council: Patric Jones**
- Sanger City Council District 1: Esmeralda Hurtado**
- Sanger City Council District 3: Daniel Martinez**
- Fresno Unified School District Trustee Area 5: David Paredes**
- Fresno Unified School District Trustee Area 6: Claudia Casarez**
- Clovis Unified School District Trustee Area 4: Noha Elbaz**
- Central Unified School District Trustee Area 4: Shawn M. Brooks**
- Sanger Unified School District Trustee Area 1: Sebastian Ardemagni**
- Sanger Unified School District Trustee Area 4: Vao Pa Her**
- Selma Unified School District Trustee Area 2: Jaspreet Nagra**
- Calwa Recreation and Park District Director: Laura Garcia**

Call to Action

No one wants to wake up the day after the election with that same horrible feeling you had in 2016, thinking that if you had just made one more phone call, knocked on one more door, talked to one more friend, it would have made a difference. Well, it will make a difference!

Volunteer now to help us elect Democrats from Biden-Harris down ballot to local city councils, school boards and special districts. Contact kdelatorre@cadem.org or 559-313-4345 to phone bank on GOTV weekend (Oct. 31–Nov. 3). For general election information, contact 559-495-0606 or visit www.fresnocountydemocrats.org.

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