








Lassen County Candidate Statements

Statewide General Election Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Each statement in this voter information guide is volunteered and paid for by the candidate. This pamphlet may not contain a complete list of all the candidates.

A complete list of candidates will appear on the Sample Ballot, which will be included in your Voter Information Guide.

Each Statement of Qualifications is printed exactly as submitted by the candidate. Statements have not been checked for accuracy by any public agency.

You will also receive a state Voter Information Guide in the mail from the Secretary of State.



US Representative in Congress Statements

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: US REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 1

Max Steiner

Age: 36

Occupation: U.S. Army Reservist

I am a combat veteran, a political moderate and a fifth-generation Californian. I am pro-choice, pro-gun, and pro-America.

We need to make big changes in Washington. We need fewer career politicians. We need patriotic elected officials who will put principles over party. We need politicians who will stand up and say "no" to the political extremes of the far-left and the far-right. We need politicians who will truly put America first.

My legislative priorities as your Representative would cut across party lines:

protecting the fundamentals of our democracy by respecting the results of free and fair elections

reducing fire risk by thinning our forests, strengthening the timber industry, and using prescribed fire

hiring more firefighters and paying them better

building more dams to reduce the impacts of climate change

codifying Roe v. Wade into law to protect reproductive privacy rights

ensuring security abroad with a strong military and security at home with strong police forces

I am not a typical politician. At 19, I joined the Army and served two years in Iraq as an infantryman with the 10th Mountain Division. I am now a First Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves. I used my G.I. bill to attend U.C. Berkeley. I then served eight years as a U.S. diplomat, working on agriculture in Honduras, immigration in Mexico, and as a peacekeeper in Egypt.

I will put the needs of CD-1 first and my personal interests last.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

<http://www.maxsteinerforcongress.com>

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: US REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 1

Doug LaMalfa

Occupation: Farmer/Member, United State House of Representatives

The challenges we face in Northern California keep growing. Tragic fires, drought, needless water shortages, record inflation, and a faltering economy. Life just seems harder for too many, especially retirees and young families.

As your Congressman, I have fought for the North State; delivering billions in aid for disaster recovery, working to protect our water from being wasted by government mismanagement and worked to federally authorize and fund the construction of Sites reservoir. I'm the leading voice on changing federal forest policy, so we can get back to responsibly thinning our overgrown forests and reduce the risk of major fires.

I have fought against the inflation-causing overspending in Washington DC and to return our nation to common sense. I voted against the bloated budgets and extreme policies that have hurt so many. I've always stood up firmly for securing our border and completing the wall as national security is a top priority. I have consistently worked for American energy independence, including domestic oil and natural gas as well as renewables such as biomass power and clean, cheap hydroelectric. I've voted to keep our military strong and ensure our veterans get the care they've earned.

It is a privilege to serve you and to be your voice. Know that I will keep fighting to protect your individual rights and personal liberty. I'd be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

www.DougLaMalfa.com or call 530-712-3675.



Vote Early

Tally your own vote before Election Day

Make your ballot one of the first to be counted! Bring your ballot to the Elections Office beginning October 10, 2022, and cast your vote in an early vote scanner.

Use a Drop Box



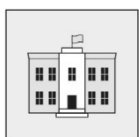
You can help save local tax dollars by returning your ballot to any of the Lassen County Official Ballot Drop Box locations. 24 Hour Drop Box locations are listed in this booklet.

Mail Your Ballot



Mail your ballot so that it is postmarked on or before Election Day and received by county elections no later than 7 days after Election Day.

Vote in Person - Election Day November 8, 2022



On Election Day, take your ballot and envelope to your polling place. If you wish to vote in person, you will need to surrender the ballot that was mailed to you.



State Assembly, District 1 Statements

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1

Megan Dahle

Age: 47

Occupation: Farmer/Businesswoman/Mother

As your Assemblywoman, I have been your voice in the legislature and have championed the issues of the North State in Sacramento. In the past 2 years I have been successful in securing millions of dollars for our District.

There is more work to be done.

California's high cost of living is forcing families to decide between buying groceries or putting gas in their cars. I am working to suspend the state's 54 cent per gallon gas tax, which would save consumers over \$1600 a year.

Failed government policies have allowed for catastrophic wildfires, a homelessness crisis, and the release of violent criminals.

California does not have to be in a constant state of crisis.

We can thin our forests to protect our homes, work with healthcare professionals to get people off the streets and the help they need, and support law enforcement and public safety agencies to hold violent repeat offenders accountable.

Burdensome regulations are destroying small businesses and free enterprise. I am working to cut the red tape and bring a business minded approach to government.

As a family farmer I understand the importance of building above ground water storage to meet the needs of our communities, agriculture industries and environment.

Please visit www.votemegandahle.com

I'd be honored to have your vote.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 1

Belle Starr Sandwith

Age: 51

Occupation: Small Businesswoman/Inventor

I've spent most of my life in Assembly District 1, earning a BS in Public Health Education, obtaining a U. S. Patent on a new medical device, and owning a restaurant on Donner Summit. With my roots in the district, I understand the needs of our varied communities. I love it here, but I know it's time for critical changes.

We can't continue letting wildfire ravage our communities, ignoring worsening drought, and turning our back on working class families. That's why I'm standing up for what AD1 deserves: better wildfire prevention and mitigation, water management, housing, and healthcare.

When elected, I will fight to:

Improve management of our forests, keep our communities safe when wildfire erupts, and increase wildfire insurance options;

Ensure that state law is safeguarding a clean and reliable water supply for residents, industry, and environment;

Increase access to affordable housing and expand homeless services;

Improve rural healthcare and behavioral health access;

Preserve reproductive freedom for all;

As your next Assemblymember, I promise to always stand tall and ensure that Lassen County and AD1 receive the attention it deserves.

My website has more information on how I would solve the issues that matter to you most. While there, you'll see that I have big-name endorsements to match my big ideas.

A vote for Belle Starr Sandwith is a vote to make Assembly District 1 a better place to live for everyone. I'd be honored to have your vote.

www.sandwithforassembly.com.

Voting in the November 8, 2022 General Election



By law, Vote-by-Mail ballots are now mailed to every active registered voter in California.

In Lassen County you can vote your ballot at home and return it to the election office in person, by mail (no postage required), or deposit it to any official county drop box. You may also take your ballot to the polls on Election Day.

If you want to vote in person, you must turn in your ballot or vote a provisional ballot.



County Supervisor, District 5 Statements

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5

Jason Ingram

Age: 44

Occupation: Real Estate Investor

Hi, I'm Jason Ingram. Currently, I'm the District Five member & Chairman of the Lassen County Planning Commission. I'm also a volunteer firefighter with the Doyle Fire Protection District, a member of the Long Valley Charter School Board, and the proud father of two young daughters.

I'm running for District Five County Supervisor because this is the most critical time in our county's history. As a planning commissioner, I've seen that we need effective strategies for attracting economic growth and job opportunities. As a firefighter, I've experienced firsthand the need for better wildfire preparations.

If elected, I'll work to complete the 395-expansion project. I'll make being accessible to our residents and seniors a priority and build on the example set by our current retiring supervisor. I'll host regular town hall meetings, listen directly to you, and will always try to lend a hand and reflect your concerns with my vote. I'll advocate for our agricultural community and preserving our traditions and support funding the Sheriff's Office so they can fight crime and illegal marijuana grows.

I'll push to make county government transparent and honest. My priority will always be achieving results on your behalf and working hard for you.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5

Thomas T. Traphagan

Age: 54

Occupation: Farmer/Business Owner

Thomas is a husband, father and grandfather. He has over 30 years of real world experience as a small business owner. He has 26 years experience fighting wildland fires as a hired equipment contractor, and has been farming alfalfa and cereal grains 23 years as a first generation farmer in Lassen County. He started the first on-farm certified organic flour mill in California during this time. He holds a California A contractor license for 17 years. RV Park owner in Lassen County 9 years. Inventor of fire equipment and patent holder for emergency fire systems. He's served as past president of the Ravendale School Board and he's currently a board member of the California Wheat Commission. He's dedicated to his family, loves his community and is committed to building infrastructure-(businesses) and representing Lassen County.



Lassen Municipal Utility District, Ward 3

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: Board Member, Lassen Municipal Utility District – Ward 3

Alan Siemer

Age: 67

Occupation: Engineer, Entrepreneur & Educator

I earned a BS in Mining Engineering and a MBA in Management. I've worked as an engineer for a large oil company and locally, started a couple of entrepreneurial ventures, and transitioned into teaching when I was awarded primary custody of my son.

I currently serve as the Board President of Rocklin Global, as the Treasurer for Rotary International of Susanville, and on the Justice Task Force of Community Church. I have also been the President of the Chamber of Commerce, served on the LCC Board of Trustees, and been a member of the Cattlemen's and Elks clubs. I have also had the privilege of coaching youth and high school sports.

LMUD is currently enjoying stability but the future will be challenging. While we can all look forward to the new power source from Nevada, we are still a few years away. We will remain at the mercy of PG&E and, unfortunately, will continue to have questionable mandates of the Governor and/or State Legislators forced on us. I have the background, qualifications, and desire to help navigate our community through these upcoming challenges. Thank you for your consideration and support.



Herlong Public Utility District

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: Director, Herlong Public Utility District

Lauren M. Beach

Age: 66

Occupation: Retired Physician

I moved to Herlong November 2020 to become an organic farmer after I retired.

I have a master's degree in traditional Chinese medicine including acupuncture and herbal pharmacology. My associate degrees are in biochemistry, theater arts scenic design and makeup design. I am certified as a phlebotomist, American Board of Optical Dispenser and National Contact Lens Examiner.

I have owned three companies, Northstar Charter and Limousine Service, Snoods and An Octopus's Garden.

I was a licensed optician, retail manager, office manager and an optometric technician for Lenscrafters. In private practice I was an office manager for Marin Eyecare. I worked at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company as a multi peril reinsurance premium processor and for summer repertory theater as a scenic technician. Presently I do consulting for Viva Sicily Real Estate and I'm renovating my property in Sicily to become a bed and breakfast.

I've been the president, treasurer, and secretary of the board for Page Country Estates Homeowner's Association and a board member for Redwood Empire Ballet Company.



Janesville School District

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR: Governing Board Member, Janesville School District

John Messe

Age: 53

Occupation: Educator

With a California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, an Administrative Services Credential, a Master of Science in Educational Administration, and nearly 30 years of experience as a classroom teacher and supervisor in both the public and private arena, I am uniquely qualified as a highly competitive candidate for the Janesville Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees. Throughout my career, when working with students and families, I have always striven to create a supportive environment that fosters self-confidence, individuality, and creative expression while allowing for active learning that encourages social, emotional, and academic growth. It is my belief that such an environment helps students to become self-sufficient, function to their true potential, and have a high self-esteem. As a member of the Janesville Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees you can rest assured that I will represent all stakeholders while continually emphasizing the importance of teamwork and collaboration in an effort to promote a positive and productive school culture that is goal driven, family focused, and community centered.

Vote-by-Mail


Every active registered voter will be mailed a Vote-by-Mail ballot in the November 8, 2022, General Election. Counties will begin to mail Vote-by-Mail ballots approximately 29 days before Election Day. Included with your ballot will be a county Voter Information Guide (VIG).

The Secretary of State will also mail an official State VIG to every active registered voter household in the State of California.

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CITY OF SUSANVILLE MEASURE R

City Attorney's Impartial Analysis:

Ordinance No. 22-1033 was adopted by the City Council of the city of Susanville on May 4, 2022, and amended the city of Susanville's Municipal Code to establish regulations governing commercial Cannabis activities in the city of Susanville in accordance with State law.

A petition was filed with the city of Susanville signed by more than ten percent of the registered voters of the city to repeal the ordinance, or submit it to the voters. By resolution, the city submitted it to the voters.

This Resolution, if approved by a majority (50+ 1) vote, would amend Chapter 17 of the city of Susanville's Municipal Code by adopting Ordinance No. 22-1033, which permits certain commercial Cannabis activities in the city of Susanville in accordance with State law. Activities include; retail sales, distribution, manufacturing, testing, micro businesses, and indoor cultivation in various zoning districts with in the city of Susanville, as specifically described in Ordinance No. 22-1033.

A "yes" vote will adopt the Measure, allowing certain commercial Cannabis activities as described in Ordinance No. 22-1033, in the city of Susanville.

A "no" vote will not adopt the Measure, and certain commercial Cannabis activities as described in Ordinance No. 22-1033 will not be allowed in the city of Susanville.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Officials in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Dated: August 10, 2022

/s/ Margaret Long, City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Resolution No. 22-6027. If you desire a copy of the full text of the resolution, please call the City Clerk at (530) 252-5103 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also view the full text of Resolution No. 22-6027 at www.cityofsusanville.net.



ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

Measure R will force the city council's cannabis ordinance and associated zoning map upon us. This includes marijuana businesses in and around many of our neighborhoods and existing businesses. This will allow retail dispensaries and up to five large commercial cannabis grows with harvesting of up to 10,000 sq. ft. per grow inside our city limits. How many more could there be in the future? Will the growers rule the city?

Marijuana is not Susanville's financial savior as we are being told. Proponents have stated their goal is to make Susanville the hub of marijuana activity and a cannabis tourism destination. Do you really want to live in a town known for drugs?

This consumes an enormous amount of water all while the city tells us to ration our water usage. Proponents are trying to make a profit by using millions of gallons of water per year that we can't spare. The city performed no analysis of environmental, traffic, noise, odor and other problems that will arise from this proposal.

If tax revenues were to be realized, where is the money to go? There is no mention of targeting specific monies to go directly to law and code enforcement of the new industry they are trying to create.

There is a no-smoking program in the school system. Why would we legalize production, distribution and manufacture of a federally illicit, mind-altering substance within Susanville? What does that tell our children? We can do better. We must do better.

What kind of community do we envision for the future of Susanville?

Vote no on Measure R, it's bad for our land, our water, our air and most of all it's bad for our community and for our children.

August 16, 2022

/s/ Darwin D. Solus



LASSEN COUNTY ADVISORY MEASURE S

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL COUNTY OF LASSEN MEASURE “S”

This Measure S is an Advisory Measure only, the result of which is not binding on this Board of Supervisors or any subsequent Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will not be required to take any action as a result of the vote on this Measure.

This Measure seeks the input from Lassen County voters as to whether or not they support legalizing commercial indoor cannabis cultivation in industrial zones in the unincorporated areas of Lassen County. Currently, commercial cannabis cultivation is not allowed in Lassen County.

A “yes” vote will show voter support for legalizing commercial indoor cannabis cultivation in industrial zones in the unincorporated areas of Lassen County.

A “no” vote will show voter opposition to legalizing commercial indoor cannabis cultivation in industrial zones in the unincorporated areas of Lassen County.

This measure is placed on the ballot by Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Officials in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Dated: August 8, 2022

_____/s/_____
Amanda Uhrhammer
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “S”. If you desire a copy of the full text of the measure, please call the County Clerk at (530) 251-8217 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also view the full text of Measure “S” at www.lassencounty.org.



ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “S”

Please vote NO on Advisory Ballot Measure S. A yes vote will tell the Board of Supervisors that you support Marijuana cultivation in Lassen County.

Some counties in California have allowed commercial grows because they thought allowing commercial cannabis was the solution for “Economic Development.” The officials in those counties are now wishing they had never done it; the cost and problems have exceeded any financial gains they had hoped to receive. The proponents of this measure say the county can receive a million dollars in grants to compact illegal grows, we can get more deputies, increase our general fund dollars, and numerous other fictitious statements.

Please do your own homework and research to see beyond the smoke and mirrors of what they say. Whom are they representing and what is their cut?

Allowing commercial grows in industrial zones will only be just the beginning! Rezoning applications will increase, seasonal work force, usually unsavory types, will become regulars. The message our youth receives is that illicit drug use is okay.

Don’t be confused, let’s lead by example and be role models for our children.

Join us and proudly vote NO on Measure S on November 8th.

/s/

Aaron Albaugh

/s/

Gary Bridges