San Diego Democratic Socialists of America

Electoral Working Group June 5, 2018 Primary Recommendations

Below are the recommendations for the 2018 primary races. Candidates highlighted in **blue** are considered priority races where members should contribute their time/money if able. Note, not all races are covered. Some have been omitted due to lack of member expertise on the race or there just being no acceptable candidates. In cases where there was no clear choice among those present, we present the alternatives and leave it to the reader to decide how to vote. ***Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.***

Federal Offices
U.S. Senate: Three good candidates all running to unseat Dianne Feinstein, below is a summary of each candidate's key issues:

- Kevin De Leon: Supports Medicare for All, authored many of California's renewable energy and environmental protection regulations while a state senator, authored the "sanctuary state" bill
- David Hildebrand: Running as a Democratic Socialist. Supports Universal Healthcare, Labor Unions, and Police Reform
- Alison Hartson: Supports Medicare for All, Fight for $15, and ending corporate money in politics

U.S. Congressional Representatives
District 49: **Douglas Applegate**
District 50: Ammar Campa-Najjar
District 51: Juan Carlos Mercado
District 52: No Recommendation, all candidates on the ballot are bad
District 53:

State Offices
Statewide
Governor: Delaine Eastin
Lt. Governor: Gayle McLaughlin (Endorsed by SD DSA)
Attorney General: Dave Jones
Controller: Betty T. Yee
Treasurer: Fiona Ma
Secretary of State: Ruben K. Major
Insurance Commissioner: Ricardo Lara
Superintendent of Public Instruction: Tony Thurmond

California State Senate
District 36: Marggie Castellano
District 38: Jeff Griffith

California State Assembly
District 71: James Elia
District 75: Alan L. Geraci
District 76: **Elizabeth Warren**
District 77: Sunday Gover
District 78: Todd Gloria
District 79: Shirley Weber
District 80: Lorena Gonzalez

County Offices
Countywide
Assessor/Recorder Clerk: Matt Strabone
District Attorney: **Geneviéve Jones-Wright**
        (Endorsed by SD DSA)
Sheriff: **Dave Myers** - Running with Geneviéve Jones-Wright, it will be important to have a sheriff that will work with a progressive DA

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
District 4: Each of these had supporters and detractors. Vote your preference

- Nathan Fletcher
- Ken Malbrough
- Omar Passons
- Lori Saldaña

District 5: Michelle Gomez

Judicial Offices

San Diego Superior Court
Office 37: Matt Brower

City Offices
Chula Vista
Mayor: Mary Salas
City Council District 1: Mark Bartlett

National City
Mayor: Alejandra Sotelo-Solis
City Council (2 seats):
- Mona Rios
- Jose Rodriguez

San Diego City Council
City Council District 2: Jordan Beane
City Council District 4: **Monica Montgomery**
City Council District 6: Tommy Hough
City Council District 8: **Christian Ramirez**
(Endorsed by SD DSA)

Educational Districts
County Board of Education: In both races the opponents are funded by pro charter school interests making these very important races
District 3: **Alicia Muñoz**
District 5: **Rick Shea**

Community College
Grossmont Cuyamaca Board
Area 1: Linda Cartwright
Area 2: Debbie Justeson
Area 5: Brad Monroe

MiraCosta Community College Board
Area 2: Rick Cassar

San Diego Community College Board
District A: Maria Nieto Senour
District C: Craig Milgrim
District E: The three listed are strong candidates:
- David Alvarez
- Sean Elo
- Rafael A. Perez

Southwestern Community College Board
Seat 2: Nora E. Vargas

Chula Vista Elementary (3 Seats):
Seat 1: Francisco Tamayo
Seat 5: Eduardo Reyes:

San Diego Unified
District B: Kevin Beiser
District C: Michael McQuary

Sweetwater Union High
Area 1: Arturo Solis
Area 3: Frank Tarantino
Area 4: Nick Segura
Area 5: Paula A Hall

Statewide Ballot Measures
YES: Prop 68: Authorizes bonds funding for parks, natural resource protection, and other conservation efforts
YES: Prop 69: Requires specified transportation revenues be used for transportation purposes
NO: Prop 70: Requires supermajority vote approving cap-and-trade reserve fund
YES: Prop 71: Sets effective date for ballot measures meaning all votes will be counted
YES: Prop 72: Permits newly constructed rain-capture systems be excluded from property tax reassessments

County - City Ballot Measures
City of National City
NO: Prop B   repeal of voter-approved term limits to replace with new term limits
YES: Prop C   Preserving the existing voter-approved term limits

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