

# Candidate Information



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# General Questions

## 1. Why do you want to run for office (be specific)?

California is on the wrong track, literally forcing businesses to leave the state through overregulation, overtaxation and excessive risk. We need a strong Assemblymember to represent the interests of our district and to advocate for jobs, lower taxes, improved public safety and to protect the important economic interests of our community.

## 2. What is your understanding of the function of the office for which you are running? Please include the size, scope, jurisdiction and budget.

As a member of the Assembly, I would represent nearly 500,000 people from Placer, Sacramento and El Dorado counties, being their advocate in the Capitol, before state agencies and defending the values of our district. As a legislator, I would have the ability to impact the state's annual budget and every law in our state.

## 3. What are the greatest current and future challenges facing your elected office?

Improving California's business climate. According to the Internal Revenue Service, California had a net loss of 1.1 million people between 2004 and 2013. We lost nearly 250,000 to Texas, 180,000 to Arizona and 160,000 to Nevada, three states with no income tax and far less regulation than our state. We must create a tax system that provides incentives for people to stay in California. For too long, we've watched corporations leave our community for lower taxes and less regulation in other states. On the regulation side, I believe the best strategy is to listen to our state's major industries and find ways to reduce overregulation in each industry. When possible, we also must find ways to reduce the risk business owners expose themselves to daily through the overregulation of the employee/employer relationship. Protecting District 6's Water Resources. Assembly District 6's economic future is closely tied to its ability to have water that serves that growth. Today, our district has rights to that water and legal precedent on our side. Unfortunately, the state too often ignores those water rights and the law to essentially take water from the water agencies that operate in this district. I think it is imperative that our next Assemblymember become a recognized expert on water in the Assembly, get a place at the table on this issue and aggressively monitor and promote our interests, both in the Legislature and before state government. If we lose our water, we lose much of the control we currently have over our economic future. Public Safety. One of the primary roles of government is to keep residents safe. The state has embarked on a misguided effort to essentially decriminalize a tremendous amount of illegal behavior. Steal a gun worth \$500? You are charged with a misdemeanor. AB109 and Proposition 47 have turned our criminal statutes on their head. We must work to fix our system and ensure that people who commit serious crimes are treated as serious criminals.

## 4. Why are you the most qualified candidate to address those challenges?

I believe the best candidate for this position is one who brings practical, real-world experience to the job combined with a deep connection to the community. I believe I have both. Over a 30-year career, I have gained valuable experience in the private sector and government, most recently operating my own business for the last 17 years. I have seen first-hand how hard it is to do business in California and the urgent need to fix our state before we lose more jobs and opportunity. In terms of community service, I have given back to my community by serving at my church, my city, the Republican Party and in education. I currently serve on the boards of the Roseville Chamber of Commerce and as a Trustee at Sierra College. Based on my skills and experience, I am honored to be supported by more than 50 local elected officials from throughout District 6, as well as Senator Jim Nielsen, Congressman Doug LaMalfa and Assemblymembers Frank Bigelow and James Gallagher.

## 5. What are your public service goals, both short-term and long-term?

Very simply, I have a deep track record of serving my community as a volunteer and, most recently, as a Sierra College Trustee. I want to serve next in the Assembly, where I believe my communication skills and my ability to work with people across a broad spectrum will allow me to make meaningful achievements for our party and our state. I want to use this position to represent the values of Assembly District 6, push for smaller government in our state -- one that intrudes less into the lives of citizens and businesses.

## 6. What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?

My career has allowed me to develop diverse skills with the ability to quickly analyze situations and look for innovative solutions to them. As a Republican in a legislature dominated by Democrats, it will be critical to be able to frame issues in such a way as to convince Democrats to adopt pro-business, pro-job laws to benefit our state. It is also a very significant strength to have the support of more than 50 local elected officials throughout Assembly District 6, from El Dorado County to Sacramento County to Placer County. I will be able to work with them to be a strong advocate for important issues facing the district, including transportation and water infrastructure.

## 7. Are there any local business leaders or organizations that are currently supporting your candidacy for elected office? Please also attach separately, any additional endorsement letters you would like to present.

I have been endorsed by the Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce PAC, the Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce PAC and the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce PAC, the only three business chamber PACs to make a recommendation in this race. Each of these groups sees me as the best advocate for small businesses in this race. Additionally, I have received support from the California Chamber of Commerce and the California Association of Realtors, two groups that are closely involved in promotion pro-business positions in Sacramento. I also have been endorsed by many current and past chairs of the Roseville, Rocklin, Folsom and Lincoln chambers of commerce and business leaders like former U.S. Rep. Doug Ose, former Assemblyman Roger Niello, Rocklin City Councilmember Scott Yuill and many others.

## 8. Are you a member of any Chamber of Commerce or business organization? If so, which one(s) and for how long?

Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce, 2000-present, serving on the Board from 2003-2008, including service as Chair in 2006.  
Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce, 2001-present, serving on the Board from 2015-present.  
Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2001-present, serving on the Board from 2008-2011.  
Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce, member at various times since 2005. Folsom Chamber of Commerce, member, 2014-present.  
Orangevale Chamber of Commerce, member 2014-present.  
Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, member, 2001-2007, 2011-present.  
Sacramento Asian Chamber of Commerce, member, various times since 2001.

## 9. What is your plan for raising campaign money?

I have raised more than \$250,000 for this race and expect to raise nearly \$300,000 for the primary.

## 10. Are you willing to ask friends, family and associates for funds to help with your campaign?

I have turned to friends and businesses in our community, raising well over 90 percent of my money from people and businesses that operate in the district.

**11. Do you utilize social media for your campaign? If so, please tell us what you use and how you interact on social media.**

I have well-developed presences on Facebook and Twitter, with more than 700 likes on Facebook and 1,700 followers on Twitter.

**12. Have you or any legal entities under your control filed for bankruptcy? If so, please explain.**

No.

**13. If elected, what will be your top priorities and how would you implement them?**

My No. 1 goal will be to improve the business climate in California so that we can, once again, create and retain great jobs for our residents. All other issues that we would like our state to address, from funding education to funding infrastructure, rely on a robust economy. If we can put people to work in good jobs, we will reduce state spending on welfare programs and regain the California Dream that has been dashed by overregulation, overtaxation and excessive risk for businesses. I have taken the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and will work to lower taxes and protect Proposition 13.

# State Questions

## 1. If applicable, please provide us a list of legislation or public policy positions you have taken to make it easier for business to grow and to create jobs.

Some areas that I would focus on to improve our economy:

- Reduce overregulation. We need to do this with regulations that affect all businesses but also look at these issues on an industry-by-industry basis. Overregulation has killed so many jobs and, in some cases, industries. We need a new attitude that focuses less on micromanaging business and more on job creation. - Overhaul labor laws. Over time, the state has effectively become the union organizer through laws passed by the Democrat-controlled legislature, dictating how the employee/employer relationship through rigid rules on lunch breaks, break time, hours that can be worked and more. The list is endless. We need to get the state out of the micromanaging of business and allow businesses and employees the ability to establish their relationship without interference from the state. - Lawsuit reform. I would like to use the recent model in efforts to prevent litigation over the Americans with Disabilities Act and see if we can't replicate the limited success in other areas. Time after time, business owners tell me the risk of doing business in California is too great and a catalyst for them to leave. We need to reduce the risks and limit the downsides of operating a business in our state through reform of class actions and other legal avenues.

## 2. Small business is the number one growth driver of jobs. What are your specific proposals to strengthen small business?

In a perfect world, we would roll back regulation on all businesses but we need to look for ways to exempt small businesses from onerous regulation. Put simply, a small business doesn't have the staff or resources to be able to monitor the endless state laws and regulations. The recent paid sick leave law, for example, exempts no employer no matter how small. We also need to encourage the state to do business with small businesses that have started and grown here.

## 3. What are your proposals to ensure that state, regional and local infrastructure are able to accommodate economic and population growth?

Infrastructure for water, transportation and other core government services must be at the front of the line in terms of our spending priorities. We need to stop spending money on non-core functions. It is not the job of the state to embark on spending tens of billions of dollars on high-speed rail or to invest billions in the twin tunnels. Instead, we need to invest our resources in the things Californians are most in need of: high quality roads and water infrastructure to prepare us for future droughts.

## 4. What public-employee pension reform proposals do you support and why?

The state has made modest steps toward reforming pensions. Further effort should focus in two areas: on benefits offered to future employees and ensuring that local and state governments are making appropriate payments. Moreover, our pension system faces large unfunded liabilities that not only burden taxpayers but also threaten retirees' benefits. We need to properly fund them and not rely on investment strategies with unrealistic returns that only can occur when risk is taken far greater than should be taken.

## 5. Please explain what you know about the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the most recent fiscal year.

This year's 316-page document provides an in-depth look at California's finances including, for the first time, a detailed look at long-term liabilities in accordance with the Government Accounting Standards Board. It's a chilling document, detailing tens of billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities for the state.

## 6. What specific proposals do you have for regulatory reform?

I would like to see comprehensive reform of the California Environmental Quality Act. Everyone knows it is desperately needed so much so that when a major project in our state needs to be done quickly the Legislature passes a special law to exempt a project from the law. We this is important in construction and development, reducing overregulation of all business will have a much wider impact on our economy.

## 7. What are the top three barriers to business growth in Placer County? What specific steps would you take to address those and improve the business environment?

See above for answers related to the state's business climate. As to special issues specific to Placer County, that part of the question seems more appropriate for local candidates.

## 8. Did you support the increase in the state's minimum wage law?

No.

## 9. Do you support a state increase or expansion of mandatory paid sick leave?

No.

## 10. Do you support an increase or expansion of mandatory paid sick leave in Placer County above the existing state law?

No.

## 11. What taxes, if any, would you seek to reduce or increase?

We need comprehensive tax reform to dramatically lower the top income tax rates in our state. I would also push for an elimination of the fire tax and look for opportunities to reduce other fees and taxes. I am opposed to plans to try to change Proposition 13 through the "split roll" proposal. I will defend and protect Proposition 13. I have taken the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and will oppose new taxes.

## 12. Would you sign a Taxpayer Protection Pledge?

I signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge in September 2015.

## 13. Would you support new bonds? If yes, under what circumstances?

On the state level, I think there are situations where bonds can be appropriate. Bonds should only be used for long-term infrastructure that will outlast the payback of the bonds themselves. Unfortunately, we've seen bonds used for far too many things other than infrastructure, often covering purchases that become obsolete in five or 10 years, yet taxpayers are forced to pay off the debt for 30 years or more.

## 14. Do you believe that business should be regulated more or less? (be specific)

Less. Businesses are overregulated in our state and there is a direct correlation to this overregulation and the loss of jobs. We need a top-to-bottom review of regulations. If a regulation isn't absolutely necessary, we need to eliminate it. I oppose the misguided effort to raise taxes on businesses through a "split roll" approach to Proposition 13.

**15. Do you believe that government should subsidize private businesses? If so, please give examples.**

I oppose subsidies because the government is effectively then picking winners and losers through subsidies.

**16. Do you believe that the 2nd Amendment guarantees an individual the right to keep and bear arms? Please explain.**

Yes. The 2nd Amendment is quite clear that the government shall not infringe on this right. Unfortunately, too many states and even the federal government have infringed on this right.

**17. What is your view on the right to work?**

I support workers' right to not have to join and financially support a union.

**18. What kind of development and planning measures should be adopted to make development in Placer County less politically uncertain and more transparent in the planning process?**

This question seems like it is directed to local candidates.

**19. What considerations will govern whether you vote to approve specific development projects in Placer County?**

This is a question for local candidates.

**20. What do you see as the role your elected office has in proposing, funding, and building the county's transportation infrastructure and how will you prioritize the projects you support?**

While this is a question for local candidates, as a state legislator I would work to ensure that District 6 is getting the funds it's entitled to for transportation funding. I will advocate for CalTrans to free up money by reducing employees and for the state to use general fund dollars for transportation projects. Transportation is a core service of government and should be a top priority, not an afterthought. I also would propose shifting the high-speed rail spending toward other infrastructure projects.

