

# 2026 General Election Smart Voter Guide: Complete Update (Burbank 91504)

## 1. Local Burbank Races & Ballot Measures

### Burbank City Council Recommendations (Preferred Slate)

Support candidates who will work for the "peace and prosperity" of the city {Jer 29:7} by prioritizing economic growth, protecting local media and TV/film production, supporting small businesses, fully-funding public safety, and opposing overreaching state-sponsored zoning mandates and laws that increase the cost of living.

- **David Donohue**
- **Samantha Wick**
- **Jackie Waltman**

### Burbank Ballot Measures

- **Measure C: VOTE NO**
  - *Why "NO":* Raises hotel tax from 10% to 12%. Even though it targets visitors rather than residents, it fuels constant government spending growth, harms local tourism and hotel competitiveness (competing with neighboring Glendale at 12% and Pasadena at 12.11%), and sets a bad precedent of endless tax hikes.
- **Measure CC: VOTE NO**
  - *Why "NO":* Rejects opening up the city charter for alternative election mechanisms that complicate representation and dilute voter voice.
- **Measure CD: VOTE NO**
  - *Why "NO":* Opposes carving the city up into narrow districts; maintains at-large council accountability so every council member answers to the entire community.

## 2. Los Angeles County Ballot Measures

- **LA County Measure A: VOTE NO**
  - *Why "NO":* Rejects broad tax expansions, sales tax hikes, and government overreaches that increase the cost of living for struggling taxpayers and working families.
- **LA County Measure E: VOTE NO**
  - *Why "NO":* While falsely marketed around ethics oversight, it improperly bundles watchdogs with mandatory funding earmarks and soft-on-crime spending mandates that tie the hands of county supervisors and bypass fiscal checks.

## 3. Stateside Candidates

### Federal & State Offices (Burbank / District 91504 Region)

- **State Senate (District 20):** Tony Rodriguez
- **State Assembly (District 44):** Carolyn Daniels
- **U.S. House of Representatives (CA District 30):** NOT Laura Friedman
- **Governor:** Steve Hilton
- **Lt. Governor:** Gloria Romero
- **Secretary of State:** Don Wagner
- **Controller:** Herb Morgan
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer Hawkes
- **Attorney General:** Michael Gates
- **Insurance Commissioner:** *Ben Allen\**
- **Bd of Equalization (Dist 3):** *Mike Gibson\**
- **Superintendent of Public Instruction:** Sonia Shaw
- ( *\* indicates least worst option* )

## 4. Statewide Ballot Measures (Propositions)

★ **TOP PRIORITY MEASURE: Proposition 39 (Voter ID)** is critical for restoring election integrity, establishing mandatory voter identification, and building public trust in democratic outcomes.

- **Prop 1: VOTE NO** – Borrows \$11.25 billion to subsidize select housing programs.
- **Prop 2: VOTE NO** – Protects state budget spending limits and taxpayer relief.
- **Prop 3: VOTE NO** – Opposes new income tax hikes.
- **Prop 4: VOTE NO** – Stops funneling taxpayer dollars into political campaign funding.
- **Prop 5: VOTE NO** – Protects citizens' rights to recall politicians from office.
- **Prop 37: VOTE NO** – Rejects excessive bond debt.
- **Prop 38: VOTE NO – Taxpayer Stance:** Rejects adding billions in long-term state bond debt & interest repayments to fund select (favored) research institutions.
- **Prop 39 (VOTER ID): VOTE YES – The #1 Priority:** Mandates Voter ID to restore election integrity and safeguard citizens' votes.
- **Prop 40: VOTE NO** – Opposes the "Wealth Tax" trojan horse, setting a dangerous precedent for the state-sponsored seizure of 5% of your property value and assets (including unrealized gains). Future legislators can easily lower the asset threshold without voter approval to expand this regressive wealth tax to everyday families.
- **Prop 41: VOTE YES** – Implements strict government audits on special taxes.
- **Prop 42: VOTE YES** – Protects household savings and retirement accounts from wealth/savings taxes ("Stop the Savings Tax").
- **Prop 43: VOTE YES** – Protects local taxpayers and safeguards Proposition 13.
- **Prop 44: VOTE NO** – Prevents burdensome mandates on community healthcare clinics.
- **Prop 45: VOTE YES** – Cuts red tape to reduce housing costs.

## 5. College Boards & Districts

- **Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Trustees:**
  - **Trustee Seat 2:** Kristina Irwin
  - **Trustee Seat 4:** Elaine Alaniz
  - **Trustee Seat 6:** Tonia Arey

## 6. Local Judges & State Judicial Offices

- **Superior Court Judges:**
  - **Office 64:** Maria Ghobadi
  - **Office 65:** Anna Slotky Reitano
  - **Office 87:** David DeJute
  - **Office 131:** Donna Tryfman
- **State Judicial (Appellate Justices):**
  - Joshua Groban: NO
  - Kelli M. Evans: NO
  - Rashida A. Adams: NO
  - Helen Zukin: NO
  - Brian M. Hoffstadt: NO
  - Tari L. Cody: YES
  - Gonzalo C. Martinez: NO
  - Michelle C. Kim: YES
  - Gregory J. Weingart: YES
  - Anne Richardson: YES
  - Steve Goorvitch: YES
  - Mark Hanasano: YES
  - Nicholas Daum: NO
  - Audra M. Mori: NO
  - Armen Tamzarian: YES
  - Kenneth R. Yegan: YES
  - Natalie Stone: YES
  - John Wiley: YES
  - Matthew A. Scherb: YES
  - Victor G. Viramontes: NO

## 7. Orange County *Addendum* (Irvine, Newport Beach & Huntington Beach)

### Federal & State Legislative Offices

- U.S. House of Reps (CA District 47): Jenny Rae Le Roux
- State Senate (District 36): Tony Strickland
- State Senate (District 38): Laura Bassett
- State Assembly (District 72): Gracey Van Der Mark
- State Assembly (District 73): Urson Russell
- State Assembly (District 74): Laurie Davies

### Orange County Board of Supervisors

- District 4: Tim Shaw
- District 5: Diane Dixon

### Local Municipal Races & Measures

#### City of Irvine

- Mayor: *Maksim Egorov\**
- City Council (District 1): John Park
- City Council (District 5): Steve Alves
- City Council (District 6): *Kathleen Treseder\**
- Measure D: VOTE NO

*(\* indicates least worst option)*

## City of Newport Beach

- **City Council (District 1):** Joe Stapleton
- **City Council (District 3):** Erik Weigand
- **City Council (District 4):** Robyn Grant
- **City Council (District 6):** Lauren Kleiman
- **Measure H: VOTE NO**

## City of Huntington Beach

**City Council (Vote for up to 4):** Pat Burns, Andrew Gruel, Casey McKeon, Brian Thienes

## School Boards & College Districts

- **Irvine Unified School Board:**
  - **Area 2:** Ron Scolesdang
  - **Area 4:** Jeff Kim\*

*( \* indicates least worst option)*

## Community College District

- **Coast Community College District:**
  - **Trustee Area 1:** Austin Edsell
  - **Trustee Area 3:** Conrad Mazeika
  - **Trustee Area 5:** Xerxez Calilung

*To check official voter registration, track mail-in ballots, locate local polling centers or secure drop-offs, and review sample ballots, please visit the [California Secretary of State Official Voter Information Guide](#), the [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Portal](#), or the [Orange County Registrar of Voters Portal](#).*