

Controller

- As the state's chief fiscal officer, serves as the state's accountant and bookkeeper of all public funds.
 - Administers the state payroll system and unclaimed property laws and conducts audits and reviews of state operations.
 - Serves on the Board of Equalization, the Board of Control, and other boards and commissions.
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Office	Candidate Name	Party Preference
Controller	Meghann Adams	Peace and Freedom
Controller	Malia Cohen	Democratic
Controller	Herb W. Morgan	Republican

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Candidate's Name: Meghann Adams

Political Party Preference*: Peace and Freedom Party

**Please list your political party preference as it is reflected on your current affidavit of registration. If you are not registered with a qualified political party, your political party preference will be indicated in the Voter Information Guide as "No Qualified Party Preference."*

The following optional information will appear with your candidate statement.
For safety and privacy considerations, please do not list your personal residence.
This information is not included in the 250-word count.

Mailing Address: _____

Phone:() 510 543 1789

Email: info@meghann4ca.com

Social Media #1**: Instagram: @meghann4ca

Social Media #2**: https://www.meghann4ca.com/

***Please note: No more than two (2) social media accounts will be posted for each candidate statement.*

Meghann Adams

In California's \$4 trillion economy, why do millions of us live paycheck to paycheck?

As president of the San Francisco school bus drivers union, SMART 1741, I have years of experience in the fiscal management of the union and a track record of fighting for my members in the face of billionaire attacks on our school systems. As your Controller, I will fight to solve the affordability crisis, close corporate tax loopholes, and introduce a California Reinvestment Plan to divest public pensions from war and reinvest in housing and green energy.

It's time to put our immense wealth to work for the working people who create it. Vote Socialist - Together we can build a California for the people, not the billionaires!

LeftUnitySlate.org

Meghann4CA.com

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MALIA COHEN

Candidate's Name: _____
DEMOCRAT

Political Party Preference*: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

Phone:() _____

Email: _____

Social Media #1**: https://www.instagram.com/malia.cohen

Social Media #2**: https://www.facebook.com/MaliaCohen

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Malia Cohen

As California State Controller, Malia Cohen serves as the state's chief fiscal officer, safeguarding the finances of the world's fourth-largest economy. She is running for re-election to ensure taxpayer dollars are managed with transparency, accountability, and fairness.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Malia understands firsthand the promise of California and the urgency of protecting it for future generations. A working mom, lifelong Democrat and dedicated public servant, she believes budgets are moral documents that should reflect our shared values and invest in people, not special interests.

As Controller, Malia has strengthened fiscal transparency by expanding public access to financial and payroll data, giving Californians a clear view of how public dollars are spent. She has released timely monthly cash reports to help keep California fiscally strong during economic uncertainty, reunited all 58 counties with millions in unclaimed property, and honored local governments for excellence in accurate financial reporting. She has also advanced the long-overdue modernization of California's payroll system to better serve public workers statewide.

At a time when trust in government matters more than ever, Malia Cohen is committed to protecting California's financial future and making the California Dream real for every community.

Join teachers, nurses, healthcare workers, operating engineers, plumbers, pipefitters, electrical workers, and working folks across California in supporting Malia Cohen for Controller. Learn more at: MaliaCohenForCA.com



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Candidate's Name: HERB W MORGAN

Political Party Preference*: REPUBLICAN

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Mailing Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: info@herbmorgan.com

Social Media #1**: X: @herb4controller

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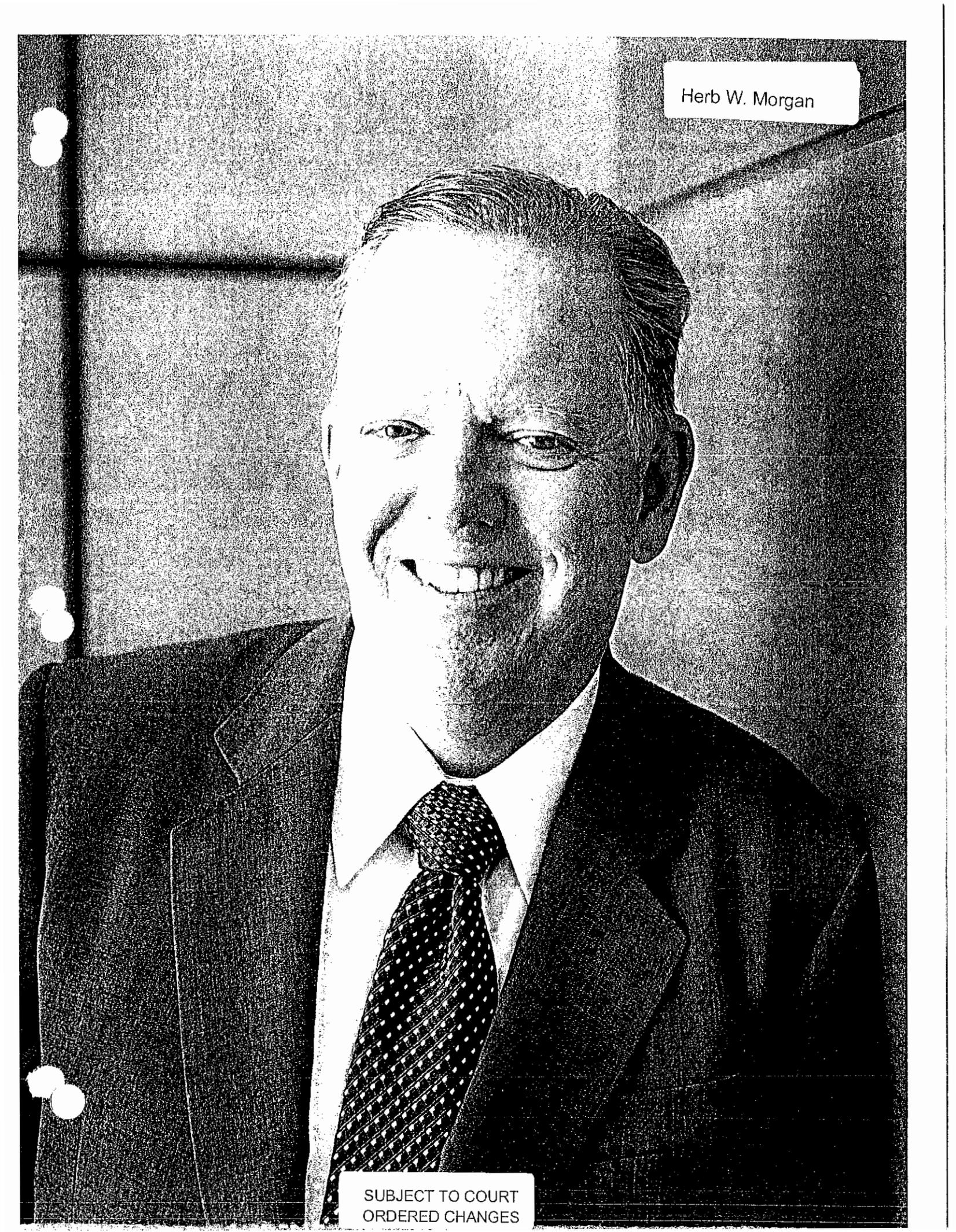
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Herb W. Morgan

California is ready for a new era of financial transparency and modern oversight. As State Controller, I will implement radical transparency across the state and its subsidiaries — publishing transaction-level spending online with near real-time reporting so every Californian can clearly see how public funds are used. When the facts are visible to everyone, debates about spending settle and confidence in government grows.

My focus is modernization and accountability. Using advanced technology, we can streamline operations, drive meaningful reform, and ensure resources reach the classrooms, communities, and programs that matter most.

With nearly four decades of experience overseeing investments and complex financial systems, I will bring disciplined stewardship and practical leadership to Sacramento — strengthening California's culture of compassion by making every public dollar work smarter, faster, and more effectively for the people it serves.

A black and white, high-contrast portrait of a man with short, dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white collared shirt, and a dark tie with a light-colored polka-dot pattern. The background is a textured, slightly mottled grey. On the left side of the image, there are four circular punch holes. In the top right corner, there is a small white rectangular box containing the name 'Herb W. Morgan'. In the bottom center, there is another small white rectangular box containing the text 'SUBJECT TO COURT ORDERED CHANGES'.

Herb W. Morgan

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