

U.S. House of Representatives District 11

Congressman Mark DeSaulnier:

In addition to working as a probation officer, truck driver and a small business owner, Mark has served the Bay Area as a public servant. He has worked to balance California's budget, establish the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel, secure funding for projects like eBart and traffic relief like the Highway 4 expansion. Mark has always held government accountable like when millions were wasted on the Bay Bridge. In Congress, he is working to grow the economy, create high value jobs, and improve housing options. Whether partisan politics or Trump's attacks on California, Mark is always fighting for us.

<http://desaulnierforcongress.com/>

John Fitzgerald:

My name is John Fitzgerald and I am a Small Business Owner running as a Republican candidate for Congress against Congressman, Mark DeSaulnier.

Mr. DeSaulnier is for very lenient immigration policy along with Sanctuary City and State status. I, like our Contra Costa County Sheriff, am not! Currently in the U.S., 51% of illegal immigrants receive some form of Government subsidies while 78% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck and have less than \$10,000 in the bank. This must change!

Mark voted NO on HR1865: Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017 even though child sex trafficking is the second most lucrative illegal business in the U.S. behind drugs.

As a senator in 2011, he voted YES on SB48 making it mandatory in public schools to teach homosexual/transgender history to students K-12 when today, mentioning God and church are not allowed!

Mr. DeSaulnier is also against the 2nd Amendment, I am not!

He also supports Planned Parenthood where 79% of their facilities are in African American and Hispanic neighborhoods. All of us in our communities should be outraged knowing this fact!

For these reasons, I hope to earn your vote so I can bring some sense and moderation to both District 11 and Washington, D.C.

<http://johnfitzgeraldforcongress.com/>

Dennis Lytton:

"We need to do more than just flip swing districts Democratic. We need more than just a Democratic majority. We need leaders with progressive ideas and a commitment to accountability and our country in every district. That's why I'm running for Congress in California's 11th district.

I'm a proud Union member - AFSCME Local 3993, Bay Area Rapid Transit District. Yes, I move trains around the Bay Area. I'm a progressive, pro-labor Democrat, Amelia's husband, and a father of two young boys (four-and-a-half year old Ty and two year old Freddie).

We're a middle class family. That experience grounds my views. I'll never forget where I came from and the trust that comes with public office."

<https://www.lyttonforcongress.org/>

Chris Wood

It's time that the People have the opportunity to vote Positively, to not be limited to hedging their vote in the two-party "choice" system. Support Ranked-Choice Voting, Open Primaries, and Campaign Finance control.

<https://www.chriswood-public.com/>

State Assembly 16th Assembly District

Representative [Catharine B. Baker](#) (R) Dublin:

When I ran for Assembly, I promised to be independent from partisanship and interest groups and to get things done. I've done just that, with real results, including successful bills to: put California kids first in UC admissions; provide more local BART parking; extend BART to ACE in Livermore; protect equal pay for women; strengthen our gun control laws; protect our coastline from more oil drilling; hold the state accountable for spending; and increase funding for local schools. I'm honored to be the only candidate with support from Democrats, Independents, and Republicans on every local school board and city council. I would honored to earn your Vote to continue getting real results for our community.

<https://ad16.asmrc.org/#biography>

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D) Orinda:

As an accomplished attorney, mother and community advocate, I am running for Assembly to help solve our community's most pressing challenges. I have a long record of taking action to solve tough problems, protecting the environment, improving our schools and more. Last year, I

coordinated the legal response to Trump's travel ban at SFO and have been a relentless advocate for keeping guns out of our schools.

In the Assembly, I will focus on getting our local schools their fair share of funding to prepare students for 21st-century careers and working to find real transportation solutions, including improving BART.

<https://www.rebeccabauerkahan.com/>

County Superintendent of Schools

Lynn Mackey:

My County Superintendent's campaign is centered on issues of education experience, leadership, and a vision for the future of Contra Costa County's schools. I have been a teacher, a principal and now serve as deputy superintendent. I have worked with the Superintendent for 21 years and my colleagues know me to be passionate about educating all students, expanding career technical education programs, keeping school districts fiscally sound, and providing teachers with competitive compensation to attract and retain the best.

Here is a link to my website with my bio: lynnmackey.org

Ron Leone:

I'm Ron Leone and I'm a candidate for County Superintendent because I believe **Every Student Counts!** From classroom teacher (Teacher of the Year, San Ramon Valley Unified School District) to high school principal and assistant superintendent, my experiences include curriculum development, textbook evaluation, teacher mentoring, vocational instruction, special education, budgets, and honors programs. I was Chairman of the Board for John Muir Hospitals and Mayor of the City of Concord.

- **Academic Performance Counts:** More than 50% of our Contra Costa students do not meet state standards in English and math.
- **Attendance Counts:** The grand jury reported that our Contra Costa Schools have the worst attendance rate of all nine Bay Area counties.
- **Vocational Education Counts:** I will expand vocational education by building a ROP Job Training Center.
- **Teachers Count:** I will create a more robust County program for teacher training & provide more classroom resources. Preventing Bankruptcy & Balancing Budgets Counts: The County Office of Education is not paying-down its unfunded retiree liability debts. If this continues they could become bankrupt.

<http://www.ronaldleone.net/>

Cheryl Hansen:

Cheryl Hansen: County Superintendent of Schools

EXPERIENCE THAT MATTERS: FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE BOARD ROOM

- A True Service Provider
 - Be a true service provider to school districts – responsive, relevant, current, supportive. Ensure that CCCOE is the "go to" place.
- Fiscal Accountability
 - Prioritize and leverage county and district educational and fiscal resources to maximize those resources and achieve fiscal solvency and accountability.
- Academic Programs and Safe, Supportive Schools
 - Provide high-quality educational programs and support services to prepare all students for college/career success in a safe, secure environment that meets their learning needs.
- A Trusted Advocate
 - Be a proactive advocate for our students, employees, and educational community at the local, state, and federal levels.

EXPERIENCED EDUCATOR WITH PROVEN LEADERSHIP

My service as a two-term Mt. Diablo School Board Trustee, County Office of Education administrator, principal, assistant principal, vice principal, and teacher gives me the breadth of current knowledge, expertise, and leadership to bring vitality and positive direction to our county and develop strong, partnerships with our 18 school districts and educational community.

<https://www.cheryl-hansen.com/>

Contra Costa County district attorney

Diana Becton:

Diana Becton has served as Contra Costa District Attorney since being appointed in September 2017. As an experienced attorney and a judge for 22 years, Diana has the executive and leadership experience necessary to manage a multi-million dollar budget and hundreds of staff. Diana's priority is to hold criminal offenders accountable and keep our community safe. She also believe there is so much more we can do to break the cycle of crime. Diana is already working with police chiefs across the county to address nonviolent, low-level offenders who can and should be diverted away from the criminal justice system and into treatment or services. Diana is especially committed to destroying the school-to-prison pipeline that robs our youth of their futures, with innovative approaches like a truancy initiative to keep kids in school and off the streets. Diana also supports re-entry programs that can help former offenders stay out of jail and become productive members of our community. Diana is a champion for justice in Contra Costa County who will bring positive change and a new approach to keeping our community safe.

<https://www.becton4da.org/>

Paul Graves:

Senior Deputy District Attorney Paul Graves is a dedicated Contra Costa County criminal prosecutor and public servant who has given his entire career to the protection of the people of Contra Costa County.

Paul has spent 23 years as a prosecutor in the Contra Costa District Attorney's office. Across those two decades, he has experience investigating and prosecuting cases in nearly every criminal division and in nearly every community in Contra Costa County. He has been involved in prosecuting some of the toughest cases, from homicides to sexual assaults, to gang violence.

He has taken over 70 cases to trial, resulting in over 20 "life" sentences.

Experienced Leadership

Paul Graves has extensive management experience within the District Attorney's office, having led and supervised various internal prosecuting units including the homicide team. He currently serves as the Senior Deputy District Attorney in charge of Family Violence. In that role, Paul directly oversees the Sexual Assault Unit including Human Trafficking, the Domestic Violence Unit, and the Elder Abuse Unit.

Strong relationships with local law enforcement

Paul believes that the ability to work closely and effectively with local law enforcement is the foundation of the effectiveness of any District Attorney. He is in a select group of prosecutors who work with young police officers as an instructor at Contra Costa County's Police Academy. He is considered an expert in search and seizure issues as well as other constitutional principles.

Paul is endorsed by every law enforcement agency in Contra Costa County as well as the Deputy District Attorneys' Association, Firefighters, and first responders. Victim Advocate Marc Klaas is also supporting Paul in recognition of Paul's dedication to victims.

Paul also received the endorsement of the East Bay Times editorial board.

Family

Paul was born in South Bend, Indiana and moved to Colorado as a child where his parents opened up a local bookstore. Paul eventually went to high school in Long Beach, California, and graduated from Loyola Marymount College after receiving a baseball scholarship.

Paul married his college sweetheart and moved to Sacramento where he graduated Order of the Coif and within the top five students of his class at University of the Pacific's McGeorge

School of Law. After graduation Paul sought out public service, and has since devoted his entire 22 year career as an attorney to the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office and the people it represents and protects.

Paul lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children in Clayton.

<https://paulgravesforda.com/>

Lawrence S. Strauss:

As a small business owner for over twenty-three years, lawyer, and former Deputy Prosecutor (Hawaii), I am seeking to become District Attorney of Contra Costa County because the safety of the public is at extreme risk due to the current inefficient and inept management. Our police officers are doing their jobs and catching the criminals. They issue citations and forward their reports to the DA's office for prosecution. When the defendant appears on the stated court date, there is no case filed. He is told to contact the District Attorney's Office to check the status of the case, or the court will send a notice to appear in the mail. Do you honestly believe that a criminal is going to follow up with the DA's Office regarding potential charges against him? Eleven months after the arrest, a complaint is filed and sent in the mail. A bench warrant is issued, and after eighteen months from the date of the arrest, the person is finally brought to the beginning of justice! What do you think that drunk driver, thief, or drug addict has been doing in the eighteen months that have gone by due to the untimeliness in filing complaints by the DA's office?

The DA's Office is wasting time and money on unnecessary expenditures. I represent inmates at Lifer Parole Hearings in the state prisons all over California. I am required to drive three to four hours and personally appear at the hearings. The DA's Office is allowed to utilize telephone and video conferencing. Instead, the Deputy District Attorney ("DDA") is traveling by airline and/or renting a car, paying for gasoline, staying at fancy hotels, and eating expensive meals all at taxpayer expense! Also, the hearings sometimes start three hours late, and he is being compensated for the waiting time. As DA, I am going to curtail this abusive practice. Only telephone and video conferencing will be permitted. If there is a delay in the hearing, the DDA will be able to work on other tasks such as promptly filing complaints.

The above anecdotes are only two examples of the pervasive incompetence of the current administration. There are other areas of concern such as the unnecessary court congestion due to not promptly relaying dispositional offers on cases and the lack of use of technology such as utilizing paper files instead of a computerized system that would assist in the filing, distribution, and organization of cases. Also, there is no full-time employee whose job duty would be applying for available grant funding. The state and the federal government provide funding to hire additional attorneys and support staff in different legal areas; yet, the current DA's Office is not aggressively pursuing that strategy.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the people of our county. I look forward to your

support to change the systemic failures of the DA's Office.

Auditor Controller

Robert Campbell:

I am fiscally conservative, promoting spending restraints that protect your tax dollars. During my time as Auditor-Controller, we:

- Improved and maintained Contra Costa County's credit score to the highest AAA bond rating.
- Succeeded in recommending and building strong financial reserves.
- Prepared annual financial reports that received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

I possess the qualifications, leadership, and high ethical standards required to serve the citizens of Contra Costa County, continuing my work to manage and protect taxpayers' dollars. I would be honored to earn your continued trust and support. Thank you

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A military **veteran** and Navy Reservist with the required knowledge and **33 years of professional fiscal management and best practices experience** that will enable me to be a highly effective Auditor-Controller, I will ensure that the County administration is efficient and gets you the maximum return for your money by providing fair, equitable, and diversified services to all residents .

For **over 21 years**, I have performed **high level accounting, budgeting, planning, auditing, and financial reporting** for you in the County's largest department and will be the first ever minority elected to Contra Costa County executive office, since over 167 year of County existence.

Being a progressive, labor union leader and treasurer, and a **Certified Government Financial Manager** (CGFM), I have worked hard to improve my community and world through many socially-minded efforts, *including: auditing* for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (a global non-profit organization); **co-directing a non-profit organization** set up to provide housing and education to homeless children; over 21 years of military service at home and abroad providing combat and joint logistics and religious, morale and welfare support services to civilians and service members during combat, peacetime, and humanitarian operations; and working for **various community projects** and activities in both Contra Costa and Alameda counties over the years (including poll worker, tax return preparations for low income residents, and numerous local church community outreach programs and labor actions).

I know how to get funding to increase needed services in our County. Working with other financial managers from other counties and the state, I helped channel more than \$300 million of additional funding for much needed Behavioral Health Services in Contra Costa County and ensure approximately \$40 million of continuous additional annual funding.

I hope my actions speak for themselves, and if elected, I will keep the public trust as a good steward and do everything possible for the financial health of our County.