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## Who Will Defend California Taxpayers? (Update)

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 taxpayers. **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 1310 state legislators.

**“Signing the Pledge is the single most important step a candidate or incumbent can take to demonstrate his or her commitment to taxpayers’ interests,”** said Grover Norquist, President of ATR. **“I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every incumbent and candidate, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”** In California, the following people 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)       | 17. Nellie McGarry (H-17)         | 33. Greg Hill (H-53)            |
| 2. Patty Deutsche (S-9)     | 18. Ronald J. Colfer (H-18)       | 34. Steve Kuykendall (H-54)     |
| 3. Joe Zellhoefer (S-11)    | 19. Cesar Castellanos (H-27)      | 35. John H. Sterne (H-54)       |
| 4. George Runner (S-17)     | 20. Mike Villines (H-29)          | 36. Margherita Underhill (H-55) |
| 5. John S. Ballard (S-17)   | 21. Sam Blakeslee (H-33)          | 37. John Brantuk (H-56)         |
| 6. Dale F. Ogden (S-25)     | 22. Gary L. Kirkland (H-33)       | 38. Rita Topalian (H-58)        |
| 7. Cesar Castellanos (S-27) | 23. Audra Strickland (H-37)       | 39. Fritz Ward (H-59)           |
| 8. Dan Fernandes (S-29)     | 24. Ely Dea Cruz Avao (H-39)      | 40. Alan Warner (H-61)          |
| 9. Timothy Johnson (S-35)   | 25. Sandor J. Woren (H-43)        | 41. Norm Westwell (H-67)        |
| 10. John Campbell (S-35)    | 26. Lynn Gabriel (H-44)           | 42. Al Snook (H-68)             |
| 11. Larry Stirling (S-39)   | 27. Oscar Gutierrez (H-45)        | 43. Van Tran (H-68)             |
| 12. Ray Tyrone (H-1)        | 28. Peter “Pedro” De Baets (H-47) | 44. Chuck DeVore (H-70)         |
| 13. F. Aaron Smith (H-7)    | 29. Dale Everett (H-47)           | 45. Andrew Favor (H-73)         |
| 14. Cullene Lang (H-10)     | 30. Laura Brown (H-49)            | 46. Jennifer Osborne (H-76)     |
| 15. Paul Santiago (H-11)    | 31. Gladys O. Miller (H-50)       | 47. Tricia Hunter (H-76)        |
| 16. Chirs Maden (H-12)      | 32. Daniel R. Sherman (H-51)      |                                 |

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