



JCRC: Pursuing a Just Society and a Secure Jewish Future

NOVEMBER 2010 PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY VOTER GUIDE

Dear Voter:

As a public service, the **Peninsula Region** of the San Francisco-based **Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)** surveyed candidates running in the November election. This non-partisan voter guide is designed to help educate citizens of northern Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties to be more informed voters. Questionnaires were sent to candidates for public office in selected races in parts of **San Mateo and northern Santa Clara Counties**. These areas represent the regions covered by JCRC on the Peninsula. The questionnaires were sent to every candidate who qualified for the ballot in these categories via email or US mail. Candidates are listed below by office in alphabetical order. *JCRC is the central public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community. It represents more than 60 synagogues and Jewish organizations in the Bay Area on issues of importance to the community. JCRC is a 501(c)(3) organization and does not endorse candidates for public office. Visit our website for more information: www.jcrc.org*

THE QUESTIONS: DO YOU SUPPORT, OPPOSE OR NO RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING (-- indicates that the candidate did not return questionnaire):

1. Same-sex marriage as a constitutional right.
2. Safeguards existing in law to ensure no proselytizing when public funding for social services goes to institutions that are primarily religious in nature, such as synagogues, churches and mosques.
3. Public officials have a responsibility to speak out against hate-mongering, anti-Semitism, and other bigotry targeting minority groups.
4. The use of public pension fund investment policy as a means to exert pressure on Sudan to end the genocide in Darfur.
5. Barring all public pension funds from investing in the energy sector of Iran.
6. The use of public pension fund investment policy as a means to oppose the Israeli government.
7. Local legislative bodies taking a position on international affairs.
8. Restricting access to public education for undocumented immigrants.
9. Restricting access public health care services for undocumented immigrants.
10. Proposition 25, which would change the legislative requirement for passing the State budget from 2/3 to a simple majority.
11. ***In lean fiscal times, what would you be willing to cut from the city's budget in order to fulfill your other spending priorities?***

US SENATE

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
	Same-sex marriage	Safeguards against proselytizing	Speaking out against bigotry	Pension funds: Sudan	Pension funds: Iran	Pension funds: Israel	Local elected positions on international issues	Restricting education for undoc. immigrants	Restricting healthcare for undoc. immigrants	Prop 25
Barbara Boxer	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carly Fiorina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gail K. Lightfoot	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
Edward C. Noonan	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose
Duane Roberts	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support

Question #11 In lean fiscal times, what would you be willing to cut from the city's budget in order to fulfill your other spending priorities?

Duane Roberts Cut salaries of high-ranking public officials and look for ways in eliminating waste in police budget. Also would cut "corporate welfare."

Edward C. Noonan Reduce taxes by 80%. Reduce spending by 90%.

US REP DISTRICT 12

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
	Same-sex marriage	Pension funds: Iran	Speaking out against bigotry	Pension funds: Sudan	Safeguards against proselytizing	Pension funds: Israel	Local elected positions on international issues	Restricting education for undoc. immigrants	Restricting healthcare for undoc. immigrants	Prop 25
Michael Moloney	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jackie Speier	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	No Response	No Response	No Response	Support
Mark Paul Williams	No Response	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	No Response	Oppose	Oppose	Support

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Mark Paul Williams I would cut routine maintenance of city streets.

US REP DISTRICT 14

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
Dave Chapman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Anna Eshoo	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Paul Lazaga	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 8

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
Doo Sup Park	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	No Response	Support	Oppose	Oppose
Leland Yee	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	No Response	Oppose	Oppose	Support

Question #11 In lean fiscal times, what would you be willing to cut from the city's budget in order to fulfill your other spending priorities?

Doo Sup Park The bloated City Hall staff of the San Francisco city government need major cut backs. There are too many overpaid aides in the SF Mayor's office, in the offices of the eleven SF Supervisors, and a number of City Departments. Read my comments on Prop A in the SF Voter Handbook on the proposed \$46,150,000 to pay the private repair costs of slumlords on their personally owned building. I'm for NO on Prop A.

Leland Yee As a state Senator, I have been a consistent vote against a cuts-only budget. I have stood my ground against budget cuts to public education, health care and social services. We cannot balance our budget on the backs of those that need it most, especially in these economic times. Moreover, only cutting programs and service ultimately end up costing the state in other resources and is not sound fiscal policy in the long term. The state must look at other sources of revenue. That's why I authored a bill that will recoup tax dollars from companies that fail to create jobs as a condition of the billions California tax payers provide.

STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER DISTRICT 22

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
T.J. Campbell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Paul Fong	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support
Eric Shooter Hickok	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Paul Fong I have supported raising revenues such as an oil severance tax, to continue funding important state services.

STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER DISTRICT 19

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
	Same-sex marriage	Pension funds: Iran	Speaking out against bigotry	Pension funds: Sudan	Safeguards against proselytizing	Pension funds: Israel	Local elected positions on international issues	Restricting education for undoc. immigrants	Restricting healthcare for undoc. immigrants	Prop 25
Jerry Hill	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support
Gary Tutin	No Response	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	No Response	Oppose
Alberto Waisman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Gary Tutin Not applicable; statewide office. I would go by each expense.

STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER DISTRICT 21

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
Greg Conlon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rich Gordon	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support
Ray M. Bell Jr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Rich Gordon The fiscal problems of California must be met with a combination of new revenue and service cuts. I would start with cuts in administrative and contract services. I believe that several state boards and commissions (especially those involved in licensing professions) could be consolidated to produce savings. I would look to reduce expenses in prisons and corrections by implementing cost-effective rehabilitation and re-entry programs. Savings can also be achieved by reducing the level of state monitoring of local programs – the state should establish goals and allow local jurisdictions the responsibility to meet those goals and report their outcomes.

SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
Don Horsley	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support
April Vargas	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	No Response	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support

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Dan Horsley San Mateo County provides health services to 1 in 7 residents, funds the Criminal Justice System, the county Park system and manages a number of State mandated programs. I am not willing to cut park and recreation, firefighters, public safety officers or health services. I am willing to cut layers of management and supervision. I would continue the prudent use of reserves while cutting layers of management and supervisions and seeking partnerships with other agencies to reduce costs.

April Vargas San Mateo County's current deficit is structural, not cyclical. The last three county budgets have only been balanced by spending \$248million in reserves. The current board's plan to balance the budget by 2015 is improbable. Among its unrealistic expectations are a 7.75% return on investments, \$100 million in union concessions, and that, after four defeated county tax measures, voters are now in the mood to pay an additional \$25 million a year in taxes. April will be a leader who can make tough budget decisions and get San Mateo County's budget in balance.

TOWN OF MENLO PARK, COUNCIL MEMBER (3 ELECTED)

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
Chuck Bernstein	N/R	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support
Richard A. Cline	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Kirsten Keith	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peter Ohtaki	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Russell Peterson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Heyward Robinson	Support	Support	Support	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	Oppose	Oppose	Support

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Charles Bernstein The important thing is to show restraint in good times so that cutting is no necessary in hard times. In Menlo Park, I believe that a total of \$1 million to \$2 million must be cut from the budget permanently. I believe that can be accomplished through compensation cuts of between 5% and 20%, according to the results of a compensation study, and significant cuts to health benefits and retirement benefits to bring them in line with those existing at local private-sector employers. In addition, the administrative staff could probably be reduced by one to three employees. I would not assume that services must be cut and would focus on cost reductions first.

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS, COUNCIL MEMBER (2 ELECTED)

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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John Radford	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Joan Sherlock	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gary Waldeck	No Response	No Response	Support	No Response	Support	Oppose	Oppose	No Response	Oppose	Support

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Gary Waldeck Depends on the priority. Essential services must be provided, all else is discretionary. Cuts should be made from discretionary services before we ever consider cutting essential ones.

CITY OF LOS ALTOS, COUNCIL MEMBER (2 ELECTED)

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
Nancy Carlson	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose
Val Carpenter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Curtis Cole	Support	No Response	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	No Response
Jarrett Fishpaw	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Matt Sweeney	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Nancy Carlson 1 Reduction of benefits/pension obligations for new staff hires (via outsourcing) and potentially increased benefit participation from existing staff. 2 Elimination/ modification of events and projects which are not self-sustaining. 3 Willing to change zoning requirements to increase commercial density. This can mitigate the need for additional taxes to meet necessary obligations. All contracts, services, and projects would have to be "on the table." We spend much time and money on "analysis", it slows down our ability to make decisions and progress.

Curtis Cole It may be possible to prudently defer some maintenance spending (our streets are in excellent condition) and defer hiring.

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, COUNCIL MEMBER (3 ELECTED)

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
Margaret Abe-Koga	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ronit Bryant	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gregory David	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response
Aaron Jabbari	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jac Siegel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Daniel Waylonis	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose

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Gregory David Regarding the impending budget issues facing the City of Mountain View, I intend to work with city staff to identify inefficiencies and weed out savings from all departments. Additionally, when current labor contracts come up for negotiation, I will push hard for changes in compensation and benefits, primarily unsustainable retirement benefits, before approving them. Compensation of city workers needs to be managed more in line with the best practices of private industry. It is also imperative that we look closely at city assets to see if they can be utilized to generate new streams of revenue.