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## California: Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for November

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) asks all candidates for federal and state office to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and thus demonstrate their solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. **By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

Pledge signers are in good company: President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, eight Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1290 state legislators.

**In California, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for 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. David Cogdill (H-25)    | 14. Tom Harman (H-67)     |
| 2. Jim Battin (S-37)     | 7. Greg Aghazarian (H-26)  | 15. Todd Spitzer (H-71)   |
| 3. Rick Keene (H-3)      | 8. Kevin McCarthy (H-32)   | 16. Mark Wyland (H-74)    |
| 4. Alan Nakanishi (H-10) | 9. Bill Maze (H-34)        | 17. George Plescia (H-75) |
| 5. Guy S. Houston (H-15) | 10. Sharon Runner (H-36)   | 18. Jay La Suer (H-77)    |
|                          | 11. Dennis Mountjoy (H-59) | 19. Bonnie Garcia (H-80)  |
|                          | 12. Russ Bogh (H-65)       |                           |
|                          | 13. Ray Haynes (H-66)      |                           |

### CANDIDATES

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| 1. Gary Podesto (S-5)       | 16. Cesar Castellanos (H-27)      | 31. Steve Kuykendall (H-54)     |
| 2. George Runner (S-17)     | 17. Mike Villines (H-29)          | 32. John H. Sterne (H-54)       |
| 3. Dale F. Ogden (S-25)     | 18. Sam Blakeslee (H-33)          | 33. Margherita Underhill (H-55) |
| 4. Cesar Castellanos (S-27) | 19. Gary L. Kirkland (H-33)       | 34. John Brantuk (H-56)         |
| 5. Dan Fernandes (S-29)     | 20. Audra Strickland (H-37)       | 35. Rita Topalian (H-58)        |
| 6. Timothy Johnson (S-35)   | 21. Ely Dea Cruz Avao (H-39)      | 36. Fritz Ward (H-59)           |
| 7. John Campbell (S-35)     | 22. Sandor J. Woren (H-43)        | 37. Norm Westwell (H-67)        |
| 8. Larry Stirling (S-39)    | 23. Lynn Gabriel (H-44)           | 38. Al Snook (H-68)             |
| 9. Ray Tyrone (H-1)         | 24. Oscar Gutierrez (H-45)        | 39. Van Tran (H-68)             |
| 10. F. Aaron Smith (H-7)    | 25. Peter “Pedro” De Baets (H-47) | 40. Chuck DeVore (H-70)         |
| 11. Cullene Lang (H-10)     | 26. Dale Everett (H-47)           | 41. Andrew Favor (H-73)         |
| 12. Paul Santiago (H-11)    | 27. Laura Brown (H-49)            | 42. Jennifer Osborne (H-76)     |
| 13. Chirs Maden (H-12)      | 28. Gladys O. Miller (H-50)       | 43. Tricia Hunter (H-76)        |
| 14. Nellie McGarry (H-17)   | 29. Daniel R. Sherman (H-51)      |                                 |
| 15. Ronald J. Colfer (H-18) | 30. Greg Hill (H-53)              |                                 |

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