Board of Equalization

Serves on the Board of Equalization, the state’s elected tax commission, which:

- Assesses the property of regulated railroads and specific public utilities, and assesses and collects the private railroad car tax.
- Oversees the assessment practices of the state’s 58 county assessors.
- Assesses and collects the alcoholic beverage tax, and jointly administers the tax on insurers.
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Candidate’s Name: JOSE S. ALTAMIRANO

Political Party Preference*: DEMOCRATIC

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Jose S. Altamirano

Member, Board of Equalization, District 1

Candidate Statement

I want to thank all of you who helped me get here. Now, I again humbly ask for your vote to represent you on the Board of Equalization.

For 32 years, I have worked at the California State Compensation Insurance Fund, assisting business owners with their workers' compensation insurance needs, first as an Underwriting Manager, then as Assistant Program Manager, Interim VP of the Customer Service Center and most recently as the Business Services Operations Manager. Each of those roles has taught me the special nature of public service and public trust when your taxpayer dollars are involved.

I have been involved in my community as a Commissioner with the City of West Sacramento, as the Chair of UC Davis Health Community Advisory Board and as a Board Member, Sacramento Cottage Housing Inc., a non-profit helping individuals and families transition from homelessness to self-sustainability.

My education has been an amazing journey. I am the proud product of the L.A. Unified School District. In 1994, I relocated to Northern California where I earned my AA/AS from Sierra College, my B.S. in Applied Economics from the University of San Francisco, and my MBA in Finance from Drexel University.

My family and my life have instilled in me a personal code of ethics built on the qualities of being fair, equitable, and inclusive. As the first Latino to serve in the 1st District, and as a Democrat, I am ready to bring this same commitment and dedication to serving all taxpayers.

I again ask for your support and your vote for Jose Altamirano, Board of Equalization, 1st District.
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Candidate's Name: Ted Gaines

Political Party Preference*: Republican

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Why is California falling apart while the state is sitting on a $97 billion budget surplus? It’s because Sacramento politicians care too much about government and not enough about you. I don’t measure California’s success by the size of the state budget. I measure it by how our families are getting by and if our businesses are adding jobs. That’s why I’ve spent my career as your taxpayer advocate, working to make your lives better and not growing government at your expense. As your watchdog at the Board of Equalization, I’ll keep fighting, doing everything I can, to defeat new taxes and kill wasteful projects like High-Speed Rail. I’ll defend Prop. 13, so your property taxes don’t skyrocket, and seniors don’t get taxed out of their homes. In fact, I earned a straight “A” record from Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association every year in the legislature. I’ll work to hold criminals accountable, for safer schools, neighborhoods and businesses. I’ll support effective homeless policies that clean up our streets and reclaim our public spaces. And from gasoline to housing to electricity, I’ll strive to make California more affordable, so our citizens don’t struggle to pay for life’s necessities. I’m a fifth-generation Californian and small business owner with children and grandchildren building their lives here, too. I’m fully invested in a California future where we can prosper as so many of us did in our state’s unrivaled past. Join me. Visit www.tedgaines.com
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Candidate’s Name: Sally J. Lieber
Political Party Preference*: Democratic

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Other:

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I am a corporate-free candidate running to represent you on the Board of Equalization, the agency that oversees the collection of property taxes which fund schools and local government in our State. As a Board member, I will ensure that the voices of everyday people are heard; that our tax system is fair and equitable for homeowners, renters, veterans, people living with disabilities, small businesses, and communities of color; that investor-owned utilities and other big money interests pay their fair share; and that state government works to combat climate change. I will always protect Prop 13 benefits for homeowners.

I am the only candidate in this race that has balanced budgets and cut wasteful spending at both the state and local level. In the California State Assembly, I authored legislation that raised the minimum wage statewide, created new environmental protections, and made more Cal Grant scholarships available to deserving college students. As a local Councilwoman and Mayor, I helped build affordable housing for teachers; blocked Big Tobacco from advertising near schools; opened new childcare and senior services for working families; and worked to increase protections for youth in foster care.

I am proud that my work in the State Legislature earned a 100% lifetime rating from Planned Parenthood, the Sierra Club, the Congress of California Seniors, and Equality California; and that I am supported by Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Democratic Party, the California Nurses Association, California Teachers Association, SEIU and AFSCME workers, and the California Professional Firefighters. But the most important stamp of approval comes from you. I respectfully ask for your vote.
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Candidate’s Name: Peter Verbica

Political Party Preference*: Republican

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Peter Coe Verbica is a common-sense Californian endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC. The heart of Henry Coe State Park (now California’s second largest state park) was donated by his family—due to its unwavering appreciation for the great outdoors and the environment.

Fiscally responsible, Peter believes gas taxes, DMV fees and food sales taxes should be reduced and that State revenues should be used to fight fires, improve water resources, and clean up our roadways, trails and beaches.

Trained in business, real estate, law, and as a Certified Financial Planner®, Peter brings extensive professional experience to the Board of Equalization. He understands that Californian stakeholders want lower taxes, good-paying jobs, safe neighborhoods, reasonable housing costs, and high-quality schools.

Peter has actively supported education, military service men and women, youth ballet, the symphony, Asian-American culture, and California State Parks. A father of four daughters, the oldest of whom served in the US Navy, Peter believes in service to one’s community and Country. He is the former Chair of the Military Care Committee, which provided hundreds of care packages to US sailors and Marines.

Peter is a graduate of Bellarmine, Santa Clara University, and MIT. He is a published author whose works appear in over 40 anthologies. He is a member of Saint Francis Episcopal Church.

Peter believes in a clear-eyed, efficient, fair approach to governance and the importance of the BOE’s Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate Office as a vital venue for aggrieved taxpayers.

For more information go to www.peterverbica.com.
Board of Equalization – District 3:
Y. Marie Manvel (No Party Preference) –
No candidate statement
Board of Equalization – District 3:
Tony Vazquez (Democratic) – No candidate statement
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Candidate’s Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Mike Schaefer

Political Party Preference*: _______________________________________________________________________
Democratic

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I’m Mike Schaefer, “The Equalizer.” I’m proud to serve as your Elected Taxpayer Advocate and as the Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization. 10 million of you, my constituents, in the counties of San Diego, Orange, Riverside, Imperial, and San Bernardino, rely upon me to serve as your state fiscal watchdog using my oversight responsibilities for our $77 billion property tax system, which funds schools and local government services you count on. When you elected me in 2019, I became the oldest freshman constitutional officer in state history. When the pandemic struck, I worked with Governor Newsom to initiate an Executive Order which aided small businesses by postponing penalty deadlines for property tax statements helping to keep businesses afloat during challenging times. I co-led a 50-person statewide COVID-19 Task Force that created innovative tax solutions to protect Prop 13, veterans, individuals, families, and seniors. Experience and Education: Business degree from University of California Berkeley and a law degree from Georgetown University. Investigator and Financial Analyst for U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.; San Diego City Councilmember. My legal career began in the San Diego City Attorney’s Office, before going into private practice and becoming a champion for fair and equitable election law. I’m proud to be endorsed by the California Democratic Party, State Controller Betty Yee, State Treasurer Fiona Ma, State Board of Equalization Chair Malia Cohen, and Assemblymember Chris Ward, who join with taxpayers and working families in supporting my re-election. I am honored to earn your vote and will continue to fight for tax justice and equity protecting your hard-earned tax dollars. Visit www.MikeFightsForUs.com
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Candidate’s Name:    David Dodson
Political Party Preference:    Democratic

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Candidate Statement: David Dodson

Board of Equalization District 4

Democrat

With 30 years experience in Property Tax Assessment at the BOE and manager of the Southern California regional office, I am the most qualified candidate. The Board oversees California’s Property Tax system. I’m committed to using my knowledge in this specialized field to protect your rights, fight against loopholes and solve challenges. I’ll deliver the necessary expertise to navigate tax law changes. The home is one of the few avenues for families to build wealth. I’ll make positive changes to help Californians. #USCG
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