

SANTA BARBARA VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION · NOVEMBER 3, 2026

YES **NO** = your marks

STATEWIDE OFFICES

GOVERNOR	Steve Hilton (R)
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	Gloria Romero (R)
SECRETARY OF STATE	Donald P. (Don) Wagner (R)
CONTROLLER	Herb W. Morgan (R)
TREASURER	Jennifer Hawks (R)
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Michael E. Gates (R)
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	Ben Allen (D)
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION · DISTRICT 2	John Pimentel (D)

CONGRESS & LEGISLATURE

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE · DISTRICT 24	Bob Smith (R)
STATE ASSEMBLY · DISTRICT 37	Sari Domingues (R)

STATE JUDICIAL

SUPREME COURT · ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	Joshua Groban	YES
SUPREME COURT · ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	Kelli M. Evans	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 1	Michelle C. Kim	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 1	Gregory J. Weingart	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 2	Anne Richardson	NO

STATE JUDICIAL (CONT.)

APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 2	Steve Goorvitch	NO
APPEALS CT. · PRESIDING · DIV. 3	Rashida A. Adams	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 3	Mark Hanasono	NO
APPEALS CT. · PRESIDING · DIV. 4	Helen Zukin	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 4	Nicholas Daum	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 4	Audra M. Mori	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 4	Armen Tamzarian	NO
APPEALS CT. · PRESIDING · DIV. 5	Brian M. Hoffstadt	NO
APPEALS CT. · PRESIDING · DIV. 6	Tari L. Cody	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 6	Kenneth R. Yegan	YES
APPEALS CT. · PRESIDING · DIV. 7	Gonzalo C. Martinez	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 7	Natalie Stone	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 8	John Wiley	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 8	Matthew A. Scherb	NO
APPEALS CT. · ASSOCIATE · DIV. 8	Victor G. Viramontes	NO

SCHOOL & LOCAL

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Sonja Shaw

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE · AREA 5

E Howard Green

MAYOR · CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

Eric Friedman

CITY COUNCIL · DISTRICT 4

Monte Wilson

STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 1

Housing affordability bonds

NO

PROPOSITION 2

Rainy Day Fund increase

NO

PROPOSITION 3

Tax on high incomes (schools)

NO

PROPOSITION 4

Public funding of campaigns

NO

PROPOSITION 5

Recall election process

NO

PROPOSITION 37

New-home loan program

NO

PROPOSITION 38

Immunology research bonds

NO

PROPOSITION 39

Government ID to vote

YES

PROPOSITION 40

One-time tax, certain taxpayers

NO

PROPOSITION 41

Limits on new state taxes

YES

PROPOSITION 42

No new personal property tax

YES

PROPOSITION 43

Local tax vote threshold

YES

PROPOSITION 44

Community clinic spending

NO

PROPOSITION 45

Environmental review (CEQA)

YES

Practical choices for lower costs, safer communities, and housing that can actually get built.

STATEWIDE OFFICES

YES	Governor · Steve Hilton (R) Tax cuts, deregulation, and ending failed projects to make California affordable.
YES	Lt. Governor · Gloria Romero (R) Reform-minded voice for education and accountability.
YES	Secretary of State · Don Wagner (R) Supports election integrity measures.
YES	Controller · Herb W. Morgan (R) Fiscal watchdog against wasteful spending.
YES	Treasurer · Jennifer Hawks (R) Prioritizes sound investment and taxpayer protection.
YES	Attorney General · Michael E. Gates (R) Law-and-order focus over progressive policies.
YES	Insurance Commissioner · Ben Allen (D) Most practical option available for stabilizing the market.
YES	BOE Dist. 2 · John Pimentel (D) Best available for fair tax administration.

CONGRESS & LEGISLATURE

YES	U.S. Rep Dist. 24 · Bob Smith (R) Republican focused on spending restraint and practical results.
YES	State Assembly Dist. 37 · Sari Domingues (R) Common-sense alternative in the district.

SCHOOL & LOCAL

YES	Supt. of Public Instruction · Sonja Shaw Basics, parental rights, and school performance over ideology.
YES	College Trustee Area 5 · E Howard Green Focus on practical outcomes and fiscal responsibility.
YES	Mayor · Santa Barbara · Eric Friedman Pragmatic local leadership for the city.
YES	City Council Dist. 4 · Monte Wilson Resident-focused approach over experiments.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

NO	Prop 1 · Housing bonds More debt without fixing the regulations that block housing.
NO	Prop 2 · Rainy Day Fund Lets government hold more of your money instead of returning it.
NO	Prop 3 · High-income tax Permanent tax hike that drives jobs and residents out.
NO	Prop 4 · Public campaign funding Uses taxpayer money for political campaigns.
NO	Prop 5 · Recall process Makes it harder for voters to hold officials accountable.
NO	Prop 37 · New-home loans Expensive bonds without addressing root causes.
NO	Prop 38 · Research bonds Multi-billion debt when other funding already exists.
YES	Prop 39 · Government ID to vote Simple ID requirement used in most states for election confidence.
NO	Prop 40 · One-time tax Targets successful people and businesses.
YES	Prop 41 · Limits on new taxes Protects against taxes that bypass spending limits.
YES	Prop 42 · No new personal property tax Stops new taxes on cars, boats, and personal property.
YES	Prop 43 · Local tax vote threshold Restores two-thirds vote for special taxes.
NO	Prop 44 · Clinic spending Adds rigid mandates without proven efficiency.
YES	Prop 45 · CEQA review Streamlines reviews so housing and projects get built.

STATE JUDICIAL

YES	Supreme Court · Joshua Groban Balanced record worth retaining.
NO	Supreme Court · Kelli M. Evans More progressive record.
NO	Appeals Ct. · Most Justices (Divs. 1–8) Retain only stronger rule-of-law records.
YES	Appeals Ct. · Kenneth R. Yegan (Div. 6) Clearer judicial philosophy aligned with restraint.

Companion to the Santa Barbara Voter Guide. These are the most fiscally responsible and common-sense options available — focused on affordability, safety, housing supply, and accountability. Marks match the original guide.