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Democrats, whether you be lifelong or recent converts from other political parties, we need your help with our Fall campaign. At stake are all constitutional offices: Governor, Lt. Governor, Controller, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Attorney General. We have great Democratic candidates running for these offices.

The national Republican Party cannot stand Democrats' ability to hold most, and soon all, constitutional offices in the most critical state in the nation. George W. Bush is desperate to knock out a Democrat to give him an opening to vote-rich California. To combat this, we are doing a lot of voter registration. Here in Santa Clara County there are tens and tens of thousands of eligible voters who simply have not taken the time to fill out a voter registration card. We will be out in force, making it easier for potential voters to get registered.

Our campaign will be successful if you are willing to volunteer a few hours a week to help us get the word out that this election is crucial. Give us a call at campaign headquarters and let us know that you are interested. Our number is (408) 445 - 9500. Connect with one of our Clubs or Assembly District Committees. Check out our web site at www.scc-democrats.org. Send me an email at steve@atwork.org. We do not have a moment to lose.

Steve Greninger

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Democratic Television

Master Schedule

If you would like to be part of our studio audience, contact Steve Chessin at (650) 962 - 8412. Except where noted, all tapings are on the third Saturday morning of the month, and you must arrive at the studio by 10:30 AM on the day of the taping in order to be admitted. DTV is produced at the facilities of KMTV in Mountain View.

Taping schedule:

DTV 92	Aug 31	10am-12noon	Hon. Terry Gregory
DTV 93	Sep 21	10am-12noon	Hon. Sally Lieber
DTV 94	Oct 19	10am-12noon	TBD-94
DTV 95	Nov 16	10am-12noon	TBD-95
DTV 96	Dec 21	10am-12noon	TBD-96

NOTE: Los Altos/Cupertino changed our air time to 6:00 PM Monday, effective January 1, 2002.

NOTE: Palo Alto changed to Channel 27 effective March 1, 2002, and they changed our air time to 6:00 PM Monday, effective May 1, 2002.

DTV can be seen in the following communities:

- Los Altos Channel 26, 6:00 PM every Monday, (408) 864-8766.
- Cupertino Channel 15, 6:00 PM every Monday, (408) 864-8766.
- Los Gatos Channel 15, 7:00 PM every Thursday, (408) 395-5228.
- Milpitas Channel 6, sometime between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM every Thursday, (408) 586-2730.
- Mountain View Channel 15, 6:30 PM every Tuesday, (650) 968-1540.
- Palo Alto Channel 27 (serving Palo Alto, Stanford, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Atherton), 6:00 PM every Monday, (650) 494-8686.
- San Jose Channel 15A, 8:00 PM every other Thursday (serves part of Cupertino), (408) 918-3200.

If your community is not listed call your cable company, find out who operates the public access channel, including a contact name and phone number, and then contact Steve Chessin at (650) 962 - 8412.

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General Submission
Guidelines:

This newsletter will be published quarterly on the first Thursday of February, May, August, and October.

Material to be submitted to the editor for publication is due on the 25th of the month, two months prior to the issue in which the item is to be printed. For example, a submission for the October issue should be submitted no later than August 25.

All material sent to this newsletter must conform to the goals and objectives of the SCCDCC, and portray the SCCDCC in a positive light.

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<http://www.gray-davis.com>

Lt. Governor - Cruz Bustamante

<http://www.cruz2002.com>

Secretary of State - Kevin Shelley

<http://www.shelley2002.com>

Controller - Steve Westly

<http://www.westly2002.com>

Treasurer - Phil Angelides

No campaign website

Attorney General - Bill Lockyer

<http://www.lockyerforag.com>

Insurance Commissioner - John Garamendi

<http://www.garamendi.org>

Superintendent of Public Instruction - Jack O'Connell

<http://www.oconnell2002.org>

Board of Equalization, District One - Carole Migden

No campaign website

CD 10 - Ellen Tauscher

<http://www.ellentauscher.com>

CD 14 - Anna Eshoo

No campaign website

CD 16 - Zoe Lofgren

No campaign website

AD 20 - John Dutra

No campaign website

AD 22 - Sally Lieber

<http://www.sallylieber.org>

AD 24 - Rebecca Cohn

<http://www.rebeccacohn.com>

AD 28 - Simon Salinas

<http://www.simonsalinas.com>

CD 13 - Pete Stark

<http://www.petestark.com>

CD 15 - Mike Honda

No campaign website

CD 17 - Sam Farr

<http://www.friendsoffarr.org>

AD 21 - Joe Simitian

<http://www.joesimitian.com>

AD 23 - Manny Diaz

No campaign website

AD 27 - John Laird

<http://www.johnlaird.org>

Smart Voter provides online election information (candidates and measures), is a polling place locator, provides your personal ballot, provides information about Santa Clara County (www.smartvoter.org/ca/scl), is non-partisan, is free (funding is provided by contributions from the public and from local Leagues), is owned by the League of Women Voters of California.

<http://www.smartvoter.org/>

Democratic Candidates

Kevin Shelley



As Majority Leader of the California State Assembly, I have spent the past six years working to improve the lives of all Californians. I have fought to protect the environment, led the charge to reform California's nursing homes and worked tirelessly to protect a woman's right to choose.

I also worked to reform California's elections. I wrote AB 1520, the new law that allows all citizens to vote by mail. I also authored Proposition 41, which voters approved in March and will upgrade outdated voting systems and eliminate Chad – not just in Santa Clara County, but throughout the state of California.

As your nominee for **Secretary of State**, I am looking to fill the only statewide office currently held by a Republican. Democrats and Republicans bring a different perspective to any office, but the difference is especially noteworthy in the office charged with oversight of California's elections. Democrats are for inclusion. Republicans are not. Democrats want to register more voters – especially among young people, communities of color and new citizens. Republicans do not.

The Secretary of State is also responsible for corporate filings by every company doing business in California. In the wake of recent events it we have seen how important it is to have a person in this office who is not beholden to business interests. On my watch, we will increase the disclosure requirements on these filings to make it harder for companies like Enron and WorldCom to hide their fraudulent business practices.

As Secretary of State, my priorities will be Democratic priorities: increasing turnout and registration; protecting the integrity of our elections; and holding corporations accountable for their actions. We have a strong ticket heading into the November election, and with your help, we can look forward to a Democratic sweep on Election Day!

Simon Salinas

Since I was elected Assemblymember we have accomplished a great deal. I am proud of our achievements, and look forward to continuing to work for the people in the **28th Assembly District**. We made real progress on important issues, increasing funding to education, cutting taxes, reducing agriculture fees, expanding children's health care, and working with local governments to expand housing opportunities.

To involve parents in our local schools, I sponsored legislation to increase parental access, and I will continue to look for ways to help parents to become involved in our children's education. Our budget shortfall forced us to make tough choices. I made education, public safety, agriculture and health care my top priorities. We restored Williamson Act funding to protect agricultural lands, preserved Healthy Families funding, restored Child Health and Disability Prevention Program funding and Rural Health Demonstration Projects. I am proud we have preserved our most vital services.

Though much has changed since I first took office, my goal remains the same: delivering needed services to our communities as effectively as possible. I have worked hard to meet that goal. It has been an honor to serve you. I ask for your support as we continue with the hard work ahead.

Democratic Candidates

Paul Angelides

I have served as California's Treasurer for 3 years. From the very beginning, I have taken action to work toward a secure and prosperous future for all Californians. As **California State Treasurer**, my first priority is protecting our tax dollars. Even before President Bush spoke out for corporate finance reform, I was at the forefront of a movement for a more ethical, and therefore stronger and more stable, financial system.



In June 2002, my office, along with the Controllers of New York and North Carolina, adopted first-in-the-nation policies to safeguard California's investment funds – establishing zero-tolerance standards for irresponsible corporations that engage in unethical and fraudulent practices like those of Enron and Arthur Andersen. In July 2002, my office announced that the State of California would not do business with those firms who tried to dodge taxes by creating virtual corporate headquarters in places like Bermuda or the Cayman Islands. By flexing California's financial muscle, my office has sent a clear signal that corporations must behave responsibly or suffer the consequence of being banned from doing business with the State of California.

As Treasurer, I am the State's lead asset manager, banker, and financier. The Treasurer also serves as the chairperson or a member of numerous State authorities, boards, and commissions that disperse appropriated funds to public works such as schools, health clinics, transportation projects, and environmental programs. In keeping with this role, my office not only protects the integrity of our financial system, we also work to cost-effectively finance schools, health clinics, public safety, and other infrastructure that California needs to succeed in the 21st Century and to invest more in California communities. I believe I am a Treasurer and a candidate with a vision for a better California.

Mike
Honda

I have been working for the people of Santa Clara County for over 35 years as a teacher, principal, city planner, school board member, state assemblyman, and currently as a United States Representative. Over the course of my many years in public service, I have established a reputation for fighting for the issues of importance to Silicon Valley. My work in Congress over the past two years has focused on education, Social Security and Medicare, transportation, equal rights, and economic development.

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, my office has fought hard for the funding of TEA-21, and other vital transportation appropriations bills. An advocate of increased light-rail and train service to the San Jose area, I have been a leader in securing the necessary federal funding to bring BART to San Jose.

My experience as an educator has provided me with the opportunity to see first-hand many issues of importance for our children. One of my actions when I arrived in Washington was to make sure that President Bush provided full funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and other Special Education programs. Although President Bush attempted to cut back the appropriations for these vital programs, my office was successful in lobbying the Education Conference Committee to put the funding back into the final version of the bill.

I am currently hard at work in the Democratic Party's efforts to win back control of the House of Representatives. After consulting with party leadership, I will be attending Get Out The Vote (GOTV) rallies in several key cities where closely contested congressional races are taking place. Meanwhile, I am working tirelessly attending events in my home district, where redistricting added 230,000 new voters to the **15th Congressional District**.

Democratic Candidates

Jack O'Connell



After serving almost two decades in the California State Legislature and building a strong reputation as a champion of public schools, I am a candidate to become California's next **Superintendent of Public Instruction**. As a former high school teacher and County School Board Member, the father of a high school sophomore in public school, and the author of numerous landmark education bills in both the Assembly and the Senate, I have made improving California's education system my number one priority.

My leadership in public education has resulted in unparalleled legislative accomplishments. As the author of California's groundbreaking class size reduction program, I also worked to effectively increase teacher salaries and implemented an incentive program to recruit new teachers by providing grants for college tuition. As Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee's Subcommittee on Education, I have worked to prioritize education spending and increase funds for school construction. This year, I have worked to increase funding for special education and school-to-work programs.

My work in public education has earned me recognition from many education groups. I have been named Legislator of the Year by the Alumni Association of the University of California, the California League of Middle Schools, the California League of High Schools, the California Teachers Association, and the Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges, to name a few. I was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the California Faculty Association and the Albert S. Rodda Lifetime Legislative Achievement Award by the California School Boards Association. I also received the Champion for Children Award from the Child Development Policy Institute. I was elected to the 35th State Assembly District in 1982 and was reelected by wide margins thereafter, once garnering both the Republican and Democratic nominations. In 1994, I was elected to the 18th State Senate District, and easily won reelection in 1998.

I am proud to be your assemblymember and would appreciate your continued support for my plan to improve the quality of life in California. As a lifelong Bay Area resident, I am acutely aware of the strain that traffic congestion places on families and businesses. As Assembly Transportation Committee Chair, I authored Proposition 42, which will infuse \$1.4 billion annually into road and transit improvements without raising taxes, and legislation to retrofit Bay Area bridges and to build the Bay Bridge's eastern span (creating 67,000 jobs), expedited construction of extra lanes on I-680, provided crucial funding for the BART to San Jose expansion, and supported maintenance and resurfacing improvements on freeways throughout the Bay Area.

Our children deserve a first-class education in safe and well-maintained facilities. It is imperative that our teachers are paid fairly and that our schools meet rigorous academic standards. That is why I support legislation to increase teacher salaries and improve accountability within our public school system. I pledge to continue my efforts to keep housing as affordable as possible for families. I authored new laws securing additional financing for first-time homebuyers, removing some of the barriers to building affordable housing, and encouraging local governments to approve plans for constructing additional affordable housing without delay. Please join teachers, police officers, firefighters, business and labor in supporting my agenda for California and the **20th Assembly District**.



John
Dutra

Democratic Candidates

John Laird

Redistricting has joined the southern Santa Clara County communities of Morgan Hill, San Martin, and the Coyote Valley with coastal Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties in the **27th Assembly District** - and I am the Democratic nominee to succeed Assembly Member Keeley in that seat. The differences between myself and my Republican opponent, "Less Pork, More Chuck" Carter, are clear. I have seventeen years experience as a local elected official and he has none. I have a long history as a coastal advocate and opponent of offshore oil drilling - and he has problems with the operation of the national marine sanctuary and has criticized environmentalists. I am an elected community college trustee and long-time advocate for public education - and he has indicated he would not support the same level of public education funding. I am pro-choice and he is not.



I have gotten every major endorsement in this race - from the Sierra Club and National Organization for Women PAC to the State Professional Firefighters and the Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriffs Association - as well as from Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Fred Keeley and Reps. Sam Farr, Anna Eshoo, and Mike Honda. California is at a crossroads in this election - and the state-wide voter turnout in the primary election was at an alarmingly low 34%. I will be working hard in the next few months to energize voters for the accessibility of a quality public education, for protecting our environment, for a woman's right to choose, for a living wage, for healthcare coverage for all, and for a state role in the provision of affordable housing. Please help the campaign by volunteering or by attending campaign events by calling (831) 338 - 4692 or by logging on to www.johnlaird.org or e-mailing the campaign at info@johnlaird.org. With your help, we will keep this seat in Democratic hands - and work together to make California a better place to live and work.

Bill Lockyer

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Democratic activists in Santa Clara County and across the state, I was elected Attorney General in 1998. The job you have entrusted to me has provided more than its share of fights worth fighting, problems worth solving, and daily opportunities to make decisions that mean something good for California.

Over the past three years as Attorney General, I have worked hard to deliver on my commitment to improve the quality of life for all Californians through fair and full enforcement of the law. And in my second term, I will continue to: (1) Preserve California's most precious natural landscapes. I filed and won a lawsuit to protect Lake Tahoe from MTBE contamination and I am working with the Governor to ban MTBE in California. (2) Reduce children's exposure to violence and improve the health and well-being of children exposed to violence. I convened a series of regional forums across the state to educate community leaders and policy makers and to develop ideas for new and improved strategies for intervening with children exposed to violence. (3) Protect California's seniors from abuse. I established Operation Guardians, a program of surprise inspections at nursing homes and residential care facilities throughout California to ensure compliance with state standards of care and safety. As a result, my office received an award for being the nation's top prosecutorial agency in the fight against health care fraud and elder abuse from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (4) Fight for women's rights. I withdrew a legal opinion issued by my predecessor Dan Lungren on his last day in office that would have prohibited school district health clinics from offering pregnancy and abortion counseling services. I have also dedicated millions of dollars from an important antitrust settlement to women's safety and educational programs.

These are some of the accomplishments of which I am most proud. I hope to continue doing more good work as your **Attorney General** for the next four years. I hope I can count on your continued support!

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