

**Progressive Democrats of Benicia  
Endorsement Committee**

April 27, 2018

**Research – GAVIN NEWSOM for Governor, June 5, 2018 Primary**

**RECOMMENDATION: NO ENDORSEMENT FOR GOVERNOR**

(Text below is from the **Endorsement Committee's** original research, showing Pat's reasoning and recommendation for No Endorsement. The **Steering Committee** preferred No Endorsement for reasons stated below and overruled the Endorsement Committee's 2-1 recommendation for Delaine Eastin.)

**A. Candidate name/Office Sought or Ballot measure.**

Gavin Newsom Governor

**B. Relevance of office/ballot measure to Benicia/Solano County.**

**C. Relevance of office/ballot measure to Benicia/Solano County.**

**Every state issue** is heavily influenced by the office of the Governor. Statewide issues important to Benicia progressives include water supply and water quality; climate change, air quality and sea level rise; fossil fuel transport, production and regulation; housing; racial and gender justice; poverty; immigration; public education; public transportation; etc., etc.

**D. Description of candidate's past and present positions and voting record on progressive issues, or the impact of the ballot measure, if passed, on progressive policies and programs.**

Website info: Combat Climate Change and Put California on a Path to 100% Renewable Energy, Set California on the Fast Track to Zero Diesel Pollution by 2030, says he will design a visionary goods movement strategy that modernizes our ports, improves efficiency, electrifies our transit system, bolsters economic productivity, and cleans our air. He will also set a goal of zero diesel pollution by 2030. Gavin believes we need to replace diesel with zero pollution clean technology like hydrogen fuel cells and electric vehicles. Protect Public lands: He supports the parks and water bond that the Governor and Legislature put on the ballot, which places appropriate emphasis on urban parks that serve underserved communities.

He also opposes fracking and other unsafe oil operations and is committed to the highest standards of public transparency, public health, and public safety above all else. He believes that fracking poses potentially significant health and environmental risks that need to be studied, monitored, and tested for aggressively, and will fight efforts by the oil and gas industry to escape the reach of state and federal regulators.

Newsom believes that new oil and gas development in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf threatens the environment, delays the nation's movement toward renewable energy development, contributes to increased greenhouse gas emissions, and adversely affects tourism and fisheries.

He will safeguard the percentage of cap and trade dollars earmarked for communities that have borne the burden of environmental injustice. He will ensure that the polluter pays, by instructing CalEPA and relevant agencies to conduct a review of enforcement programs, and empowering folks on the ground to supplement those efforts.

As Governor, Gavin will harness the ingenuity of Silicon Valley and Silicon Beach and utilize California technology to create a 21st century grid capable of powering the world's sixth largest economy. He believes we can meet the design challenge of building a grid that integrates renewable.

He Supports a single-payer model like Medicare, defended California's status as a Sanctuary State, called for the state's public colleges and universities to be sanctuary campuses, and added his voice calling on Congress to pass a clean DREAM Act. Communities across California are coming together to alert immigrants of ICE activity and ensure that their neighbors' civil rights are protected and funding for immigrant legal defense.

Past history of early support for gay marriage and legal recreational pot.

On the negative side this comment was found: "He was quoted on April 9, 2018 regulations need to be streamlined and steps need to be taken to reduce frivolous environmental lawsuits. He also mentioned Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida as places he's looked to for ideas that might make California more hospitable to business." (From an updated article titled, *Governor frontrunner Gavin Newsom calls for a more business-friendly state*, in the [Ocean County Review](#).)

**E. Description of the candidate's or ballot measure's sponsors and opponents, sources of financial support, and volunteers' network.**

He has taken large amounts of contributions from corporations of all sectors.

Endorsements: Senator Kamala Harris, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, former Rep. Gabrielle Gifford and her husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, Service Employees International Union, Equality California, National Union of Healthcare Workers, California Teachers Association, California Labor Federation, and received 39% vote at statewide California Democratic Convention.

**F. Description of how candidate or ballot measure supports PDB Core Principles.**

He is strong on pro-choice, single payer, LGTB issues, gun safety, environmental positions, opposing fracking, civil rights, DACA, sanctuary cities, racial and gender justice, public education, renewable energy. He has had successes in pushing many of these measures while in public office.

**G. Recommendation and brief statement.**

**RECOMMENDATION: DO NOT ENDORSE A CANDIDATE IN THIS POSTION.** Both Gavin Newsom and Delaine Eastin are great progressive candidates. They are equal in this reviewer's mind. The potential problem with endorsing one candidate over the other is the potential for splitting the progressive vote and potentially ending up with a much more conservative choice in the general election. My recommendation is to wait until much closer to the election to see which of these two candidates are ahead and vote progressive.

Pat Toth-Smith

4/26/2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Progressive Democrats of Benicia  
Endorsement Committee**

April 26, 2018

**Research – DELAINE EASTIN for Governor, June 5, 2018 Primary**

**RECOMMENDATION (2-1): ENDORSE DELAINE EASTIN**

(Text below is from the **Endorsement Committee's** original research, showing Roger's reasoning and recommendation for endorsing Delaine Eastin. The **Steering Committee** preferred No Endorsement for reasons stated on the Gavin Newsom research sheet, and overruled the Endorsement Committee's 2-1 recommendation for Delaine Eastin.)

- A. Candidate name/Office Sought or Ballot measure.

**Delaine Eastin / Governor of California**

- B. Relevance of office/ballot measure to Benicia/Solano County.

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- C. Description of candidate's past and present positions and voting record on progressive issues, or the impact of the ballot measure, if passed, on progressive policies and programs.

Eastin has a strong and lengthy record as a progressive, with an exceptional background on California public education.

**Public office**

- 1986-1994, California State Assembly - served as a Democratic member of the Assembly, leaving office to run for California Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 1995-2003, two terms as California Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 2003-2005, executive director of the National Institute for School Leadership
- 2004-2008, taught educational leadership at Mills College as a distinguished visiting professor

**Progressive on the issues**

Excerpts from her [campaign website](#) as shown on [BallotPedia](#) (Mar 13, 2018):

**Climate Change**

The science is clear: Climate Change is real, and it is happening now. It is major threat to jobs across the state, to our highways and infrastructure, to our health, and to our homes and families. We need to act with great urgency to save our planet for the next generation. Yet California's current climate commitments, while well intended, won't stop climate change, which means even more severe droughts, floods, and fires in the years to come. The plain fact is that the window of opportunity for responding to this crisis is rapidly closing. Unfortunately, transitioning to renewable power won't be enough to intercept runaway climate change. We need more effective action now, within the next 10 years, to reduce the excess heat that is driving global climate change. This action should focus not just on carbon dioxide, but also methane, black carbon, and ozone in the troposphere, which together are responsible for nearly as much of this heat as carbon dioxide. And this needs to be done far more cost-effectively through actions that deliver the biggest bang for the buck.... **Delaine is the only candidate for governor with a comprehensive plan to face this challenge head on, based on the latest climate science. Delaine is the**

**first candidate to call for a total ban on oil and natural gas fracking here in California. We also need full accountability for the climate impacts of any oil or gas we import into the state....**

### **Environmental Justice**

Everyone deserves a fundamental right to breath clean air and drink clean water yet our poorest communities and communities of color routinely experience higher levels of pollution; from nitrates in ground water, to poor air quality to lead poisoning. This leads to long-term health issues. We need long range planning to ensure that we do not compromise the health and safety of future generations for temporary profits for large corporations or giant agribusiness enterprises....

### **Criminal Justice & Prison Reform**

California ranks 41st in per pupil spending, but first in per prisoner expenditure. Delaine believes it is time to reexamine our criminal justice system so that we stop criminalizing poverty, skin color, and mental health. The terrible pattern of incarceration that America has been guilty of for some decades must stop. We must invest in education rather than incarceration. Since 1985 we have built 13 colleges and universities and 23 prisons. That is a colossal waste of lives and tax dollars. We must end the War on Drugs in California and begin to treat all addiction, not just alcohol and opioids, as a mental health issue. We need to improve police training, end cash bail, stop prosecuting teenagers as adults, and end mandatory enhancements and minimums that provide no discretion to judges. We must provide rehabilitative services to those that are in prison, and job opportunities and housing access when they leave so they have the opportunity to support themselves....

### **Economy & Jobs**

There used to be an old adage, an honest day's work for an honest day's pay (at least if you were a white male.) When Delaine was young, 30% of the country was unionized, including her own as her father was a machinist, and the middle class thrived. Over the past several decades, productivity has skyrocketed and corporations have made billions, but more and more is being hoarded at the top as union membership has fallen to historic lows. Today, only 10% of the country is in a union, and Janus vs. AFSME threatens to lower this even further. Over the decades, workers have seen reduced or stagnated compensation, all while living costs such as housing, healthcare, childcare and education have skyrocketed. This is unsustainable. California must have a full court press on the issues of income inequality. This means working to lift wages, pay equity for women, helping families secure affordable housing, childcare and preschool that doesn't cost the same as a mortgage, healthcare for all, providing excellent k-12 education and free college tuition again....

### **Education**

Delaine is the Former State Superintendent for Public Instruction. Education is her lifelong passion. Her parents didn't go to college, but they bought the smaller house because the schools were better, and this changed Delaine's life. Delaine was the first person in her direct line to attend college, UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara. Delaine believes we must invest in education, from cradle through career so that today's children, can have the same advantages that she had. >> **Improve Prenatal and Delivery Care; 3 months of fully paid maternity and paternity leave; Affordable, high-quality childcare/development; Universal high-quality preschool for ALL in 5 Years; Move California from the bottom 10 into the top 10 in per pupil spending for K-12; Make College Tuition Free Again; Build new Colleges, Technical Schools and Universities;** *Delaine's record on education is vast...*

### **Gun Violence Prevention**

California has some of the strictest gun violence protection laws in the country and they are working. According to the San Francisco-based Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, California has reduced our rate of gun homicides by more than 60 percent since 1993. Delaine is proud that Californians have continued to push forward on gun control measures, including giving families and authorities the right to remove guns

from individuals, even as the country goes backward. But there's only so much we can do on our own with porous borders. We need the federal government to reauthorize the assault weapons ban. We need them to ban high capacity magazines, support universal background checks and close the gun show loophole. After similar tragedies, other countries have managed to all but avoid future tragedies by cracking down on the sale and proliferation of guns. We can do the same. *When Delaine was in the Assembly, she supported the nation's first law that banned the sale of military-style assault weapons in California. She received death threats, but it was absolutely the right thing to do. The bill was signed by Republican Governor George Deukmejian after the murder of five children and wounding of 32 others in a Stockton schoolyard because at that time, Republicans and Democrats could work together to protect our children.*

### **Housing & Rent Control**

California has the largest number and percentage of homeless individuals in the state. We have the lowest percentage of homeowners of any state in the country. We have the oldest kids living at home with their parents. Roughly 33% of renters spend half their income on housing. Not only is this costing our economy billions, Delaine understands that it is just plain wrong to force so many families into poverty when it is a fixable solution. We must: **Build One Million Additional Housing Units in the Next Four Years, Focusing Near Transit Hubs** - Most studies show we need 3.5 million new housing units by 2025. We are currently building fewer than 100,000 units a year. We can do better. Back in 1986 we built over 300,000 units a year and Delaine knows we can get there again. **Modernize and Return Redevelopment** - We must bring back redevelopment and insist on building housing near transportation hubs, in conjunction with a transportation plan so we do not create another crisis. **Protect Renters; Declare a State of Emergency to Address our Homeless Crisis...**

### **Healthcare for ALL**

Healthcare should be a fundamental right, not a privilege reserved for the wealthy. We are currently paying more than anyone else on the planet for less healthcare and worse outcomes. Delaine is the only candidate for governor who has been a staunch supporter of SB562, the California single-payer healthcare bill. From the beginning. 2.9 million Californians remain uninsured, and many more pay high premiums and deductibles for substandard care. The Affordable Care Act was a good start, but we need to take that next step and lead the nation in providing quality healthcare to all our citizens...

### **Immigration**

*"Our Dreamers and our DACA Californians are as American as I am. And I am proud California became a sanctuary state."* Delaine Eastin...Delaine strongly supports California's status as a Sanctuary State. She believes we must provide a path to citizenship for DACA recipients that includes granting protected status to their parents, and that the very idea that the government would betray these amazing young people by targeting their parents is anti-American...

### **Infrastructure & Transportation**

For too long our basic infrastructure has been allowed to crumble. California must reinvest in state and local infrastructure even as the federal government seems to be becoming more feckless. This **should include providing public broadband for all families, in urban and rural communities who have been historically underserved**. The American Society of Civil Engineers issued a recent report that rated 5.5% of California bridges structurally deficient. It said that poor roads are costing drivers over \$800 a year in repair costs. Drinking water needs an estimated \$44.5 billion, and wastewater needs total \$26.2 billion. 678 dams are considered to be high-hazard potential. As we all know, we barely avoided disaster last winter. The state's schools have an estimated capital expenditure gap of \$3.2 billion and yet the state is withholding releasing funds that were approved by the voters. It's going to take serious effort and long-range planning to fix this mess. We cannot keep borrowing money to build shiny new projects without first fixing what we already have. We owe it to future generations....

## LGBTQ Rights

Delaine is a fierce defender of LGBTQ rights. As governor, Delaine will fight to ensure LGBTQ rights are the same rights and protections as all Californians, and make sure there are protections in place to fight discrimination and push back against the Supreme Court decisions as necessary....

## Sexual Harassment

Delaine is fond of saying that "the fish stinks from the head." She promises that her **office will have zero tolerance for sexual harassment**. The State's leadership will reflect the people of California. It will be at least 50% female and the most diverse to date. She will change the culture in Sacramento including comprehensive training and clear accountability as it relates to sexual harassment by anyone. Delaine will protect victims of sexual harassment and assault so that their brilliance isn't lost to us. Too many amazing young women and men have seen their careers in state government cut tragically short because they've been victims of sexual harassment and dared to stand up for themselves and their rights. We will not only protect the victims but we will expose the perpetrators and no more public money will be spent to cover up these acts....

## Women's Rights

Women make up only 21.7% of California's legislature. Only one of our Top 10 cities by population has a female Mayor, and California has never had a female Governor. Delaine understands that when women make up at least 30% of a legislative body, more support goes to education, to families, to healthcare and to support seniors. Budgets are statements of values, and we need women's voices to be at the table making important decisions on behalf of our country...As Governor, Delaine commits to having a leadership team that is at least 50% women that reflects the vast diversity in our state. We will strive toward the goal that women and people of color will earn \$1.00 for every \$1.00 that men earn...Delaine will champion pay equity and have zero tolerance for sexual harassment in the state. Delaine is committed to a comprehensive review of job titles and pay scales in state government, so that we lift up the salaries for women and people of color to compare to those of men with similar skill levels. Delaine will also require corporations and nonprofits seeking to do business with the state to have implemented policies for equal pay, to demonstrate that they promote and support women and people of color in leadership, and to have comprehensive standards for handling sexual harassment in their workforce. *Delaine is the past President of California Women Lead, Chair of ClosetheGap, California in 2016, and Faculty for Rutgers Project 2012. She was a founder and chair of her local NWPC (National Women's Political Caucus) chapter as well as Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus. She worked as a Women's Studies Coordinator and has developed courses on Women in Politics...As an Assemblywoman, she was one of 600+ legislators (of 7000 possible) who signed 1989 Supreme Court Amicus Brief in William Webster vs Reproductive Health Services in defense of abortion access. As State Superintendent, Delaine was accused of having a department 'run by women.'* She did a study and determined that 56% of her leadership was female. Delaine has fought for women's rights her entire adult life and has been an inspired mentor and hero to countless women & men.

- D. Description of the candidate's or ballot measure's sponsors and opponents, sources of financial support, and volunteers' network.

It is noteworthy that Delaine's endorsements, polling results and finances fall far below those of Newsom and Villaraigosa. She is an unlikely winner of the top-two runoff, however, she is clearly the most progressive Dem. Her endorsements support this.

### From her [website](#):

Delaine Stuns Establishment with CA DEM Endorsement Vote Upset  
FEBRUARY 28, 2018 2:59 PM

This weekend the California Democratic Party held its annual convention in San Diego, and Delaine Eastin crushed all expectations. She was up against two Democratic Party insiders who had received the Party endorsement just four years ago. She hit a home run, getting 20% of the vote compared to Antonio Villaraigosa's 9%. No candidate received the endorsement and the corporate money backed frontrunner received just 39%.

**From the [California Secretary of State Voter Information Guide](#)** (Statement by Eastin):

Delaine is endorsed by The National Women's Political Caucus, the Young Democrats' Environmental/Progressive Caucuses, the Feminist Majority, SF Berniecrats, Senators/Assemblymembers Dede Alpert, Joan Buchanan, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Loni Hancock and Lori Saldana, county supervisors, mayors, city councilmembers, school board members, Teachers of the Year, and thousands of everyday Californians.

**Other results from Google:**

- [Cal Berkeley Democrats endorses Delaine Eastin for California governor](#)
- [California Conference Of Machinists Endorses Delaine Eastin For Governor](#)

**Campaign Finance (from BallotPedia, ?date?)**

Candidate	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash on hand
Travis Allen	\$447,236	\$654,602	\$135,535
John Chiang	\$8,180,258	\$1,550,827	\$5,788,279
John Cox	\$3,518,446	\$1,571,139	\$1,966,069
Delaine Eastin	\$658,171	\$477,330	\$183,843
Gavin Newsom	\$14,298,697	\$2,268,569	\$16,662,198
Antonio Villaraigosa	\$7,137,367	\$1,351,564	\$5,887,660

E. Description of how candidate or ballot measure supports PDB Core Principles.

The lengthy description in C above tells it all: she is an excellent progressive on issues of Climate Change, Environmental Justice, Criminal Justice & Prison Reform, Economy & Jobs, Education, Gun Violence Prevention, Housing & Rent Control, Healthcare for ALL, Immigration, Infrastructure & Transportation, LGBTQ Rights, Sexual Harassment, and Women's Rights.

F. Recommendation and brief statement.

**RECOMMEND ENDORSEMENT.** One of the most decisive factors for me from p. 2 of this review: "Delaine is the first candidate to call for a **total ban on oil and natural gas fracking** here in California. We also need **full accountability** for the climate impacts of any oil or gas we import into the state." Also her strong record on gender justice and her incredible background and wisdom concerning public education. And ... she is smarter than almost anyone I know!

**Delaine may not win the election, but she furthers Benicia Progressive Democrats' core mission:** *"The mission of the Progressive Democrats of Benicia is to encourage and promote progressive views on ideas, programs, and actions in our community that ensure equity and justice for all people. Further, our mission is to support the election and appointment of public officials who work to secure, maintain, and protect these rights and opportunities for all individuals in our communities."*

Roger Straw

April 26, 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Progressive Democrats of Benicia  
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April 26, 2018

**Research – JOHN CHIANG for Governor, June 5, 2018 Primary**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE**

- A. Candidate name/Office Sought or Ballot measure.  
**John Chiang / California Governor**
- B. Relevance of office/ballot measure to Benicia/Solano County.  
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- C. Description of candidate's past and present positions and voting record on progressive issues, or the impact of the ballot measure, if passed, on progressive policies and programs.
- John Chiang is the current **Democratic California Treasurer**. He was first elected to the office on November 4, 2014. Chiang was the Democratic California Controller from 2007 to 2015. Chiang was first elected to the position on November 7, 2006, and won re-election on November 2, 2010. (Source: [BallotPedia](#))
  - Chiang is perhaps best remembered for his **enforcement of Proposition 25, the Majority Vote for Legislature to Pass the Budget act**. Chiang announced on June 2, 2011 that unless the state legislature passed a balanced budget by June 15, the deadline specified in the California Constitution, he would start docking their pay. He said, "In passing Proposition 25 last November, voters clearly stated they expect their representatives to make the difficult decisions needed to resolve any budget shortfalls by the mandatory deadline, or be penalized. I will enforce the voters' demand." On June 22, Chiang announced that he was following through with his promise. Legislators did pass a budget, but according to Chiang, the budget they passed had a \$1.85 billion deficit, and was therefore not a legal budget under the state's requirement that its budget must be balanced. Therefore, Chiang said, there was functionally no budget and by the terms of Proposition 25, he was required to stop paying the state's legislators. The impact to individual members of the California State Legislature was about \$400/day. On January 24, 2012, Democratic lawmakers sued Chiang for withholding their pay, saying it was a misuse of power. The suit did not ask for reimbursement of the pay, but rather sought to have the court bar the controller from doing it again if legislators approve a budget that they believe is balanced.
  - Despite this sketchy background with the Dems, Chiang came in second at the 2018 CA Dem convention, with 30% of the votes for Governor (compared to Newsome's 39%, Eastin's 20%).

D. Description of the candidate’s or ballot measure’s sponsors and opponents, sources of financial support, and volunteers’ network.

- I was unable to locate any information on endorsements.
- Candidate finances (from the [CA Secty of State](#) as of 12/31/17): Total contributions nearly \$4 million. (Compare: Newsome over \$10 million, Villaraigosa over \$4.4 million, Eastin nearly \$0.7 million.)

E. Description of how candidate or ballot measure supports PDB Core Principles.

Chiang’s website [Issues](#) page is very minimal, showing only brief statements on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Sexual Harassment and Assault, and Education. Does this guy have no passions? Why is he running?

F. Recommendation and brief statement.

**RECOMMEND OPPOSE.** The only good reason I can find to support Chiang is from his bio: “The son of immigrants, John’s parents arrived in this country in the early 1950s dreaming of a better future. His father came to this country with just three shirts, two pairs of pants, and hardly anything in his pocket. While their determination and relentlessness led to a middle-class neighborhood with better schools, they still experienced bigotry, as the first Asian American Family on their block. But John’s parents never gave up on the American Dream and continued to work towards a better life for their family. John is now running for governor to make sure the future his parents were able to provide for him and his siblings becomes a reality for all California families.” With all due respect, in my mind this is nowhere near enough to warrant an endorsement.

Roger Straw

April 26, 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Progressive Democrats of Benicia  
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April 26, 2018

**Research – ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA for Governor, June 5, 2018 Primary**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE**

**A. Candidate name/Office Sought or Ballot measure.**

Antonio Villaraigosa Governor

**B. Relevance of office/ballot measure to Benicia/Solano County.**

Relevance of office/ballot measure to Benicia/Solano County.

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**C. Description of candidate's past and present positions and voting record on progressive issues, or the impact of the ballot measure, if passed, on progressive policies and programs.**

Former Assembly Whip, California State Assembly

Mayor, Los Angeles, California, 2005-2013

Member, California State Assembly, District 45, 1994-2000

Candidate, Mayor of Los Angeles, California, 2000

Board Member, American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California

Former Union Organizer – Website quote: ‘California needs a leader focused every single day on growing our economy. We have so many unanswered needs, but we have one clear answer – create more high-wage jobs. Creating millions more high-wage jobs starts with making sure our state is investing in our schools, colleges and universities, our healthcare, roads, rail, housing and water infrastructure – which are the basic building blocks of a strong economy.’”

He protects the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and DACA. Works towards universal care, but has stated in the past that it's a “pie in the sky” plan.

Past Candidate statements ... From [OnTheIssues](#): “We need to modernize CEQA...” to allow new construction projects. From the [Sacramento Bee](#): “Villaraigosa said leaders will have to address how California delivers water and examine ways to make the business climate more friendly amid the constant concerns of environmentalists, he said. "If you can modernize (the California Environmental Quality Act) to build a football stadium," Villaraigosa asked to applause, "Why can't you modernize CEQA to build a hospital?"

Villaraigo : Doesn't support single payer.

Do not know his stance on fracking.

Supports charter schools

No mention of environmental issues on his website.

**D. Description of the candidate's or ballot measure's sponsors and opponents, sources of financial support, and volunteers' network.**

United Farm Workers Endorse Antonio  
Villaraigosa for Governor Citing His

Decades of Fighting for Worker Rights and  
Protections

California Latino Caucus Endorses Antonio Villaraigosa for Governor of California  
 American College of Emergency Physicians, California Chapter  
 California Charter School Association Advocates (CCSA Advocates)  
 Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association  
 Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)  
 Southern California Teamsters Joint Council 42  
 Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters  
 Karen Bass, U.S. House of Representatives, CD 37  
 Lou Correa, U.S. House of Representatives, CD 46  
 Ray LaHood, Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Obama Administration  
 Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor, County of Los Angeles and Former Speaker of the California State Assembly  
 "Sweet Alice" Harris, Executive Director, Parents of Watts  
 Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles  
 Tana McCoy, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles  
 George Dotson, Councilmember, City of Inglewood  
 Ralph L. Franklin, Councilmember, City of Inglewood  
 Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, City of Berkeley  
 Shirley Weber, California State Assembly  
 Fabian Núñez, Former Speaker of the California State Assembly  
 John A. Pérez, Former Speaker of the California State Assembly  
 Herb Wesson, Former Speaker of the California State Assembly and President, Los Angeles City Council  
 Cruz Reynoso, Former Associate Justice, California Supreme Court  
 Steven Bradford, State Senator, California State Senate

Dr. Joaquin Arambula, California State Assembly  
 Tom Daly, California State Assembly  
 Blanca Rubio, California State Assembly  
 Eduardo Garcia, California State Assembly  
 Kevin Murray (ret.), California State Senate  
 Freddie Rodriguez, California State Assembly  
 Dean Florez, Member, California Air Resources Board and former State Senator  
 Gloria Molina, Former Los Angeles County Supervisor  
 Blanca Alvarado, Former County Supervisor, County of Santa Clara  
 Luis Alejo, Supervisor, County of Monterey and Former Assembly Member  
 Simon Salinas, Supervisor, County of Monterey  
 Diane Watson Congress Member, Ret.  
 V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor, County of Riverside and Former Assembly Member  
 Leticia Perez, Supervisor, County of Kern  
 Rodrigo Espinoza, Supervisor, County of Merced  
 Miguel Villapudua, Supervisor, County of San Joaquin  
 Ray Castillo, Supervisor, County of Imperial  
 John Zaragoza, Supervisor, County of Ventura  
 Sam Liccardo, Mayor, City of San Jose  
 Miguel Pulido, Mayor, City of Santa Ana  
 Aja Brown, Mayor, City of Compton  
 Bob J. Archuleta, Mayor, City of Pico Rivera  
 James T. Butts Jr., Mayor, City of Inglewood  
 Manuel Cantu, Mayor, City of McFarland  
 Rose Espinoza, Mayor, City of La Habra  
 Steve Hernandez, Mayor, City of Coachella  
 Yxstian Gutierrez, Mayor, City of Moreno Valley  
 Manuel Lozano, Mayor, City of Baldwin Park  
 Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Carson  
 Doc Ervin, Superintendent, Bakersfield City School District  
 Carlton Jones, Mayor, City of Tulare  
 Maria Elena Durazo, California Labor Leader

(He has taken a lot of contributions from the insurance industries, energy and corporations)

**E. Description of how candidate or ballot measure supports PDB Core Principles.**

He has concerns about environmentalists and CEQA, and thinks single payer is not attainable. No stated concerns for global climate change on issues on website, strongly endorsed by the California Charter School Association Advocates.

**F. Recommendation and brief statement.**

**RECOMMEND OPPOSE:** he isn't strong on many Progressive Democrat principles especially the environment, education, single payer.

Signed: Pat Toth-Smith Date: 4/26/2018