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2024

VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION
Contra Costa County



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OUR SUPPORT LEVELS

To help you make informed choices at the ballot box, we've developed a clear framework for our levels of candidate support. Here's how we assess candidates and determine our recommendations:

ENDORSED

These candidates strongly align with our values, having demonstrated a commitment to justice and positive change. This may include support for a ceasefire in Palestine or an arms embargo to Israel. They also oppose Islamophobia and have a strong record promoting civil rights and human dignity.

PREFERRED

These candidates are generally favorable but may not fully align with our positions on critical issues, however, they represent a better alternative to candidates who actively harm these causes.

OPPOSE

These candidates have taken harmful stances, including supporting the violence in Gaza and opposing a ceasefire. They may also have a record of Islamophobic rhetoric or policies. We strongly recommend voting against these candidates.

NO ENDORSEMENT

This rating is given when there is insufficient information about a candidate's position or when their positions do not align enough to warrant our support.



PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

CAIR Action, along with the American Muslim Taskforce for the 2024 election, recommends that Muslims vote for candidates who support ceasefire, arms embargo, and other just policies, such as Dr. Jill Stein (G), Dr. Cornel West (J), or Chase Oliver (L).

US SENATE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Adam Schiff (D)	No Endorsement	While he has cosponsored "Access to Counsel Act", "Renewing Immigration Provisions", and "Recognizing Ramadan" bills, he voted on numerous funding bills for Israel and has historically supported surveillance bills.
Steve Garvey (R)	No Endorsement	Called ceasefire protesters terrorists. Says " Hamas does not deserve a ceasefire." Not aligned on issues.

US CONGRESS

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Congressional District 8	John Garamendi (D)	Endorse	Voted no on multiple Israel funding bills, to censure Rep. Tlaib, and anti-Semitism bill, and signed letter to withhold weapons from Israel.
Congressional District 9	Josh Harder (D)	Prefer	While Rep. Harder supports a "bilateral ceasefire", voted against censuring Rep. Tlaib, he only voted against 2 out of 3 funding bills for Israel along with past votes for funding. He earns a "preferred" ranking as the other candidate has more dangerous views.
Congressional District 10	Mark DeSaulnier (D)	Endorse	Supported a ceasefire early on, voted against all recent funding bills for Israel, the anti-semitism bill, and to censure Rep. Tlaib. Voted for Access to Counsel act and Renewing Immigration Provisions bill.



STATE SENATE

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
State Senate District 3	Christopher Cabaldon (D)	Prefer	Aligned on housing, criminal justice reform, and mental health services among other issues
State Senate District 7	Jovanka Beckles (D)	Endorse	Fully supports issues important to the community like ceasefire, divestment, privacy, and helping working families.
State Senate District 9	Marisol Rubio (D)	Endorse	Fully supports issues important to the community like ceasefire, divestment, privacy, and helping working families.

STATE ASSEMBLY

Assembly District 14	Margot Smith (D)	Prefer	Supports progressive policies on housing, police, labor, and the environment. Asm. Wicks voted for SB 1277 (biased genocide teaching), SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), and AB 2925 (biased discrimination teaching) despite community opposition.
Assembly District 15	Anamarie Avila Farias (D)	Prefer	Has been engaged with the community. Aligned on many issues.
Assembly District 16	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D)	No Recommendation	Co-authored SB 1277 (biased genocide teaching) and SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), and voted yes on AB 2925 (biased discrimination teaching) despite community opposition.
Assembly District 16	Joseph Rubay (R)	No Recommendation	He supports Israel and is against the ceasefire protests and the encampments.

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COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors, 5th District	Shanelle Scales- Preston (D)	Preferred	Supports progressive policies on housing and community issues.
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CITY COUNCIL

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Antonio Martinez	Preferred

WEST COUNTY WASTEWATER BOARD, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Henry Weiner	Preferred

ANTIOCH MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Lamar Hernandez-Thorpe	Preferred

ANTIOCH COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Dominique King	Endorsed

ANTIOCH COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Donald Freitas	Endorsed

BRENTWOOD MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Gerald Johnson	Preferred

BRENTWOOD COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jovita Mendoza	Preferred

CONCORD DISTRICT, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Pablo Benavente	Preferred

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EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
William Ktsanes	Endorsed

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CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Rebecca Saltzman	Endorsed

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CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Courtney Helion	Preferred

PINOLE CITY COUNCIL

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Devin Murphy	Preferred

PINOLE CITY COUNCIL

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Christy Lam-Julian	Preferred

PINOLE TREASURER

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Rafael Menis	Preferred

RICHMONDCOUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Melvin Lee Willis, Jr.	Endorsed

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Ahmad Anderson	Preferred

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Claudia Jimenez	Endorsed

SAN RAMON MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Chirag Kathrani	Preferred

WALNUTCREEKCOUNCIL

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Laura Patch	Preferred

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CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jill Stein (Green Party - Write in), Dr. Cornel West (Justice For All - Write-in), or Chase Oliver (Libertarian)	Endorsed
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 4	
David Haley (D)	Preferred
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 9	
Norman Mallicoat (D)	Preferred
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 21	
Dinah Sykes (D)	Preferred
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 35	
Jason Anderson (D)	Preferred
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 5	
Henry Johns (D)	Preferred
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 15	
Allison Hougland (D)	Preferred
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 22	
Lindsay Vaughn (D)	Preferred
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 23	
Susan Ruiz (D)	Preferred
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 25	
Rui Xu (D)	Preferred
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 37	
Melissa M. Oropeza (D)	Preferred



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors District 5	Nikki Fortunato Bas	Endorse	Championed Oakland Ceasefire Resolution, strongly aligned on labor, police accountability, and housing issues.
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CITY COUNCIL

ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

Preston Jordan	Endorse
Aaron Tiedeman	Endorse

ALAMEDA CITY COUNCIL

Michele Pryor	Endorse
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BERKELEY MAYOR

Kate Harrison	Endorse (#1)
Adena Ishii	Prefer 2

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Jenny Guarino	Endorse
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BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

John "Chip" Moore	Endorse
Ben Bartlett	Prefer 2

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Jenny Guarino	Endorse
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BERKELEY RENT BOARD

Andy Kelley	Endorse
Xavier Johnson	Endorse
Dominique Walker	Endorse
Alfred Twu	Endorse

DUBLIN MAYOR

Sherry Hu	Prefer
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Michael Mccorriston	Endorse
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Razi Hasni	Endorse
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FREMONT MAYOR

Vinnie Bacon	Endorse
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EMERYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mia Brown	Endorse
Calvin Dillahunty	Endorse