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## Who Will Defend California's Taxpayers?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. By signing the pledge, a candidate/incumbent promises “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

These candidates have joined President Bush, 217 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 42 U.S. senators, nine governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers and over 1270 incumbent state legislators, all of whom have pledged to oppose tax increases. ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents.

**In California, the following candidates have chosen to side with the taxpayers of their state and have signed the Pledge:**

### INCUMBENTS

Board of Equalization: Bill Leonard  
City Council, La Mesa: Barry Jantz

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Dick Ackerman (S-33)  | 6. Greg Aghazarian (H-26)  | 13. Tom Harman (H-67)     |
| 2. Jim Battin (S-37)     | 7. Kevin McCarthy (H-32)   | 14. Todd Spitzer (H-71)   |
| 3. Rick Keene (H-3)      | 8. Bill Maze (H-34)        | 15. Mark Wyland (H-74)    |
| 4. Alan Nakanishi (H-10) | 9. Sharon Runner (H-36)    | 16. George Plescia (H-75) |
| 5. David Cogdill (H-25)  | 10. Dennis Mountjoy (H-59) | 17. Jay La Suer (H-77)    |
|                          | 11. Russ Bogh (H-65)       | 18. Bonnie Garcia (H-80)  |
|                          | 12. Ray Haynes (H-66)      |                           |

### CANDIDATES

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Gary Podesto (S-5)       | 14. Cesar Castellanos (H-27)      | 27. Steve Kuykendall (H-54) |
| 2. George Runner (S-17)     | 15. Mike Villines (H-29)          | 28. John H. Sterne (H-54)   |
| 3. Dale F. Ogden (S-25)     | 16. Sam Blakeslee (H-33)          | 29. John Brantuk (H-56)     |
| 4. Dan Fernandes (S-29)     | 17. Gary L. Kirkland (H-33)       | 30. Rita Topalian (H-58)    |
| 5. Timothy Johnson (S-35)   | 18. Audra Strickland (H-37)       | 31. Fritz Ward (H-59)       |
| 6. John Campbell (S-35)     | 19. Ely Dea Cruz Avao (H-39)      | 32. Norm Westwell (H-67)    |
| 7. Larry Stirling (S-39)    | 20. Sandor J. Woren (H-43)        | 33. Al Snook (H-68)         |
| 8. Ray Tyrone (H-1)         | 21. Oscar Gutierrez (H-45)        | 34. Van Tran (H-68)         |
| 9. F. Aaron Smith (H-7)     | 22. Peter “Pedro” De Baets (H-47) | 35. Chuck DeVore (H-70)     |
| 10. Cullene Lang (H-10)     | 23. Dale Everett (H-47)           | 36. Andrew Favor (H-73)     |
| 11. Paul Santiago (H-11)    | 24. Laura Brown (H49)             | 37. Jennifer Osborne (H-76) |
| 12. Nellie McGarry (H-17)   | 25. Gladys O. Miller (H-50)       | 38. Tricia Hunter (H-76)    |
| 13. Ronald J. Colfer (H-18) | 26. Daniel R. Sherman (H-51)      |                             |

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